

Iraq suicide attack kills 4 policemen

AFP, Mosul

A suicide bomber blew himself up near a police station in northern Iraq on Friday and killed four policemen, a day after at least 63 people were slaughtered in a twin attack in Baghdad.

The bomber attacked the Al-Waqhas police station in the Ras al-Jadha neighbourhood of Mosul at around 7:00 am (0400 GMT), police officials said.

Four policemen were killed and 17 others, including 15 policemen, were wounded in an attack that once again highlighted the danger Iraqi security forces face.

"We have received bodies of four policemen killed," doctor Ghanim Ahmed at the Mosul general hospital told AFP.

Another medic there confirmed admitting 15 wounded policemen. A police officer said the targeted neighbourhood housed several government offices, including one belonging to the interior ministry.

The US military claims Mosul to be the last urban bastion of the Iraqi branch of Al-Qaeda and is involved in a massive operation there.

Police arrest relatives of Israel attacker

AFP, Jerusalem

Israeli police early yesterday arrested more than 10 relatives and friends of a Palestinian suspected of gunning down eight students at a Jewish religious school, witnesses said.

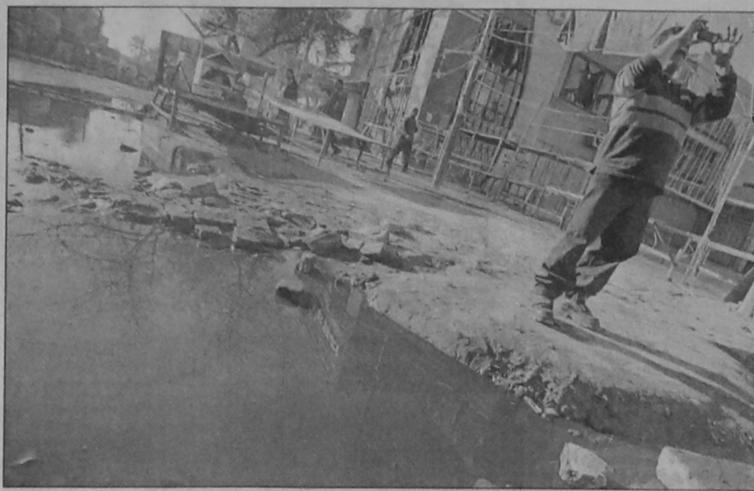
Police have only said that the man suspected of entering the Merkaz Harav Yeshiva in predominantly west Jerusalem late Thursday and opening fire with an automatic rifle came from the Jabal al-Mukaber area of east Jerusalem.

But relatives of Alaa Hisham Abu Dheim, 25, said police informed them that he was the author of the attack that killed eight yeshiva students and wounded another nine.

Dheim's father, who was among those detained, was released hours later, they said.

Police declined to comment, with spokesman Micky Rosenfeld saying only that "a car directly linked to the terrorist" was found in Jerusalem and that "an investigation is continuing."

Immediately after the attack on Thursday, police said that the suspect -- who was killed by security forces -- was known to Israeli security services.



An Iraqi man takes pictures of destruction at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad's Karrada neighborhood yesterday. At least 63 people were killed and 123 wounded in a double bomb attack in central Baghdad late yesterday.

Israel on alert, seals off West Bank

AFP, Jerusalem

Israel went on alert on Friday as crowds mourned eight teens killed by a Palestinian at a Jewish religious school in Jerusalem in an attack that threatened efforts to mend faltering peace talks.

Police arrested more than 10 relatives and friends of the 25-year-old man, a resident of occupied east Jerusalem, who sprayed automatic gunfire at the students before being gunned down by security forces late on Thursday.

The army sealed off the occupied West Bank and Israeli police declared a "general state of alert."

"We have imposed a strict closure on Judea and Samaria (West Bank) until Saturday night," a spokeswoman told AFP.

Israel's main ally, US President George W. Bush, led a global chorus of outrage, but the UN Security Council failed to agree on a condemnation amid Libyan opposition.

Eight students -- most of them 15 or 16 years old -- were shot dead at the Merkaz Harav Yeshiva, a theological school in predominantly Jewish west Jerusalem. Another nine were wounded.

The school is considered the centre of Israeli religious nationalism, where the Gush Emunim (Bloc of the Faith) settler movement was born after the 1967 Six Day War.

Police identified the gunman as Alaa Hisham Abu Dheim, 25, of the

Jabal al-Mukaber area of east Jerusalem, and said they were investigating several claims of responsibility for the first major attack in Jerusalem in nearly four years.

Hezbollah television in Beirut claimed those responsible were members of a previously unknown group called "Phalange of Free Men of Galilee -- Groups of the Martyr Imam Mughnieh and Martyrs of Gaza."

Mughnieh was a top Hezbollah commander assassinated in a Damascus bombing on February 12 who was wanted in a string of anti-Jewish attacks over the years. The Shiite movement blamed Israel, which denied any involvement.

Thursday's attack came after a surge in violence that left more than 130 Palestinians dead in and around the Hamas-run Gaza Strip in eight days. Three Israeli soldiers and one civilian were also killed in the same period.

Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas denounced the strike. "We condemn all attacks against civilians, be they Palestinian or Israeli," his office quoted him as saying in a statement.

Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev insisted the Palestinian government should offer more than words and "do what needs to be done to fight terror."

US raises security for ships arriving from Syria

AFP, Washington

Authorities fearing alleged Syrian links with terrorism are increasing security for ships sailing into US ports after making calls in Syria, an official said, as Washington raised pressure on Damascus.

The new measures come after Washington deployed warships near Syria in the eastern Mediterranean, stepped up sanctions on Syria and blacklisted men who allegedly used Syria to aid Al-Qaeda operations in Iraq.

State Department deputy spokesman Tom Casey said Syria was placed on a so-called "Port Security Advisory List" because of "concerns about the connections between Syria and international terrorist organizations."

'Merchant of Death' held in Thailand

AP, Bangkok

A Russian dubbed the "Merchant of Death" for allegedly supplying weapons to Africa's bloody conflicts over power and diamonds was arrested Thursday in Thailand on suspicion of conspiring to smuggle guns to Colombia's leftist rebels.

Viktor Bout, 41, whose dealings reportedly inspired a 2005 movie about the illicit arms trade.

The U.S. is seeking Bout's extradition, but he will remain in Thailand pending an investigation into whether he used the Southeast Asian nation as a base to negotiate arms deals, officials said yesterday.

UN HR chief to step down

AFP, United Nations

The United Nations high commissioner for human rights, Canadian jurist Louise Arbour, said Friday she will step down when her current term in office expires on June 30.

"It is very much for personal reasons. I'm not prepared to make this commitment for another four years," said Arbour in Geneva.

Arbour, 61, a former chief prosecutor of the UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague, has been at odds with several UN member states, notably in the developing world, for her tough stance on their human rights records.

Man shot dead ahead of polls in Spain

AFP, Madrid

A Socialist former legislator was shot dead in Spain's northern Basque region yesterday, the regional government said, two days before the country holds general elections.

The former town councillor and member of Spain's ruling Socialist Party was shot in the Basque town of Mondragon, a spokesman for the Basque interior ministry told AFP.

"We have just confirmed that the person who died was a former Socialist town councillor in the town of Mondragon," the spokesman said.

Obama friend, fundraiser on trial for corruption

AFP, Washington

A long-time friend and fundraiser of presidential hopeful Barack Obama was accused by prosecutors Thursday of using his political clout to carry out a kickback scheme aimed at extorting millions from firms trying to do business with the state of Illinois.

While Obama is not accused of any wrongdoing and has subsequently donated all the money raised by influence-peddler Antonio "Tony" Rezko to charity, prosecutors have alleged that some of the kickbacks ended up in the Illinois Democratic senator's campaign coffers.

Obama is also under fire for entering a land deal with Rezko in 2005 when it was widely known that the real estate developer was under federal scrutiny, something Obama later called a "bone-headed" move.

The Rezko dealings will likely dog Obama as he vies for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The trial in a Chicago federal courtroom is expected to last months and Obama's name came up on day one, when the defense noted in opening statements that Rezko had not only raised money for the charismatic politician, but had tried to hire Obama while he was still studying at Harvard law.

"Of all the politicians he supported, not one of them will come here and say he asked for anything for himself," defense attorney Joseph Duffy said as he argued that the Syrian-born businessman's fundraising stemmed from a passion for politics rather than self-interest.

It is unlikely that Obama will be called to testify on his friend's behalf, Duffy told reporters.

"I can assure you he's not been subpoenaed by the defense," he said. "There's no intention to do that."

Prosecutors, however, have stayed mum on their potential witness list.

They argued Rezko used his influence as a top fundraiser for Democratic Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich to get friends and associates appointed to key state boards.

"Rezko was the man behind the curtains, pulling the strings," assistant US attorney Carrie Hamilton told the jury.

"Rezko had the clout to get people on board and off boards," she said. "He was willing to use this clout for cash."

Rezko used his influence on one such board to get a controversial hospital project approved in exchange for a share of a million dollar kickback from a construction company, she alleged.

Obama breaks fundraising records

AFP, Washington

Democratic White House contender Barack Obama demolished fundraising records with a February haul of 55 million dollars, his campaign said Thursday.

The total obliterated rival Hillary Clinton's fundraising figure last month of 35 million dollars, and easily topped Obama's own previous record of more than 32 million posted in January.

"No campaign has ever raised this much in a single month in the history of presidential primaries," the Illinois senator said in an email to supporters.

"But more important than the total is how we did it," he said, noting that more than 90 percent of the donations were 100 dollars or less, and the campaign in February passed the milestone of one million contributors in all.

Obama appealed for new donations to counter Clinton's "negative, throw-everything-including-the-kitchen-sink campaign," and "daily" attacks from newly anointed Republican candidate John McCain.

Loath to cede the spotlight, Clinton's campaign earlier Thursday said it had raised four million dollars online in less than 48 hours since her stunning victories in three of four states Tuesday, including Ohio and Texas.

"The excitement from Senator Clinton's victories Tuesday night has resulted in an historic outpouring of grassroots support," her Internet director Peter Daou said.

Request for Expression of Interest (Individual Consultants) Bangladesh Health, Nutrition and Population Program (HNPS) Consulting Services Credit No. 4052-BD Expression of Interest

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services. The services include:

1. Provide Support to the Procurement, Logistics and Management Cell (PLMC), MOHFW for timely procurement of goods, works and services under the project. Two national consultants will be hired as individual consultants. The consultants of PLMC will work in collaboration with different wings of the MOHFW. The PLMC consultants will work under the directives and guidance of Joint Secretary (Development) MOHFW.

Terms of Reference:

1. PLMC is to assist to coordinate MOHFW and Directorates regarding different procurement activities for goods, works and services.
2. Provide quality assurance and control to bidding documents preparation and bid evaluation reports.
3. Oversee that all contracts are awarded within the initial bid validity period.
4. Oversee that L/C's are opened within 14 days of signing of the contract.
5. Ensure compliance with PPA-2006 and its companion instruction on Processing and Approval Timetable.
6. Assist the procuring entities in resolving issues with the WB (World Bank).
7. Assist DFP and CMSD for preparation of the short & long term procurement plan for goods and services.
8. Advice and assist CMSD, DFP and the Ministry to build knowledge and capacity to undertake procurement in accordance with PPA-2006 and the World Bank Guidelines.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (CVs with description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills etc).

Selection Procedure:

1. A consultant will be selected in accordance with PPA ACT-2006/World Bank's Procurement Guidelines (Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers).
- a) Applicants in government service should apply through proper channel.
- b) Remuneration is negotiable.
- c) Age limit: 50 years, this limit can be relaxed in exceptional cases.
- d) Duration of contract: The duration of the appointment is expected to be twenty-five MM.
- e) Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below before 25th March, 2008.

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f) Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (0900 to 1700 hours).
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Pakistani Islamists torch an effigy of a Danish cartoonist as shout slogans during a protest in Lahore yesterday against the publication of drawings depicting the Prophet Mohammed (SM). Angry Muslims rallied in major Pakistani cities and torched effigies of Danish premier and his country's flags to protest against the republication of a cartoon of the Prophet Mohammed.

TENDER NOTICE FOR SALE OF INDUSTRIAL PLOT OF MILLS UNDER BTMC

Sealed tenders are hereby again invited by the Chief Engineer, Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC), BTMC Bhaban (2nd floor), 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215, from the interested Organization/Bangladeshi investor staying abroad/foreign investor for selling of excess land with a view to setting up Backward/Forward linkage industries in Textile Sector on Excess land of (1) Sylhet Textile Mills, Islampur, Sylhet (3rd Tender) and (2) Chittaranjan Cotton Mills Ltd., Godnyle, Narayanganj (1st Tender) including the existing trees & Structures on the excess land/plot "as it is where it is" basis.

Tender documents can be purchased @ Tk. 750/- (Seven hundred fifty) only per set (non-refundable) for the above four mills from the office of (1) respective section of the Ministry of Textiles & Jute, Building No. 6 (11th floor), Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka (2), Chief Accountant, BTMC, BTMC Bhaban (3rd level), 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, (3) BTMC Liaison Office, 79, Agrabad, Chittagong, (4) Deputy Commissioner Narayanganj & Sylhet up to 07-04-2008 on all working days during the office hours and tender documents for individual mills will also be available on the same date and time in the office of the concerned mills.

Tender will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the (1) Sr. Asstt. Secretary (Disinvestment), Ministry of Textiles & Jute, Room No. 1117, Building No. 6 (11th floor), Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, (2) Deputy Commissioner, Narayanganj & Sylhet, (3) Chief Engineer, BTMC, (4) BTMC Liaison Office, 79, Agrabad, Chittagong, on 08-04-2008 upto 12-30 PM & Tender box will be opened on the same day in each and every places as mentioned above at 1-00 PM in presence of the bidder (if any). The Sealed Tenders will be opened on 09-04-2008 at 12-00 noon in the Board Room of BTMC at BTMC Bhaban in presence of the bidder (if any).

2.5% Security money of the quoted value must be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/P.O in favour of BTMC from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh. In case of the expatriate Bangladeshi investors/foreign investors the 2.5% of quoted amount as earnest money can be deposited through Bank Draft in foreign currency. But the original receipt of depositing foreign currency must be submitted with the tender. Expatriate Bangladeshi investors or their authorised representative can submit the tender. Details terms & condition of tender will be available with the Tender documents. Tender submitted without earnest money will be treated as cancelled.

BTMC authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders or to call re-tender keeping reserve any rate of previous tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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Re-Tender Notice

Web: www.dgdp.gov.bd
E-Mail: info@dgdp.gov.bd

1. Sealed tender in foreign currency is invited from bonafide manufacturer/dealer/suppliers (enlisted firms with DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy:

Ser	Name of item	Date of selling		Date of opening	Tender No
		From	To		
a.	Rope Nylon various size (Qty 04 L/I)	11-03-2008	07-4-2008	8-4-2008	8905/NP-5 2 nd time in F/C

3. Tender schedule with detailed specification/condition will be available on payment as per I/T selling rate (non-refundable) during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hours and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of the tenderers (if present).

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Commander BN
For Director General

BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Polish Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Polish, Narsingdi, Bangladesh invites sealed quotation (single envelope system) for import of materials mentioned against the following tenders on CFR (C) Ctg. Sea Port delivery basis:-

Sl No	Tender No & date	Description of materials	Cost of tender doc (non-refundable) per set	Tender security	Last date for submission of tender
01	Com/2.330/07-08 Dt. 27-02-08	Spiraget Serrated Gasket	Tk 100/-	Tk 6,500/-	20-04-2008
02	Com/2.224/07-08 Dt. 27-02-08	4 th & 5 th Stage CO ₂ Compressor (Cylinder Liner)	Tk 150/-	Tk 14,000/-	30-03-2008 (Re-Tender)
03	Com/2.212/07-08 Dt. 27-02-08	Various Valves (Gate valve, 90° Angle plug valve, Globe valve, Diaphragm valve)	Tk 150/-	Tk 10,000/-	30-03-2008 (Re-Tender)
04	Com/10.334/07-08 Dt. 27-02-08	TFA Oxidizing Seal Packing	Tk 200/-	Tk 36,000/-	20-04-2008
05	Com/5.337/07-08 Dt. 27-02-08	Di-Ethanol Amine (DEA)	Tk 150/-	Tk 15,000/-	20-04-2008

Tenders will be received in the tender box kept in the office of General Manager (Commercial), Polish Urea Fertiliser Factory Ltd, Polish, Narsingdi, Bangladesh & will be opened immediately thereafter closing at 11.00am on the date mentioned above in presence of the tenderers or their authorised representative (if any). The tender documents will be available from (1) Accounts Division, BCIC Head Office, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000 (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & (3) PUFFL's Accounts Deptt.

Due to unavoidable circumstances, if the tender is not received/opened on the date & time mentioned above, the same will be received/opened on the next working days. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Engr. Mafizul Huq
General Manager (Commercial)
For Managing Director

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