



Pakistani former premier Nawaz Sharif (C) leaves after attending a joint session of the parliament in Islamabad yesterday.

## Fumes kill 15 trying to steal fuel in India

AFP, Guwahati

Fifteen people trying to steal fuel from a freight train died yesterday in northeastern India when they were overcome by toxic fumes, railway officials said.

Dozens more were injured. The mob was led by tribal rebels who were seeking to steal fuel from the train travelling through oil-rich Assam state's remote Karbi Anglong district, officials said.

"The freight train with 48 wagons carrying diesel and petrol was intercepted by a group of people" who tried to steal the fuel, rail official S.S. Narayanan in Guwahati, Assam's largest city.

The raiders were overcome the fumes from the liquid which gushed out with great force, witnesses said.

"We saw 15 bodies scattered in a radius of about 100 metres (yards) from the site while up to 30 others were ill and some were unconscious," villager K. Timung told AFP by telephone.

# US-Pak accord on border strikes soon: Brown

American military advisers to head for Pakistan soon

AFP, PTI, London/ New York

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown voiced opposition Friday to US strikes against Islamic militants in Pakistan but said the two sides were close to reaching a deal on the issue.

Brown, who met new Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari in London this week, was asked about drones apparently operated by the United States striking targets in tribal border areas of northwest Pakistan.

The Bush administration says militants linked to insurgency in Afghanistan are based there.

Brown told Sky news television: "We've made it absolutely clear that that is not what we

would do, what I'm saying to you is that I believe America and Pakistan will reach an agreement about the best way forward on this."

He added: "We of course respect the territorial integrity of Pakistan. I think they're coming close to an agreement about what the right thing to do is."

US President George W. Bush is to meet Zardari for the first time Tuesday on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly being held in New York.

In private, US officials claim Pakistan is doing too little to flush out the militants linked to deadly attacks on Nato troops in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, US military advisers in dozens may soon be heading for Pakistan to train its army in counter insurgency and the specialised warfare course could begin in matter of weeks, according to a top US military commander.

"The US and Pakistan have cleared remaining obstacles, so the long delayed team may arrive in Islamabad within weeks", Admiral Michael Mullen, Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff was quoted by Los Angeles Times on his return from a key visit to Pakistan.

Washington for months has urged the Pakistani to accept a training team. Pakistan resisted,

asking for additional weaponry and equipment some US officials believe is best suited for its stand-off with regional rival India, the Papers said.

But now, Mullen told the paper the primary stumbling block had been the fact that Pakistan could not build the proposed training site, near the western town of Peshawar, quickly enough.

He said the two sides had now agreed to use an alternative site, north of Pakistani capital Islamabad.

"We're still going through administrative delays, but I do see it happening", Mullen said adding "I think it's in the next few weeks".

# Suicide bomber hits Pak convoy: 6 killed

Military kills 16 al-Qaeda linked militants

AFP, Miranshah

A suicide bomber attacked a Pakistani military convoy near the Afghan border yesterday, killing two soldiers and four civilians, the military said.

A security official put the toll from the attack, which took place as the troops passed through the volatile, North Waziristan tribal district, at eight soldiers and said it could rise further.

"As many as six persons including four civilians embraced shahadat (martyrdom) due to a blast in Miranshah this morning," a military statement said.

Reportedly, a suspected suicide bomber hit a military convoy which was moving from Mir Ali to

Miranshah this morning. Five security forces persons were also injured.

Taliban and al-Qaeda-linked militants regularly attack military and government targets in the area close to the Afghan border.

Hours later, eight remote-controlled bombs planted on a roadside exploded when a military convoy was passing in Wana, the main town of neighbouring South Waziristan tribal district, officials said.

Details about casualties were not known immediately. However, witnesses said that shoppers in main Wana market ran in panic and shops were closed down following the blasts.

Separately, Pakistani soldiers

killed 16 al-Qaeda-linked militants in fierce gunbattles in Bajaur, another lawless tribal district bordering Afghanistan, officials said.

More than 800 people, mostly militants, have been killed and 260,000 displaced since Pakistani troops launched a major offensive against Islamic militants in the area last month.

US and Afghan officials say Pakistan's tribal areas are a safe haven for al-Qaeda and Taliban militants who sneaked across the border after the fall of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan late 2001.

al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, are widely believed to be hiding in the mountainous region.

## Six Afghan civilians, one coalition soldier killed

AFP, Kabul

Six Afghan civilians and an international soldier were killed in extremist-linked unrest in Afghanistan as President Hamid Karzai called Friday for all sides to respect "Peace Day" this weekend.

Four of the civilians died when rockets fired by insurgents at a base for international troops landed in a field where women and children were working, the Nato-led military force said.

"The attack killed four, including a child," it said in a statement.

Other civilians were wounded in the attack on the base in a remote district in Paktika province on the border with Pakistan, it said without identifying the civilians.

Another Afghan civilian was killed late Thursday when Nato soldiers fired at a truck that came too close to a military convoy in the southern city of Kandahar, the alliance's International Security Assistance Force said separately.

It also announced it was investigating claims that soldiers had mistakenly killed an Afghan district governor and two of his men in the

southern province of Uruzgan on Wednesday.

The Australian defence ministry said its soldiers may have been involved in the apparent incident of friendly fire.

In other violence, two policemen and a civilian were killed in a Taliban ambush in the eastern province of Khost late Thursday, provincial security authorities said.

And a soldier with the US-led coalition was killed in a bomb blast Friday, the force said, without giving the nationality of the soldier.

The coalition said separately it had killed two Taliban and arrested six in the Sarobi district near Kabul where 10 French soldiers were killed in a rebel ambush last month.

And six Taliban were killed in an Afghan operation in the central province of Ghazni, provincial spokesman Ismail Jahangir said.

The steady pace of attacks are part of an insurgency that was launched by the Taliban after their ouster from government in late 2001 and has gained strength in recent years, to the despair of Afghans whose country has been at war for 30 years.



Pakistani Army Chief General Ashfaq Kayani (2L) walks with officials after attending a joint session of parliament in Islamabad yesterday. Newly elected President Asif Ali Zardari said Pakistan would not tolerate violations of its sovereignty following cross-border strikes by the US-led coalition based in Afghanistan.

## Indian PM to take tough line in talks with Pakistani leader

THE STATESMAN/ ANN, New Delhi

In the wake of the serial bomb blasts in the Capital New Delhi, Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh is expected to take a 'tough stand' when he meets Pakistan President, Asif Ali Zardari, in New York next week.

Singh is likely to raise New Delhi's concerns about the alleged complicity of Islamabad in the July 7 bombing of the Indian Embassy in Kabul—an assertion that was reinforced by US intelligence intercepts, but was denied by Islamabad.

"Our agenda with Pakistan is well-known. For the dialogue process to move forward, there has to be an atmosphere free from violence," foreign secretary

Shivshankar Menon told reporters Friday ahead of the Prime Minister's visit to USA and France beginning Monday.

Coinciding with the PM's departure for the UN General Assembly session, the India-Pakistan joint working group on cross-LoC (line of control between Pakistan and India) confidence building measures will be meeting here to finalise modalities for initiating cross-LoC trade in October.

Experts from both sides are expected to finalise modalities for cross-border trade along the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad and Poonch-Rawalakot routes. Reviving cross-border trade on the Kardil-Skardu route is also being considered.

## Indian Hindu leader held for church attacks

AP, New Delhi

Police in southern India have arrested a senior leader of a right-wing Hindu group in connection with attacks on Christian churches and prayer halls last weekend, an official said Saturday.

Mahendra Kumar, a state convener of the radical Bajrang Dal group in Karnataka state, was arrested late Friday night, according to A.M. Prasad, a senior local police official.

"He's part of the investigation of the attacks on Christian places of worship," Prasad said.

Right-wing Hindu mobs mainly linked with Bajrang Dal attacked at least 20 churches and prayer halls in the Mangalore, Chikmagalur and Udupi districts of Karnataka state on Sept. 14, alleging that some churches had circulated literature defaming the Hindu religion, Prasad said.



Nepalese prime minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal also known as Prachanda walks at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu yesterday before leaving for the US to attend the 63rd United Nations General Assembly meeting. The Maoist prime minister of the world's newest republic left Nepal for the US to meet President George W Bush and address the United Nations.

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IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh (IFB) invites applications from qualified candidates for a Fundraising Officer.

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**TENDER NOTICE**

FOR  
CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS & INTERNAL WATER PIPE LINE FOR EXTENSION OF  
KAFCO HOUSING COLONY AT RANGADIA, ANOWARA, CHITTAGONG.

Ref.: Purchasing/Civil/09/2008/30 Date: 17 September 2008

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from reputed Contractors/Construction firms having relevant experience during last 5-years in any Govt., Semi Govt., Autonomous or Multinational Companies for the following works for the Extension of KAFCO Housing Colony at Rangadia, Anowara, Chittagong:

Project # 1: Construction of 5 Storied E-Type Residential Building (3 Nos., 20 Flats each)  
Project # 2: Construction of 5 Storied D-Type Residential Building (3 Nos., 10 Flats each)  
Project # 3: Construction of 5 Storied C-Type Residential Building (2 Nos., 10 Flats each)  
Project # 4: Supply & Laying of Internal Water Distribution Pipe Line for Extension of Housing Complex.

The contractors / construction firms should have:

- Average min. annual turnover for the last five years: (a) Tk. 70 million for Project # 1; (b) Tk. 50 Million for Project # 2; (c) Tk. 30 Million for Project # 3 above.
- Liquid asset and or credit facilities, Min.: (a) Tk. 15 million for Project # 1; (b) Tk. 12 Million for Project # 2; (c) Tk. 10 Million for Project # 3 and (d) Tk. 0.5 Million for Project # 4 above.
- Experience of performing a similar nature of work during the last five years, of min value in a single contract: (a) Tk. 100 million for Project #1; (b) Tk. 80 Million for Project # 2; (c) Tk. 60 Million for Project # 3 and (d) Tk. 3 Million for Project # 4 above.

Tenderers, at their own option, may submit tender for any or all of the above projects. However, tender for each project to be submitted separately.

The interested Contractors/Construction firms shall submit their tenders after physically inspecting the Job site.

All Tenders shall be of two envelope system i.e. (A) Technical Proposal & (B) Commercial Proposal. Technical Proposal shall be opened first. Commercial offers of non-qualified tenderers in technical proposal shall be returned unopened and those of qualified tenderers shall be opened for further evaluation.

Both the Technical Proposal & the Commercial Proposal along with related documents shall be initially sealed in two separate inner envelopes mentioning clearly the name of the respective proposal (The Technical Proposal / The Commercial Proposal) on the top of envelopes and finally sealed in an outer envelope mentioning clearly the name of the work on the top of the envelope and be submitted accordingly.

Tender documents will be available from the Office of the Finance Department of KAFCO, Rangadia, Anowara, Chittagong and KAFCO Corporate Office, IDB Bhaban 13th floor, E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Dhaka during Office hours from 22 September 2008 to 30 September 2008 at a cost of (non-refundable) Tk. 3,000/set for each of Project # 1, Project # 2, Project # 3 and Tk. 2000/set for Project # 4 above.

Tender documents shall be sold only to those interested contractors / construction firms, who apply in their letter head pad along with successful completion certificate of a similar nature of work of Min. value (a) Tk. 100 million for Project # 1; (b) Tk. 80 Million for Project # 2; (c) Tk. 60 Million for Project # 3 and Tk. 3 million for Project # 4 above in a single contract during the last five years from the concerned Engineer / Officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer.

Tenders will be received in the Tender box at KAFCO Rangadia, Anowara, Chittagong and KAFCO Corporate Office, IDB Bhaban 5th floor, E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Dhaka up to 15-00 hours on 20 October 2008.

Tenders, as would be received, will be opened in the office of the General Manager Procurement, KAFCO, Rangadia, Anowara, Chittagong at 14-00 hours on 21 October 2008 in presence of tenderers, if any.

Each Tenderer shall furnish along with commercial proposal as part of its Tender, an Earnest Money @ 2.50% of quoted amount in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company Limited, Rangadia, Anowara, Chittagong.

Other required eligibility and conditions of the Tenderers are stipulated in the respective Tender Documents.

KAFCO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tender without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

Md. Mahubul-Ul-Alam  
General Manager, Procurement

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The rates of Fake note detector machine for the use of our different branches to be submitted separately.

Tenderers having work experience in supplying, installation & Maintenance of Banking equipment like Note Counting Machine at least 50 numbers of Bank Branches or Branches of any organization(s) during last couple of years may submit their rate (including VAT/IT etc.) in the tender box kept at our Establishment Division (12th floor), 26, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka on or before 11am of 15.10.2008 for a single Machine alongwith an earnest money 2.5% of bid value in the form of Pay-order from any schedule Bank in Bangladesh favoring Pubali Bank Limited Establishment Division, Head Office, Dhaka.

The Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**MD. RASUL AMIN**  
General Manager