

## India warns Kashmir violence may rise

AFP, Srinagar

India's defence minister said yesterday he feared an upsurge of rebel attacks in disputed Kashmir in the run-up to state elections.

The warning came days after militants killed five people, including four soldiers, and hurt 15 civilians in three separate attacks.

There have also been several clashes in recent weeks along the Line of Control separating Indian and Pakistani-controlled Kashmir.

AK Antony, on a two-day visit to the region, made a thinly veiled reference to Pakistan saying there were forces "in and outside the country that did not want peaceful, free and fair elections" in Kashmir.

"These forces could try to disrupt peace and create problems. We have to be more vigilant," the defence minister said in a statement.

State elections are due to be held before November 15. During the last elections in 2002, some 850 people, mostly pro-India political workers, were killed during campaigning.

The minister said Indian troops were "ready to meet any eventuality," including renewed "attempts of infiltration" by militants from across the highly militarised border with nuclear-armed rival Pakistan.

## Blast kills 4 British troops in Afghanistan

AFP, London

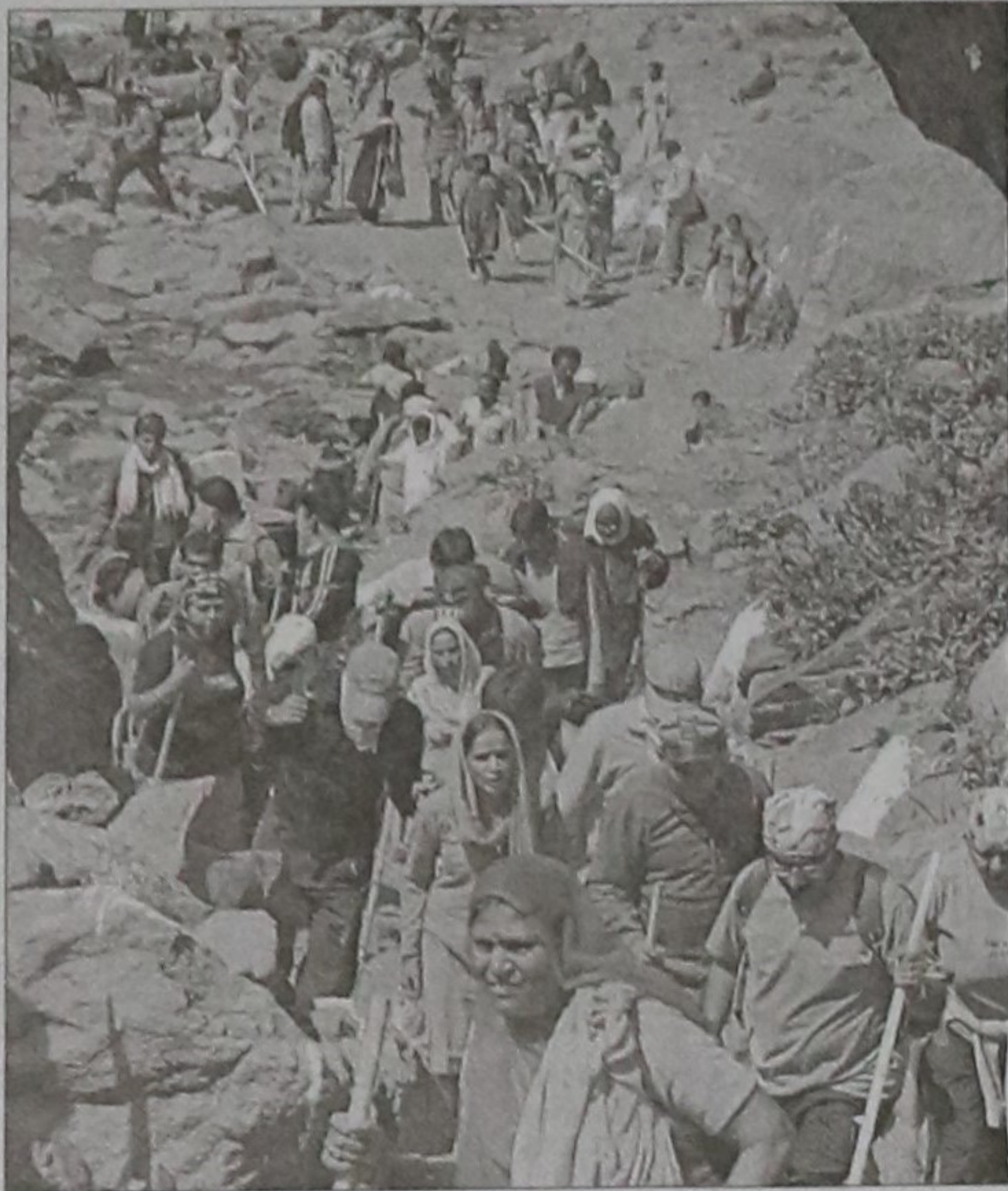
Four British soldiers have been killed in an explosion in southern Afghanistan, the defence ministry in London said yesterday.

The four, including one from the Intelligence Corps, died when their vehicle was caught in a blast during what the ministry called "a deliberate operation" east of Lashkar Gah at around 3:40 pm local time Tuesday.

Three were killed in the explosion and two wounded. One of the injured died later at Britain's main base at Camp Bastion, in Helmand Province, the ministry said in a statement.

The other soldier was receiving treatment and was in a stable condition.

None of the soldiers' identities was released but their families had been informed.



Indian Hindu devotees leave Chandanwari, 115-km southeast of Srinagar, during the annual Hindu pilgrimage towards the holy cave shrine of Amarnath yesterday. A three-tier security arrangement with the deployment of more than 6,000 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel has been put in place for the pilgrimage.

## Seoul urges Japan to deliver energy aid to North Korea

AFP, Seoul

South Korea urged Japan yesterday to start contributing to energy aid for North Korea to ensure the momentum in nuclear disarmament talks does not falter.

The North's five negotiating partners, which includes Japan, have promised Pyongyang one million tons of fuel oil or equivalent aid in return for the disabling of its nuclear plants and a declaration of its atomic programme.

"Now is the time that Japan should start participating in economic and energy assistance so it can be completed. This is very important," said Seoul's nuclear envoy Kim Sook.

Japan refuses to contribute its share pledged in a landmark 2007 deal until the North fully accounts for Japanese abducted by the communist state during the Cold War.

Kim will fly to Tokyo later Wednesday for talks with his US

and Japanese counterparts about preparations for the next round of six-party negotiations. US envoy Christopher Hill will also visit talks host China.

The talks group the two Koreas, the United States, China, Japan and Russia.

"I'm concerned that hesitation at this stage will result in the closure of the window of opportunity that we have worked so hard to open," Kim said.

Though the Japanese aid was not a precondition for progress in the talks, it would have an impact on them, he said.

The envoy said the six parties "now share a common view on the necessity to hold six-party talks ... and move on to the third phase (of a denuclearisation pact)."

Disabling of the plutonium-producing plants was going ahead but the North is almost six months late in handing over its promised declaration.

## Gaza truce a key step toward Palestinian unity: Arab League

AFP, Cairo

The Arab League yesterday welcomed an Egyptian-mediated truce between Israel and the Palestinians as a key step towards a reconciliation between Palestinian factions.

"The calming is an important step which can pave the way for a development of the political situation on the Palestinian front," Hisham Youssef, chief of staff of Arab League secretary general Amr Mousa, told reporters.

He said "Palestinian unity was the only real guarantee ... for the creation of an independent Palestinian state" and hoped that "Israel would implement what was agreed upon."

Reaching agreement on a prisoner exchange and the opening of the Rafah border crossing were key elements, he said, referring to terms laid down by the Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas ahead of the Gaza Strip truce.

Israel and Hamas were poised on Thursday to begin a six-month

ceasefire following Egyptian mediation to halt the bloodshed in and around the impoverished and blockaded territory.

Hamas seized control of the Gaza Strip from its Fatah rivals of Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas in a week of deadly street fighting in June 2007.

Meanwhile, the White House gave a cautious welcome yesterday to the truce between Israel and Hamas, saying the United States hoped that meant Hamas would "give up terrorism."

"Anything that reduces violence is a good thing," said Gordon Johnndroe, White House national security spokesman.

"We hope this means no more rockets will be fired by Hamas at innocent Israelis as well as lead to a better atmosphere for talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority," Johnndroe added.

"We appreciate Egypt's efforts and hope they are ultimately successful, but for that to happen, Hamas has to choose to become a legitimate political party and give

up terrorism. They can't continue to do both," he said.

Israel and the Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas were poised on Thursday to begin a six-month truce following Egyptian mediation to halt the bloodshed in and around the Gaza Strip.

Syria said Wednesday it supported a truce between Hamas and Israel, calling on the Jewish state to lift its blockade of the Gaza Strip.

Another report says: Israel yesterday called for direct peace negotiations with Lebanon, saying it was ready to discuss all contentious issues.

"We favour direct, bilateral negotiations in which all issues of dispute are up for discussion," Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's spokesman Mark Reggev told AFP.

The Lebanese government had rejected the suggestion last week after Israeli Minister Ehud Olmert hinted Israel would be interested in direct talks with Beirut.

On Monday, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice made a

surprise visit to Beirut where she called for UN action on the disputed Shebaa Farms, an area Israel captured from Syria in 1967, and which is now claimed by Lebanon.

A UN resolution that ended a devastating 34-day war between Israel and the Lebanon's Hezbollah militia in 2006 called for the UN secretary general to propose a border demarcation for the Shebaa Farms.

In 1982, Israel launched a full-scale invasion of Lebanon, where its forces remained until 2000.

"Israel wants peace with Lebanon," said Reggev in a statement that came amid a flurry of negotiations in the Middle East.

A truce in and around the Gaza Strip is due to come into effect on Thursday after months of Egyptian mediation between Israel and Hamas, the Palestinian Islamist movement which controls the territory.

And Israel resumed peace talks with Syria -- indirect negotiations under Turkish mediation -- last month after an eight-year freeze.

## Zimbabwe lifts ban on aid work, expels UN rights official

AFP, Harare

Zimbabwe has lifted a ban on charities operating food and AIDS programmes, state media said yesterday, and expelled a UN rights official ahead of next week's bitterly fought presidential run-off.

With violence mounting before the June 27 vote, South African President Thabo Mbeki arrived here to meet veteran leader Robert Mugabe, who is facing the toughest challenge to his nearly three-decade rule.

Mbeki serves as mediator between Zimbabwe's ruling party and the opposition, having been appointed to the post by the 14-nation Southern African Development Community. He declined to answer reporters' questions after landing.

The announcement of the lifting of the ban on aid work for NGOs involved in food distribution and AIDS treatment followed a top UN official's meeting with Mugabe on Tuesday.

UN chief Ban Ki-moon had previously urged Mugabe to allow aid to be delivered, and charities had warned of a potential humanitarian crisis in the impoverished

country if the ban remained in place.

The state-run Herald newspaper cited the government's acting welfare secretary as saying the recently imposed ban on all aid work would not prevent AIDS patients from "accessing drugs and therapeutic feeding from clinics and hospitals".

Food programmes would also be allowed since they do not "entail community mobilisation by NGOs," Sydney Mhishi said.

NGOs provide food and medicine to children and clinics, mostly in rural areas.

The government imposed a blanket suspension on all aid work earlier this month after accusing NGOs of siding with the opposition ahead of the run-off.

Despite the move to lift the ban, there were further signs of a pre-vote crackdown Wednesday when UN human rights commissioner Louise Arbour announced the expulsion of a Geneva-based UN desk officer.

The officer travelled to Zimbabwe on Sunday but was expelled on Tuesday, said Arbour, who denounced the move by Harare as "uncooperative" and "untimely".



An Ethiopian soldier mans a position yesterday in Somalia's embattled capital following a fresh outbreak of violence. Three days of fighting between Somali forces and Islamist militants in Mogadishu have claimed 10 lives.

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ICDDR,B invites applications from suitable candidates for the position of **Communication Specialist** with Child Health Unit under the Public Health Sciences Division at Dhaka. Appointment will be made on a fixed-term basis for 1 year, which may be renewable depending on performance and availability of funds.

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- Ensure and manage all aspects of effective elaboration, production and dissemination of communications materials to promote CHNRI visibility;
- Produce regular newsletters, synthesis paper, monographs, policy brief and other form of publication;



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### Requirements

- Masters Degree in public health / social sciences / business administration / international relations or a similar field;
- 5 years of relevant working experience. Experience at national or international level, involving information and communications projects would be given preference;
- Computer literacy, complemented by a sound knowledge in website development;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements should submit online applications using ICDDR,B website; however, candidates may also submit applications with bio-data detailing experience and other particulars along with a cover letter (500 words maximum) outlining qualifications, experience, relevant accomplishments for this position and a recent passport size photograph to **Manager, Human Resources**, Box No. A-115, C/O. The Daily Star, 19, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215 by June 26, 2008. Internal candidates must mention their Identification Numbers in the application.

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### নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। বাংলাদেশ সেনাবাহিনীর তত্ত্বাবধানে জাতিসংঘ শান্তিরক্ষা কার্যক্রমে আইভিই কোর্টে নিয়োজিত বাংলাদেশ কন্টিনেন্টের সাথে কাজ করার নিমিত্তে সম্পূর্ণ অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে দোতাকী (ফ্র্যাঞ্চ ভাষা) নিয়োগের জন্য প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী পুরুষ নাগরিকদের নিকট হইতে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাইতেছে:

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দোতাকী (ফ্র্যাঞ্চ ভাষা)	০২-০৩টি	ক। কমপক্ষে এইচএসসি পাস। উচ্চতর শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন ফ্র্যাঞ্চ ভাষায় পারদর্শী প্রার্থীকে অগ্রাধিকার দেওয়া হইবে। খ। ইংরেজি ও ফ্র্যাঞ্চ (French) ভাষায় দীর্ঘ এবং অনারলি কথা বলার যোগ্যতা থাকিতে হইবে। গ। ফ্র্যাঞ্চ হইতে ইংরেজি এবং ইংরেজি হইতে ফ্র্যাঞ্চ ভাষা, বাংলা হইতে ফ্র্যাঞ্চ এবং ফ্র্যাঞ্চ হইতে বাংলা ভাষায় দোতাকী হিসাবে বাকা বিনিময়ে ও অনুবাদে পারদর্শী হইতে হইবে। ঘ। স্বীকৃত কোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় অথবা ভাষা ইনস্টিটিউট হইতে ফ্র্যাঞ্চ ভাষায় ন্যূনপক্ষে ত্রিগ্রামা কোর্স পাস হইতে হইবে। ঙ। দোতাকী (ফ্র্যাঞ্চ ভাষা) হিসাবে ০৩ (তিন) বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা থাকিতে হইবে (অন্যদিকে ইংরেজি ও ফ্র্যাঞ্চ ভাষায় কথা বলার যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে অভিজ্ঞতা শিথিলযোগ্য)। চ। কম্পিউটার-এ তাত্ত্বিক ও ব্যবহারিক জ্ঞান থাকিতে হইবে।	বয়স ২৪ হইতে ৫০ বৎসরের মধ্যে হইতে হইবে।	জাতিসংঘ শান্তিরক্ষা মিশনে নিয়োজিত বাংলাদেশ কন্টিনেন্টের সহিত মাঠ পর্যায়ে কাজ করার জন্য শারীরিকভাবে যোগ্য ও সুস্থ দেহের অধিকারী হইতে হইবে এবং সম্মিলিত সামরিক হাসপাতাল হইতে মিশনের প্রয়োজনানুযায়ী নির্ধারিত ডাক্তারী পরীক্ষায় যোগ্য হইতে হইবে।	ভাষা: মিশনে নিয়োজিত সেনাবাহিনীর ক্যান্টেন পদবীর ভাতার অনুরূপ যা সরকারি সিদ্ধান্ত অনুযায়ী প্রাপ্য হইবে (প্রতি মাসে ২০০০ দুই হাজার) মার্কিন ডলার যা ইউএন/বাংলাদেশ সরকার কর্তৃক পরিবর্তনযোগ্য। সুবিধাদি: (১) চাকুরীকাল ০১ (এক) বৎসর অথবা সর্বোচ্চ মিশন শেষ হওয়া পর্যন্ত। (২) খাদ্য, বাসস্থান, চিকিৎসা, যানবাহন, সামরিক পোশাক বিনামূল্যে প্রাপ্য হইবে।
২।		প্রার্থীর শহরে নিজ নাম, পিতার নাম, বর্তমান ও স্থায়ী ঠিকানা, জন্ম তারিখ, জাতীয়তা এবং সমস্ত শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার বিবরণ উল্লেখপূর্বক নিম্নলিখিত কাগজপত্রাদি দরখাস্তের সহিত সংযুক্ত করিতে হইবে: ক। সদ্য তোলা ০৩ (তিন) কপি পাসপোর্ট আকারের ছবি (সাদা/হালকা রঙের শার্ট পরিহিত)। খ। জাতীয়তা সনদপত্র। গ। সমস্ত শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি। ঘ। সকল অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি। ঙ। "AHQ, OO Dte Pte Fund", এর অনুসূচী ১০০/- (একশত) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পোস্টাল অর্ডার (অফেরতযোগ্য)।			
৩।		অস্থায়ী প্রার্থীদেরকে বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী পূরণ সাপেক্ষে দরখাস্তসহ নির্বাচনী পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের নিমিত্তে আগামী ২৯ জুন ২০০৮ তারিখ বিকাল ০৮:৩০ (সাত ঘণ্টা) ঘটিকায় সেনাকুঞ্জ, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস, ঢাকায় সশরীরে উপস্থিত হওয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হইল।			
৪।		নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীরা ২৯ জুন ২০০৮ তারিখে আবেদনকারীর বয়স নির্ধারিত বয়স সীমার মধ্যে থাকিতে হইবে। বয়সের ক্ষেত্রে কোন আনুমানিক গৃহযোগ্য না।			
৫।		সরকারি, আধা-সরকারি ও স্বায়ত্বশাসিত ইত্যাদি প্রতিষ্ঠানে চাকুরীর যোগ্য প্রার্থীদেরকে উপরোক্ত শর্তাবলী অনুসরণপূর্বক যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে দরখাস্ত প্রেরণ করিতে হইবে।			
৬।		অসম্পূর্ণ এবং ত্রুটিপূর্ণ দরখাস্ত সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।			
৭।		যে কোন দরখাস্ত বাতিল ও সংরক্ষণসহ অন্য যে কোন প্রসঙ্গে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।			
৮।		নির্বাচনী লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য আবেদনকারী কোন প্রকার যাতায়াত/দৈনিক ভাতা প্রাপ্য হইবেন না।			
৯।		নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীরা আগামী ২৯ জুন ২০০৮ তারিখ হইতে ২৩ অক্টোবর ২০০৮ এর মধ্যবর্তী যে কোন সময়ের মধ্যে মিশন এলাকায় মোতায়েনের জন্য প্রস্তুত থাকিতে হবে।			
১০।		মিশন শেষে বাংলাদেশে প্রত্যাবর্তন করার সাথে সাথে অস্থায়ী নিয়োগ হইতে অব্যাহত দেওয়া হইবে এবং তার পর হইতে আর কোন ভাতা ও সুযোগ সুবিধা প্রাপ্য হইবেন না।			

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## Kidnappers free Philippines TV crew

AFP, Manila

Tearful and scarred by mosquito bites, a Philippines television presenter said yesterday she was "betrayed" into the hands of Muslim militant kidnappers who threatened to behead her group.

Prominent broadcaster Cecilia "Ces" Drilon said she, two cameramen and a Muslim academic "came close to losing our lives" in the hands of Abu Sayyaf kidnappers on the southern island of Jolo.

### Expression of Interest (Enlistment) for Weaver Groups in CHT

#### Promotion of Development and Confidence Building in the Chittagong Hill Tracts

**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - Bangladesh**, invites applications from qualified weaver groups of CHT who want to engage with Economic Development Cluster of UNDP-CHTDF. This pilot project will lead to the establishment of sustainable income generation activities.

In this connection, interested weaver group are encourage to apply for this pilot project.

Detailed Terms and Reference (TOR) and Application Form is available on the website <http://www.undp.org.bd/proc.php> and also three district offices of UNDP-CHTDF at Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari.

**Application Submission:** Application should be submitted on or before 03rd July 2008 by 5.00 PM