

ISI SUPPORT FOR TALIBAN

# Nato commanders want govts get tough with Pakistan

AFP, London  
Nato commanders from five countries who have troops stationed in Afghanistan are demanding their governments get tough with Pakistan over its support for the Taliban militia, The Daily Telegraph reported yesterday.  
Commanders from the United States, Britain, Canada, Denmark and the Netherlands want their governments to tell Pakistan to stop supporting the Taliban, which has stepped up its attacks in Afghanistan.

"It is time for an 'either you are with us or against us' delivered bluntly to Musharraf at the highest political level," an unnamed Nato commander told the newspaper.  
"Our boys in southern Afghanistan are hurting because of what is coming out of (the Pakistani city of) Quetta," the same commander added.  
According to the newspaper, Nato's report on "Operation Medusa", the bloody campaign between September 4 and 17, clearly states that Pakistan's

intelligence service ISI was involved in supplying the Taliban.  
The report apparently estimates that the cost of Taliban ammunition stocks at around 2.6 million pounds (4.9 million dollars, 3.8 million euros).  
"The Taliban could not have done this on their own without the ISI," an unnamed senior Nato officer was quoted as saying.  
The report comes a day after Nato took over control of all foreign troops in Afghanistan, with British General David Richards taking charge.

The transfer saw 10,000 US troops who had been operating in the east under the US-led coalition fall under the 37-nation International Security Assistance Force (Isaf), boosting it to about 31,000 soldiers nationwide.  
After the handover British Prime Minister Tony Blair said the Nato-led mission is "absolutely critical" for world security.  
Blair told reporters in London that everybody was better off now in Afghanistan despite the renewed fighting.



Stick wielding anti-Ahmadiyya zealots demonstrate near an Ahmadiyya mosque at Tejgaon in the capital yesterday.

## Bombs were being made to blast at Hasina's meeting

Confesses militant in Sylhet  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Moulana Abu Sayeed, who was arrested at a madrasa in Uttara in the capital last month, admitted his links with the September 26, 2001 bomb blast that took place in a house of Sylhet city's Fazilchist area.  
Sayeed made a confessional statement before a magistrate Thursday evening saying the bombs exploded in the house where they were being manufactured killing two of the bomb makers. He said the bombs were supposed to be exploded at an Awami League (AL) meeting in Sylhet Alia Madrasa where AL chief Sheikh Hasina was to speak.  
The blast took place hours ahead of the AL public meeting. Two young men, Shakil and Obayed, were killed on the spot while locals captured another when he was trying to flee the area minutes after the blast.  
Sayeed along with seven others  
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## Nagorik Committee to hold dialogue with young professionals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The Nagorik Committee 2006, as part of its initiative to formulate a vision paper for Bangladesh in 2021, will organise a dialogue with young professionals who are between 25-45 years on October 14.  
The young professionals have been requested to register their names by visiting the website of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) -- www.cpd-bangladesh.org -- by October 10. From the interested people, a representative number of  
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# Ship survey continues flouting rules

Licence of one cancelled

RAFIQ HASAN  
A section of marine engineers and captains are engaged in ship surveying activities without obtaining certificate from the Department of Shipping while some are working in private shipping companies after obtaining certificate as ship surveyors, violating rules.  
The shipping department cancelled the licence of a ship surveyor for working in favour of a shipping company violating Section 500 of Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1983.  
Half a dozen marine engineers and marine captains are still

involved in the unfair practices, sources said.  
As Captain Yusuf Ali was found working in Messrs Sea Born Private Ltd even after obtaining certificate as a ship surveyor, the shipping department cancelled his licence.  
"We often hear such cases but could not take punitive actions against them due to lack of valid documents. This time we found Yusuf Ali guilty and he himself admitted the allegation. And so, we cancelled his license," said Director General of Shipping AKM Shafiqullah.  
A surveyor should not work in any private company as it would

tarnish his neutrality, he said, adding that the malpractice also causes revenue loss to the government.  
Similar actions will be taken if such allegation is proved against any company or surveyor, he said.  
According to rules, a marine engineer can apply for working as a private surveyor after serving at least two years as chief engineer or captain in a ship.  
For measuring the quantity and quality of cargo in a ship, the shipping department appoints private marine surveyors and issue licence against them. For getting a survey  
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## Khatme Nabuwat attempt to besiege Ahmadiyya mosque foiled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The religious bigots under the banner of International Khatme Nabuwat Movement Bangladesh (IKNMB) yesterday once again made a vain attempt to oust the Ahmadiyyas from their mosque at Nakhla para in the capital.  
Police foiled their attempt to lay siege to the mosque after Juma prayers. Several activists of IKNMB were injured in a clash with the law enforcers.  
Failing to make the programme a success, a five-member team of IKNMB gave a signboard to the officer-in-charge of Tejgaon Industrial Zone Police Station in the afternoon that reads: "This is the den of the Kadianis, don't be confused considering it as the mosque of the Muslims".  
The Nabuwat leaders announced the programme as their demand for passing a bill in parliament declaring the Ahmadiyyas non-Muslim went unheeded.  
After Juma prayers, the activists of anti-Ahmadiyya outfit staged a rally at Nabisco intersection where  
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## Mufti Hannan placed on fresh remand

2 more HuJi men may be quizzed in Ramna case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Mufti Abdul Hannan, operations commander of banned Islamist outfit Harkatul Jihad (HuJi), was placed on a five-day fresh remand on Thursday in the Ramna Batamul blast case.  
Earlier on September 10, Hannan was shown arrested in connection with the case and placed on an eight-day remand for interrogation.  
On September 19, he was shown arrested in connection with the bomb blasts at the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) rally at Paltan on January 20, 2001, and placed on a 14-day remand in two phases.  
Moreover, Hannan's brother Mohibullah alias Mofizur Rahman, also a HuJi member, and his accomplice Azahar alias Mamun were also shown arrested in the Ramna Batamul blast case. Both were interrogated, taking on remand.  
On completion of Hannan's ten days' remand in the CPB rally blast case, the Criminal Investigation

Department (CID) with the help of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) produced him before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court, Dhaka on Thursday.  
In the forwarding report, Assistant Superintendent of police (ASP) of CID Syed Momen Hossain, also the IO of the case, said the information gathered from Hannan about the blasts was being verified. So, he should be put into custody until the investigation completes, the IO said.  
On the other hand, CID Inspector Abu Hena Mohammad Yusuf, also the IO of Ramna bomb blast case, prayed for a seven-day fresh remand, saying that the information gathered earlier from Hannan about the blasts was being verified. So, he needs to be interrogated to find out more clues to the blasts.  
Hannan told the court that he  
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Several hundred people are served with Iftar brought by devotees at the High Court Mazar mosque every day.

## Depression over Bay

UNB, Dhaka

The low over east central Bay and adjoining area intensified into a depression over the same area yesterday.  
The low was centred about 695-km south of Chittagong Port, 605-km south of Cox's Bazar Port and 750-km south-southeast of Mongla Port in the afternoon.  
"It is likely to intensify further and move initially in a northwesterly direction", said a special weather bulletin of Met office.  
Maximum sustained wind  
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# World powers meet to decide action against Iran

AP, London

Top officials from the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China gathered in London yesterday to decide a next step in the nuclear standoff with Iran.  
They were expected to confirm that negotiations are at a standstill and refer Iran to the UN Security Council, which could then take up the question of sanctions on Tehran as early as next week.  
To avoid alienating the Russians and the Chinese both major commercial partners of Iran any sanctions are likely to be relatively mild. Possibilities include embargoes on missile and nuclear technology and travel bans and other penalties on Iranian officials involved in the country's nuclear programme.  
Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Thursday that his country would not be intimidated.  
"Those who threaten Iran by sanctions and embargo should know that this nation lived under the

hardest situation in the past 27 years and achieved nuclear technology. This nation will not be frightened by the threats," state-run television quoted Ahmadinejad as saying.  
Talks between European and Iranian negotiators have failed to persuade Tehran to suspend its enrichment programme.  
Iran insists its enrichment of uranium is purely for the peaceful purpose of nuclear energy. But the United States and many European nations believe Iran wants to enrich uranium to produce nuclear weapons.  
Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, British Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett and French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy were to attend the meeting at Lancaster House, Beckett's official residence, Friday afternoon, their offices said.  
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Sehri, Iftar timing				
Ramadan	Oct	Sehri	Iftar	
13	7			5-43
14	8	4-34		5-42
15	9	4-34		5-41

Prayer Timing		
October 7		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-33	4-43
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	5-43	6-00
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

