



Pakistani security personnel and paramedics gather at a blast site on a bridge in Peshawar yesterday. A roadside bomb ripped through a Pakistan air force bus in the northwestern city of Peshawar Tuesday, killing 14 people including four military officials and a girl, police said.

Bomb hits Pak air force truck: 14 killed

Clashes kill over 50 Taliban

AP, AFP, Peshawar

A roadside bomb hit a Pakistan air force truck in a northwestern city yesterday, killing as many as 14 people including a 5-year-old girl, as the military pounded insurgent positions in a nearby tribal region.

The blast hit the vehicle on a bridge on the outskirts of Peshawar, provincial police Chief Malik Naveed Khan said. The truck was travelling between the city and the nearby air force base in Badaber.

Interior Ministry chief Rehman Malik said al-Qaeda-linked militants were likely behind the attack.

He said Pakistan had been taking action against Taliban militants, but did not say whether Tuesday's attack could be a response to recent military operations in the region.

"It is our firm resolve that we will root out terrorism from Pakistan, and all of our security agencies are working together to achieve this goal," he told The Associated Press.

The powerful explosion tore a large hole in the bridge, reducing the Mazda truck to a smouldering wreck. The site was littered with debris, blood and also the mangled wreckage of a motorcycle.

A crowd of bystanders gathered at the scene as victims were ferried

away in ambulances. Firefighters hosed down the blackened carcass of the truck, and air force investigators gathered evidence.

An AP Television News cameraman at the scene said he saw at least 12 dead bodies and about a dozen wounded people. He said the victims included civilians.

There were varying accounts of the toll.

Provincial government spokesman Mian Iftikhar Hussain said 14 people were killed in all, mostly air force personnel, and more than 12 people were wounded.

It came as Pakistani army gun-

ship helicopters shelled suspected militant positions early Tuesday in the Bajaur tribal area, which has been wracked by fighting since last week.

Pakistani warplanes killed at least six civilians in a tribal area bordering Afghanistan on Monday after fierce clashes in which more than 50 Taliban militants were killed, officials said.

Jets pounded suspected Islamist hideouts after rebels attacked two security posts overnight, but some bombs hit civilian houses in the Bajaur tribal zone, a known haunt of al-Qaeda and Taliban militants, local security officials said.

Pakistan airstrike kills al-Qaeda militant

AFP, Peshawar

Pakistani forces killed an Arab al-Qaeda militant in an air strike on a hideout in a tribal region bordering Afghanistan and are working to identify him, officials said yesterday.

Local intelligence sources identified the man as an Egyptian named Abu Saeed al-Masri, but there was no confirmation from officials in Islamabad, and there are no wanted al-Qaeda militants by that name.

The officials said they were investigating unconfirmed reports that the name was the alias of Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, an Egyptian al-Qaeda commander based in Afghanistan.

Officials earlier said that four foreign militants were killed in Monday night's air strike in the tribal area of Bajaur, where clashes between Pakistani forces and militants have left 150 people dead in the past week.

Afghan senators call for govt control over foreign troops

AFP, Kabul

Afghan senators demanded yesterday that international troops operating in Afghanistan be brought under the country's law to make them accountable for mounting civilian casualties.

Parliament's upper house, or Meshrano Jirga (House of Elders), said it would draw up legislation to cover the operations of the US-led and Nato-led troops helping the government fight a Taliban-led insurgency.

The demand came during a heated debate over the number of civilians being killed in interna-

tional military action against insurgents, mainly air strikes, with a series of deadly incidents in the past weeks.

"It was decided that the presence of foreign forces must be legalised under a law," a secretary to the house, Aminuddin Muzafari, told reporters afterwards.

"There should be a programme, a law, under which these forces conduct their activities. We will make that law," he said.

Any proposed law would have to have the approval of both houses of parliament as well as President Hamid Karzai.

There are already various UN

and bilateral accords governing the role of the international soldiers who started deploying in late 2001 after an invasion that toppled the hardline Taliban government.

The senators also demanded a timetable for the withdrawal of the soldiers, now numbering around 70,000. The forces have said they would leave when the government is able to take care of security itself.

The upper house debate centred on an incident in which Afghan police accused troops with Nato's UN-mandated International Security Assistance Force of killing civilians in the province of Kapisa near Kabul at the weekend.

NSG may meet again to finalise waiver for India

PTI, Washington

A senior American official lobbying for an expeditious approval of the Indo-US civil nuclear deal has held out the prospect of finding an "easy agreement" with the 45-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), but said it could take "another" meeting after August to finalise the waiver for India.

On August 21, the US will seek a waiver for nuclear trade with India from the NSG, which consists of countries that export nuclear material and technology, before the deal is sent to the American Congress for ratification.

"If we find an easy agreement, maybe we can finish our discussions, but it may take another meeting after that to get together," Richard Boucher, US Assistant Secretary of State for Central and South Asian affairs, told reporters.

The Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) adopted on August 1 by consensus a safeguards agreement for India, a key step for initiating civilian nuclear cooperation with New Delhi under the deal.

The top diplomat agreed that "there are a lot of serious issues" involved before the work is done in the NSG. Some media reports have suggested that India and the US have planned a second meeting of the NSG in early September.

Indian forces gun down 13 protesters in Kashmir

AFP, Srinagar

Indian security forces shot dead at least 13 Muslim demonstrators in Kashmir yesterday amid a wave of anger against New Delhi's control over the disputed region, officials said.

Casualties mounted the day after a leading separatist politician and five other protesters were gunned down by troops in the scenic valley, which is in the midst of some of the worst violence of an 19-year-old insurgency.

Police and soldiers enforced a daylight curfew across the Himalayan region in a bid to prevent rioting, but resorted to gunfire in the face of large crowds of stone-throwing youths, witnesses said.

Police, medical doctors and witnesses said 13 Muslim protesters, including a 55-year-old woman, were gunned down and at least 100 others wounded across Jammu and Kashmir state, including in the summer capital, Srinagar.

"We want freedom and we will continue our struggle until we are free," senior Muslim cleric and separatist leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq told AFP.

On Monday Sheikh Abdul Aziz,

a leader of the political struggle against Indian rule, was shot and killed by security forces during a protest near the Line of Control,

which divides the Indian and Pakistani parts of Kashmir.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi accused India

of using "excessive and unwarranted" force to quell the protests, and voiced Pakistan's grief at Aziz's "martyrdom".



Indian Kashmiri Muslim demonstrators hurl stones at Indian security forces during protest rally defying curfew in Srinagar yesterday. At least 13 Muslim protesters were killed and scores wounded as Indian security forces opened fire on demonstrators in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

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SEARCH FOR PROFESSIONALS

In Searching Professionals for the Post of Deputy General Manager (DGM)- Administration & Board Affairs (1) and Market Operation (1) the necessary Experience would be the following instead of the requirements mentioned in the Daily Star (Page 06) Published on August 12, 2008.

Qualifications: Master's degree in any discipline from a recognized university. Preferably, in any discipline of Commerce/Business Administration/Statistics/Economics.

Experience :

- The applicant must have minimum 10 years' experience with the financial institutions/securities market related institutions.
- Good communication skills in English with capability of interacting with wide range of persons and delegations relating to share department activities is desirable.
- Experience in stock market operations, board affairs management, customer complaint resolution, understanding of legal procedures, securities market operations as required for the positions.
- The incumbent must have sound knowledge of company and securities market rules and regulations.
- Adequate computer literacy includes familiarity with the modern communication technology like e-mail, Internet browsing & good knowledge of the computer operations.
- Negotiation skills both in verbal and written are required.
- Age should not be more than 45 years.



Bangladesh Cricket Board Invitation to Bid

Sponsorship Rights for New Zealand Tour of Bangladesh, October 2008

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) invites bids from parties who wish to acquire TITLE SPONSORSHIP and/or IN-STADIA ADVERTISING rights for the New Zealand Tour of Bangladesh 2008 comprising of 2 Test Matches & 3 One Day Internationals Matches to be played in Dhaka and Chittagong during the month of October 08 (beverages, branded bottled drinking water, online/Internet service provider and Tobacco product excluded). The items for which the bids are invited are as per the following packages:

TITLE SPONSORSHIP RIGHTS	Title Sponsorship rights for 3 One Day Internationals Matches and 2 Test matches.
	Title Rights of the Series and Branding rights as per the Tender Document.
IN-STADIA ADVERTISING RIGHTS Package-1	26 (Twenty Six) Perimeter / Ground Boards (Size: 1m x 6m).
	Mid-walls/Second Tier Branding for Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur Only. Flood Light Tower Branding
IN-STADIA ADVERTISING RIGHTS Package-2	Naming Rights to the Bowling Ends.
	4 (Four) Mid-Wicket Pitch Mats. Boundary rope branding

1. A detailed schedule for bid has been developed incorporating all necessary details and documents, including a draft copy of the Title Sponsorship Rights Agreement.
2. A bidder may bid for all the categories (Title, Package-1 & 2) or may choose to bid for separate categories. BCB reserves the right in its discretion to cancel or amend the entire bidding process at any stage and to reject any or all bids without providing any reason. The same advertisement is posted at www.tigercricket.com
3. Interested parties may obtain the schedule from the Finance Department, Bangladesh Cricket Board, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh against payment of non refundable USD300/- (For overseas organizations) and BDT20,000/- (For locally incorporated organizations). Such payment needs to be transferred /remitted to BCB (Account No.: 01-7537131-01, Account Name: Bangladesh Cricket Board, Bank: Standard Chartered Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh, SWIFT: SCBLBDXX). Please send your request for schedule (soft or printed version) along with evidence of bank transfer / payment of above.
4. Schedule will be available from 14th August 08 until 20th August 2008 between 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Bangladesh Local Time except Fridays and Public Holidays in Bangladesh.
5. As directed in the schedule, all offers / bids (Prepared in accordance with schedule) must be delivered to BCB Office at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh, between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm on Thursday, 21st August 2008.
6. A floor price / reserve price will be announced by the BCB on 18th August 2008 at 11:00 am Bangladesh local time at the BCB Office, Mirpur, Dhaka. Bidders at their own responsibility shall obtain the information (Floor price) from BCB and it will also be available at the BCB Official website (www.tigercricket.com).
7. Potential bidders may contact BCB at the address below for details on obtaining schedule:

Manager Marketing & Commercial
Bangladesh Cricket Board, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh.
Phone : +880 2 8031001-4, Fax : +880 2 8031199, Cell: 01713 046 501, email : saahmed@bcb-cricket.com
The BCB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers at any stage of the Bidding process without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Marketing & Commercial Committee
Bangladesh Cricket Board



An Indian cart driver guides his vehicle through a waterlogged street after a heavy downpour flooded parts of Amritsar yesterday.

India abhors 'political vacuum' in Pakistan

Says Narayanan

PTI, New Delhi

India abhors the "political vacuum" in Pakistan created by the tussle between President Pervez Musharraf and the Pakistan People's Party-led ruling coalition, says National Security Adviser MK Narayanan.

Narayanan said in an interview published on Tuesday that New Delhi was seriously concerned that this vacuum could allow radical extremist outfits in Pakistan more space to step up their activities not only in Afghanistan but also in India.

"Like nature abhors vacuum, we abhor the political vacuum that exists in Pakistan," Narayanan told The Straits Times. "It greatly worries us."

Pakistan's ruling coalition has vowed to impeach Musharraf unless he quits the presidency. If he is impeached, he could be forced to leave Pakistan.

Narayanan said the worry in India was not if Musharraf would be impeached or not but the inability to identify "who controls all the levers" in Pakistan.

"Whether he is impeached or not is not important from the Indian point of view. It is for the people of Pakistan to decide," Narayanan said.

"But it leaves a big vacuum and we are deeply concerned about this vacuum because it leaves the radical extremist outfits with freedom to do what they like, not merely on Pak(istan)-Afghan border but clearly our side of the border too."

The suicide bombing at the Indian embassy in Kabul last month that killed two Indian diplomats among others has raised New Delhi's worries about the link between terrorists and a section in the Pakistani establishment.

Narayanan was the first one to publicly blame Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) for the attack. The US has since echoed the complaint.

Narayanan said that during a meeting on the sidelines of the SAARC summit in Colombo earlier this month Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told his Pakistani counterpart Yousaf Raza Gilani that it could not be "business as usual" between the two countries because what happened in Afghanistan was "fundamentally different" from what had happened before.

"An attack on Indian embassy in a foreign land clearly marked an entirely new stage in the levels of acrimony and violence," Narayanan said.



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Invitation for Tenders

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.	
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla).	
3.	Procuring entity name	Petrobangla	
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka	
5.	Invitation for	Procurement (Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning) of Conference System and Digital Multimedia Projector with Projection Screens at Board Room (3 rd Floor) at Petrobangla, 3, Kawran Bazar.	
6.	Invitation Ref No.	51.17.01 (Part-9)	
7.	Date	06-08-2008.	
KEY INFORMATION			
8.	Procurement method	Open tendering method (single stage one envelope system).	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
9.	Budget and source of funds	Petrobangla Own Fund.	
10.	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
11.	Tender last selling date	15-9-2008	
		Date	Time
12.	Tender closing date and time	16-9-2008	12:00 noon
13.	Tender opening date and time	16-9-2008	12:30pm
14.	Place of tender selling	Accounts Division, Petrobangla, Petrocenter, 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.	
15.	Date of selling of tender documents	18-8-2008 to 15-9-2008	
16.	Place of tender receiving & opening	Purchase Department Petrocenter 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla).	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
17.	Eligibility of tenderer	Well reputed and financial solvent tenderers (authorized agents/distributors/licence holders) having the office establishment, well equipped repairing workshop, manpower, logistic support, stock position, good performance, qualification and past experience of supplying similar nature of goods in government, semi-government & autonomous bodies within the prescribed time.	
18.	Brief description of goods	Conference systems and Multimedia Projector are to be latest model/international standard, good quality, brand new, fitted with modern amenities high efficiency and other accessories etc in original with detailed specifications (supported by original catalogue).	
19.	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk. 400/- (four hundred only).	
20.	Details	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time (in days)
	Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Digital Multimedia Projector with Projection Screens.	Tk. 17,000/- (seventeen thousand) only.	30 (thirty) days.
PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAILS			
21.	Name of official inviting tender	General Manager (Administration/Purchase) Administration Division Petrobangla 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka Phone: 8141292	
22.	Special instruction	a) Tender must remain valid for 90 days from the date of closing of the tender. b) Tender security in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order from any schedule bank in Bangladesh with full obligation and liabilities. c) Tender security must remain valid for 180 (one hundred eighty) days from the closing of the tender. d) If tender opening day happens to fall on any holiday tenders shall be opened at the same hours on the first subsequent working day. e) The supplied Conference System and Digital Multimedia Projector with Projector Screen should be manufactured and assembled in the declared country of origin.	
23.	This tender will be conducted as per the Public Procurement Regulations Act (PPA)- 2008.		
24.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.		
GD-3640		General Manager (Admin./Purchase)	