



## CPI-M leader Surjeet passes away

PTI, New Delhi

Harkishan Singh Surjeet, the pragmatic Marxist leader, who played a key role in keeping BJP out of power in 1996 and helped Congress form a coalition government at the Centre eight years later, died here yesterday after prolonged illness.

92-year-old Surjeet, who was convalescing at the Metro Hospital in nearby Noida since July 25, breathed his last at 1335 hours, CPI(M) General Secretary Prakash Karat told PTI.

The former party General Secretary was earlier admitted to the hospital on May 6 following a severe cardiac arrest and slipped into coma on May 16. He fought back and was discharged on June three.

Dr Purushottam Lal, chief of Metro Hospital, told PTI that Surjeet died of a cardiac arrest.

Along with another veteran Marxist Jyoti Basu, Surjeet had played a major role in guiding Congress President Sonia Gandhi in the aftermath of 2004 elections to bring together secular forces.

## Somnath hits out at CPM, rules out quitting as Speaker

PTI, New Delhi

Breaking his silence, Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee yesterday ruled out quitting and hit out at CPI-M for demanding his resignation saying it cannot give any direction to him in his Constitutional office. "I have consciously taken the principled decision to uphold the Constitution of India at the risk of being unjustifiably dubbed as anti-party," he said in a five-page statement making it clear he would continue to "fulfil my obligations and responsibilities as the Speaker during my tenure".

Calling July 23, the day of his expulsion from CPI-M, as "one of the saddest days of his life", Chatterjee said it was a "canard" to allege that his continuance in the post was to help any party or parties or "on some other personal considerations".

# Fresh fighting kills 27 in Lanka ahead of summit

## Islamabad proposes defence deal with Colombo

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan troops killed 25 Tamil Tiger rebels while two soldiers died in combat in the island's north, the defence ministry said Friday, as Colombo prepared to host a South Asian summit.

Troops fought pitched battles with the guerrillas on Thursday in Vavuniya, Mannar, Mullaitivu and Weli Oya and recovered arms from fleeing rebels, the ministry said.

The clashes raised the number of rebels killed by government troops since January to 5,436 while 478 soldiers have died in combat during the same period, according to a defence ministry toll.

Casualty figures cannot be verified as the ministry blocks access to journalists from visiting the frontlines.

Both sides remained locked in combat as leaders from the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) nations began arriving in Colombo on Friday for the weekend summit.

Colombo, which believes it has the upper hand in the conflict after driving the rebels from their eastern stronghold, has sharply beefed up security in and around the capital of 650,000 residents for the eight-nation Saarc meeting.

The fighting is taking place 250km north of here, but there has recently been a string of deadly attacks on Colombo that the government has blamed on the rebels.

In late July, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) offered a unilateral ceasefire for the summit, but Colombo brushed off the proposal and stepped up attacks

against rebel positions in the north.

The Tigers are fighting for a separate Tamil homeland in the majority Sinhalese nation.

Meanwhile, Pakistan, a key supplier of small arms to Sri Lanka, has proposed a defence pact to boost military cooperation between the two countries, Pakistani officials said yesterday.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi made the offer to his Sri Lankan counterpart Rohitha Bogollegama on the sidelines of a South Asian meeting in Colombo, the officials said.

"A (draft) defence cooperation agreement has been given to Sri Lanka," said a senior Pakistani official who did not wish to be named.

India has been uneasy about the growing military clout of its arch-rival Pakistan in Sri Lanka, which

New Delhi regards as being within its sphere of geo-political influence.

Islamabad is already an important supplier of small arms and ammunition to Sri Lankan security forces, who are battling separatist Tamil Tiger rebels, and Pakistan is also training a large number of Sri Lankan military personnel.

Indian diplomats have privately raised concerns about closer defence ties between Pakistan and Sri Lanka, which also buys military hardware from China and Israel as well as from former Soviet Union states.

"We want Sri Lanka to quickly move on that (the draft agreement)," the Pakistani diplomatic official said, adding the pact was intended to bring the two sides closer.



Indian Minister of Foreign Affairs Pranab Mukherjee (R) talks with Nepal's Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala during the 15th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) meeting in Colombo yesterday. Ministers from the Saarc countries are attending the meeting to discuss regional issues like terrorism, food, drug offences, and arms smuggling.

## Bomb blasts in two Myanmar states

AFP, Yangon

Bombs exploded in two eastern Myanmar states leaving no casualties but damaging government infrastructure, state media said Friday.

The blasts, hitting an electricity pylon and telephone operator office, were blamed on ethnic Karen anti-government insurgents by the New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

An electricity pylon collapsed in one explosion in Lawpita-Toungoo, Hpa-an district in Karen state at 10:40 pm last Sunday (1510 GMT), the paper reported.

A door and three windows were damaged at the government-run telephone operator office in Mudon township in Mon state in another attack at 11:30 pm (1600 GMT) the same day, it said.

"There were no fatalities and no damage to the telephone connection," the paper said.

"Myanma Electric Power Enterprise is supplying power through Lawpita-Kalaw-Thazi power line in order not to disrupt the supply of power," the paper said.

The New Light accused the Karen National Union (KNU) of planting the bombs.

# Fear returns to Kashmir amid truce violations

AFP, Srinagar

Fear has returned to border areas of Kashmir after a series of ceasefire violations on the de facto frontier dividing the region between India and Pakistan shattered five years of calm, locals say.

Troops stationed along the heavily militarised Line of Control (LoC) traded fire four times during July.

Each side blamed the other for starting the clashes residents in the area say they fear could escalate into heavier battles between the nuclear-armed neighbours.

"Everyone is worried about these skirmishes," said Ghulam Qadir Chalku, a farmer living in Silitok village that sits along the LoC, 120 kilometres (74 miles) west of Srinagar, summer capital of the revolt-hit region.

"I pray everything returns to normal soon so we can continue to live a peaceful life," Chalku, 51, whose wife died in 2003 in Pakistani artillery shelling, told AFP by telephone.

Hope emerged late Thursday that Chalku's prayers might be answered when Pakistan's foreign minister said the premiers of the two countries would this weekend thrash out a plan to improve relations.

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said he and his Indian counterpart Pranab Mukherjee "agreed mutually" their prime ministers "will come out with a comprehensive statement on (future) bilateral engagement" when they meet on the sidelines of a South Asian summit in Sri Lanka Saturday.

There had been some minor small-arms fire between the two sides but the heavy guns along the heavily militarised frontier dividing the disputed Himalayan region for six decades have been silent since November 2003 when a ceasefire went into effect.

The truce paved the way for the start of a formal peace process the following year between the rivals that lately has been showing signs of fraying.

On Monday, India said Pakistani troops crossed the LoC and killed an Indian soldier. Pakistan countered with charges the Indians intruded into the Pakistani-held zone of Kashmir.

The incident marked the first incursion claimed by New Delhi since 1999, when the rivals fought a mini-war in the Kargil peaks along the LoC that forced thousands of border residents to flee fierce shell-

ing.

On Wednesday, India reported another ceasefire "violation" that was denied by Pakistan.

"It's really sad the two sides have started fighting again. It's triggered all kinds of fears," said school teacher Kousar Ahmed.

Ahmed, 30, teaches in a makeshift school housed in a shed in Garkote village near the LoC. The school building was damaged in a devastating earthquake in 2005 that killed thousands in Pakistan and Kashmir.

"Earlier we'd duck into underground bunkers but the quake damaged the bunkers and we didn't build new ones because we had the ceasefire," said Ahmed.

The ceasefire violations coincide with an upsurge in attacks on Indian targets at home and abroad. There has been a string of bomb blasts in India -- in the western commercial hub of Ahmedabad and in the southern IT centre of Bangalore over the weekend that left 50 people dead and scores wounded.

India has not blamed Pakistan for the blasts, but Indian officials suspect the attacks were supported by Pakistan intelligence, according to local media.



An Indian Air Force helicopter lands in Colombo Thursday ahead of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) summit that gets underway in the Sri Lankan capital today.

# US has evidence linking ISI to Kabul blast: NYT

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Washington

Ahead of a likely meeting between Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his Pakistani counterpart Yusuf Raza Gilani in Colombo, top US officials have told an American daily that they had clear evidence that Pakistan's spy service ISI helped plan the July 7 bombing of India's embassy in Kabul.

American intelligence agencies have concluded that the ISI helped plan the July 7 bombing of India's

embassy in Kabul, says a report Friday in The New York Times (NYT) headlined: "Pakistanis Aided Attack in Kabul, US Officials Say".

The conclusion is based on intercepted communications between Pakistani intelligence officials and militants who carried out the attack, the report quotes a US official as saying.

The report, based on remarks of US officials privy to US intelligence gathering, confirm India's charge that the Directorate of Inter

Services Intelligence (ISI) masterminded the attack on the Indian mission in Kabul that killed four Indians, including two diplomats.

"American officials said that the communications were intercepted before the July 7 bombing, and that the CIA emissary, Stephen R Kappes, the agency's deputy director, had been ordered to Islamabad, Pakistan's capital, even before the attack," the report published in the Aug 1 edition of the NYT said.



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1	Organization	Biman Poultry Complex.
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5	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
6	Budget and source of fund	Biman Poultry Complex own fund.
7	Tender package name	Commercial broiler pellet feed (624 M Ton as a package).
8	Tender documents last selling date	25/08/08.
9	Tender closing & opening date & time	26/08/08, 12.00 noon & 26/08/08, 2.30pm.
10	Name & address of the office(s)	Biman Poultry Complex, Ganakbari, Ashulia, Dhaka.
11	Name & address of the office(s) selling tender documents	(i) Farm Manager, Biman Poultry Complex, Ganakbari, Ashulia, Dhaka. (ii) Sales Centre, Biman Poultry Complex, Near MT ZIA, Kurmitola, Dhaka. (iii) Office of the Divisional Commissioner (1st 12-storied govt. office building), 1st Floor, Room No-205, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
12	Opening tender documents	Sales Centre, Biman Poultry Complex, Near MT ZIA, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
13	Eligibility of tenderer	This invitation for tender is open to eligible producer, agent & supplier.
14	Brief description of goods	Commercial Broiler 624 M. Ton as a package Pellet Feed (Crumble 150 M. Ton, pellet grower 230 M. Ton, pellet finisher 244 M. Ton).
15	Price of tender document	Tk. 1,000/- (one thousand).
16	Tender security amount (refundable)	1% of total price.
17	Designation of official inviting tender	Farm Manager.
18	Address of official inviting tender	Biman Poultry Complex, Ganakbari, Ashulia, Dhaka.
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