

US deadline on N-deal is an insult: CPI-M

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

The Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) on Thursday said the reported deadline set by the US to make the India-US nuclear deal operational was an insult to Indian democracy.

The party insisted in an editorial in its central organ People's Democracy that only the majority in parliament should decide the fate of the contentious deal.

Pointing out that the US has reportedly set an year-end deadline for New Delhi to wrap up nuclear negotiations with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), the CPI-M said: "The setting of such deadlines is in itself an insult to Indian democracy."

"The democratic processes of any country cannot be influenced by external pressures and by the needs of another country," the party said.

"Left hopes ... the government will proceed by respecting the majority opinion expressed in the parliament."

"Let a majority in the parliament decide whether the deal is acceptable to India or not. This is the only way the present impasse can end," it said.

# Main threat to Pak national security is internal: Musharraf

PTI, Islamabad

As troops fanned out in Pakistan's northwestern province to counter activities of a pro-Taliban cleric, President Pervez Musharraf said the main threat to the country's national security is "internal" with a handful of extremists out to disrupt law and order.

The only solution to this problem is "to reject forces that fanned hatred, led to sectarian strife and involved extremist forces", he said addressing troops at Skardu in the Northern Areas yesterday.

The beleaguered military ruler said "the real threat to the stability of Pakistan is internal and a handful of extremists are out to disrupt law and order".

In an Islamic society, there is "no place for obscurantist elements that are trying to polarise society by creating divisions or imposing their own will," he said.

Musharraf's comments came as some 4,000 troops were deployed



in Swat Valley to counter the activities of pro-Taliban cleric Maulana Fazlullah and his banned Tehreek Nifaz-e-Shariat Mohammed.

Fazlullah, popularly known as the "FM Maulana" and "Mullah Radio" for broadcasting calls for a jihad from an illegal FM radio station, and his 400 armed followers challenged the writ of the local administration and taken over duties performed by the

police. The army had said yesterday that the troops were being deployed at the request of the NWFP government to aid the local administration and to stop the cleric and his men from "terrorising" the people.

Musharraf said security forces were fighting extremism along with the entire nation.

He hoped the nation would "rise to the occasion and urged it to consolidate itself internally and follow the slogan 'Pakistan First'".

Musharraf also said that though peace and stability is ensured by the armed forces, economic stability too plays a pivotal role for progress and prosperity.

"Due to operational readiness, high standard of training and morale of our troops, the defence of our country has become impregnable. Our strong armed forces equipped with latest conventional and non-conventional weapons are a guarantee for peace," he said.

UN Myanmar envoy upbeat after talks with China

AFP, Beijing

The United Nations envoy on Myanmar gave an upbeat assessment here Thursday over his meetings with Chinese officials that are aimed at helping to resolve the unrest in the Southeast Asian nation.

Ibrahim Gambari described his talks on Wednesday night with assistant foreign minister He Yafel as "very good," and said he was looking forward meeting other senior Chinese officials on Thursday before heading to Japan.

Gambabi made the brief comment to reporters before heading into a meeting with vice foreign minister Wang Yi. He was not scheduled to hold a press conference in Beijing.

He on Wednesday told Gambabi that China would fully support his efforts to end the tensions in Myanmar, after the ruling junta there violently suppressed anti-government protests last month.

"You have made a remarkable contribution to the mediation on the Myanmar issue in the past two weeks, which we appreciate," He said. PHOTO: AFP



Indian Home Minister Shivraj Patil (R) shakes hands with Pakistani Interior Minister Aftab Ahmed Khan Sherpao (L) during the second meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (Saarc) Ministers of Interior and Home Heads of Delegation meeting in New Delhi yesterday.

10 Taliban killed in Afghan clash

AP, Kandahar

US-led coalition and Afghan troops attacked a gathering of Taliban militants in southern Afghanistan, leaving 10 insurgents dead and 14 wounded, an Afghan official said yesterday.

Four Afghan soldiers were also wounded in the attack staged Wednesday evening in the Daychopan district of Zabul province, said district chief Fazel Bar.

The operation was launched after intelligence reports indicated that a Taliban gathering was taking place in the area, Bar said.

Earlier Wednesday, a car bomb exploded near a convoy carrying a provincial governor in eastern Afghanistan, leaving nine people wounded.

Afghanistan's Interior Ministry said that Arsalullah Jamal, the governor of Khost province, survived the blast in Khost city unhurt, but five of his bodyguards and four civilians were wounded.

U.S. troops surrounded the area of Wednesday's blast and took the wounded to a hospital at their base near the city, said Gen Mohammad Ayub, the provincial police chief.

It was at least the third attempt to kill Jamal, who was returning from a visit to districts near the border with Pakistan when he was targeted on Wednesday.

15 get life for killings in Indian riots

AFP, Lucknow

A court on Wednesday sentenced fifteen people to life in prison for killing Muslims in riots that followed the demolition of a mosque by Hindu fanatics in northern India in 1992.

Another nine accused were acquitted, while one has already died.

The judgement has come as a ray of hope and restored the faith of people, especially Muslims, in the judiciary, senior high court lawyer Zafaryab Jalani told AFP.

The accused were found guilty of burning to death nine people, including four members of a family, in the industrial town of Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh.

About 2,000 people died in nationwide riots after the 16th-century Babri mosque in the state's Ayodhya town was torn down on December 6, 1992.

Many Hindus say the mosque was built by Muslim rulers after they tore down a temple marking the birthplace of the Hindu deity Ram, but the claim has not been backed by historical evidence.

The dispute is now before the courts.

## US legislators warn Musharraf on Benazir's security

AFP, Washington

Three veteran US senators on Wednesday urged Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf to ensure the safety of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto after the deadly attack on her homecoming parade.

In an unusual letter to the key US anti-terror ally, Senators Joseph Biden, Joseph Lieberman and Patrick Leahy warned that the suicide bombings, which killed 139 people, reflected risks faced by all candidates in January's elections.

"We extend our condolences to you, to the victims' families, and to all of the people of Pakistan," the senators wrote in the letter.

"We believe this devastating attack serves as a stark reminder of the need for effective security mechanisms for the protection of all candidates and their supporters (particularly, although not exclusively, Ms. Bhutto and members of her party)." The senators called on Musharraf to provide the level of security to Benazir Bhutto offered to any former Pakistani prime minister.

They suggested the use of government bomb-proof vehicles and jamming equipment to protect

Benazir Bhutto and other political leaders from roadside bombs.

The senators also said they were "troubled" by allegations "well founded or not" of potential links between extremist forces and current or retired military or intelligence officials.

"We urge you to ensure that any individual involved in (or alleged to have been involved in) past political action against Ms. Bhutto and her supporters be excluded from any part of the former prime minister's security detail."

The senators also urged Musharraf not to use security concerns as a rationale for imposing a ban on political rallies in Pakistan, and called for a full probe into the October 18 attack.

Two suicide blasts ripped through Benazir Bhutto's homecoming parade in Karachi last week, killing 139 people and ruining her planned triumphant return to Pakistan after eight years in self-imposed exile.

Benazir Bhutto has been surrounded by heavily armed guards on each of her rare public outings in Karachi since the blasts, amid her claims that the security forces and government have been infiltrated by "militants and al-Qaeda."

## Tigers ruin Lankan military plans

Say observers

AFP, Colombo

trouble, but it is difficult to manage without the air surveillance capability," said defence analyst Nimal Perera.

He said the main strike capability of the air force -- with its fleet of Russian MiG-27 and Israeli Kfir jets -- remained intact, but cautioned it would be handicapped without quality intelligence on rebel targets.

A former head of India's external intelligence agency, B. Raman, called the damage sustained by Sri Lanka's air force "considerable" and said it "reduces its capability for intelligence collection for air and naval operations."

Sri Lanka's top defence official, Gotabhaya Rajapakse, vowed Wednesday to press ahead with planned military action against the Tamil Tigers' de facto mini-state in the north of the island, but observers were sceptical.

"Monsoon rains and shortages of manpower were already a factor and this latest attack has only compounded the problems," said a senior military officer who declined to be named.

"If we set our mind to it, we can achieve the objective" of taking the rebel political headquarters of Kilinochchi, the officer said. "The question is what price are we prepared to pay for it."

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Female candidates are encouraged to apply.



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IOM International Organization for Migration

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International Organization for Migration (IOM) an Inter-Governmental Organization is seeking applications for positions at Dhaka and Chittagong.

**1. Job Title: Doctor/Migration Health Physician (1 position at Chittagong).**

**Key Responsibilities:** This is a senior position of clinician and manager to head the IOM Health Clinic in Chittagong. The incumbent will be responsible for handling medical procedures, radiological review, logistics and medical documentation processing, financial management and supervision of clinical and other staff. S/he will be required to liaise extensively with other IOM stakeholders, international and local partner organizations, service providers, and with clients. A minimum of five (5) years experience in medical practice is essential with relevant experience in TB/chest diseases.

**Education:** MBBS degree. Diploma/training in tuberculosis/chest diseases is desirable. Proficiency in English (both written and spoken) and computer literacy is essential.

**Salary:** UN NO-A level (100%).

**Type of Appointment:** One (1) Year fixed term with possibilities of extension.

**2. Job Title: Microbiologist (1 position at Dhaka).**

**Key Responsibility:** The incumbent will be responsible for laboratory testing for TB and ensure safe collection of sputum specimens. Liaise with local laboratory service provider and ensure proper quality. S/he will also be responsible for safe logistics of specimen transportation and communicating testing results. Ensure quality assurance and control, with local laboratory service provider and the physician. Provide detailed monthly activity reports. A minimum of three (3) years experience in microbiology of TB related field required.

**Education:** Diploma/training in microbiology and tertiary education/experience in TB testing. Good computer skills and good in speaking and writing English.

**Salary:** UN G-3 level (100%).

**Type of Appointment:** One (1) Year fixed term with possibilities of extension.

**3. Job Title: Nurse (1 position at Dhaka).**

**Key Responsibilities:** The incumbent will be responsible for explaining medical procedures to the applicants. Interview female applicants for possible pregnancy. Make preparation and ensure laboratory functions and proper sputum collection. Maintain applicant register, liaise with laboratory and receive results. Assist with registration, data entry and statistical information. A minimum of two (2) years experience in clinical nursing. Experience in chest diseases will be an advantage. Female nurses are encouraged to apply.

**Education:** Diploma of Nursing or laboratory technology. Good computer skills and good in speaking and writing English.

**Salary:** UN G-3 level (100%).

**Type of Appointment:** One (1) Year fixed term with possibilities of extension.

**4. Job Title: Project Coordinator (1 position at Dhaka).**

**Key Responsibilities:** The incumbent will be responsible for supporting the programme activities & assisting in implementing the projects in the area of border management. S/he will be also responsible for managing day to day implementation of the projects including developing strategies, coordinating logistic support for project implementation, monitoring and evaluating project activities. Maintain liaison with all project partners. S/he will work closely with the Government of Bangladesh in particular, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Bangladesh Police and the Department of Passport and Immigration to ensure smooth implementation of the project activities as well as sustainability of the initiatives. S/he will also be responsible for designing and developing new projects bearing in mind a programmatic approach to border management and capacity building. More than 3 years of similar work experience in the field is required.