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India for Saarc route map to tackle terrorism

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

A route map to tackle terrorism and crimes in Saarc countries has been urged by India - suggesting a greater cooperation among police forces of the nations and exchange of their human and material resources.

Sri Prakash Jaiswal, India's state minister for home, spoke about the strengthened cooperation on Monday while inaugurating a two-day conference of heads of police training institutions in Saarc countries in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad - a city that was recently rocked by a spate of terror attacks including twin bomb blasts, leaving 43 people dead.

The police training institutions of the 21st century must train police officers to meet the challenges of tomorrow to protect their

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Donors likely to lend \$365m for post-flood rehabilitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Giving an indication that loans worth \$365 million might be available for the post flood rehabilitation programme, representatives of different donor agencies yesterday proposed formation of a permanent fund with government and donor contributions to face natural disasters.

"What we have discussed in the meeting is setting up a fund with government and donor contributions, to face natural disasters including flood," World Bank Country Director Xian Zhu told reporters after a meeting with government officials on the post flood rehabilitation programme.

"We should not have to come after each flood. We need a permanent mechanism to solve the problem of funding following natural disasters," said Xian Zhu, who is also chairing the donors' group under the banner of Local Consultative Group (LCG).

Local heads of the donor countries and multilateral development partners, including the World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), DFID of the UK, and Japan were present at the third of the series of meetings on post flood rehabilitation.

Economic Relations Division (ERD) Secretary Aminul Islam Bhuiyan led the Bangladeshi side in the meeting.

The donors in the meeting gave an indication that loans worth \$365 million might be available for the post flood rehabilitation programme. The fund will be generated by reallocating donors' contribution in different ongoing

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102 ex-MPs of AL demand Hasina's release before Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 102 former Awami League (AL) lawmakers yesterday demanded release of the detained party president and former prime minister Sheikh Hasina before the Eid-ul-Fitr.

"There are many jurisdictions in the hand of the government and they (the government) can release her if they wish," Abdul Hamid, deputy leader of the opposition in the last parliament, said at a press conference organised on behalf of the former lawmakers at his NAM Flat in the capital.

He hoped the government would release Hasina before Eid. The 15-crore people would be

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HANDLING WORKERS' ISSUE 2 officials of Bangladesh HC in KL called back

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Malaysia and the government steps in that regard.

They however neither named the officials nor gave any detail of taking such decision.

There were, however, allegations that some officials of the Bangladesh high commission were not careful enough while attesting the job demand letters.

The returnee workers also alleged that some high commission officials were present when the recruiting agency men attacked the workers, who were on hunger strike on the high commission premises last month.

The delegation report also suggested appointing three welfare officers to look after the well-being

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KL employers warned against maltreatment of Bangladeshis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Malaysian employers responsible for mistreating Bangladeshi workers will be brought to justice, the country's human resources minister, Datuk Seri Dr Fong Chan Onn, said yesterday.

"If the complaints of the Bangladeshi workers were legitimate, the employers would be brought to court and blacklisted from hiring foreign workers," he told a press conference referring to the complaints of around 770 Bangladeshi who went to Bangladesh high commission to Kuala Lumpur for redress of exploitation by their employers in Johor, Malaysia.

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French-German duo get Nobel Physics Prize for hard disk breakthrough

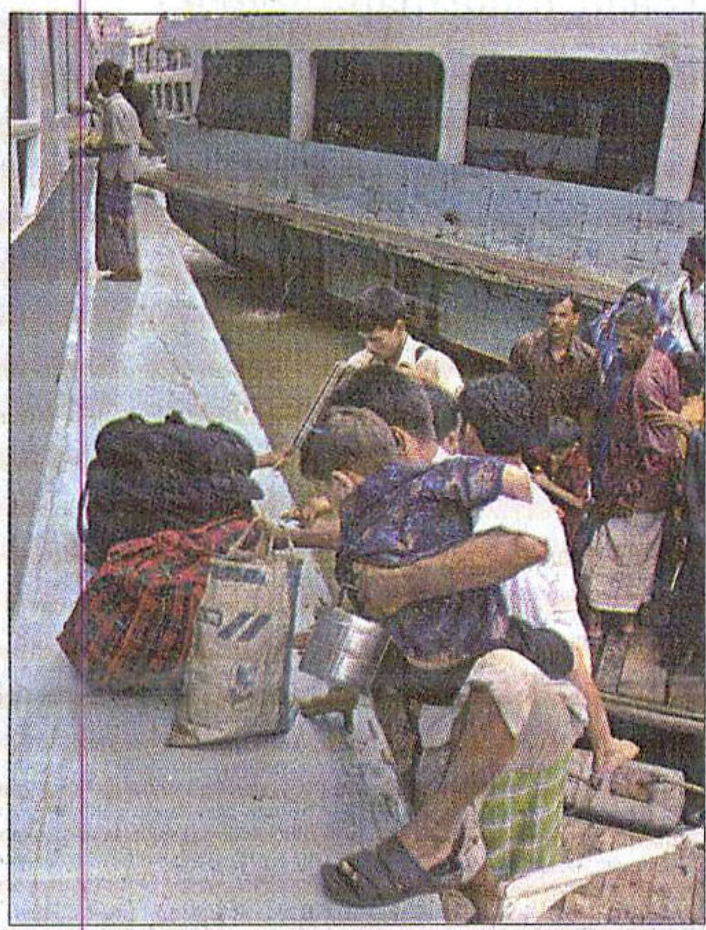
AFP, Stockholm

Albert Fert of France and Peter Gruenberg of Germany yesterday won the Nobel Physics Prize for work that led to the miniaturised hard disk, one of the breakthroughs of modern information technology.

Fert, 69 and Gruenberg, 68, were lauded for discovering a principle called giant magnetoresistance, or GMR.

GMR can "be considered one of the first real application of the promising field of nanotechnology," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in its citation.

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Homebound people climb on a launch anchored mid-Buriganga from a boat long before the departure time yesterday to avoid the rush and get a spot to sit.

Iraq keen to reopen embassy in Dhaka

UNB, Dhaka

Iraq has expressed keen interest to reopen its embassy in Bangladesh. The Iraqi embassy stopped operation in Dhaka following the US-Iraq war in 2003.

In a letter to Foreign Adviser Ittefakur Ahmed Chowdhury, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari expressed his government's willingness in this respect.

Zebari said the decision (to reopen embassy) has been taken in recognition of Bangladesh's support for Iraq.

The foreign adviser said, "We will welcome Iraq's decision to reopen its embassy. I believe it will help intensify brotherly bilateral relation with Iraq."

Bombings, shootings kill 33 in Iraq

AFP, Baghdad

Bombings and shootings in central Iraq and Baghdad, including twin suicide truck bomb attacks on leading figures in the fight against al-Qaeda, killed at least 33 Iraqis yesterday, officials said.

At dawn two suicide bombers blew up fuel-laden trucks against the homes of an Iraqi police chief and a tribal leader in simultaneous bombings in Baiji city in central Salaheddin province, police said.

The attacks just minutes and about a kilometre (less than a mile) apart killed 19 people and wounded at least 50 people, police commander Ali al-Bijwari told AFP.

They were aimed at local police chief Colonel Saad al-Nifous and Thamer Ibrahim Atallah, a tribal leader at the forefront of the fight against al-Qaeda. Both escaped unharmed though members of their families were killed.

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2 JMB men get 10yrs in serial blast case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Sylhet divisional speedy trial tribunal yesterday sentenced two Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) activists to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment for their involvement in a series of blasts that rocked Sumanganj in August 2005.

Judge Dipyoman Sarker also fined the JMB men Tk 5,000 each, defaulting on which will keep them one more year behind bars.

The convicts are Abdul Aziz alias Hanif, hailing from Khulna's Koira upazila and Salahuddin aka Salehi of Bandar upazila of Narayanganj.

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Fighting in Pak tribal belt kills 250 in 3 days

AFP, Islamabad/ Miranshah

Pakistani jets pounded militant hideouts near a troubled tribal town for a third day yesterday as officials said around 250 people had died in some of the heaviest clashes since 2001.

The fighting has forced thousands to flee from Mir Ali, a town in lawless North Waziristan district that President Pervez Musharraf has previously pinpointed as a den of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network.

Residents said dozens of people including women and children were killed in the latest air strikes in the rugged region bordering

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Ramadan	Oct	Sehri	Iftar
27	10	4-35	5-41
28	11	4-35	5-40
29	12	4-35	5-39

Prayer Timing		
October 10		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-34	4-44
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-41	5-56
Esha	7-15	7-45

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The category of this tournament was for boys and girls under 14 years of age.

Girls' Team Advancement

1st Match (28th September, 2007)
B.I.T. Vs AIS/D Thundered
Result: B.I.T. WON
Score: B.I.T. - 25, AIS/D Thundered - 12

2nd Match (28th September, 2007)
B.I.T. Vs Greenherald A
Result: B.I.T. WON
Score: B.I.T. - 25, Greenherald A - 08

Final Match (28th September, 2007)
B.I.T. Vs AIS/D Flying Panthers
Result: B.I.T. Unbeaten Champion
Score: B.I.T. - 25, AIS/D Flying Panthers - 10

Boys' Team Advancement

1st Match (28th September, 2007)
B.I.T. - B Vs Furry Dudes (AIS/D)
Result: B.I.T. B WON
Score: B.I.T. - B - 25, Furry Dudes (AIS/D) - 07

2nd Match (28th September, 2007)
B.I.T. - B Vs Australian International School
Result: B.I.T. - B WON
Score: B.I.T. - B - 25, Australian Int. - 02

3rd Match (28th September, 2007)
B.I.T. - B Vs Grace International School
Result: B.I.T. - B WON
Score: B.I.T. - B - 25, Grace - 11

Final Match (28th September, 2007)
B.I.T. - B Vs B.I.T. - A
Result: B.I.T. - B Unbeaten Champion
Score: B.I.T. - B - 25, B.I.T. - A - 23

The B.I.T. Boys' Team

The B.I.T. Girls' Team