

India, Pakistan to discuss counter-terror steps in Delhi today

AFP, New Delhi

Indian and Pakistan officials will hold counter-terrorism talks here today, the Indian foreign ministry said Wednesday, to build trust and allay security concerns between the two rivals.

The talks come after Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari agreed in New York last month to kickstart an embattled peace dialogue between the nuclear-armed nations.

"As decided by the Prime Minister of India and the President of Pakistan... the Special Session of

the Joint Anti-Terror Mechanism with Pakistan, will be held on 24 October in New Delhi," the Indian ministry statement said.

Relations between the rivals were strained in July after New Delhi accused Islamabad's military intelligence agency of involvement in a deadly suicide bombing of its embassy in Kabul.

Four Indians including two diplomats were among scores killed in the attack.

The joint anti-terrorism group was set up in 2006 after train bombings in India's financial capital Mumbai in July of that year. India claimed Pakistan had a hand in

the bombings, which killed 186 people.

New Delhi also accuses Islamabad-backed Islamic militants of waging an insurgency in the disputed Himalayan territory of Kashmir and of triggering attacks in other parts of the country.

Pakistan strongly denies it arms or trains the militants.

The South Asian rivals have been engaged in slow moving peace talks to normalise ties since January 2004, but there has been scant headway on Kashmir, the trigger for two of their three wars since 1947.

Lankan forces capture several bunkers of Tamil Tiger rebels

AFP, Colombo

Government forces captured several bunkers from Tamil Tiger rebels as heavy fighting raged despite torrential monsoon rains in northern Sri Lanka, the defence ministry said yesterday.

Security forces battling to capture the rebels' political capital of Kilinochchi overcame resistance from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) near the village of Akkarayankulam, the ministry said.

"The counter terrorist offensive continues with the military battling through stiff LTTE resistance and inter monsoon rains," the ministry said in a statement.

"Troops claimed seizing control over several LTTE bunkers and trenches during Wednesday's fighting," the statement added.

It did not give details of casualties in the latest fighting but said troops recovered two decomposed

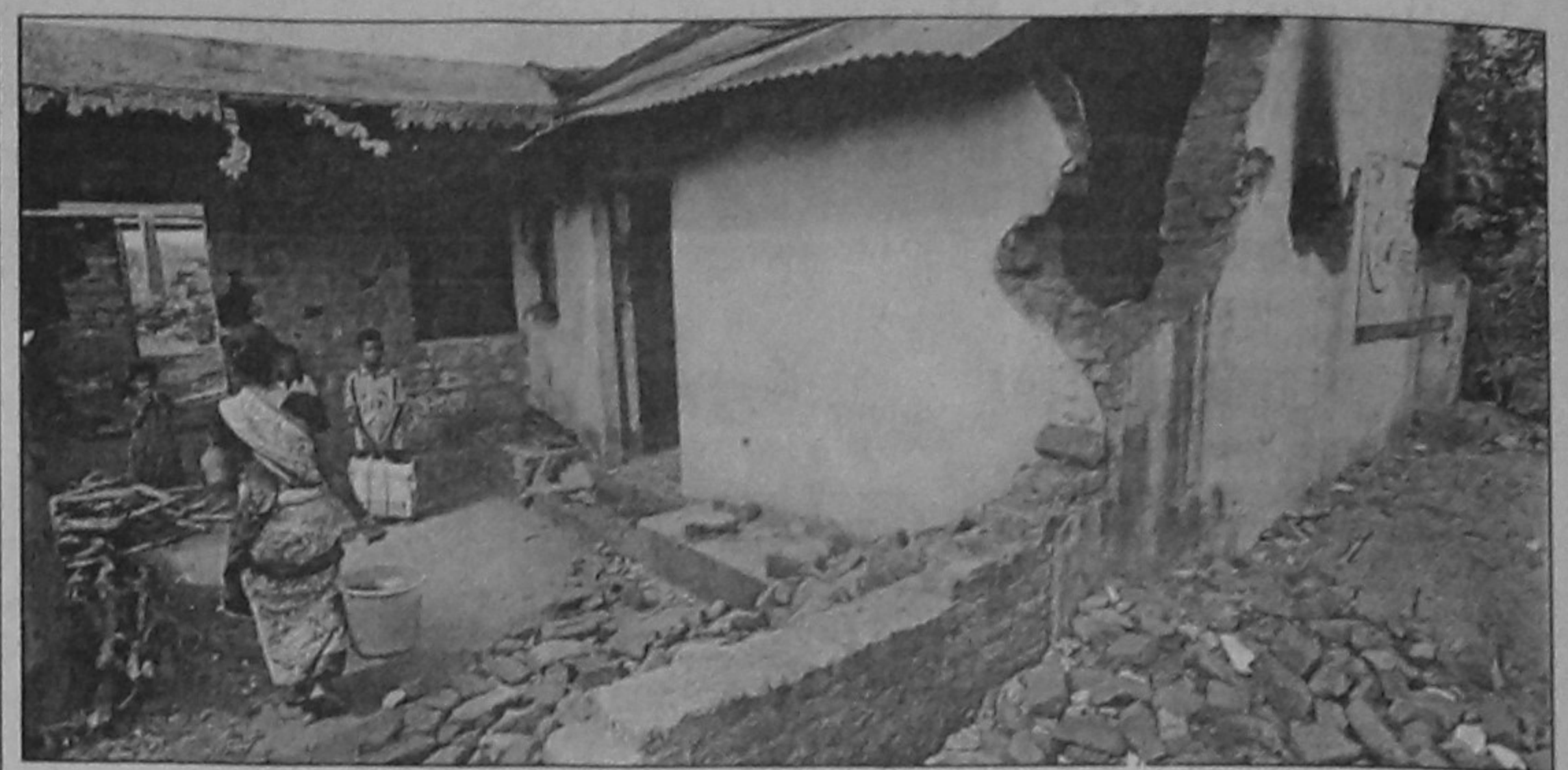
bodies of Tiger rebels.

Defence ministry maps show that troops are about 10 to 15 kilometres (six to 10 miles) southwest of Kilinochchi.

The military claims came a day after the Tigers attacked two merchant vessels off the island's northern peninsula of Jaffna using three boats packed with explosives.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rammed explosives-laden boats against the MV Ruhuna and MV Nimalawa which were supplying the besieged Jaffna peninsula in a pre-dawn attack, officials said.

The ethnic guerrillas also fought a sea battle with naval units defending the port of Kankesanthurai on the peninsula and the convoy of merchant vessels. At least six members of the elite Black Sea Tiger suicide squad may have perished in the attack, officials said.



An Indian Christian family returns to their house damaged during rioting by hardline Hindu activists at the village of Bujulmendi in Orissa's Kandhamal district, some 350km southwest of Bhubaneswar yesterday.

Pakistan needs to attack insurgents

Says US diplomat

AFP, Kabul

Pakistan must attack insurgents in its northern areas and tackle extremists threatening its stability and complicating international efforts in Afghanistan, a senior US diplomat said yesterday.

The United States is committed to helping Pakistan fight insurgents, deputy assistant secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs Patrick Moon told reporters in Kabul.

Hours earlier suspected US spy drones fired missiles into a school set up by a Taliban commander in a Pakistani tribal area, killing 11 people, in the latest in a string of attacks that have raised tensions between the countries.

"Pakistan needs to and is attacking insurgents in its northern areas," Moon told reporters during a visit to Afghanistan to assess efforts to fight a growing Taliban-led insurgency.

"Sanctuaries for Afghanistan Taliban in Pakistan complicate our security operations in Afghanistan. Pakistani Taliban elements and other extremists such as al-Qaeda are posing a threat to the stability of Pakistan," he said.

Moon said the United States was committed to helping Islamabad by improving its army and providing development aid to stimulate economic activity and create jobs as an alternative to insurgent activity.

He said relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan appeared to have improved with the September election of President Asif Ali Zardari, but "much more needs to be done."

The neighbours have been at loggerheads about the extremist threat, with Kabul for years accusing Islamabad of not doing enough to eliminate extremist sanctuaries on its soil and stop fighters from infiltrating Afghanistan.

India, Japan ready to assume 'global role'

Says Manmohan

PTI, Tokyo

Describing India and Japan as "major powers" and "two major pillars of new Asia," Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday said the two strategic partners are ready to play a "commensurate global role" in world affairs.

"On the strength of our strong bilateral partnership, we stand today as two major powers ready to play a commensurate global role," Singh said a day after inking a landmark security cooperation agreement with his Japanese counterpart Taro Aso here.

"India believes that a strong and dynamic Japan is a powerful factor of peace and stability in Asia and the world at large," Singh said at a welcome lunch reception held in his honour by the Japan-India Association and Japan-India Parliamentary Friendship League.

"We look to the wise counsel and leadership of Japan" to meet the challenges facing the globe, he said.



Visiting Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (R) talks with former Japanese prime minister Yoshiro Mori (L) at their breakfast meeting in Tokyo yesterday. Manmohan Singh is now here on a three-day visit.

UNICEF Vacancy Announcement

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Bangladesh is seeking applications from Bangladeshi Nationals to fill the following senior level national officer position in the Health and Nutrition Section of its Dhaka Office.

JOB TITLE: Health Manager, Health & Nutrition Section, NO-D (PAT#14183)

MAIN DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

The successful candidate will be responsible for policy formulation, designing, developing, monitoring and evaluation of programme activities in the Maternal Health project. The Health Manager also provides technical leadership/input and advice in planning, development and implementation of health projects and liaises with international donors and other UN Agencies. The responsibilities of the post also include the preparation of project proposals as well as review and approval of internal documentation; and provision of guidance and leadership in implementation and monitoring of the Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Programme (HNPS). The incumbent of the post will also provide guidance in implementation of a UN Joint programme on preventing violence against women in Bangladesh.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Masters degree related to medical sciences, public health, nutrition or relevant areas is a must.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

At least ten to thirteen years work of relevant professional and progressive work experience in social development field. Background/familiarity with emergency and security. Developing country work experience. Experience of work with government NGOs, bi-lateral donors and international agencies, rural development academies desirable. Proven experience in planning, negotiating, monitoring and managing large-scale public health programmes preferred. Clinical experience, nursing, epidemiology or equivalent backgrounds an asset. Experience dealing with community-based programmes in public health, maternal health, immunization, HIV/AIDS, and/or health education

SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES:

- Proficiency in the use of computers and especially in word processing, spreadsheets, graphics and use of Internet.
- Be responsible for keeping up-to-date with the latest developments in UNICEF programme and management policies, strategies. Technical knowledge on evidence based child, neonatal and maternal health interventions.
- Have full understanding of Sector Wide Approach and result based management framework.
- Possess and demonstrate remarkable experience in drafting of project proposal, report writing and negotiating skills
- Be aware of and sensitive to, multi-cultural, diverse and political environments.
- Experience and skills in training, and in the facilitation of workshops and seminars using newer techniques for consensus building e.g. VIPP methodology; future search methodology.

COMPETENCIES

Commitment
Drive for results
Embracing Diversity
Integrity
Self-awareness and self regulation
Team work

Analytical and conceptual thinking
Judgement
Building Trust/Influence
Communication / Networking
Technical Knowledge/Technical Leadership
Planning, Setting standards and monitoring work
Leading Vision and Change

CONTRACTS AND REMUNERATION:

The selected candidate will be awarded a Fixed Term contract and remuneration is at the NO-D level of the United Nations local salary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Applications with CV should be forwarded to the Chief, Human Resources Section, UNICEF-Bangladesh, Sheraton Annex, 1Minto Road, Dhaka-1000, by 5 November 2008. Please mark on the envelope the post applied for. Only short-listed candidates will be called for written test/interview. Any attempt to unduly influence UNICEF's selection process will lead to automatic disqualification of the applicant.

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QUALIFICATIONS:

Master's degree related to medical sciences, public health, nutrition or relevant area is a must.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

At least ten to thirteen years of relevant professional and progressive work experience in national and international levels in programme planning, management, monitoring and evaluation in a related field. Experience in dealing with community-based programmes in public health, immunization, IMCI, Newborn Health and/or child survival. Experience of working with Govt. NGOs, bi-lateral donors. Clinical experience, nursing, epidemiology or equivalent backgrounds an asset. The candidate should have training in inter-disciplinary approach to health issues.

SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES:

- Current knowledge in the latest developments and technology
- Proven ability to conceptualise, develop, plan and manage programs, as well as to impart knowledge and teach skills
- Leadership and teamwork abilities
- Good analytical, negotiating, communication and advocacy skills
- Demonstrated ability to work in a multi-cultural environment and establish harmonious and effective working relationships both within and outside the organisation
- Computer skills
- Ability to write high-quality reports (written communication and presentation skills)

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