

## Pak Parliament sets up panel to monitor Kashmir situation

PTI, Islamabad

Ignoring India's assertions that Islamabad should not interfere in its affairs, Pakistan's Parliament today decided to set up a panel to monitor human rights situation in Jammu and Kashmir and mobilise world opinion in support of the "right of self-determination" for Kashmiri people.

Ruling Pakistan People's Party leader and Law Minister Farooq Naek moved a motion for setting up a special panel on Kashmir comprising parliamentarians in the National Assembly and it was passed unanimously by the lower house.

## Obama close to naming VP pick

AFP, Albuquerque

Speculation about Barack Obama's vice presidential nominee hit new heights as a report said he had all but settled on a number two and could reveal his choice as early as Wednesday.

The New York Times reported the presumptive Democratic nominee had not yet notified his selection, but was focusing mainly on Virginia Governor Tim Kaine, Indiana Senator Evan Bayh and foreign policy expert Senator Joseph Biden.

Fresh buzz about Obama's intentions came as he sharpened his attacks against Republican rival John McCain, exactly a week before the Democratic nominating convention opens in Denver, Colorado.

Running mate anticipation was also building on the Republican side, as the Politico website and Fox News said McCain would name his running mate on August 29, the day after Obama's acceptance speech before 70,000 people in Denver.



PHOTO: AFP

Indian people move through submerged road on a buffalo cart in a low-lying area in the eastern section of New Delhi yesterday as the Yamuna river continued to rise. At least 80 people were trapped by floods and later evacuated after their houses were inundated with water at a catchments area of the Yamuna river in New Delhi.

## Georgia dismisses Russian pullback as 'show' War prisoners exchanged

AFP, AP, Tbilisi Igoeti

Georgia's Interior Ministry yesterday dismissed a pullback of Russian military vehicles from the city of Gori as a "show" and insisted no pullback was under way.

"It is a show aimed at creating the illusion of a withdrawal," ministry spokesman Shota Utiashvili told AFP. "No tank, no Russian soldier has left Georgia," he added.

Journalists earlier saw a column of Russian armoured vehicles pull away from Gori, following orders to move to the rebel city of Tskhinvali and from there to the southern Russian city of Vladikavkaz.

Both sides have accused the other of violating a peace plan

brokered by France to end the conflict between Russia and its southern neighbour Georgia.

Earlier Russia and Georgia exchanged prisoners captured during their brief war, a move that may reduce tensions and, Georgia hopes, hasten the promised withdrawal of Russian troops.

Georgia Security Council head Alexander Lomaia said the swap removes any pretext for Russians to hold positions in Igoeti. The village is the closest that Russian forces have advanced to the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, about 30 miles away.

Yet as Nato foreign ministers prepared to hold an emergency meeting in Brussels over a unified response to Russia's invasion of its

tiny neighbour, there still was no sign of the Russian troop pullout from Georgia that was supposed to have begun Monday.

A Russian defence official indicated Tuesday that a complete withdrawal from Georgia proper was not imminent.

"Rear units, as well as second- and third-echelon units are being pulled back first. The vanguard units will be pulled back at the final stage," Col Igor Konashenkov, a spokesman for Russia's land forces, was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency Tuesday's prisoner exchange, witnessed by Lomaia and Russian Maj. Gen. Vyacheslav Borisov, included 15 Georgians and five Russians, Lomaia said.

## 23 killed in Pakistan hospital bomb blast

Five soldiers, 13 militants die in clashes

AFP, Peshawar Khar

A suicide bomber blew himself up yesterday at a hospital in a north-western Pakistani town that has been plagued by sectarian violence, killing at least 23 people, police said.

In other violence posing a fresh challenge to the government the day after the resignation of key ally President Pervez Musharraf, five soldiers and 13 Taliban militants were killed in a tribal region bordering Afghanistan.

The suicide attack happened as Shia Muslims gathered to protest over the death of a man in a suspected sectarian attack in the troubled town of Dera Ismail Khan, said North West Frontier Province police chief Malik Naveed Khan.

"There are 23 confirmed dead and up to 20 wounded. We have found the legs of the suspected suicide bomber," Khan told private Geo television, adding that tensions were high in the area after the blast.

Provincial police spokesman Riaz Ahmed said the dead included civilians and policemen who went to the hospital to provide security for the protest.

"A Shia salesman was fatally wounded in an attack at a grocery store and was brought to the city's district hospital, when there was a blast in the emergency ward," Ahmed told AFP.

Another police official speaking on condition of anonymity said the incident could be linked to sectarian violence.

Meanwhile fighting erupted

Tuesday in Nawagai, 25km west of Khar, the main town in the Bajaur tribal district on the Afghan border, an official said.

"Around 13 militants are confirmed dead in the clashes which continued for several hours," local administration official Mohammad Jameel told AFP, adding that five soldiers lost their lives defending the checkpoint.

Army helicopter gunships later pounded the area, targeting militant hideouts, he said.

The official said that helicopters had destroyed the house of the main spokesman for Pakistan's Taliban movement, Maulvi Omar, but the compound was empty and no one was killed.

Pakistani forces moved into Bajaur, a known hub of al-Qaeda and

Taliban militants, nearly two weeks ago. The government says at least 460 militants have been killed since then.

Meanwhile, suspected separatist insurgents shot dead five Pakistani government officials nearly two weeks after they were abducted in the southwestern province of Baluchistan, police said yesterday.

Gas-rich Baluchistan, which borders Afghanistan and Iran, has seen a four-year insurgency by tribal rebels fighting for political autonomy and a greater share of profits from the region's natural resources.

"The officials were all shot dead. Their bodies were found dumped in a mountainous area" in the town of Chattrar in Baluchistan, local police officer Qasim Seelachi said.

## AL seeks urgent talks over polls

FROM PAGE 1 after the parliamentary election, they said.

In a letter signed by AL acting General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam sent to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday afternoon, the AL said, "It is imperative for the chief adviser and council of advisers to meet with a delegation of Bangladesh Awami League as soon as possible to discuss our proposals and opinions on the date and schedule of the national parliamentary elections and the upazila polls."

The AL requested the chief adviser to fix the time and date for the discussion immediately.

In another letter sent to the CEC, the AL said the party wants to know about the EC's stance over holding the upazila polls and announcement of the parliamentary polls schedule.

It also wants to know about the outcomes of the EC's electoral reform initiatives including political parties' registration with the EC and code of conduct for parties and candidates in the parliamentary polls.

An AL delegation led by party Office, Secretary, advocate, Abdul Mannan Khan met the secretaries to the chief adviser's office and the EC Secretariat yesterday afternoon and handed over the letters.

Mannan later told reporters that officials at the chief adviser's office and EC Secretariat gave assurance of informing them about the outcomes of their letters as soon as possible.

The AL made the formal move to open another round of talks with the caretaker government and the EC at a time when the EC is preparing to hold polls to 300 upazila parishes in October before holding the parliamentary polls in the third week of December.

The AL and other political parties

have been vehemently opposing the move, arguing that upazila polls will create obstacle to holding the parliamentary election in time.

The AL will also seek to persuade the caretaker government into lifting the state of emergency before the parliamentary election and release party chief Sheikh Hasina permanently, AL sources said.

Party policymakers said if the talks are held, they will categorically tell the government that the AL would not take part in any polls if emergency is not lifted. The party is already mobilising international community to put pressure on the caretaker government to lift the state of emergency.

They want to discuss issues like a few provisions of the People's Representation Order including scrapping of front organisations and foreign chapters of parties, the option for "no" vote, role of the army during the polls, political parties' registration and holding of party council, national poll schedule and environment for the election, competence of the EC, candidates' poll expenses, mismanagement of voter's slip in the August 4 polls, administrative reforms and formation of constitutional council.

The AL and the government held unofficial talks immediately after the release of AL President Sheikh Hasina on June 11 and the first round official dialogue on July 3 where the AL raised these issues and demanded withdrawal of the emergency without further delay.

The government wanted to hold another round of talks with the AL leaders but there has been no development in the government initiatives.

Sources said before sitting for the talks, senior AL leaders would consult with Hasina about the crucial issues and hold a meeting of the party presidium to finalise

strategies.

"We want to hold the dialogue with the government and the Election Commission after August 21," said AL Presidium member Suranjit Sengupta.

"Lifting of emergency, holding of parliamentary polls first and permanent release of Sheikh Hasina will be our main issues for discussion," he told The Daily Star.

Hasina's Political Secretary and party Organising Secretary Saber Hossain Chowdhury said, "At the talks we will point out the inadequacy in the Election Commission's competence level and ask it to concentrate on the issue from now because it could be an important factor for poll results."

Meanwhile, hearing about Awami League's letter to the chief adviser and the CEC, Jatiya Party acting chief Anisul Islam Mahmud said they also want to sit for the second round of talks with the government but the party has not yet taken any decision in this regard.

"We are observing the situation and will accordingly take decision about the time of discussion and agenda for it," Anisul told The Daily Star, adding that they want to discuss issues including political parties' registration, upazila elections and transparent holding of the national election.

Workers' Party of Bangladesh and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), AL's allies in the 14-party combine, demanded that the government initiate another round of talks with all political parties before taking any final decision regarding the national and upazila elections, lifting of the state of emergency and People's Representation Order 2008.

JSD President Hasanul Haque Inu said, "The government and the Election Commission should take

final decisions over such crucial issues through talks with the political parties."

He told The Daily Star that the JSD would sit today to decide whether to take any initiative for another round of dialogue with the government.

## 12 more govt staff

FROM PAGE 1 the 12 are from the land ministry and of the ranks of registrar and sub-registrar.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, an ACC official said, "We will have to wait for a day or two to make a decision about the government officials as our Chairman Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury has been on a visit outside Dhaka."

The ACC sources confirmed that as of yesterday none of the politicians and businessmen has applied for permission to seek clemency from the truth commission.

They added that there are a few couples among the applicants. Earlier on August 14, the ACC forwarded a list of 17 public servants to the newly founded statutory body.

On August 18, the applicants were given prescribed forms for voluntary disclosure of their offence and a week's time to submit those.

They include officials of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, Roads & Highways Department, Sylhet City Corporation and Forest Department. The TAC is likely to begin hearing the 17 next week. A person facing the commission may appoint a lawyer to defend him/her.

Officials said they expect more corruption suspects to apply towards the end of closing date.

Beginning its operation on August 3, the commission set September 1 as the deadline for seeking absolution.



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The background and instructions to submit the expression of interests can be down loaded by visiting our website: [http://www.undp.org.bd/proc\\_more.php](http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_more.php). Further, copies of this document can be obtained through one of the CHTDF offices in Rangamati, Bandarban, Khagrachari and Dhaka.

The Expression of Interest and accompanying documents must be received no later than 4 Sep 2008 at 5 p.m. (Bangladesh time), in a sealed envelope clearly labeled "Expression of Interest for the Provision of services to the Economic Development Component of the CHTDF Project in Bangladesh" to the address : Operations Manager, UNDP-CHTDF Bangladesh, Rajbari Road, Rangamati 4500, Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh.

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