



Kenyan soldiers stand near a burning tyre that had been used to block a section of the road on Sunday in Naivasha. Latent ethnic and land disputes have fuelled revenge killings in western Kenya between Kibaki's Kikuyu tribe and members of the Luo and Kalenjin ethnic groups.

26 killed in western Kenya clashes

AFP, Nairobi

At least 26 Kenyans were killed in fresh violence, police said yesterday, most of them hacked to death or shot by police in the western flashpoint town of Nakuru.

According to police, at least 20 people were killed in clashes between rival gangs of youths and in police raids in slums on the outskirts of Nakuru.

"Seven were killed in Solai and five killed in Bahati overnight," a police commander said on condition of anonymity. "They were hacked to death in fighting between rival tribes."

Police had earlier reported that eight other people had been killed overnight in Nakuru and five in Naivasha, a town closer to Nairobi.

"Most of them were killed by police and they were arsonists who were trying to set other people's houses on fire," a police commander added.

Tigers shell key Lankan military base

Palaly airfield closed

AFP, Colombo

Tamil Tiger rebels Monday shelled Sri Lanka's main northern military base, disrupting a vital air link to the troubled region as the military said it killed 82 guerrillas over the weekend.

An aircraft carrying top defence officials and military brass was turned away from the Jaffna military airfield as the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) pounded the region with heavy artillery, officials said.

They said the Palaly airfield at the northern edge of the Jaffna peninsula was shut for military and civilian aircraft as the artillery fire and retaliatory strikes continued for about two hours.

"We heard heavy shelling for hours during the morning," a local resident in Jaffna, 400km north of here, said when contacted by telephone on Monday afternoon.

Telephone lines to the area were disrupted while the firing was going on in the morning, residents said. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The Jaffna peninsula is the northern tip of Sri Lanka and controlled by the government, but cut off from the rest of the country by Tiger rebels. It is reliant on supplies from planes and ships.

Aircraft pounded suspected artillery gun positions of the Tigers in the northern mainland, 25km away from the Palaly runway.

"About 15 shells had been fired," at the Palaly base, a defence official here said. "Counter attacks are taking place."

A military statement, meanwhile, said 39 suspected Tiger rebels had been killed in a string of separate clashes in the north of Sri Lanka on Sunday, on top of 43 killed on Saturday, pushing the weekend rebel toll to 82.

Since the start of the month, the ministry has claimed government forces have killed 748 rebels against just 28 soldiers.

Both sides give wildly varying casualty figures which cannot be independently verified, as the government bars journalists from visiting frontline areas and rebel-held territory.

Imran joins Jimema in anti-Musharraf protest in London

AFP, London

Protesters including opposition leader Imran Khan and his ex-wife staged a noisy demonstration Monday as Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf held talks with Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Khan and his former wife Jimema were seen reunited alongside some 400 demonstrators who booed and waved their fists as Musharraf arrived at Brown's Downing Street office.

The protesters waved pictures of slain opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, chanting "We want justice" and "Musharraf killer dog" shortly before the former army chief was due to arrive in Downing Street.

Jimema Khan, who now lives back in Britain, said the reunion with her former husband -- a former Pakistan cricket captain as well as head of Pakistan's Tehreek-e-Insaf party -- was coincidental.

'Serious consequences' if UN adopts sanctions: Iran

AFP, Tehran

Iran warned yesterday of "serious consequences" if the UN Security Council adopts fresh sanctions against Tehran over its refusal to halt sensitive nuclear work.

"If a resolution is passed... it will have serious and logical consequences and we will announce them later," Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki Mottaki told a press conference.

His comments came as the Security Council was due on Monday to discuss a proposed

third set of sanctions over Iran's long-standing refusal to halt uranium enrichment.

The sanctions package was agreed upon last week by foreign ministers of the five veto-wielding permanent members -- Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States -- plus Germany.

Iran is already under two sets of UN sanctions for its refusal to halt enrichment, the process which makes nuclear fuel but can be extended to make the fissile core of an atom bomb.

Iran insists it has a right to

enrichment to make fuel to meet increasing energy needs of its population and denies charges its nuclear programme has military aims.

The proposed new measures include an outright travel ban by officials involved in Iran's nuclear and missile programmes and inspections of shipments to and from Iran if there are suspicions of prohibited goods.

Diplomats said approval of the package, presented to the council's 10 non-permanent members on Friday, was likely to take several weeks.

Gazan exodus slows as Egypt tries to seal border

AFP, Rafah

The number of Palestinians crossing into Egypt from the Gaza Strip slowed yesterday as security forces tried to seal the border blown up by militants six days ago, an AFP correspondent reported.

Egyptian security forces erected barbed wire along one crossing in the divided border town of Rafah as Hamas militants stood nearby, although hundreds of Palestinians managed to cross through other breaches, mainly on foot.

Several hundred thousand Palestinians have swarmed into Egypt since militants blew up the

Rafah barricades on Tuesday night after a punishing Israeli lockdown of the Hamas-run territory cut vital fuel and aid supplies.

Shops in Rafah are running out of stocks after Egypt on Sunday began preventing trucks coming from Cairo to border towns, where the authorities have imposed a security cordon to prevent Palestinians travelling further afield.

Israel said on Sunday it was in talks with Egypt on how to seal the border with Gaza, which has been increasingly isolated since the Islamist movement Hamas violently seized control of the tiny strip in June.

US shift seen to Pakistan, Afghanistan terror war

AP, Washington

In a shift with profound implications, the Bush administration is attempting to re-energise its terrorism-fighting war efforts in Afghanistan, the original target of a post-Sept. 11 offensive.

The US also is refocusing on Pakistan, where a regenerating al-Qaeda is posing fresh threats.

There is growing recognition that the United States risks further setbacks, if not deepening conflict or even defeat, in Afghanistan, and that success in that country hinges

on stopping Pakistan from descending into disorder.


Privately, some senior US military commanders say Pakistan's tribal areas are at the centre of the fight against Islamic extremism; more so than Iraq, or even Afghanistan. These areas border on eastern Afghanistan and provide haven for al-Qaeda and Taliban fighters to regroup, rearm and reorganise.

This view may explain, at least in part, the administration's increasingly public expressions of concern.

At a Pentagon news conference

last week, Defence Secretary Robert Gates said that while the US respects the Pakistani government's right to decide what actions are needed to defeat extremists on its soil, there are reasons to worry that al-Qaeda poses more than an internal threat to Pakistan.

"I think we are all concerned about the re-establishment of al-Qaeda safe havens in the border area," Gates said. "I think it would be unrealistic to assume that all of the planning that they're doing is focused strictly on Pakistan. So I think that that is a continuing threat to Europe as well as to us."



Mongla Port Authority
Mongla, Bagerhat-9351
Bangladesh

Re-Tender Notice (4th Time)

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Shipping.			
2. Agency	Mongla Port Authority.			
3. Procuring entity name	Chairman, Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat-9351, Bangladesh.			
4. Procuring entity code	Not used at present.			
5. Procuring entity district	Bagerhat.			
6. Invitation for	Works			
7. Invitation Ref. No.	MPA/PD/DOBPC/0002/2006-66.			
8. Date	21 January 2008.			
KEY INFORMATION				
9. Procurement method	International open tendering method.			
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10. Budget and source of funds	Budget ADP allocation fund: Local Currency: Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Foreign Currency: Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.			
11. Development partner (if applicable)	Not applicable.			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12. Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.			
13. Project/programme name (if applicable)	Dredging at the Outer Bar in the Pussur Channel.			
14. Tender package No.	1 (one).			
15. Tender package name	Dredging at the Outer Bar in the Pussur Channel.			
16. Tender publication date				
17. Tender last selling date	26 February 2008.			
18. Tender closing date & time	Date: 27 February 2008 Time: 1:00pm Bangladesh Time			
19. Tender opening date & time	Date: 27 February 2008 Time: 2:00pm Bangladesh Time			
20. Name & address of the office(s)	Address: Office of the Project Director, Dredging at the Outer Bar in the Pussur Channel, Mongla, Bagerhat-9351, Bangladesh. i) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna, Dhaka. ii) Liaison Officer, Mongla Port Authority, 8/6, Segunbagicha, Dhaka. iii) Office of the Executive Engineer (Division-4), Mongla Port Authority, PO: Custom House, Khalspur, Khulna, Bangladesh.			
Receiving tender document	Office of the Project Director, Dredging at the Outer Bar in the Pussur Channel, Mongla, Bagerhat-9351, Bangladesh.			
Opening tender document	Office of the Chief Engineer (Civil & Hydraulics), Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat-9351, Bangladesh. Tenderer or authorised representative will be allowed to attend the opening of tender.			
21. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	MPA Conference Room, Bandar Bhaban, Mongla, Bagerhat. Date: 12 February 2008 Time: 2:00pm Bangladesh Time			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22. Eligibility of tenderer	Reputed dredging public/private firms/organisation of Bangladesh and any other country with which Bangladesh has diplomatic/commercial relation and are experienced in similar nature of work.			
23. Brief description of works	Capital dredging at the Outer Bar area in the Pussur River entrance located at about 110km-125km downstream of the Mongla permanent port jetty area, disposal of dredged spoil at the selected areas, pre and post dredging survey works.			
24. Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 5,000/- (five thousand) Bangladesh currency (non-refundable) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Mongla Port Authority.			
Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount	Completion time in days/weeks/months
25. 1 (one)	Dredging at the Outer Bar in the Pussur Channel	Mongla, Bagerhat, Bangladesh	Taka 17.00 (seventeen) million Bangladesh currency or equivalent US\$/euro	600 days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
26. Name of official inviting tender	Engr Md Fazlur Rahman.			
27. Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director, Dredging at the Outer Bar in the Pussur Channel.			
28. Address of official inviting tender	Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat-9351, Bangladesh.			
29. Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 880-4662 75355 Fax: 880 4662 75224			
30. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders or annul the process without incurring thereby any liability to the affected tenderer.				
31. In the event of unavoidable circumstances, if the selling, receiving and opening the tender cannot be done on the abovementioned dates, the next normal working day will be treated as the valid date of selling, receiving and opening of the tender respectively. Time and place shall remain unchanged.				
<p>Project Director Dredging at the Outer Bar in the Pussur Channel Mongla Port Authority PO: Mongla Port, Bagerhat-9351 Bangladesh</p>				
No. MPA/B&PR/PR/159 GD-419				

Spotlight turns to billions allegedly stolen by Suharto and family

AFP, Singapore

The burial of former Indonesian president Suharto on Monday turns the spotlight on billions of dollars in state funds allegedly amassed by him and his family.

Critics say his demise should not lay to rest efforts to recover the money, which they say was siphoned off during Suharto's 32 years in power.

Suharto, 86, was buried Monday, a day after he died in Jakarta following multiple organ failure.

Global anti-corruption watchdog Transparency International alleged in a 2004 report that Suharto and his family amassed a fortune of between 15 and 35 bil-

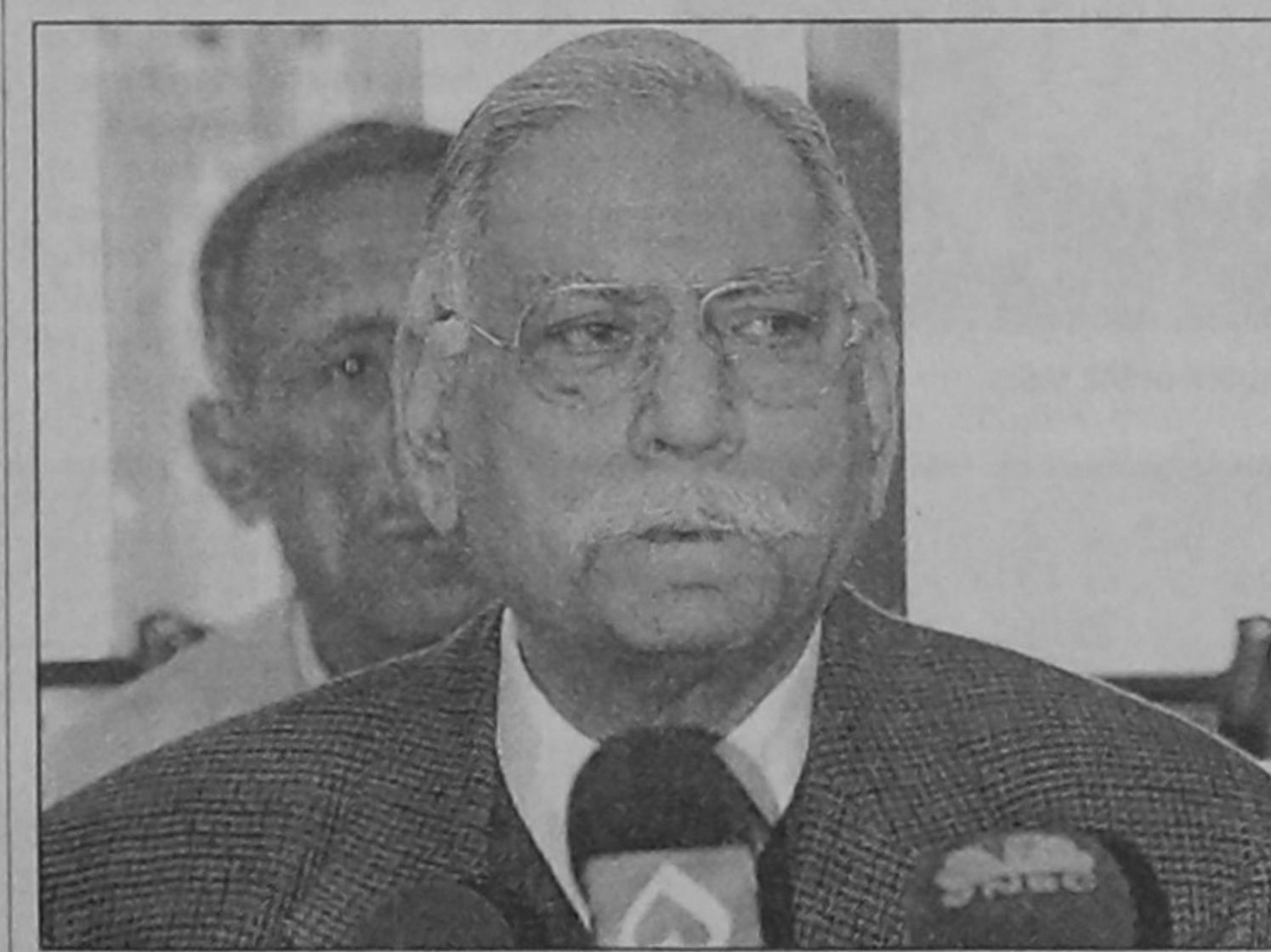
lion US dollars during his presidency from 1966 to 1998.

The figure placed Suharto as the most corrupt leader in recent history.

But Suharto lawyer Juan Felix Tampubolon said the report was "rubbish and unfounded" and "no different than what was reported by Time magazine."

In a 1999 article based on what Time said was a four-month investigation across 11 countries, the US-based news magazine said it had traced about 15 billion dollars in wealth accumulated by Suharto and his six children.

This allegedly included nine billion dollars in cash transferred from a Swiss to an Austrian bank shortly after Suharto stepped down in May 1998.



In this picture taken on January 22, former Pakistani lieutenant General Faiz Ali Chishti addresses a press conference in Rawalpindi. The retired Pakistani general who opposes President Pervez Musharraf said he would "not be surprised" if Musharraf had engineered terror attacks to manipulate his image in the West.

Retired Pak General leads anti-Musharraf movement

AFP, Rawalpindi

A retired Pakistani general who opposes President Pervez Musharraf said he would "not be surprised" if Musharraf had engineered terror attacks to manipulate his image in the West.

Former Lieutenant General Faiz Ali Chishti heads the influential Pakistan Ex-Servicemen Society, which last week issued a blunt open letter signed by more than 100 senior officers calling on Musharraf to quit.

The statement fuelled Western speculation that Musharraf may be losing support in the military following his resignation as army chief in November, a potential blow with parliamentary elections only three weeks away.

"Musharraf is an intellectually dishonest person. He is a clever

ruler, who makes the US and the West believe that they can only effectively deal with al-Qaeda as long as he is in power," Chishti told AFP in an interview.


"But what is al-Qaeda and who are Taliban? I will not be surprised if this clever ruler is behind all suicide attacks," he said.

Pakistan has been buffeted by more than 50 suicide attacks in the past year, culminating in the assassination of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto on December 27, which led to planned January 11 general elections being delayed.

The government blames Benazir Bhutto's killing on an allegedly Al-Qaeda-linked tribal warlord, Baitullah Mehsud, but many of Benazir Bhutto's supporters have accused the government or parts of the military of involvement.



Indonesian soldiers are carrying a coffin of former Indonesian President Suharto at his family cemetery in Astana Giribangun yesterday. Former Indonesian president Suharto was laid to rest with full military honours on Monday, ending a controversial chapter in the history of the nation he ruled with an iron fist for 32 years.



GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
BANGLADESH TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE BOARD
Office of the Director (Procurement), Telephone Revenue Bhaban (2nd Floor),
Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka -1207.

INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications		
2. Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Telegraph & Telephone Board		
3. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
4. Invitation for	Tender	Goods & Related Services	
5. Invitation Ref No.	No. DP/F-3/IR/2007-2008/2		
6. Date -	23-01-2008.		
7. Procurement Method	Open International Competitive Tender		
8. Budget and Source of fund	Government Development budget.		
9. Tender Package Name	"Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Redundant Protection Link Using PGC Optical Fiber and Expansion of Existing High Capacity SDH Transmission Link between Dhaka-Chittagong-Cox's Bazar on Turn-key basis".		
10. Tender Last Selling Date	09-03-2008.		
11. Tender Closing Date and Time	10-03-2008 at 11-00 HRS (BST)		
12. Tender opening Date and Time	10-03-2008 at 11-05 HRS (BST)		
13. Eligibility of Tenderer	All eligible bidders if not black-listed		
14. Name and address of the Office	Address(s): Office of the Director (Procurement), BTB, Telephone Revenue Bhaban (2 nd Floor), Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 from 10.00 AM to 16.00PM. Office of the Director (Procurement), BTB, Room No. 319, Telephone Revenue Bhaban (2 nd Floor), Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka -1207.		
Selling Tender Documents			
Receiving Tender Document			
Opening Tender Document	- Do -		
15. Brief Description of Goods or Works	"Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Redundant Protection Link Using PGC Optical Fiber and Expansion of Existing High Capacity SDH Transmission Link between Dhaka-Chittagong-Cox's Bazar on Turn-key basis".		
16. Brief Description of Related Services	Related Installation, Testing and Commissioning Services.		
17. Tender Document Price	Tk. 5000/- (Taka Five Thousand) only.		
18. Amount of Tender Security	Bid Bond amount Taka 32,00,000/- (Thirty Two lac) or US\$ 45,800.00 (US Dollar Forty five Thousand Eight Hundred) only in the form of Bank Guarantee from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh.		
19. Time for Completion of work	3 (Three months).		
21. Last date and place of submission of queries regarding tender documents	19-02-2008. Office of the Director (Procurement), BTB, Room No. 319, Telephone Revenue Bhaban (2 nd Floor), Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka -1207.		
22. Name of official inviting tender	Md. Humayoun Kabir Bhuiya		
Designation of official inviting tender	Dy. director (Foreign Procurement)		
23. Address of the official inviting tender	Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Telephone Revenue Building, 2 nd floor, Room No. 319, Dhaka -1207. 880-2-8150511		
24. Contract Details of official inviting tender	880-2-8150600	880-2-8150511	ddict@btb.net.bd http://www.bttb.gov.bd
25. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.			
26. NB: This tender notice is also available in www.cptu.gov.bd and http://www.bttb.gov.bd websites.			

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