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# northeast

AFP, Guwahati

At least eight suspected separatists have been killed in shootouts with security forces in India's restive northeastern state of Manipur, police said Friday.

Five of the militants belonged to the Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), a rebel group fighting for an independent homeland for the majority Metei community in Manipur, which borders Myanmar, a police spokesman said.

The KCP had claimed responsibility for a powerful explosion on Tuesday in the state capital Imphal in which 17 people were killed and more than 30 wounded.

Police did not reveal the identities of the other suspected militants killed on Thursday.

More than 19 militant groups are active in Manipur, a state of 2.4 million people in India's remote northeast region.

Nearly 10,000 people have died in insurgency-related violence in the state in the past two decades.

# US 'surge' in Afghanistan

AFP, London

Pakistan ex-cricket star turned politician Imran Khan warned against any Iraq-style surge to tackle violent militancy in Afghanistan, telling AFP the two situations were "completely different".

While stressing his support for US Democratic White House hopefuls Barack Obama and Joe Biden, he said in an interview Thursday that any move to increase the US military presence would be a bad

Obama wants to pull US troops from Iraq and send them to Afghanistan, pledging to "take out" top al-Qaeda figures thought to be hiding in the mountainous Pakistan-Afghanistan border

Khan also said any international bail-out to help Pakistan overcome its current economic crisis would be "like treating cancer with disprin", adding the problem could only be addressed long-term by tackle corruption. reforms to halt corruption.

"Most American politicians haven't a clue," the chair of the Pakistan Movement for Justice said during a visit to London.

"So it's very easy, they say, you know a surge, but do they understand a surge in Afghanistan and Pakistan is completely different to urban centres in Iraq?

"It's a spread-out area, they don't understand that this (the violence) has morphed into Pashtun nationalism now... they have huge men and guns to draw from."

There are thought to be about 50 million ethnic Pashtuns living in both Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Khan said Biden had a good grasp of the area's politics, adding: "It looks as if they might understand the situation better than (Republican candidate John) McCain, who's basically owning all (US President George W.) Bush's policies.

He was scathing about the Pakistani government's attempts to tackle its balance of payments crisis and said any international bail-out would have a minimal effect without structural reforms to

The violence-plagued country, a key ally of the US in the "war on terror", must find up to 4.5 billion dollars in foreign exchange in the next 30 days.

"It's like treating cancer with disprin (pain relief tablets)," Khan said of a possible bail-out deal with the International Monetary Fund, which has held discussions with Pakistan.

"There are fundamental flaws within Pakistan. The problem is not the aid -- (ex president Pervez) Musharraf had something like, after 9/11, 65 to 70 billion dollars of fiscal space available because of loans writeoff, loans reschedul-

"But what happened? There was still an economic meltdown. So there are fundamental structural flaws in the economy. They need to get the governance system right."

The former Pakistan cricket captain also said that Pakistan's government would become more subservient to the United States if it had to borrow more money from it.

"Yes, it's going to be more difficult for Pakistan government because when you beg and borrow money, you have no ability to take a stand," Khan said.

The 55-year-old is not currently a lawmaker -- his party boycotted elections this year in protest at the lack of an independent judiciary.

# Eight militants killed in India's Imran Khan warns against India, Pakistan discuss Kabul embassy blast

AFP, New Delhi

INTERNATIONAL

India and Pakistan officials discussed yesterday the July bombing of India's embassy in Kabul that had threatened peace moves between the South Asian rivals, a foreign ministry statement said.

"Information on issues of mutual concern including the bombing of the Indian embassy in Kabul was exchanged" during the meeting of the Joint Anti-Terrorism Mechanism set up in 2006, the statement said.

No further details were immediately available.

Indo-Pakistan ties were seriously strained after New Delhi accused Pakistan's military intelligence agency of involvement in the July 7 bombing of its Kabul mis-

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

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

Meanwhile, shops, schools and offices in the Kashmir valley closed Friday in line with a one-day strike called by separatist groups as a rebuke to the United Nations.

The strike, which coincided with UN Day, was "to remind the United Nations of its commitments towards the resolution of the Kashmir dispute," a statement by separatist groups said.

A string of decades-old UN Security Council resolutions call for a referendum to allow the Kashmiri people to choose between India and Pakistan, but have never been implemented.

The strike crippled life in the Kashmiri summer capital Srinagar, where Indian police clashed with Muslim protesters on Thursday after two senior separatists were

arrested Residents and police said the strike was being observed in other towns in the Muslim-majority Kashmir valley.

In August, tens of thousands of Muslims took to Srinagar's street to demand that the UN recognise the Himalayan region's right to selfdetermination.

In the past few months, Indian Kashmir has witnessed the biggest pro-independence demonstrations since a separatist insurgency erupted in 1989.



Pakistan delegation head Additional Secretary for South Asia Aizaz Ahmad Choudhry (R) shares a light moment with Indian Special Secretary of International Organization Vivek Katju prior to a special session of a Joint Anti-Terror Mechanism (JATM) meeting with Pakistan in New Delhi yesterday.

### Lankan troops push into Tiger territory

AFP, Colombo

Security forces pushed deeper into territory held by Tamil Tiger rebels in northern Sri Lanka and captured several strongholds of the guerrillas, the defence ministry said yes-

Government forces are engaged in a major offensive to capture the town of Kilinochchi, which has served as the political headquarters of the Tamil Tigers for over 10

"Troops made further headway towards LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) hiding areas in the south and the south-western areas of the Kilinochchi district," the ministry said in a statement.

It gave no details of casualties and said the authorities had decided not release figures of those killed and wounded in the latest round of fighting.

"This is in consideration of the continuing advance of the security forces there (in Kilinochchi district) and the need for operational security, whereby such reportage (of casualties) may impede the successful accomplishment of the mission," the ministry said.

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 Thursday.

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.

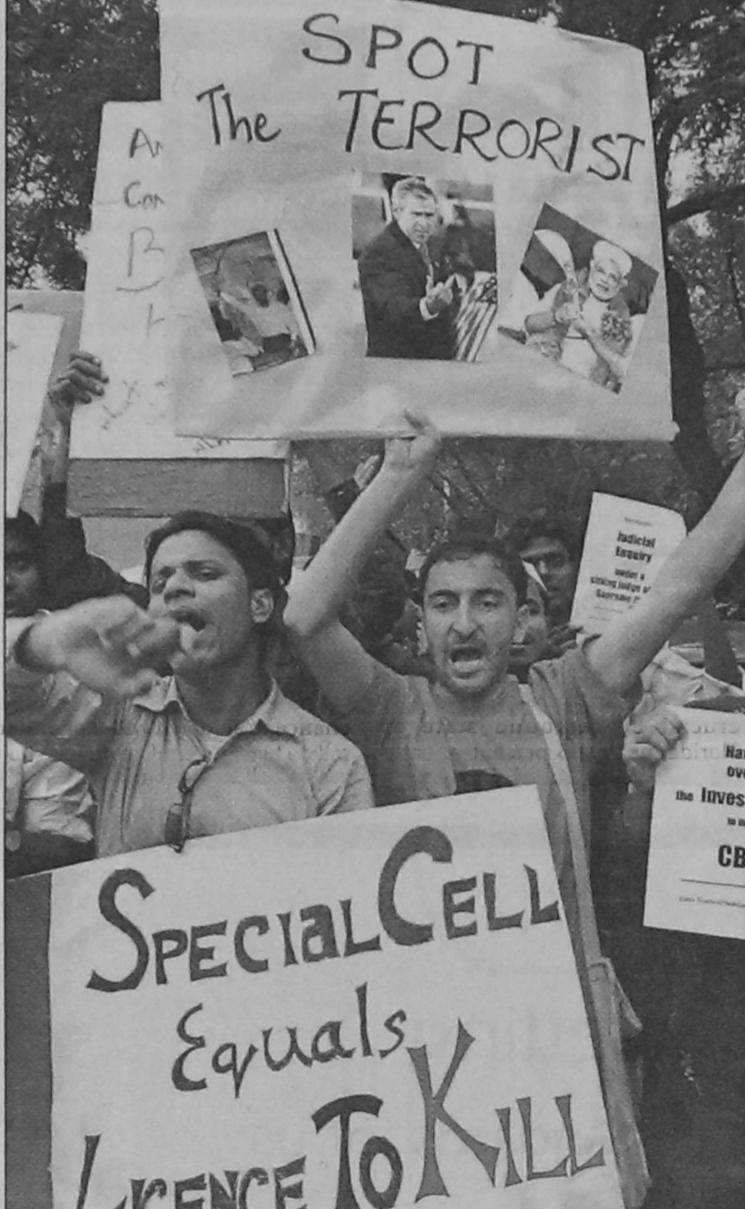
"The counter terrorist offensive continues with the military battling through stiff LTTE resistance and inter monsoon rains," the ministry said in a statement.

Earlier this week, the military reported that security forces lost 36 soldiers killed and another 48 wounded in the worst single loss for security forces in the past six months.

The ministry did not say how many Tigers had been killed in the latest fighting. The guerrillas also gave no details of the fight-

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

Tens of thousands of people have died on both sides since 1972, when the LTTE launched its campaign to carve out an independent state in the Sinhalese-majority island of 20 million people.



Indian students of Jamia Millia University hold placards featuring images of US President George Bush (C) Gujarat Chief Minister and BJP leader Narendra Modi and Maharashtra Navnirman Sena leader Raj Thackeray (L) as they shout anti-government and anti-BJP slogans during a rally in New Delhi yesterday.

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#### Appointment of Human Resource Development (HRD) Consultant

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) is an organization set up by the Government of Bangladesh in 1990, for poverty alleviation through the provision of microcredit through its Partner Organizations.

PKSF intends to appoint a consultant to review its current "compensation package" and "organizational structure and manpower strength" and to recommend: a) a compensation package that will attract and retain quality manpower; and b) an organizational structure/organogram that will support the implementation of the current programme and execution of the programme to be expanded in future.

The total duration of the consultancy will be 3 (three) months.

#### The consultant should have:

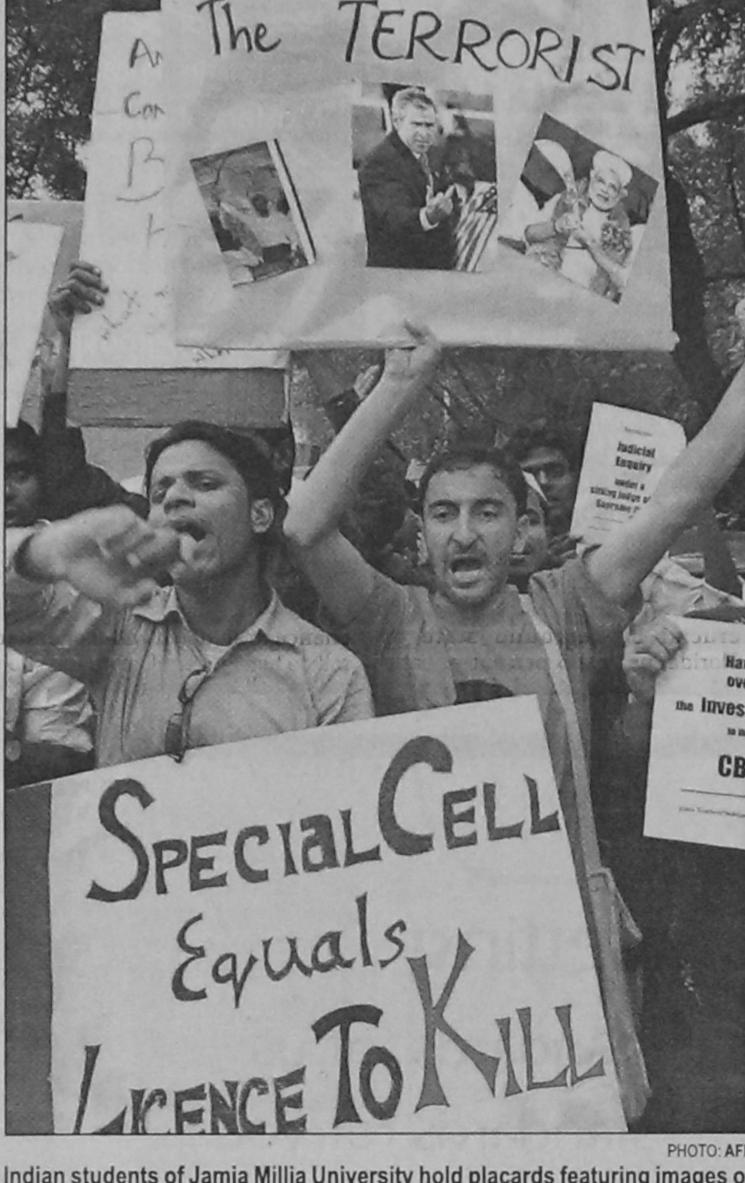
- a) Advanced degree in Social Science/Management/Finance/ Accounting/Business Administration/Human Resources/ Organization Development;
- b) Sufficient knowledge in organization management, personnel management and HRD activities of different types of organizations;
- Sufficient experience in similar work inside Bangladesh. Relevant experience outside Bangladesh will be given due importance;
- d) Fluency both in Bangla and English.

Preference will be given to the individual who has at least 10 years' practical experience in HRD and worked in and for government organizations, reputed private organizations, reputed NGOs and universities.

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Assistant General Manager (Administration)





#### Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla)

IFB No. BAPEX/UDC/INT/TEN-408/2008, Date of Issuance: 14.09.2008

### CORRIGENDUM

The Time of selling and submission for the IFB No. BAPEX/ UDC/INT/TEN-408/2008 dated 14.09.2008 for procurement of Instrument, Software, Hardware, Accessories and Related Services for "Upgradation Data Center of BAPEX" Project is hereby extended up to 19.11.2008 and 20.11.2008 respectively due to unavoidable reason. All other terms & conditions of tender document will remain unchanged.

**Project Director** 

GD-4805

"Upgradation of Data Center of BAPEX" Project

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### US military training starts in Pakistan

AFP, Washington

A small contingent of US military instructors have begun a training programme scheme aimed at turning Pakistan's Frontier Corps into an effective counter-insurgency force, a US military official said Thursday.

About 25 US military personnel last week began training Pakistani counterparts at a location in Pakistan outside the troubled tribal areas where the Frontier Corps operates, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"It has started. It is a train-thetrainer mission," the official said, emphasising that the Americans would not directly train the Frontier Corps, but only their Pakistani army instructors.

and led by Pakistani army officers, the 80,000-member Frontier Corps historically has been poorly armed The aim is "basically to train the Frontier Corps in counter-

insurgency warfare to make them

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more effective in the tribal areas,' the official said. The politically sensitive programme had been stalled for months by negotiations between the US and Pakistani military. The official attributed the delay to difficulties in getting the facilities

needed to conduct the training. "What is important here is that the Pakistani government recognises they have a challenge with extremists inside their own country," said Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman. "Clearly they are looking for a variety of means to address it."

The Washington Post, meanwhile, reported Thursday that Pakistan plans to supply Chinesemade AK-47 assault rifles and other small arms to tens of thousands of anti-Tabliban fighters in tribal militias called "lashkars."

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