



Indian tycoon KK Birla dies at the age of 90

AFP, Kolkata

Indian tycoon Krishna Kumar Birla, whose family empire spanned industries from sugar to newspapers, died Saturday at the age of 90, an aide said.

Birla, whose business holdings included sugar, fertilizer, chemicals, heavy engineering, textile, shipping and newspaper companies, had been suffering from pneumonia, his personal secretary Nand Kumar told AFP.

"Krishna Kumar Birla passed away this morning at his Kolkata residence," Kumar said.

40 militants killed in Pakistan airstrike

Missile strike kills 5 others near Afghan border

AFP, Islamabad/Peshawar

Pakistan's army killed 40 militants in an airstrike that targeted a rebel stronghold in the country's troubled northwestern Swat region, a military spokesman said yesterday.

Fighter jets bombed hideouts in Pechor valley, a stronghold of top Taliban cleric Mullah Fazlullah, on Friday while five people were killed when a missile fired from Afghanistan hit a suspected rebel hideout yesterday in Pakistan's South Waziristan.

Officials earlier said 22 rebels were killed in the operation but army spokesman Major Nasir Ali,

quoting local sources, revised the figure upward on Saturday to 40, including two senior Fazlullah commanders.

Local officials said Fazlullah, who since 2007 has been leading a violent campaign to enforce hard-line Islamic Sharia law in the mountainous Swat region, escaped the attack but his group suffered massive damage.

Ali said the group's "core militants" were killed and its communication network destroyed in the operation, one of the bloodiest raids since the army launched the offensive after peace negotiations with local tribes failed.

Troops backed by helicopter gunships and heavy artillery have for weeks been pounding militant positions in Swat, a former tourist spot.

Fazlullah is also known as Mullah Radio for using an illegal FM channel to disseminate the Taliban's agenda.

Meanwhile, at least five people were killed when a missile fired from Afghanistan hit a suspected rebel hideout yesterday in Pakistan's South Waziristan, a known hub of al-Qaeda, an official told AFP.

"A missile apparently fired from across the border hit a compound near Wana and initial reports say five people died," said a security

official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Local military spokesman Major Murad Khan told AFP that "an incident involving an explosion happened in South Waziristan but we do not know what caused the incident."

A local intelligence official said the missile struck the house of a tribesman in the Zelli Noor area just outside the main town of Wana in South Waziristan.

The official said the owner of the house had recently rented it out to some "foreigners", a term used in Pakistan to describe al-Qaeda fighters.



PHOTO: AFP

Indian Christian villagers walk down for a mid-day meal at a refugee camp after an attack, allegedly by a group of Hindu fundamentalists, at Tangedapathar, a village in Orissa's Kandhamal district, some 250km southwest of state capital Bhubaneswar on Friday. Indian authorities insisted they had halted deadly clashes between Hindus and Christians in the east of the country that have exposed it to stinging criticism.

Clashes kill a dozen Taliban

AFP, Kabul

A suicide car bomb exploded near international troops in the Afghan capital yesterday, leaving one wounded, while soldiers killed more than a dozen militants in clashes elsewhere, authorities said.

The Taliban insurgent movement said it had carried out the bombing -- the latest in a surge of unrest linked to an insur-

gency led by the militia that was in government between 1996 and 2001.

A suicide attacker blew up a bomb-filled vehicle in the west of Kabul, city police chief Mohammad Ayoub Salangi told AFP.

"There was a suicide bombing against international forces... Thank God there were no casualties. The bomber died and the vehicle is in pieces," he said.

Nato's International Security Assistance Force confirmed an improvised explosive device had blown up near a convoy and said it had one soldier wounded. It would not give the nationality of the affected troops.

Kabul has seen several deadly attacks this year by militants from the Taliban or other radical outfits trying to drive out the nearly 70,000 international troops helping the Afghan security forces.

Five million Afghans need food aid Says Oxfam

AFP, Kabul

Five million Afghans face serious food shortages with winter drawing near, but donors have put forward less than a fifth of the money needed to cope, development charity Oxfam warned yesterday.

Time is running out to avert a humanitarian crisis, the British-based group said, urging governments to respond to an emergency humanitarian appeal launched in July.

"Up to five million Afghans face severe food shortages, yet the appeal for Afghanistan has a huge funding shortfall, with less than a fifth of the 404 million US dollars needed to respond," Oxfam said in a statement.

"Large parts of Afghanistan are facing crisis as a result of the cumulative effect of factors including the harsh winter, high food prices, drought, and increasing and spreading insecurity."

One of the hardest-hit provinces is central Daikundi, where an Oxfam assessment shows people may be facing the worst conditions in more than 20 years.

"As it is almost impossible to deliver aid to rural areas during the harsh Afghan winter, concerted

action is needed now to avert the crisis," it said.

"This is a race against time, the international community needs to respond quickly before winter when conditions deteriorate," said Oxfam's head of policy in Kabul, Matt Waldman.

"The health of one million young children and half a million women is at serious risk due to malnutrition," he said in the statement.

The charity also said there not enough United Nations staff in the country to coordinate the massive aid effort required.

In a letter to development ministers around the world, Oxfam called for help to meet the funding shortfall and to support Afghanistan's agriculture sector and ability to cope with disasters.

"We believe the current situation requires a major humanitarian response," the letter said.

"If the response is slow or insufficient, there could be serious public health implications, including higher rates of mortality and morbidity, which are already some of the highest in the world," it said.

Such a response could also cause displacement and civil disturbances that may undermine security, the letter said.



PHOTO: AFP

Indian flood-affected children eat at temporary tent settlement at Jankipur village in Poornia district, some 420km north-east of Patna on Friday. Massive flooding in eastern India has caused a "national calamity," the prime minister said after touring the devastated region where more than a million people remain trapped.

Massive evacuation in Bihar as millions hit by floods

20 drown as rescue boat sinks

AFP, AP, Patna

More than 300,000 people trapped in India's worst floods in 50 years have been rescued but nearly double that number remain stranded without food or water, officials said yesterday.

About 60 people have died and three million people have been affected since the Kosi river breached its banks earlier this month on the border with Nepal and changed course, swamping hundreds of villages in eastern Bihar state.

Another 300,000 people have fled their homes and are living in government relief shelters, temples and high-rise government buildings.

"Large-scale evacuation will continue 'til all the marooned people are rescued in the next three to four days," disaster management official Prataya Amrit told AFP.

The government said the situation was unlikely to return to normal for months and the United Nations' Children's Fund (Unicef) voiced fears about illnesses breaking out at congested relief camps.

"We will have to provide food and shelter to the survivors until October as they will not be able to

return home," the state's disaster management minister Nitish Mishra told AFP.

The government has set up more than 100 shelters, but officials said nearly 600,000 people were still waiting to be rescued.

The floods have caused extensive damage and disruption to roads, water and electricity supplies in the affected areas, Unicef said.

"Essential commodities including food are now being transported by boat," the UN body said in a statement.

Tens of thousands of people have been displaced in Nepal, where thousands of Indians seeking shelter from floods in Bihar have also migrated.

Meanwhile, a rescue boat filled with panicked flood victims capsized and killed 20 people in northern India, where monsoon flooding grew worse because of heavy rain and water flowing from neighbouring Nepal, officials said Saturday.

The boat accident happened on Friday night in Madhepura district, 95 miles northeast of Patna, the capital of impoverished Bihar state, said ON Bhaskar, the superintendent of police. Those

killed included one army rescue worker. Eight people swam to safety and 32 were rescued by troops, he said.

Soldiers were facing problems tracing possible survivors because of strong currents, disaster management official RK Singh said.

A family trapped on a tractor for several days made desperate pleas to be rescued as flood waters rose steadily around them, the Indian Express newspaper reported.

"We have been stuck here for the past 10 days with no rescue team reaching here. Our food and water stocks have run out. Our mobiles (phones) are working, but they too will fail any moment," Laxmi Singh told the newspaper by telephone.

Survivors at relief shelters said they were not getting anything to eat.

"We have absolutely nothing with us here. We left everything behind," one woman at a crowded relief camp told NDTV news network.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has described the situation as a "national calamity" and announced a relief package of 228 million dollars and 125,000 tonnes of grain.

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| 04. | Procuring Method | Open Tender |
| 05. | Budget & Source of Funds | Own Finance |
| 06. | Tender Last Selling Date | 21 October 2008 |
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| | a. Selling Tender Document | (1) Cash Section, Accounts Department, Khaluna Shipyard Ltd. Bangladesh Navy, Khaluna. (2) Naval Store Sub Depot Dhaka Naval Headquarters Complex, Banani, Dhaka 1213. (3) From E-mail: ksyntet_design@yahoo.com |
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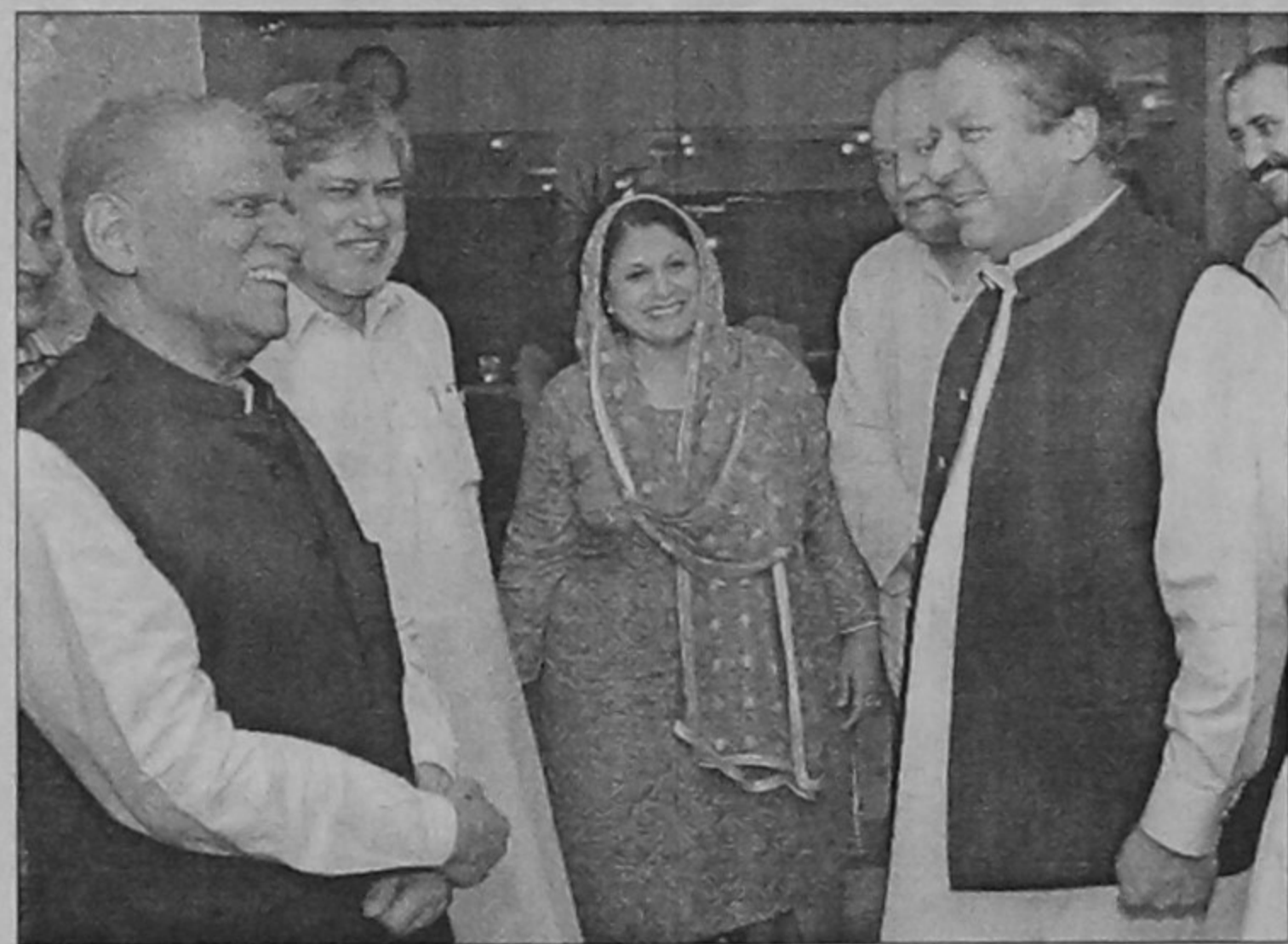


PHOTO: AFP

Pakistan former premier Nawaz Sharif (R) shares a light moment with the newly-named party candidate for the upcoming presidential election, Saeed uz Zaman Siddiqui (L) and other party leaders after a meeting in Islamabad yesterday. Pakistan's presidential election to choose a successor of Pervez Musharraf will be a triangular fight after the Election Commission announced its final list of candidates on Saturday.

Musharraf eyes comfy retirement home

AP, Islamabad

Predictions that Pervez Musharraf will have to flee Pakistan to escape treason charges have died along with the coalition that drove him from the presidency.

The ex-general can now eye comfortable though high-security retirement in the luxury villa, complete with a swimming pool and strawberry patch, that he is building in an elite suburb of the capital.

Since resigning Aug. 18 to avoid impeachment, the former military ruler has stayed below the radar as the country he ran for nine years plunged into fresh political turmoil.

Nawaz Sharif, whose government Musharraf toppled in a 1999 coup, has been baying for revenge in the form of a trial for sedition a crime punishable with death.

But he pulled his party out of the government this week as the widower of slain former leader Benazir Bhutto made a grab for Musharraf's succession.

Asif Ali Zardari, who has seized control of his late wife's party and expects lawmakers to elect him head of state on Sept. 6, has said he doesn't object to Musharraf putting his feet up in Pakistan.

And many believe Musharraf

promised down only after Zardari promised to leave him in peace partly to please foreign backers such as the United States and Saudi Arabia.

"There is hardly any chance that Musharraf will ever be tried in Pakistan," said Nazir Naji, a commentator on Pakistan's top-selling Jang newspaper. "I believe Musharraf got all the guarantees he wanted."

Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani told reporters Friday that Zardari, who is widely expected to win a Sept. 6 presidential election by lawmakers, was staying at a hilltop mansion in Islamabad's government quarters "for security reasons."

He did not elaborate, but an intelligence official said there had been reports that the presidential hopeful could be the target of an attack and that he had switched locations after Musharraf's Aug. 18 resignation.

Musharraf, a gregarious 65-year-old who counted President Bush as a personal friend, has received a stream of guests at Army House in Rawalpindi, south of the capital, where he continues to live even though he stepped down as army chief nine months ago.

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| ১৪. | মালামাল সরবরাহের স্থান | দরপত্র দাখিলে বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী অনুযায়ী। | | | |
| ১৫. | দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার সাথে যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম | টেলিফোন নম্বর: ৯৮৬২৭৭৭। | | | |
| ১৬. | দরদাতার প্রতি বিশেষ নির্দেশাবলী | (ক) পারদর্শক প্রকল্প/সেবা/সেবা বিধিমালা-২০০৮ এর বিধি বিধান মানতে বাধ্য থাকবেন। (খ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীতই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল বা কোন দরপত্রের অংশবিশেষ বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। (গ) দরপত্র সফল হলে যে কোন বিষয় নিম্নাধিকারকারীর অফিস অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে জানা যাবে। (ঘ) দরদাতাকে প্রকল্প/সেবা/সেবা কোম্পানী/এজেন্ট/পরিবেশক/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান বা তাদের নিযুক্ত সংস্থা হতে হবে। দরদাতাদের হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, আয়কর, ভ্যাট রজিস্ট্রেশন ও বাৎসরিক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত কপি এবং দরপত্রের সিউলের অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী অনুযায়ী কাগজপত্র দরপত্রের সহিত অবশ্যই দাখিল করতে হবে। (ঙ) দরদাতার প্রতিষ্ঠানের যোগ্যতার এবং দরপত্র দাখিলের স্বপক্ষে চাহিদাকৃত কাগজপত্রাদি অবশ্যই দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করতে হবে। দরপত্র দাখিলাদির প্রত্যেক পৃষ্ঠায় এবং নির্ধারিত স্থানে দরদাতাকে অবশ্যই স্বাক্ষর করতে হবে। (চ) ক্রমিক নং-১ এ বর্ণিত কাজটি প্যাকেজ হিসেবে গণ্য হবে না এবং ক্রমিক নং-২ হতে ৩ তে বর্ণিত কাজের আইটেমসমূহ স্লি ভিনু প্যাকেজ হিসেবে গণ্য হবে। | | | |
| ক্রমিক নং | কাজের নাম | প্রাকল্প মূল্য | দরপত্র সিউল/সিউল | কার্য সমাপ্তির সময়সীমা | দরপত্র মূল্য |
| ০১. | প্রকৌশল বিভাগ (যান্ত্রিক-২) এর ২০০৮-২০০৯ইং অর্থ বৎসরের জন্য বিভিন্ন পানির প্রয়োজনীয় টায়ার ও চিহ্নবহন সরবরাহ কাজ (ফপ- "৩") | সরবরাহকারী কর্তৃক উদ্ধৃত মূল্য | ৬১,৬৭,০০০/- | ৩০শে জুন ২০০৯ইং পর্যন্ত | ৬১,০০০/- |