

# BUDGET 2005-6

## Pakistan hikes defence spending by over 15pc

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan increased defence expenditure by more than 15 percent in the national budget for 2005-6 unveiled in parliament yesterday, as well as boosting spending on development.

Minister of state for finance Omar Ayub presented the 1.09 trillion (18.16 billion dollars) budget for the fiscal year starting from July, which showed a 15.5 percent hike in the money going towards defence.

In monetary terms, this represented an increase from 194 billion rupees in 2004-5 to 223 billion rupees.

The total budget was over 21 percent higher than the previous fiscal year ending June 30, and the largest allocation was for the country's debt payments, amounting to

## Ershad divorces

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He said he filed another case with a magistrate's court Sunday afternoon against Bidisha on charges of her "cheating on" him. However, court sources said no such case was filed.

Sources close to Ershad said he has to fly back home before June 16 when the hearing on a case against him in a lower court is scheduled.

Ershad said the 35-year-old fashion designer-turned-politician married him on March 27, 2000 without getting a divorce from her first husband.

"We went to London on April 12, 2002 on a family trip. On April 22, she went to Bangladesh mission in London and applied for a new passport identifying herself as 'Bidisha Siddiq Wilson' and her husband as Peter Wilson, a British citizen."

Ershad said all these stories he came to know on June 2 and the following day, he served a divorce notice on Bidisha and relieved her of JP presidium membership.

"When I came to know of all these, she had threatened to kill my son and me," he told reporters.

"Bidisha wanted to get me assassinated," the former president said and accused her of maintaining ties with assassins.

Asked who fathered Eric, he said, "Bidisha says Eric is my son."

About the waist pain for which she had been receiving treatment at a city clinic before her arrest, Ershad said, "Bidisha is not sick and she is making a drama. If she was sick, how could she come down from the fifth floor carrying Eric who is 20 kg?"

**"NEVER MET TARIQUE"**

To another question, he said he had never met with Tarique Rahman, the ruling BNP's senior joint secretary general and the elder son of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia. "I know him but never met him on matters of politics," he added.

"There was no pressure on me and I did not ask Bidisha to maintain connection with India, Pakistan or any other country. Because I am the person who takes all decisions of the party," Ershad said.

He was confident that his party would contest the upcoming general elections and said he has spoken to Kader Siddiqui and ASM Abdur Rob about forming an electoral alliance.

He said he is going to Saudi Arabia for Eric's and his treatment. Party Secretary General Ruhul Amin Hawlader and leaders Kazi Zafar Ahmad and Kazi Firoz Rashid are also accompanying Ershad.

Asked if his decision about Bidisha has anything to do with the cases pending with the courts against him, Ershad replied in the negative. He said it was the Awami League government that threw him into jail. "In politics many things can happen, all this has to be forgotten," he said.

About Bidisha's recent visit to Kolkata, Ershad said she had gone there with his permission for Eric's treatment and stayed there for 40 days. On her return, she fell sick.

**BIDISHA QUIZZING**

The police and the intelligence agencies are questioning Bidisha at the Joint Interrogation Cell, according to sources.

She was taken out of Gulshan Police Station in the vehicle of the officer-in-charge at about 2:15pm. Sources said members of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI), National Security Intelligence (NSI) and the police's Special Branch (SB) were interrogating her until 8:00pm.

**Zero tax**

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white through purchase of apartments or cars paying a certain amount of tax will probably continue. In such cases, the amount of tax might be increased.

The network of source tax is likely to be expanded. In case of exporters, the tax on their export income will be deducted from the banks. If an aggrieved party wants to go to court, he will have to pay 50 percent tax in advance instead of 15 percent as now, a provision the government believes will discourage exporters from going to courts.

The government may withdraw all trade-related Quantitative Restrictions (QR) because of the World Bank-imposed conditions. In that case, supplementary duties might be increased to protect the local industry, the NBR sources indicated.

**Tension mounts**

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and activists gathered at Madhu's Canteen and were preparing to hold their rally at 3:00pm. The BCL, declared unwanted by the JCD, was scheduled to hold a rally at the same time.

The DU authorities have banned all kinds of demonstrations at the Shaheed Minar, Shonarjito Swadhinata and Raju Sculpture following the violence after the death of Shammee Akhter Happy on May 28.

BCL leaders at a rally to protest the police blockade demanded arrest and punishment of JCD leaders responsible for unrest on the campus.

BCL General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babu said the government has captured the DU campus through JCD and now occupied the Shaheed Minar by police.

BCL President Liaquat Sikder slammed the government for blocking their way towards the Shaheed Minar, which he termed a violation of democratic rights.

On their move against the BCL, JCD General Secretary Shaful Bari Babu said every organisation is welcome to the campus if they excluded outsiders, criminals and cadres.

The JCD men, who had been chasing the BCL men out for the past few days, were, however, not guarding the entrances to the university.

Hasan Mamun, president of JU unit JCD, said they were going to file another case against 28 BCL leaders and activists for the violence at the Institute of Fine Arts.

**ENTRY EASED**

Police have eased their watch at different entrances to DU, giving way to small vehicles entering the campus.

## Poverty reduction

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survey, the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), an independent policy think-tank, at a press briefing on Saturday pointed out that the process of increasing income inequality underpins deceleration of poverty alleviation process.

A planning ministry source said the government might include a part of the PRPMS, 2004 survey report in the coming budget. The full PRSP, which the government intends to implement from the next fiscal year, will also include some more plans on the basis of the PRPMS, 2004 survey.

Dr Zaid Bakth, research director at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), says if the government is to see the pace of poverty reduction rate pick up, scoring a GDP growth rate of 6 percent alone will not be enough -- the inflation rate needs to be reined in as well.

Besides, the government needs to maintain the macro-economic stability in line with the small expansionary policy, he said. As for public investment, the government will have to be selective so that more and more job opportunities are created in the process.

For that, the government will have to give more support to non-farm activities as well as the agriculture sector, he suggested. Besides, more government investment is also required for the expansion of health safety network and human development programme.

"Widening income and asset disparity can not only decelerate the growth process, but can also undercut social cohesion. Growing regional disparity can also emerge as a political problem. Finding the right recipe for an inclusive growth track remains an intellectual and practical challenge," the CPD commented on the survey.

Four die

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on Friday due to unpaid electricity bills amounting to nearly Tk 50 crore.

The Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources has been providing the electricity to these camps since independence.

"All three persons died due to excessive summer heat as there has been no electricity in the camp since last Friday," M Shoukat Ali, general secretary of the Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (SPGRC), told The Daily Star last night.

Quoting Dr Abdur Razzak, a meeting source said the government is depriving the opposition lawmakers from allocations of development budget while the 'ruling alliance lawmakers are plundering public money from different projects'.

In reference to AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil, a lawmaker at the meeting regretted that Mercantile Bank continued its regular activities on hartal days. Abdul Jalil is the chairman of the bank.

Shahjahan Khan and Atiur Rahman Atiq urged the party high-ups to resolve immediately the feuds within the Dhaka city unit AL to save the party from further damage, said another meeting source.

**HASINA'S BRIEFING**

Briefing newsmen at AL's Dhanmondi office, Hasina accused the government of forcing her party out of parliament, thereby making it [parliament] dysfunctional. "We joined the House to speak for people, but the government did not let

us speak," she said defending her party's decision to boycott parliament.

The AL chief said, "Awami League lawmakers were forced to come out of the House because of (harsh) remarks from the treasury bench members. I don't think the atmosphere is proper for us to return to parliament."

"We have tried to discuss the issues in the House, but the government did not allow us," she said adding, "Even the August 21 grenade attacks, in which I was the prime target, was not discussed in parliament."

She said the government has deceived the people by hiking the fuel prices just a few days before the budget. "We simply cannot endorse such deceptive act by joining the budget session," she added.

Hasina also questioned the government's claim of GDP growth in the current fiscal year and said, "How can the GDP jump to 6.27 in only three months when it was 5.27 in the earlier nine months?"

Driving away AL leaders from the party seems to be a new style of political persecution by the ruling coalition, she said without directly referring to recent desertion of one of her party deputies.

**AL ASKS SPEAKER TO CANCEL KAZI SIRAJ'S MEMBERSHIP**

Opposition Chief Whip Abdus Shahid and Whip Faruk Khan meanwhile handed over a party letter to Speaker Jamiuruddin Sircar at the latter's office yesterday, asking for necessary actions as per the constitution against AL lawmaker Kazi Sirajul Islam. Islam joined the ruling BNP on Saturday.

## Sangsad

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increased fuel prices just before the next budget to show that it will not increase them in the proposed budget. It is just cheating the people, and we will not be a party to it by joining the process of passing the budget," Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina told reporters after the meeting.

The AL lawmakers alleged at the meeting that the government has planned to distribute development budget funds among the ruling coalition lawmakers and leaders in a bid to win the next parliamentary election.

They are however submitting notices to the parliament secretariat demanding discussions on different important issues in the House session. They also submitted questions asking the ministers to reply in the session.

The party will decide later whether it will join the session after the budget is passed.

The Business Advisory Committee of the House will sit at 4:15 in the afternoon today with Speaker Jamiuruddin Sircar in the chair to fix the timing and business of the session.

## Robbers kill

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The gang then dragged the driver down firm his seat and beat him to death. They also beat up the helper and fled away with the truck.

Sonargaon police recovered the body and sent it to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Police were unable to trace the looted truck or to nab any of the gang as of 6:00pm yesterday.

## Dhaka urges KL

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and the Malaysian side by its Deputy Secretary General of the Malaysian Foreign Ministry, Haji Selim Bin Hashim.

The entire gamut of bilateral issues - including trade, investment, manpower export, science and technology, agriculture, infrastructure development, power and energy, banking, youth and sports, education and culture, health, tourism, exchange of news between the official news agencies - were discussed in the meeting, officials said.

The issue of a bilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA) featured in the senior officials' talks, but there are a few gray areas, which need further discussion, they added.

Bangladesh side requested Malaysian officials to accelerate manpower recruitment process from the country as per a memorandum of understanding signed in 2003 and asked for duty-free access of its 19 categories of products to Malaysia, officials said.

Bangladeshi products - such as readymade garments, home textiles, terry towel, ceramic products, frozen foods, jute and leather products, as well as some agro-products - have demand in Malaysia and duty-free access will help Bangladesh to reduce the huge trade deficit, they added.

Dhaka's proposal for reallocating Malaysian industries and for increased investment was elaborately discussed at the meeting and the Malaysian side responded positively, said a Bangladesh official talking to The Daily Star.

Bangladesh requested that Malaysia give similar trade preferences to Kuala Lumpur shares with the Asean countries and consider Bangladesh's cause in line with the Global System of Trade Preferences, he added.

A ministerial-level meeting of the JC will be held today when the foreign ministers of Bangladesh and Malaysia, M Morshed Khan and Syed Hamid Bin Syed Zafar Albar, respectively, will sign an agreed minutes on cooperation.

A draft on agreed minutes of yesterday's talks will be placed in today's ministerial level meeting for consideration and adoption, sources said, adding that the foreign ministers of the two countries will hold a joint press conference after the meeting.

The JC meeting is expected to provide fresh impetus to further widen bilateral ties, as the two countries enjoy excellent relations cemented over the years through continued cooperation and high-level interactions, officials said.

After the formation of Bangladesh-Malaysia Joint Commission in 1992, its first meeting was held in Dhaka in 1992 and the second one in Kuala Lumpur in 1994. After that, there has not been a JC meeting in the last 11 years.

## Hasina reiterates

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action against the government for depriving its lawmakers from budgetary allocation for development in their constituencies.

Out of 56 lawmakers, 42 attended the meeting that lasted over three hours.

Meeting sources said party lawmaker AKM Jahangir Hussain speaking about party's policy on parliament proposed resigning from the House and strengthening anti-government agitation on the streets.

Replying to his proposal, Hasina and senior members of the party said that the decision of resignation will be taken at an appropriate time, the sources added.

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## Police resentful

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that the situation was normal.

"We cannot even talk to our colleagues," said a constable of Mirpur Police Lines, which houses about 5,500 policemen.

Some other constables said they have been threatened to be axed from the service if they are found discussing the matter or trying to hold any demonstration.

Referring to sepoy, a constable said, "Although we have the same educational qualifications, they enjoy more facilities and their salary is Tk 500 above ours."

"We don't get any salary but only a monthly allowance of Tk 300 during our six-month training period while the army sepoy gets the full salary," observed the constable.

"In last few days, the authorities have held two meetings with haidlars, who are in charge of the barracks. And following the meetings, haidlars ordered us not to discuss the salary discrimination with anyone," another constable of Mirpur Police Lines said.

The deputy commissioner of police called a meeting of all policemen at the barracks at 8:00pm Sunday, but it could not be held due to bad weather, said sources.

Policemen at Rajarbagh and Chittagong police lines ransacked their barracks in protest at the salary discrimination in 1991. Their demands were met, but many of them lost jobs.

**6 killed in Iraq mortar attack**

**BBC ONLINE**

Insurgents in northern Iraq yesterday launched a fresh wave of mortar attacks, killing at least six people.

The barracks appeared to target police stations in the city of Mosul, but the victims were civilians, including two children, officials said.

In Baghdad, police said a US-Egyptian contractor was shot dead on Sunday as he drove through the capital.

A US soldier was killed in a roadside bombing near a military patrol in the northern province of Kirkuk.

The attack happened occurred on Sunday, but the military did not confirm the death until Monday.

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Meanwhile, the outgoing chief of army staff yesterday started valedictory visits to different cantonments.

The visits have been organised as per tradition and existing rules of the armed forces, the ISPR said in a news release.

Hasan yesterday visited Savar cantonment and Shaheed Salauddin cantonment at Ghatail, and addressed the army men. He will also visit other cantonments.

He was appointed chief of army staff on June 16, 2002.

## Foreign secys

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Bangladesh territory recently had contributed to the already rough edges in relations between India and Bangladesh.

However, there have been some positive developments in recent weeks that include India's decision to suspend fencing along the Bangladesh border, Indian Home Minister Shivraj Patil's advice to Indian political parties not to blow up the illegal immigration issue and Bangladesh's recent crackdown against Indian insurgents.

The vibes emanating in the last few weeks from New Delhi and Dhaka also sent a clear signal that the leaderships of the two countries are willing to engage each other in a purposeful manner.

Last week, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, during an interaction with foreign journalists based here, talked about India's "emotional attachment" with Bangladesh.

In April, foreign ministers of the two countries Natwar Singh and Morshed Khan met on the sidelines of an international gathering in Jakarta.

## SingTel

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to become the number one operator in the country," Vice-chairman of PBTL Faisal Morshed Khan told a press briefing in the capital yesterday.

SingTel will use Bangladesh as a bridge to connect South East Asia and South Asia. The company will have three members on PBTL board, Faisal said.

On tariff reduction, Faisal said PBTL service will definitely be the cheapest in the country and probably in the region. "But we need that capacity before we can go ahead and do that."

SingTel believes that there will be rapid telecommunications growth in Bangladesh in the years to come, as has been experienced in other regional markets which SingTel has invested in, Faisal quoted SingTel Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Lee Hsien Yang as saying.

"We are proud to welcome SingTel, the leading communications group in Asia, as our strategic investor," Faisal said.

Chris Malay, CEO, and other officials of PBTL were present at the briefing.

## Sabihuddin

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new high commissioner to the UK.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has already approved the removal of Mofazzal Karim and appointment of Sabihuddin Ahmed, the PMO source said.

## SC to hear

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upheld the 14th amendment to the constitution, providing 45 reserved seats for women in parliament and a supplementary law for their indirect election, discharging three public-interest litigation writs filed by 13 women rights groups and individuals.

Advocate Sigma Huda, one of the petitioners, who lost the legal battle in the High Court, sought leave to appeal yesterday along with a prayer for stay order on the elections to the women's seats.

The Jatiya Sangsad (parliament) passed the 14th amendment in May last year and enacted the law for holding indirect elections.

## Galib denied

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enjoying an interim bail from the High Court.

According to the confessional statement of the arrested Islamist activists, Taibur Rahman was included in the charge sheet and was arrested earlier by police during a massive hunt.

On December 20, assailants hurled four bombs at a Takier Bazar open stage drama under Palashbari Upazila. Three of the bombs exploded, wounding at least 21 persons, seven of them critically.

Police in a joint drive arrested a total of 22 persons on charges in the bomb blast incident. Of them, six were charge sheeted and the remaining 16 were relieved from charges. The accused persons are Asadullah Al Galib, Habibur Rahman alias Jubayer, Raju Sarder, Harun-ur Rashid, Rawnakil Islam Khushi and ATM Taibur Rahman.

The Palashbari OC submitted a charge sheet against six persons on April 23. The court fixed the next hearing date on July 26.

There is no direct witness against Galib, said Galib's lawyer, Sirajul Islam Babu, in the argument. He was entangled with the case when suspicious, even baseless allegations were brought in the charge sheet, Babu added.

Another case was filed against 21 persons in a bomb blast incident at the Mohimaganj BRAC office under Gobindaganj Upazila. But only two persons, namely Habibur Rahman alias Jubayer and Raju Sarder, were charge sheeted, while 19 others, including Galib, were relieved from the charge. In yesterday's hearing, the court also rejected the bail petition of the two charge-sheeted accused. The court fixed June 25 as the next date for cognizance hearing of case.

## BSF's Ulfa claim

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searched the entire Mirpur-Pallabi area but did not find any hotel named Mohammadia. The members' list collected from Hotel Baboshayi Samity, an association of hotel owners, also shows there is no Mohammadia Hotel in this area.

During the investigation, The Daily Star correspondent found a small tin-shed restaurant named "Mohammadia Restaurant and Sweetmeat" in Senpara Pabarta area under Kafur Police Station, which is owned by Motiur Rahman.

"I know Motiur for the last seven to eight years as he is running the wayside restaurant. This is a small restaurant and the customers are common people," said Mohammad Yousuf, a local resident. "No high-profile people visits this restaurant."

There are some 13 residential hotels in Mirpur Section-1 and Gabtoli areas, but none of them is named Mohammadia, as claimed by the BSF official.

The Daily Star correspondent also searched all six blocks on Tajmahal Road in Mohammadpur, but no hotel named Surma International was found there.

"Let alone any international standard hotel, there is not even a low standard hotel in this area," said Faruq Hossain, a wayside shop owner.

The search was conducted also on Babar Road, Humayun Road, Shahjahan Road, Noorjahan Road, Iqbal Road, Sher Shah Suri Road and Salimullah Road in Mohammadpur and the result was negative.

The Daily Star correspondent visited the entire Banani and Gulshan areas where there is no hotel named Padma International. "I am running a business here for the last 10 years. I have never seen any hotel named Padma International in Banani-Gulshan area," said manager of a rest house in Banani wishing not to be named.

However, there is a residential hotel named Padma at Malibagh, which is run by one Fazlul Haq. "I know the owner, who is running the business for the last 20 years. Low income traders use to stay here," said Moshir Rahman Hiron, a local resident.

The BSF official claimed that the rebel outfit has two hotels in Sylhet, namely Keya International at Zinda Bazar managed by Dulal Roy alias Saidul, and Hotel Yamuna on University Road by Anil Dey alias Sohal.

He also named two residential hotels in Chittagong -- Hotel Basundhara managed by Subhash Deka alias Humayun at Hallishahar and Hotel Raj King run by Kanailal Barman alias Rubel at Pahartali.

The Daily Star staff correspondents in Chittagong and Sylhet looked for these hotels in the mentioned areas but did not find any.

**BANK ACCOUNTS**

Srivastava claimed that three bank accounts of Ulfa members had been traced in Arab Bangladesh Bank's Farm Gate Branch in Dhaka and Zinda Bazar Branch in Sylhet, and Al-Barakah Bank's Pahartali Branch in Chittagong.

The investigation reveals the BSF official's claim is completely wrong. Even these banks do not have any branch in the mentioned areas.

Officials of Oriental Bank, formerly Al-Barakah Bank, and Arab Bangladesh Bank told The Daily Star that they have no branch in the locations mentioned by the BSF official and no Ulfa insurgent operates any account in any other branch.

"We have no branch at Pahartali in Chittagong," said Imamul Haque, deputy managing director of Oriental Bank.

A high official of Arab Bangladesh Bank wishing anonymity said they do not have any branch at Farmgate in Dhaka and at Zinda Bazar in Sylhet.

Different intelligence agencies also investigated the BSF official's claims but did not find any such hotels and bank accounts, sources in the intelligence agencies said.

## Mother files

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When Sumon identified himself, the Rab men handcuffed him pointing a gun.

Blindfolding him with a black cloth, the Rab men boarded him in a yellow taxicab along with two of his office assistants in front of hundreds of witnesses, the complainant said.

The complainant came to know the incident from Anis, another employee of Loren International. She was astonished and scared at the arrest as there were no criminal records against Sumon and he was not involved in any criminal activities.

Amela and her husband Abdul Hakim rushed to Khilgaon Police Station and then to Detective Branch office on Minto Road, but did not find their son.

The couple then went to the Rab-3 office at Tikatul at about 2:30am where they found their son sitting inside a white jeep. As they tried to talk with Sumon, a Rab sepyo scared them away from the Rab office. But they kept on waiting on the nearby footpath.

Then they saw around seven to eight Rab members taking their son out on the same vehicle, and a Rab member asked them to go to Khilgaon Police Station in the morning.

Hakim went to the police station at about 5:00am and found Sumon's body lying in a police van. The body bore cut marks in the forehead, nose, eyebrows and five holes in the chest apparently caused by bullets, the complainant said.

She said the circumstances indicate that the Rab-3 members in connivance with the other accused shot him dead in a pre-planned manner in between 3:00am to 5:00am.

The complainant mentioned that Sumon earlier was an activist of Jubo Dal, youth front of the ruling BNP. He later joined the Awami League-backed Jubo League and became a leader of its ward no. 25 unit.

Sumon participated in the protest programmes of Awami League when a loop was omitted from the original design of Khilgaon flyover. He was injured when police charged baton on the protestors, Amela Khatun said.

On May 6, local JCD leader Rubel

threatened him of teaching "a good lesson" when he was distributing leaflets at Shahi mosque after juma prayers, she alleged.

In the complaint, Amela also said that she had learnt Sumon's change of party angered Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas, the local MP who consulted the home minister (prime minister) about the matter.

Amela's counsel Advocate Firojir Rahman Montu explained that the complaint meant the prime minister as she holds the portfolio of home minister.

Following the orders of the two ministers, the other accused forcibly picked Sumon up from his office and killed him brutally, said the complainant.

The complainant said she was compelled to lodge the case with the court as Khilgaon police refused to register the case when she went there after the burial of Sumon and collecting information about the incident and identities of the killers.

Advocates Sahara Khatun, Kamrul Islam, Abdullah Abu, Momtaz Uddin Mehedi and Abdur Rahman moved for the complainant.

## Pakistan

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told a weekly news conference in Islamabad. He gave no further details.

Al-Libbi, who was arrested last month, is the alleged mastermind of two attempts on Musharraf's life in December 2003, and a bid to assassinate Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz before he assumed office last year.

Musharraf said last week that Pakistan was to hand over al-Libbi to the United States, contradicting earlier statements by Pakistani officials that al-Libbi would be tried in Pakistan.

"We are obviously going to deport him. We have extracted all the information and intelligence from him," Musharraf said in an interview with CNN broadcast last Tuesday.

"I presume that he may have been deported already to the United States," he also told CNN, but went on to qualify his statement and add that until three days prior to the interview al-Libbi was in Pakistan.

Asked why Pakistan was deporting al-Libbi to the United States even though the al-Qaeda operative was involved on two assassination attempts on him, Musharraf said there were "bigger issues" involved.

However, Musharraf said that al-Libbi had not given interrogators any clues as to the whereabouts of al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden.

Pakistan says it has so far rounded up about 700 al-Qaeda suspects, including alleged top operatives, in army searches of lawless tribal border areas and other operations.

Most of them have been handed over to US custody, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, al-Libby's alleged predecessor as al-Qaeda number three and the self-proclaimed architect of the September 11 attacks.