## NEWS

#### US may keep 145,000 troops in Iraq up to 5 years: Myers

AFP, Washington

A force of 145,000 US troops may be needed in Iraq for as many as five years, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff General Richard Myers said Thursday.

"We can do that and we've got plans to do that for as long as it takes, because this will be event-driven, not time-line driven," the told PBS

The US military announced earlier in the week it will recall around 5,600 troops who already served in Iraq for support and logistics duty, and Myers said the callback was needed to beef up current troop strength.

We're a 20th-century force in a 21st-century security environ-

ment," he said. "In the meantime, we have to rely

on other tools," he said. "It will take six months, a year, a year-and-a-half, two years, three years, probably four or five years before we get this force set to have the kind of skills where we need them to do the kind of things we need to do in this security environment," he said.

#### Pentagon may release some Guantanamo Bay detainees

The Pentagon might release some Guantanamo Bay detainees deemed not to pose a security threat without first giving them access to civilian courts, a spokesman said Thursday.

Larry Di Rita, chief spokesman for Defence Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, told a news conference that no final decisions have been made about how the government will respond to Supreme Court decisions this week requiring that detainees be given a way to challenge their incarceration.

But he said it was possible that if it could be determined some people need not be held then they also "need not necessarily be part of a "Indicial process" wy work unquark



Environment and Forest Minister Tariqul Islam distributes saplings to Rotary Club President Mohammad Alimullah at the free sapling distribution programme of British American Tobacco Bangladesh at the Plant and Planters Nursery in the city recently.

## Vitamins may slow progress of Aids virus: Study

A daily multivitamin tablet may slow the progress of the Aids virus and allow doctors to delay treatment of the deadly disease, according to a study that may prove especially helpful in developing countries where resources

B Vitamins, along with vitamins C and E, may also reduce the symptoms of the disease, including fatigue, nausea, vomiting, difficulty swallowing, and mouth and stomach problems, the study found.

But the test of 1,078 pregnant women in Tanzania also found that vitamin A seems to counteract the benefits of giving the supplements.

About 40 million people are infected with HIV, the Aids virus, and less than 8 percent of the people who should be getting treatments actually are.

"Multivitamin supplements delay the progression of HIV disease and provide an effective, low-cost means of delaying the initiation of antiretroviral therapy in HIV-infected women," said the research team, led by Wafaie Fawzi of the Harvard School of Public Health.

The effect of the multivitamin was strongest during the first two years, according to the Fawzi team.

Although the benefits of multivita-

min therapy, which cost about \$15 per year, were statistically significant, they renot dramatic

The chance of dying or developing an advanced case of HIV was 24.7 percent among the vitamin recipients, compared to 31.3 percent among women who received placebotablets instead.

The researchers said the recipients

of the vitamin supplements tended to have higher levels of disease-fighting cells and lower levels of HIV virus particles in the blood.

But in cases where vitamin A had been added to the treatment, the benefit faded and those women fared about as well as the volunteers getting

## Mars once had rainfall

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Mars was not only awash with water, it also once had rainfall, according to a French study.

The evidence comes from infrared imaging, which probed under dust deposited over the millions of years and found dense networks of dry valleys, whose branching bear the llmarks of having been carved out

The research, published in the US journal Science, could prompt a rewrite of the Martian history books, for it suggests the planet had a longer summer" than anyone thought.

The conventional theory is that Mars had a balmy climate during its infancy, a period called the Noachian era, in which vast volumes of water

flowed on its surface, cutting valleys and eroding the craters left by aster-

Then, around 3.6 billion years ago -- coincidentally, just when the first signs of life emerged on Earth -- the anet froze, entering the so-called lesperian epoch, which lasted ound half a billion years.

What remained as water has almost always been locked up as ice, either at the poles or (so it is hoped) close to the surface, according to this

The French study, led by Nicolas Mangold of the University of Paris South, contends though that the raincarved valleys date from near the end of the Hesperian -- at a time when thetemperature was, supposedly, far toocold to permit precipit

## Unesco adds 13 new sites to heritage list

North Korea was awarded its firstever site on the Unesco World Heritage List as a total of 13 new cultural sites around the world were named to the list during an ongoing conference in Suzhou, China,

Unescosaid in a statement yesterday. The cities and tombs of the Koguryo Kingdom that spanned the Korean peninsula and parts of present-day northeastern China from 277 BC to 668 AD won separate listings for both China and North Korea on the prestigious list Thursday, the statement said.

The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Uneso) also placed the Madriu-Claror-Perafita Valley on the list, giving Andorraits first-ever listing.

China was also honored with extensions to existing heritage sites of the Imperial Palace of the Ming and Qing Dynasties and Imperial Tombs of the Ming and Qing Dynasties, it said.

So far at the ongoing conference, 21 new sites have been added to the list out of some 48 that have applied. Friday will mark the final day for new listings this year.

The other 10 newly listed World Heritage Sites include the following: Australia - Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens. India - Champaner-Pavagadh

India - Chhatrapati Shivaji

Station (formerly Victoria Terminus) Islamic Republic of Iran -Pasargadae, capital of ancient Persia Japan - Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range.

Jordan - The archaeological site of Um er-Rasas (Kastron Mefaa). Kazakhstan - Petroglyphs within the Archaeological Landscape of

Mongolia - Orkhon Valley Cultural Landscape. Norway - Vegaoyan - the Vega

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Earlier this week five new natural sites and three other cultural sites were added to the World Heritage List. Listing -- based on the unique-

ness and quality of the sites as well as how well-protected they are -- is significant mainly for stepping up government-funding for the sites and drawing in tourists.

The conference is also reviewing the List of World Heritage in Danger, which currently features 35 sites.

These are sites that are seriously threatened by industry or mining, pollution, looting, war, uncontrolled tourism, poaching, and other

The list includes sites such as the Minaret and the Archeological Remains of Jam in Afghanistan as well as the ancient desert city of Timbuktu in Mali.



Rotary District 3280 took out a procession in the city on Thursday to celebrate 100 years of Rotary. The CityCell sponsored the event.

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Bangladesh Chhatra League took out a procession in the city yesterday in support of today's hartal.

#### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Senior Jail Super Central Jail, Mymensingh

#### **Re-Tender Notice**

Sealed tenders are invited from jail enlisted first class contractors for purchase of raw materials & spare parts of Production Department at Mymensingh Central Jail from 01-07-2004 to 30-06-2005.

The said tender schedule can be purchased on cash payment of Tk 500/= (five hundred) only (nonrefundable) from the office of the undersigned on 14-07-2004 during office hours (up to 2-30 hours). Detailed information will be available with tender schedule. As earnest money, Pay Order/Bank Draft/Treasury Challan in original for Tk 30,000/= (thirty thousand) only must be submitted with tender at the time of submitting tender. Otherwise, under no circumstance the tender shall be acceptable. The Challan/Pay-Order/Bank Draft of earnest money should be collected from respective treasury/bank minimum 01 (one) day before submitting tender.

Tender can be submitted in tender box kept at the Jail gate on 15-07-2004 up to 12-00 hours. Tender box will be opened on the same day at 12-30 hours in presence (if any) of the tenderers at the office of the undersigned by the tender selection committee. Overall right to accept or reject any tender is reserved by the respective authority.

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Md. Harun ar Rashid Sarkar Senior Jail Super Gentral Jail, Mymensingh

# Janata Bank

### Financial Statements - 2003

Profit and Loss Accounts

for the year ended 31 December, 2003

Balance As at Decem			
Property and assets	Notes	2003 Taka	200 Tak
Cash: Cash in hand Balance with Bangladesh Bank and Sonali Bank	3	1,970,901,726 7,310,342,155 9,281,243,881	2,102,659,11 6,804,722,48 8,907,381,59
Balance with other banks: In Bangladesh Outside Bangladesh	4 .	1,510,831,245 1,733,992,206 3,244,823,451	6,135,569,63 796,829,14 6,932,398,77
Money at call and short notice	5	4,409,545,086	4,643,386,84
Investments: Government Others	6	21,250,112,714 1,571,689,133 22,821,801,847	28,197,186,53 1,521,386,33 29,718,572,86
Loans, cash credit, overdrafts etc. (including bill purchased and discounted): In Bangladesh Outside Bangladesh	s	100,585,042,373 876,840,893 101,461,883,266	95,599,558,46 4,149,185,25 99,748,743,72
Premises and fixed assets Other assets Total assets Liabilities and equity	8 9	911,894,572 14,210,158,681. 15,122,053,253 156,341,350,784	919,368,68 17,364,796,92 18,284,165,60 168,234,649,40
Liabilities  Borrowing from other banks: In Bangladesh Outside Bangladesh	10	608,880,691 1,592,532,082 2,201,412,773	66,680,66 2,710,464,60 2,777,145,26
Deposit and other acounts: Current deposit and other accounts etc. Bills payable Savings Bank deposits Term deposits	11	19,671,866,121 913,707,138 44,109,754,022 73,901,294,416 138,596,621,697	18,544,162,90 747,045,88 42,393,062,31 77,208,289,12 138,892,560,23
Other liabilities Total liabilities	12	12,375,040,018 153,173,074,488	23,412,385,94 165,082,091,44
Equity Paid up capital Statutory reserve Other reserve Total equity Total liabilities and equity	13 14 15	2,593,900,000 202,853,715 371,522,581 3,168,276,296 156,341,350,784	2,593,900,00 187,135,37 371,522,58 3,152,557,95 168,234,649,40
Olf-balance sheet items Contingent liabilities:	16		
Acceptances and endorsements a) Letters of guarantee b) Irrevocable letters of credit c) Bills for collection Total off-balance sheet items		3,186,402,767 25,796,272,034 1,988,883,243 30,971,558,044	4,056,355,28 25,369,811,45 3,757,249,81 33,183,416,56

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#### Net Interest Income 1,505,543,972 535,455,309 Investment Income 1,552,462,536 1,473,821,531 Commission, exchange and brokerage 20 1,775,100,523 1,781,033,853 Other operating income 265,952,010 206,586,003 21 3,461,441,387 3.593.515.069 5,099,059,041 **Total Operating Income** 3,996,896,696 Salaries and allowances 2,218,010,265 2.096,504,337 Rent, taxes, insurance and lighting etc. 278,179,333 256,754,279 Law charges 19.925.753 21,930,228 10,385,281 Postage, telegram, telephone and stamps 8,775,171 Stationery, printing and advertisement etc. 66,453,825 65,574,900 Managing Director's remuneration 389,760 367,957 Audit fees 1,251,120 1,279,319 Director's fees 380.775 258,000 Depreciation and repair of fixed assets 125,560,535 100,967,571 Others expenditure 257,662,076 204,682,266 Total operating expenses 2,978,198,723 2,757,094,028 Profit before provision 2,120,860,318 1,239,802,668 Pro Pro Ott Tot

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ovision for loans and advances	23	1,540,000,000	800,000,000
ovision for investments	24	220,000,000	
ner provisions	25	340,000,000	425,000,000
tal provision		2,100,000,000	1,225,000,000
tal profit before income tax		20,860,318	14,802,668
ovision for Income tax	26	EXPERIMENT.	
t profit after taxation		20,860,318	14,802,668
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insferred to Reserve Fund		15,800,000	10,000,000
insferred to Benevolent Fund		3,060,318	2,802,668
insferred to Insurance Fund		2,000,000	2,000,000
	1	20,860,318	14,802,668
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#### Highlights As at December 31, 2003

Particulars	2003 Figure in million	2002 Figure in million
1. Paid up capital	2,593.90	2,593.90
2. Total capital	3,971.00	3,228.30
3. Capital shortfall	5,487.30	7,921,90
4. Total assets	156,341.35	168,234.60
5. Total deposits	138,596.60	138,892.60
6. Total loans and advances	101,461.90	99,748,70
7. Total contingent liabilities	30,971.60	33,183.40
8. Total loans deposits ratio	73.21%	71.82%
9.Total classified loans to total loans &		1 1 1 1 1
advances (including overseas branch)	22.32%	29.50%
10. Profit after provision and tax	2.08	1.48
11. Classified loans & advances during the year:	no iti	
In Bangladesh	21,995.80	25,646.90
Outside Bangladesh	653.80	3,785.90
Total	22,649.60	29,432.80
12. Provision held against classified advances	1,291.80	5,370.70
13. Provision shortfall	8,934.54	8,730.70
14. Cost of fund	7.63%	8.55%
15. Performing assets/loans (including overseas)	78,812.30	70,316.00
16. Non performing assets/loans (including overseas)	22,649.60	29,432.70
17. Return on investment (ROI)	6.47%	5.88%
18. Return on assets (ROA)	1.36%	0.74%
19. Earning cost ratio	.82	.89

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