4 arrested over Mumbai train bombings

India's most wanted man caught in Kenya

AFP, Mumbai

Three men have been detained in India and a senior suspected terrorist pickedup in Kenva in the first arrests in connection with the Mumbai trains blasts that killed 183 people, officials said yesterday.

Kenyan police said they had detained Abdul Karim Tunda, one of India's most wanted men, over the blasts that also injured 800 people. He would be turned over to prosecutors for possible extradition to India, they said.

"We arrested him ... in Mombasa," a senior Kenyan police official told AFP on condition of anonymity. "He is wanted for the bombings in Mumbai. He will be handed over because he is on the

Tunda is also suspected of coordinating other attacks on India for banned terrorist group Lashkare-Taiba, a former senior Indian intelligence official told AFP.

Lashkar-e-Taiba, which is fighting Indian control in Kashmir, is the most likely group behind the Mumbai attacks, with help from Mumbai-based Islamic militants, officers have said. Lashkar has

Bangladesh

41st in 'Happy

advanced and most advanced

countries of the world, including the

innovative new index from London-

based New Economics Foundation

(NFF) launched on July 12, is the

first to combine environmental

impact with well-being to measure

the environmental efficiency with

which countries provide long and

surprising, even shocking. The

ranking unmasks a very different

world order to that promoted by self-

appointed global leaders, the G8

For example, the UK is a disap-

pointing 108th and the USA fares

indicators: life satisfaction, life

expectancy and ecological foot-

print--a measure of people's use of

environmental goods and services.

Vanuatu, a Melanesian island

A new global measure of prog-

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reveals for the first time that happi-

ness does not have to cost the

Earth. It shows that people can live

long happy lives without using more

than their fair share of the Earth's

the environmental impact and well-

being reveals "a very different

picture of the wealth, and poverty, of

300 tribal rebels

surrender in

nations", the NEF said.

The new international ranking of

nation located in the South Pacific

Ocean, captured the first position in

the ranking while Zimbabwe the last.

The index is based on three

still worse at 150th on the index.

The NEF said the results are

The Happy Planet Index, an

Planet Index'

UNB, Dhaka

UK and the USA

happy lives.

denied involvement.

"He's a very important operative the Lashkar-e-Taiba and is wanted in a number of cases." said Bahukutumbi Raman, former head of the counter-terrorism wing of India's overseas intelligence ser-

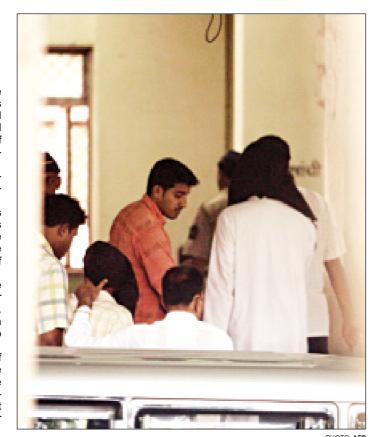
"The reports were he was coordinating activities for Lashkar-e-Taiba in India from Bangladesh."

Television reports said he was wanted for a series of bomb attacks on the capital New Delhi in the late 1990s but it was not clear why he was in the Kenyan port city of

Police in Mumbai, who have been criticised by local media for the slow pace of their investigation, said they were in contact with foreign agencies but declined to give further details.

They said the overnight arrest of the three men in India, one on the outskirts of Mumbai and two in the eastern state of Bihar, was a development in the investigation, but they declined to say if it was a major breakthrough.

"We have arrested people. They are part of the larger conspiracy. **SEE PAGE 15 COL 8**



Special policemen escort two of the three arrested suspects, in black hoods, of the July 11 Mumbai serial train blasts into a Mumbai court building yesterday.

Musharraf warns India against 'blame game'

Bangladesh has ranked 41st among 178 countries in the "Happy Planet Index" leaving behind many

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf urged India Thursday to avoid a "blame game" after the Mumbai bombings, saying it would hand victory to terrorists who oppose peace moves by the two

In a rare address to the nation broadcast on state television and radio. Musharraf also called on New Delhi not to stall a two-year-old dialogue process because of last week's blasts, which killed around

"We are all against terrorism,

Pakistan is part of the international coalition in the fight against terrorism. But to involve each other or indulge in a blame game, in my view, is a first sign of defeat, Musharraf said. "Terrorists want to stop the

peace process and the normalisation process and I am sure the Indian government would not like them to win." he added

"To say that the dialogue process should be postponed or halted, in my view, is a victory for terrorists

General Musharraf's comments, made in the national language

Urdu, came amid tensions between nuclear-armed rivals Pakistan and India over the blasts in the Indian commercial capital.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had said the attackers had help from elements across the border, a reference to Pakistan, while Indian media have implicated a Pakistani-based Kashmiri militant group.

New Delhi also said Islamabad must crack down on Islamic extremists on its soil.

Musharraf said India's reaction was "somewhat regrettable", but SEE PAGE 15 COL 7



Development Project Employees' Welfare Council members continue their fast unto death programme at the Central Shaheed Minar for the fifth day yesterday demanding transfer of jobs to the revenue sector.

AFP, Quetta

Pakistan

resources.

Three hundred tribal militants surrendered to authorities yesterday in southwest Pakistan, where President Pervez Musharraf savs an insurgency is dying down, officials said Pakistani troops also seized a

huge arms cache belonging to the autonomy-seeking rebels, who launch almost daily attacks on security forces and government installations in gas-rich Baluchistan province.

Four commanders were among the scores of militants who gave themselves up under an amnesty deal at a ceremony in the gas field town of Sui, senior administration official Abdul Samad Lasi said.

Provincial government spokesman Raziq Bugti said more were expected to lay down their weapons in coming days as "people realise they were misled by their Sardars

Curfew extended amid Baghdad violence

US troops kill 6 in insurgent raid

REUTERS, AFP, Baghdad/Baquba

Iraqi authorities extended a daytime curfew on Baghdad yesterday

in an apparent effort to prevent violence after one of the bloodiest State television announced that a four-hour traffic ban in force every Friday of late to curb car bomb

attacks on mosques during weekly

prayers would be extended through

most of the day.

A gun and grenade attack on a market just outside Baghdad on Monday and a suicide car bombing to the south of the capital killed 120 people this week. US data showed attacks on security forces in Baghdad has averaged 34 a day

about a looming fight to the finish in

The US ambassador has over several days, compared to an average of 24 in recent months. Baghdad morgue alone has taken in 1,000 bodies this month. US commanders are speaking

warned that a greater threat may be the mounting sectarian violence between minority Sunnis and the Shias empowered by the US invasion, which ousted Saddam

the capital between Shia Prime

Minister Nuri al- Maliki's two-

month-old unity government and

Sunni Arab rebels with links to al-

Qaeda and ousted president

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Delivery of fuel oil resumes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctq

Delivery of imported fuel oil resumed yesterday afternoon, ending a suspension for 10 days.

The stock of fuel oil at all the depots of the state-run Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) in Chittagong hit the record low on Thursday due to the suspension. reportedly for problem concerning L/C (Letter of Credit).

The stock of diesel at the BPC depots in Chittagong on Thursday came down to only 9,700 tonne including an unusable stock of around 8,000 tonne, sources said.

An oil tanker with 32,800 tonne imported diesel reached the outer anchorage of Chittagong port on July 10 but its delivery was suspended due to the L/C problem.

Besides, uncertainty was created regarding delivery of another 63,000 tonne of fuel including around 42,000 tonne of diese scheduled to reach Chittagong port by July 30.

Under these circumstances, BPC kept supply of fuel oil from its Chittagong depots to other parts of the country suspended for the three days till Thursday, said sources in the BPC.

Oil tanker Al Badia, carrying 32.860 tonnes of diesel from Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), reached the outer anchorage on July 10 and was waiting for delivery since then. Another oil tanker Al Sabia, with

21,983 tonne of diesel and 10,961 tonne kerosene arrived at the outer anchorage yesterday while oil tanker Al Dira is likely to reach SEE PAGE 15 COL 8

RU MONNUJAN HALL

JCD assaults, drives away SCF activists

RU CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) female leaders yesterday physically assaulted and drove away a number of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) female activists from Monnujan Hall of Rajshahi University (RU).

Female activists of SCF, led by Shamshunnaher Shima, went into the dormitory for fund-raising and upcoming reception programme for new students by SCF to be held on July 25, campus sources said.

A group of female JCD activists led by Rumi, Sumana and Runa, swooped on the SCF girls, and drove them out of the dorm after assaulting them physically. JCD also threatened of further attacks if SCF tried to return to the dorm, added the sources.

SCF submitted a written complaint to the hall provost Irin Banu demanding punishment of the perpetrators Chhatra Front staged a rally on

the campus in the afternoon protesting JCD's assault on them. SCF president Susanta Sinha

of RU unit strongly condemned the attack and announced that they will submit a memo today to the vice chancellor of Rajshahi University.

Urea seized in Jessore

UNB, Jessore

A joint task force of police and district administration seized some 7,321 sacks of urea fertiliser from a cargo ship at Noapara river ghat in Abhaynagar upazila on Thursday Acting on a tip-off, the task force

led by Magistrate Golam Azam and Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Matiar Rahman raided cargo ESAK-2 and seized the fertiliser worth about Tk 20 lakh. Police said the fertiliser consign-

ment was brought illegally from the Ghorashal Urea Fertiliser Factory in the name of M/S Dilip Saha. None was arrested in the inci-

dent but a case was filed with Abhaynagar Police Station.

Prayer Timing		
July 22		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-54	6-58
Esha	8-15	8-45
Source: Islamic Foundation		



Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain addresses a roundtable titled "Election 2007: Free Flow of Information and Election Commission" organised by the Reporters' Forum for Election and Democracy at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Declare trial, execution of Taher a wrongful act

US journalist Lifschultz says

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent US journalist Lawrence Lifschultz asked the state and judicial authorities yesterday to publicly declare that the trial and execution of Colonel Abu Taher was a wrongful act.

"The verdict of July 17, 1976 should be vacated and a public acknowledgement should be made that Taher's civil and legal rights were grossly violated by the government which put him on trial. He was not allowed access to a lawyer until the day the case against him opened," the visiting US journalist said at a discussion meeting in the

Lifschultz hoped that someday a "national truth commission" will be

formed in Bangladesh, as in Argentina and South Africa, to unveil many cases of deaths in prison in 1975, 1976, 1977 and The discussion was arranged in

observance of the 30th death anni-

versary of Col Taher organised by

Colonel Taher Sangsad at the TSC

auditorium of Dhaka University. Lifschultz is the author of "Bangladesh: The Unfinished Revolution" and the lone foreign journalist who tried to cover the incident of Col Taher's prosecution

In his speech, Lifschultz called upon Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to ask her conscience and publicly acknowledge that the trial of Col Taher and the way it was conducted

were simply wrong, even illegal.

"What is remarkable is that Khaleda Zia once regarded Abu Taher as a family friend," said Lifschultz, adding, "Taher used to visit her home and when Zia feared for his life on the morning of November 7, 1975, it was Taher he

"It is very difficult to truly correct a crime that has happened in the past. What can be done is very minimal: an acknowledgement by the authorities that tragic and wrongful act was committed," he said.

Lifschultz criticised the role of the then president Abu Sayem regarding the case. Once as a judge, Savem had written during the case

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NAYAN MURDAR IN SAVAR

Case delayed as no autopsy report yet

JU CORRESPONDENT

The delay in publication of the autopsy report of Nayan Banu, killed allegedly by a police subinspector in Savar on July 2, is obstructing all legal procedures regarding the incident.

into the killing, police could not take any decision on the investigation being conducted into an 'unnatural death' (UD) case filed by Savar police on July 3. The investigation regarding the

As the autopsy report was not

published as of Thursday, 18 days

UD case is almost completed, but no final decision can be reached until the autopsy report is given, police said Sub-Inspector Mortuza Kabir of

Savar Police Station filed the UD case following the incident allegedly to prevent Nayan's family

members from filing a murder case against the accused police officer.

As police refused to record a murder case on the incident saying that two cases cannot be filed on an incident, the victim's family had to file a general diary (GD) on July 4. The family decided to move to

the court for filing a murder case but later postponed it hearing that the GD would turn into a murder case if autopsy report shows the incident as killing. Frustrated by frequent change

of the date for publishing the autopsy report, the family is now approaching the human rights organisations and media seeking assistance to help publish the

"We can approach neither the court nor police station for justice. Financial constraints and delay in SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

Pakistani gets 30 years in US for aiding al-Qaeda

AFP, New York

A Pakistani man convicted of participating in an Al-Qaeda plot to blow up gasoline stations in the United States was sentenced to 30 years in prison by a US federal judge on Thursday. Uzair Paracha had been found

guilty in November, 2003, after a two-week trial, on five charges. including conspiracy to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organisation.

"Paracha attempted to help an Al-Qaeda operative enter the United States to carry out terrorist attacks within our borders," US Attorney Michael Garcia said after the sentencing.

"We are committed to the vigorous prosecution of all those who provide support to terrorist organisations, in whatever form," he added

Paracha, who has permanent alien residence status here, was specifically charged with posing as a former US resident, Majid Khan, in order to obtain immigration SEE PAGE 15 COL 2

European powers circulate revised draft on Iran

Britain, France and Germany on Thursday circulated a revised draft resolution in the UN Security Council that legally requires Iran to suspend all uranium enrichment and reprocessing activities.

The draft presented by the three European powers during informal consultations was an amended version of a text that has been under discussion this week by the council's five permanent

It "decides that Iran shall suspend all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities, including

research and development, to be verified by the IAEA (the UN nuclear watchdog), and suspend the construction of a reactor moderated by heavy water." The text, which was made available

to reporters, invokes articles 39 and 40 of Chapter Seven of the UN charter that stipulate "provisional measures" to be taken ahead of imposing tougher steps

But it also expresses its intention in the event of Iran's noncompliance with the enrichment freeze demand "to adopt such further measures under Article 41 of Chapter Seven as may be necessary to ensure compliance." Article 41 provides for a broad range of economic sanctions but does not authorize the use of force.

The new text also calls on all states "immediately to take steps to prevent the transfer of any items, materials, goods and technology that could contribute to Iran's enrichment-related and reprocessng activities and ballistic missile programmes."

It was discussed in informal consultations early Thursday by ambassadors from Britain, China, France, Russia, the United States

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