

10 killed in
Afghan strikes

AFP, Herat

Air strikes hit a building occupied by a Taliban-era official in southwestern Afghanistan early Friday, killing him, seven other insurgents, a woman and a child, the Afghan army said.

International and Afghan troops had moved into the Bakwa district in the southwestern province of Farah overnight and called in the strikes, Afghan National Army commander for the area Farooq Naem said.

The target was Mullah Fazil, who was the deputy governor of the province during the 1996 to 2001 rule of the Taliban, said Naemi and the current deputy provincial governor, Mohammad Younus Rasouli.

"In the air strike eight Taliban were killed, among them three commanders including Mullah Fazil," Naemi told AFP.

Suu Kyi's party
expresses concern
for her health

AP, Yangon

The political party of detained opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi urged Myanmar's military government Friday to ensure her well-being as she continued to refuse food deliveries to protest her detention.

The National League for Democracy "expressed concern" that Suu Kyi has not accepted food delivered to her home for almost three weeks, the party said in a statement.

It did not say whether she was on a hunger strike, a question that has remained unanswered since the first mention of her refusal to accept food over a week ago.

Thousands still trapped
by Indian floods

AFP, Patna

Rescue workers in flood-hit northern India have brought over 800,000 people to safety, but tens of thousands more are still believed to be trapped, officials said Friday.

Large swathes of the already impoverished state of Bihar were flooded after defences upstream in Nepal broke, shifting the flow of the Kosi river away from its normal course and onto farmland.

Indian armed forces, other official bodies and aid groups have since used boats to hunt for survivors, some of whom have spent up to two weeks trapped on roofs or isolated high ground without food or clean water.

"A major part of evacuation is

over with more than 800,000 people evacuated and shifted to safe places. About 280,000 of them are taking shelter at relief camps," Bihar Disaster Management Minister Nitish Mishra told reporters.

"It was an unprecedented operation, not only in India but in the world," Mishra said, but cautioned that some 50,000 to 100,000 people were still believed to be trapped in flooded areas.

Rescue operations were continuing, although there have been reports of many people refusing to leave their villages -- even though they are waist-or-neck-deep in water.

Around 100 people are confirmed to have died in the floods, but the real number is certain to be far higher as many were simply

washed away by the deep water and strong currents that swept through rural areas.

State officials said 1,100 square kilometres (420 square miles) of land had been badly hit and at least 300,000 homes destroyed.

Water levels have receded in recent days, allowing aid workers to access more areas and bring more people out, said R K Singh, principal secretary in Bihar's disaster management department.

But officials also cautioned that the drop in water levels was likely to be temporary, with the Kosi river likely to hit its peak flow on several weeks towards the end of the monsoon season, at the end of September or beginning of October. In Nepal, where 50,000 people

have also been left homeless, officials say they cannot begin work on repairing the river defences until the monsoon season ends.

Separately, the northeastern Indian state of Assam is also being hit by monsoon flooding of the Brahmaputra river and its tributaries.

"A total of 19 of the state's 27 districts are hit. The floods have displaced about 1.5 million people, with the overall situation continuing to be critical," Assam relief and rehabilitation minister, Bhumidhar Barman, told AFP.

Downstream in Bangladesh, 20 of the country's 64 districts have been hit with officials estimating that a quarter of the low-lying delta country's landmass was under water.



PHOTO: AFP

A one horned rhinoceros and a calf stand in floodwaters at the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, some 55km east of Guwahati yesterday. Floodwaters have submerged some 90 percent of the sanctuary in the eastern Indian state of Assam forcing rhinos and other wild animals to shelter in woodland of the park which is located at a higher altitude.

India vows to avoid arms
race as NSG talks resume

AP, Vienna

India pledged yesterday not to engage in a new arms race as talks continued in Vienna over whether to let the United States sell India nuclear material and technology for civilian use.

It remained unclear whether the US would win its push to get a waiver on a nuclear trade ban.

More than a dozen nations have balked at the deal, pointing out that India has conducted atomic test blasts and has refused to sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

In New Delhi, External Affairs

Minister Pranab Mukherjee said his country remains committed to a voluntary moratorium on nuclear testing. He said India would not touch off a new arms race or share sensitive nuclear technology with others.

"We do not subscribe to any arms race, including a nuclear arms race," Mukherjee said Friday. "We have always tempered the exercise of our strategic autonomy with a sense of global responsibility. We affirm our policy of no-first-use of nuclear weapons."

Acting US Undersecretary of State John Rood, who specializes in

arms control issues, told reporters as the talks broke for lunch that Washington remained "confident and optimistic" that it would hammer out a compromise.

Rood hailed Mukherjee's statement as "very significant" and expressed hope that it would lay to rest any lingering concerns about India's nuclear ambitions and intentions.

The talks were convened by the 45-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group, which governs the legal trade in nuclear components and technology. Thursday's session was inconclusive.

High-profile Indian
gets 5-year jail term
in hit-and-run case

AFP, New Delhi

An Indian court yesterday jailed the well-connected son of a rich arms dealer for five years for killing six people in a hit-and-run car accident nearly a decade ago, lawyers said.

The trial has been in the media spotlight because of Sanjeev Nanda's influential background, allegations of witness intimidation and a TV clip showing the defence and prosecution lawyers striking a deal to bail the accused out.

His homicide conviction earlier this week was also taken as a sign that India's rich and powerful can no longer act with the impunity of the past, even if the judicial system remains deeply flawed.



PHOTO: AFP

Pakistani activists shout anti-US slogans as they burn a US flag during a protest in Lahore yesterday. Pakistan has condemned a cross-border raid by Afghanistan-based international troops on a tribal village as "shameful" and unjustified, saying that only civilians had been targeted.

Rights group slams
India, Maoist rebels
over child soldiers

AFP, New Delhi

Human Rights Watch yesterday demanded the Indian government and Maoist rebels stop using child fighters in their escalating battle in the country's eastern jungles.

The US-based group called on the Indian government "to develop a scheme to identify, demobilise and rehabilitate" children caught up in the insurgency, centred in Chhattisgarh state.

"A particular horror of the Chhattisgarh conflict is that children are participating in the violence," said Jo Becker, children's rights advocate for Human Rights Watch.

"It's shameful that both India's government and the Maoists are exploiting children in such a dan-


gerous fashion."

It said the Maoists, known in India as Naxalites, trained children "in the use of rifles, landmines and improvised explosive devices" and pushed them into "armed exchanges with government security forces."

The group said a state-backed anti-Maoist militia, the Salwa Judum, as well as state police also recruited under-18s.

"Many eyewitnesses of joint raids by government security forces and Salwa Judum members described seeing dozens of children dressed in police uniforms armed with rifles," the group said.

The Maoist insurgency in India grew out of a peasant uprising in 1967 and has now hit half of India's 29 states.



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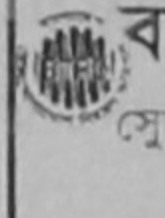
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Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

The Common Services Department, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka has been allocated funds toward the cost of the construction of 2-storied Guest House with 6-storied foundation having 3000sq. ft. area each floor at Bangladesh Bank premises, Bogra and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this fund to payments under the contract for consultancy services.

The services include:

- Carryout of necessary sub-soil investigation and preparation of report;
- Topographical survey of the site;
- Preparation of preliminary and final architectural drawings;
- Preparation of detailed structural design and working drawings;
- Preparation of detailed electrical & mechanical design and drawings;
- Preparation of detailed sanitary and plumbing design and drawings;
- Preparation of component wise detailed estimates;
- Preparation of tender documents;
- Full time supervision of construction works;
- Any other allied work.

Qualification and Experiences:

1. The intending consulting firms must have adequate number of qualified Architects, structural engineers, civil, electrical & mechanical engineers and other technical key personnel on their pay roll. Key personnel not on the firm's pay roll have to ensure their availability for the assignment during concerned person month.
2. Consulting firms must have at least 10 (ten) years experience in:
 - i) Preparing pre-qualifications and tender documents.
 - ii) Supervising and monitoring construction works.
 - iii) Successfully completion of the similar works under a single contract for value not below Tk. 1.50 crore.

The Common Services Department of Bangladesh Bank now invites eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate professional, qualification and experience among staff etc).

A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Bangladesh Bank Procurement Regulations, 2004 and Procedures thereof.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address above during normal office hours.

Expressions of interest shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address of the undersigned shown above by dated of 25-09-2008 up to 12.00 hours and be clearly marked "Request for Expressions of Interest for consultancy services regarding the construction of 2-storied Guest House with 6-storied foundation having 1800 sq. ft. area each floor at Bangladesh Bank premises, Bogra.

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs.

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