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Tight security as US readies to mark Sept 11

AFP, Washington

With fighter jets patrolling the skies, Americans prepare to commemorate the worst terror attacks in their history with a day of solemn events and prayers set to culminate in an address by President George W. Bush.

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Still stunned at how suspected Islamic militants evaded America's security systems to use hijacked planes as instruments of terror, the nation will on Wednesday mourn the 3,034 people who died in the September 11 attacks, amid warnings of new terror strikes.

Special religious and memorial services will mark the day along with broadcasts replaying the horrific footage of the landmark World Trade Centre -- a symbol of New York and of US economic might -- ablaze, then collapsing in a cataclysmic tableau of destruction.

Bush will lead the country in today's ceremonies to commemorate the attacks, in which three

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AL for all-party JS probe into wheat scam

Reveals its own findings to press

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdul Hamid.

"The ploy to embezzle huge amount of state fund through additional wheat procurement must have been drawn from the highest level of the government. Allotment of additional wheat procurement and fund allocation for the purpose have been approved by the prime minister as per the government's procurement policy. So, the prime minister's responsibility and involvement in corruption and

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Further violence feared, 19 held 3 main colleges in Sylhet closed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Three major educational institutions in Sylhet -- Murari Chand (MC) College, Madan Mohan (MM) College and Sylhet Government College -- have been closed *sine die* following a violent incident on the MM College campus on Monday that left an activist of the BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) killed and 10 others injured.

The closure decisions were taken late Monday night, apprehending further violence in the city as a sequel to that incident.

The JCD activist -- Hamid Ahmed Khan alias Doyel -- was chopped to death and 10 others were injured allegedly by armed cadres of Islami Chhatra Shibir, student front of Jamaat-e-Islami, a component of the BNP-led ruling alliance.

Shibir cadres attacked JCD activists when they were gathering on the MM college campus for a meeting of the student body.

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Announcement

The Daily Star carries a four-colour September Eleven Special: The Event that Changed the World on pages 17-20.

Indian train crash kills 80

Sabotage suspected, death toll set to rise

AFP, Gaya, Bihar

A high-speed train derailed in eastern India after suspected sabotage of the railway line, sending a carriage crashing from a bridge into a river and leaving at least 80 people dead, officials said yesterday.

Sixty-seven bodies have been recovered from the coaches, while 13 people died in hospital, divisional railway manager KK Saxena told the Press Trust of India. He added one coach had yet to be opened by rescue workers.

He said 180 people were injured in the accident in Gaya, in the Rafiganj area of Bihar, some 500 kilometres west of Kolkata.

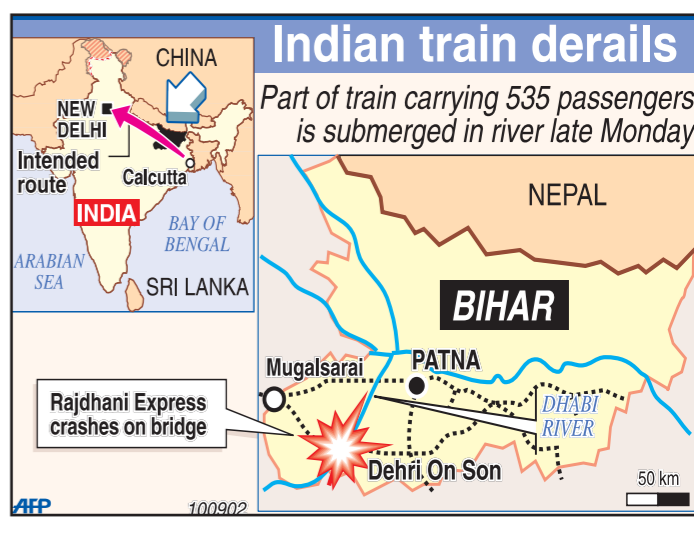
Eight coaches were derailed, including two that were left hanging from the bridge over the Dhabri River, swollen by months of torrential rains.

Officials said the death toll could rise, while a passenger who survived the crash said more than 150 people had been killed.

"Only when the inquiry is over then we can say for sure about the cause of the accident," JK Sinha, the state's assistant director general of railways, told AFP.

But Railways Minister Nitish Kumar, visiting the wreckage of the

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3 Bangladeshis killed, 3 hurt

BSS, Dhaka

At least three Bangladesh nationals including an infant were killed and three others injured when the high speed Rajdhani Express train derailed near Gaya, in India's Bihar state Tuesday night, Foreign Office sources said last night.

Sources said the dead were identified as Asad Khan, son of Arif Khan, Rokeya Begum and the two-year old girl named Sabiha Usmat Khan.

Sayedra Anis, wife of ERD Secretary Anisul Haq Chowdhury and his mother-in-law Begum Nurjahan Dewan and M B Ishaq are those injured in the accident.

Two officers from Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata, who had rushed to the spot where rescue operation was going on, said the exact number of Bangladeshis travelling by the train could not be immediately ascertained. The search was continuing, the sources added.



PHOTO: AFP

Rescue workers search the wreckage of the Rajdhani Express train after it derailed over a bridge near Gaya yesterday. The high-speed train derailed in eastern India after suspected sabotage of the railway line, sending a carriage crashing from a bridge into a river.