

UPA, Left likely to hold talks today

PTI, New Delhi

A crucial meeting of the UPA and Left parties is likely to be held on Monday in a bid to find common ground over the objections of the coalition's outside supporters to the Indo-US nuclear deal, ahead of a debate on the issue in Parliament.

The meeting will come in the wake of a less strident posture adopted by the Left parties against the government on the matter as they said there would be no crisis for the government if it allayed apprehensions expressed on the draft I23 agreement in the context of the Henry Hyde Act.

The Core Group of the Congress discussed the situation after CPI-M leader Sitaram Yechury briefed Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on the Central Committee's resolution which said it did not want the current crisis to affect the government, though it was "contingent upon the government not proceeding further with the agreement".

Europe may cut military role in Afghanistan

18 Afghan civilians die during fighting

AFP, Washington/Kabul

The United States is worried about weakening Italian and German military commitments in Afghanistan as casualties increase in the fight to stem the bloody Taliban insurgency, officials said.

Debate is raging in Italy and Germany, and to a lesser extent the Netherlands and Denmark, on whether they should remain in the International Security and Assistance Force (Isaf), already grappling with a shortage of troops in the face of one of the most intense military engagements in decades.

"There is a good prospect that we are going to lose some" contributions from certain countries, a US administration official told AFP.

as European nations face upcoming votes at home on their reconstruction, military and training commitments in Afghanistan.

The Nato-led 37-nation Isaf and a separate US-led coalition, in total about 50,000 foreign soldiers, are together with Afghan security forces fighting to block the return to power of the Taliban after the hardline Islamic militia was ousted in late 2001.

But with the fighting now at its toughest since then, and more deaths among Isaf forces -- including the friendly fire incident Friday that killed three British soldiers -- Washington is deeply worried about eroding support for the effort.

"It will be disappointing if there

are fewer Nato partners that are involved in this mission," the US official said.

"Italy and Germany are the ones that are of serious concern," the official added, citing Italy as "one that we are really concerned about."

With 2,500 troops, Italy heads Nato's Herat-based regional command in western Afghanistan.

Italian Foreign Minister Massimo D'Alema recently blamed a lack of coordination between US and Isaf forces for hundreds of Afghan civilian deaths, which he called "morally unacceptable."

In Germany, where polls show a strong 64 per cent majority calling for withdrawal, parliament would have to vote on whether to continue with commitments for recon-

struction, military deployment and training of Afghan forces.

The United States is particularly worried about the military commitment.

Witnesses said yesterday that clashes between coalition troops and Taliban fighters in southern Afghanistan left at least 18 civilians dead. Nato officials, however, said no noncombatants were killed.

The alleged civilian deaths occurred in the southern Helmand province. Coalition and Afghan troops clashed late Saturday with militants near the Taliban-controlled town of Musa Qala.

A spokeswoman for Nato's International Security Assistance Force said that 12 militants were killed during the overnight clash.



Police inspect the interior after a blast at street eatery, Gokul Chat in the Kotli area in Hyderabad Saturday. At least 42 people were killed and more than 60 injured in two near-simultaneous blasts in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad.

Take pre-emptive steps to counter terror

CPI-M to government

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

The Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) on Sunday asked the government and security agencies to "identify" the terrorist forces responsible for the Hyderabad blasts that killed 42 people and take "pre-emptive steps" to suppress them.

Condemning the two blasts in Hyderabad on Saturday evening, the

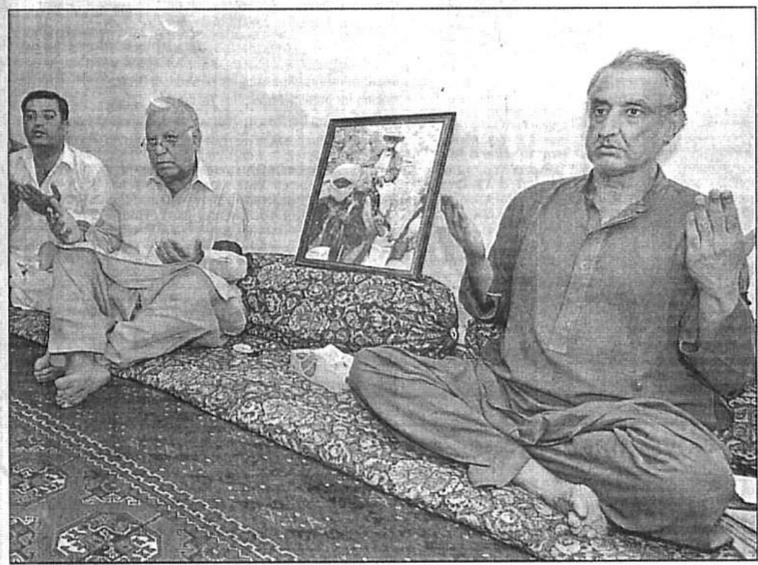
CPI-M politburo said the incident "underlines how certain terrorist groups are working to disrupt normal life and communal harmony".

"The culprits responsible for this outrage must be caught and brought to book. Since Hyderabad had witnessed a bomb attack in a mosque recently, it is important that the government and the security agencies identify and take pre-emptive steps to suppress such

elements," a politburo statement said in New Delhi.

The party also expressed its "heartfelt" sympathy for the injured and for those who have lost their family members.

"The politburo is confident that the people of Hyderabad, along with the rest of the country, will stand united against such nefarious and inhuman violence," the statement said.



Son of slain rebel tribal chief Nawab Akbar Bugti, Talal Bugti (R) and others pray during a special prayer on the first death anniversary of Bugti in Quetta yesterday. Bugti, a Baluch nationalist, who had led tribal rebels in a violent campaign for autonomy and a greater share of revenue from southwestern Baluchistan's natural resources, died in a cave hideout in an army operation on August 26, 2006.

Nepali leaders flay Maoist proposal for polls postponement

THE KATHMANDU POST/ANN, Kathmandu

A day after Maoist chairman Prachanda proposed postponing the Constituent Assembly elections by five months, leaders of different parties have unanimously reiterated that it is essential to hold the polls on the scheduled date of November 22.

Addressing a programme organised in Kathmandu on Saturday, Speaker Subash Nemwang said the overarching goal and spirit of the people's movement cannot be institutionalised if the elections are not held on the scheduled date.

"It is essential to conduct the Constituent Assembly elections on time to institutionalise the achievements, including the basis of inclusiveness that we have founded," he said.

Organising a press conference in Kathmandu on Friday, Maoist

chairman Prachanda said there was no point making a rush for the November 22 polls and that it would make no difference if the polls are held in between mid-April and mid-May.

Addressing another function in the capital today, CPN-UML general secretary Madhav Kumar Nepal also flayed the Maoist leadership for proposing a postponement of the elections.

Nepal cautioned that the Maoists will lose credibility in the country and abroad.

"(If the Maoists press to defer the elections) then a situation will arise wherein even the people will judge the party and the leaders as lacking commitment. Therefore, they have to speak in a responsible manner," Nepal said.

He also claimed that no one can "wipe out" Nepali Congress, UML and the Maoists if they head for the elections under the prevailing circumstances.

Pak soldier, 5 militants killed in tribal area

AFP, Miranshah

A Pakistani paramilitary soldier and five suspected pro-Taliban militants were killed after an attack on a checkpoint in a restive tribal area bordering Afghanistan, officials said yesterday.

The soldiers deployed at Ismailkhel post, some 45km west of Miranshah, the main town of volatile North Waziristan tribal district, were hit by rockets and small arms fire late Saturday, a security official said.

Security forces responded after the attack and according to initial

reports five militants were killed and seven others injured, the official said.

Separately, Pakistani troops posted at Banda checkpoint outside Miranshah fired artillery shells at suspected militant hideouts overnight, but there were no immediate reports about casualties, he said.

In neighbouring South Waziristan the government said negotiations with the leaders of the Mehsud tribe for the release of 19 officials, who had been kidnapped by militants, were making headway.

Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd. (DESCO)
House # 3, Road # 24, Block-K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka-1213.

Invitation for Tenders

1	Agency	Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)
2	Procuring Entity Name	Office of the Manager (Procurement & Contract Management), DESCO
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
4	Invitation for	Engagement of Security Guards.
5	Tender No.	20/2007
6	Invitation Ref No.	DESCO/Procurement/Local Tender/2007/144
7	Date	26/08/2007

KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Budget and Source of Funds	DESCO's own fund
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INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

14	Eligibility of Tenderer	Firms with adequate experience in similar nature works having valid Trade License, TIN & VAT registration from concerned authority of Bangladesh.						
15	Brief Description of works	Engagement of 50 ± 25% Male Security Guards. Detail described in tender document.						
16	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Tk. 2,000/- (Taka Two Thousand) only payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favor of 'Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)'.						
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18	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Engr. Md. Golam Rabbani												
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EXIM Export Import Bank Of Bangladesh Limited
Shariah based Islami bank

Head Office
Printers Building
(5th, 6th, 10th & 13th Floor)
5, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka

TENDER NOTICE

EXIM Bank is in the process of setting up its "IT Project office" at Dhanmondi Tower (1st floor), House # 4/A, Road No # 16 (new), 27 (old), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka - 1209.

The project office will be equipped with office workstation along with other related furniture. Therefore, sealed quotations are invited from the bonafide & experienced furniture and workstation vendors who have completed similar type of job for other banks / business houses in the recent past.

Earnest money @ 2.5% on the estimated price must be submitted with the quotation in the form of pay order favouring Export Import Bank of Bangladesh Limited.

The interested bidder may visit the premises during office hours and collect the drawing & schedule from General Services Division, Exim Bank, Head Office on payment of Tk 1,000/- (Taka One Thousand only).

Quotation should be dropped in the Tender Box kept at General Services Division, Head Office, Dhaka on or before September 02, 2007 by 11.00 am which will be opened at 11.30 am on the same day in presence of tenderers (if any).

Interested firms should submit quotation along with catalogue of furniture with detail specification & drawings.

Bank authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever and not bound to accept the lowest bid.

Deputy Managing Director
General Services Division

BIFT 2000 BGMEA INSTITUTE OF FASHION & TECHNOLOGY Career Opportunity

BGMEA Institute of Fashion & Technology (BIFT) invites applications from the most deserving candidates for immediate appointment in the following posts:

Name of the Post	Qualification and Experiences
Assistant Librarian	Honors Graduate from University/ Diploma in Library Information & Science with five years experience in reputed organization.
Assistant Database Officer	Graduate in Computer Science or Computer Application from recognized University/ Institute.
Front Desk Officer	Minimum Graduate, smart, well groomed, pleasing personality, good in spoken English. Female candidate and English medium O/A level is preferable. Educational qualification may be relaxed for this candidate having O/A level or English medium background.
Telephone Operator	Minimum Graduate, smart, well groomed, pleasing personality, good in spoken English. Female candidate and English medium O/A level is preferable. Educational qualification may be relaxed for this candidate having O/A level or English medium background.
Textile Lab Technician	Textile Graduate or Diploma from Textile Institute with 2 years experience. Must be an expert in modern and standard Textile Testing techniques and procedure.
Assistant Electrician	Diploma or Certificate from TTC or recognized institute with 2 years work experience. Candidate with SSC, HSC with working experience of 5 years may also apply.

Last Date of Application: September 4, 2007. Salary: Negotiable
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Popular Life Insurance Company Limited.
Registered Office: Peoples Insurance Bhaban, 36 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.

Notice Of The 7th Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 7th Annual General Meeting of Popular Life Insurance Company Limited will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 03.00 p.m. at LGED Bhaban Agargaon, Dhaka to transact the following business:

AGENDA

- To receive, consider and adopt the Directors' and Auditor's Report and Audited Accounts of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2006.
- To declare Dividend for the year 2006 as recommended by the Board of Directors.
- To elect Directors as per the Articles of Association of the Company.
- To appoint Auditors for the year 2007 and to fix their remuneration.
- To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

By Order of the Board of Directors
sd/-
Mohammad Ali Miah
Company Secretary

Date: August 25, 2007

Notes:

- The record date is fixed on October 04, 2007 Shareholders whose name will appear in the Register of Members on the Record Date will be eligible to attend the meeting and qualify for dividend.
- A member entitled to attend and vote in Annual General Meeting may appoint a proxy (such proxy will be a member of the Company) to attend and vote on his/her behalf. The Proxy Form duly stamped must be deposited at the Head Office of the Company not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting.
- Admission to the Meeting room will be allowed on production of the attendance slip duly signed by the Shareholder/Proxy/Attorney/Representatives as the case may be.