



Pakistani activists of Islami Jamiat-e-Tulaba (IJT), a student wing of fundamentalist party Jamaat-i-Islami (JI), march during a protest rally in Islamabad yesterday to denounce US air strikes in Pakistani tribal areas. Up to 14 militants were killed when a suspected US missile strike destroyed an al-Qaeda training camp in a tribal area of northwest Pakistan near the Afghan border.

US-led forces kill 14 Afghan security guards

AFP, Khost

Fourteen Afghan security guards were killed in a clash with US-led troops, a provincial governor said yesterday, but the military said they were suspected militants who fired first.

Three destroyed vehicles remaining at the scene after the fighting in the eastern province of Khost late Sunday were scorched and pocked with bullet holes, an AFP reporter said.

Khost governor Arsalan Jamal said the men were security guards for a road construction company, rejecting suggestions from the US-led coalition that the men were anti-government militants.

"None of them is alive to say how it happened... but I know they were not Taliban. They were security guards working for 250 dollars a month," Jamal told AFP.

Locals said they had seen men in the vehicles raise their arms in a surrender-like gesture before they were fired on.

The US Forces Afghanistan said

its troops had stopped three suspicious-looking vehicles, and the occupants had climbed out and opened fire on them.

"There were three vehicles, they got out with weapons and started firing. We returned fire," Colonel Greg Julian told AFP, adding the men had been armed with rocket-propelled grenade launchers.

"The helicopter was an overwatch and when the suspects started firing, we fired back and the helicopter also fired on the vehicles," he said.

"Anybody that is going to fire on the coalition is not necessarily a friend of the Afghan government," he added.

The clash took place about 12 kilometres (seven miles) northeast of the provincial capital, also called Khost, and about two kilometres from an international military base.

The US military said it was looking into the incident with the Afghan interior ministry and had investigators on the scene.

After the troops returned fire, there were explosions in the vehicles, it said in a statement.

"Numerous ammunition belts and small-arms weapons were recovered from the vehicles," the statement said.

There are tens of thousands of international soldiers in Afghanistan to help the government fight an insurgency led by the Taliban, who were in government between 1996 and 2001.

There have been dozens of incidents in which they have been accused of killing Afghan security forces or civilians, sometimes by mistake or after false intelligence.

The foreign forces also say militants deliberately operate among civilians for their own protection.

There was a similar incident late last month in which the US military said it had killed several insurgents in the province of Ghazni but local officials said the men were civilian security guards, 23 of whom were killed.

Indian Muslims endorse anti-terrorism edict

AFP, Hyderabad

Thousands of Indian Muslims have united to endorse a religious edict condemning terrorism as un-Islamic, an scholar said Monday.

The two-day weekend meeting in the southern city of Hyderabad drew around 6,000 Muslim clerics and scholars, and came after India was hit by a wave of bombings by suspected Islamist militants across the Hindu-majority nation.

Indian Muslim leaders have since complained that members of their community were being subjected to harassment by police.

The endorsed Fatwa, or ruling, holds that the term jihad -- 'holy war' -- cannot be applied to terrorists.

"Jihad is basically a constructive phenomenon. Terrorism is based on destruction alone. Jihad is permitted only for restoring peace and is a fundamental right of a human being," the edict reads.

LTTE seeks truce

Rebels must lay down arms before talks, says Lankan govt

AP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's government said Monday that Tamil separatists must lay down their arms before ceasefire negotiations can begin, as the military continued heavy ground and air attacks on the guerrilla de facto state in the north.

"We can't trust them with arms in their hands," government spokesman Keheliya Rambukwella said, accusing the Tamil Tiger rebels of using a previous truce to rebuild their strength.

On Sunday, a rebel-affiliated Website reported that the Tigers were willing to consider a ceasefire. The government has

recently stepped up an offensive aimed at ending the group's 25-year-old civil war, which has killed more than 70,000 people.

"There is no hesitation on our side to reiterate our position that we have always wanted a ceasefire," the TamilNet site quoted rebel political wing head Balasingham Nadesan as saying.

Nadesan said the rebels were only fighting a defensive war that the government has forced them into, TamilNet reported.

The government officially withdrew earlier this year from a nearly 6-year-old Norwegian-brokered cease-fire that had been openly violated by both sides.

Rambukwella said the government had "enough experience" with Tamil Tiger truces, and that every time the rebels "get weakened militarily, they call for a cease-fire and within the process, they get strengthened."

The rebels "should lay down arms before any negotiations," he said.

In recent months, government troops have made dramatic progress in fighting against the rebels in the north, seizing a series of guerrilla bases and chunks of land, but the rebels have offered stiff resistance.

The military says army troops are closing in on the rebels' administrative capital, Kilinochchi.

On Sunday, air force fighter jets hit a rebel artillery gun position

and a command centre near Kilinochchi, air force spokesman Janaka Nanayakkara said. Army troops also pushed into the rebel stronghold of Ponneryn in the north, causing heavy damage to the guerrillas, the military said. It did not provide details of casualties.

Rebel officials were not available for comment because most communication lines to guerrilla-held areas have been severed.

The Tamil Tigers have been fighting since 1983 to create an independent homeland for ethnic minority Tamils, who have suffered marginalisation at the hands of successive governments controlled by ethnic Sinhalese.

Kashmiri anti-election campaigners vow to resist Indian govt

AFP, Srinagar

A senior Kashmiri separatist said on Monday he would press ahead with an anti-election campaign in the disputed region despite a crackdown by Indian authorities.

Police have recently arrested several leading separatists for opposing state elections due to be held in seven phases beginning November 17.

Mirwaiz Umer Farooq said that he had been briefly held under house arrest as he planned to lead an anti-India protest march.

"We will not be cowed by a government crackdown. We will stage the anti-poll campaign," Farooq told reporters in local capital Srinagar.

Separatists and Muslim rebels oppose the elections, saying the polls strengthen New Delhi's hold over the region.

"We might be arrested like others. We might not get a chance to talk to people again," Farooq said, urging government officials to boycott election duties.

Shortly after he spoke, about a dozen more separatists were arrested, witnesses and police said.

Kashmir has recently witnessed the biggest pro-independence demonstrations since an insurgency broke out in 1989. The protests have met with a tough response from Indian security forces.

The unrest was triggered by a row over a government donation of Kashmiri land to a Hindu pilgrimage trust and spiralled into anti-India demonstrations that left nearly 50 Muslim protesters dead.

Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan and claimed by both.

Tension lessens in Bay

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However, there have been reports that although Myanmar withdrew its warships and the rig from Bangladesh waters, it continued to mobilise its troops on the frontiers with Bangladesh.

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) members along with army personnel are keeping round-the-clock vigil on the borders.

Our correspondent in Bandarban reports: BDR Director General Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed visited various border outposts in Naikhangchhari of Bandarban yesterday. Later, he held a meeting with security officials.

Meanwhile, BDR on Sunday evening detained three Myanmar citizens at Reju of Naikhangchhari upazila for intruding into Bangladesh territory.

The detainees are Mung Buk Yee, 26, U Ching Ku, 25, and Mung Ching, 23. They were handed over to the police.

Locals also held two Myanmar citizens - Azizul Haque and Nur Mohammed - at

Amptoli on Friday. They were produced before a court that sent them to jail.

Our Cox's Bazar correspondent reports: Myanmar has mobilised its forces along the border with Bangladesh.

However, referring to various official sources Superintendent of Police of Cox's Bazar Imam Hossain said they received information that Myanmar started withdrawing its troops from the frontier around yesterday noon.

Meanwhile, it has been reported in Myanmar media that Myanmar withdrew its warships, exploration rig and other vessels as the South Korean company conducting the exploration had completed its seismic survey and shifted to another place, reports Bloomberg.

"The necessary survey was completed," the state-run newspaper New Light of Myanmar said yesterday.

Bangladesh and Myanmar has so far held three rounds of talks to settle the dispute over maritime boundary and the fourth round of

talks is expected to be held in Dhaka next week, foreign ministry officials said.

BDR in a report based on press publications said India has signed an agreement with Myanmar on a project to build a multi-modal transit-cum-transport system in Myanmar's coastal region.

Under the India-funded project of Rs 548 crore, two roads and a seaport in the estuary of Kaladan river, about 250 kilometres off India's Mizoram province, will be built within three years.

India is also interested in exploring oil and gas in the areas. But some of the exploration blocks may overlap Bangladesh's maritime economic zone.

The demarcation of maritime boundary needs to be done through mutual discussion with Myanmar to avert dispute, the report said.

The report recommended that Bangladesh Navy and Coast Guard should remain alert so that no "Indian oil company" could enter Bangladesh's economic zone for oil and gas exploration.

RE-TENDER NOTICE

FOR

RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS OF KAFCO HOUSING COLONY AT RANGADIA, ANOWARA, CHITTAGONG.

Ref. : Purchasing/Civil /10/2008/32(R)

Date : 10 November 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 Renovation of Buildings of KAFCO Housing Colony at Rangadia, Anowara, Chittagong:

Project # 1: Internal Modification, Replacement of Sanitary, Plumbing Fixtures & Gas Burners.
Project # 2: Replacement of MS Windows by Thai Aluminium Windows.

The contractors / construction firms should have:

- Liquid asset and/or credit facilities, Min. : (a) Tk. 2.5 million for Project # 1; (b) Tk. 5 Million for Project # 2.
- Experience of performing a similar nature of work during the last five years, of min value in a single contract: (a) Tk. 7.5 million for Project # 1; (b) Tk. 13 Million for Project # 2.

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 un-opened 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 12 November 2008 to 19 November 2008 at a cost of (non-refundable) Tk. 1,000/set for each of Project# 1 & Project# 2 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. 7.5 million for Project # 1 & (b) Tk. 13 Million for Project # 2 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 30 November 2008.

Tenders, as would be received, will be opened in the office of the General Manager Procurement, KAFCO, Rangadia, Anowara, Chittagong at 14:30 hours on 02 December 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. Mahub-ul-Alam
General Manager, Procurement



BRAC
Procurement Department
75 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
Phone # 8824180 - 7, Ext: 2017.

Invitation for Tender for Animal Feed Ingredients (Soyabean Extraction & Fish Meal)

Name of the project	BRAC Feed Mills
Source of fund	BRAC Own Fund
Tender Package No.	FM-Ing/10-08
Invitation for tender ref. & date	IFT/BRAC/ BPD-FM/08-038 Dt. 05-11-2008
Time of completion of delivery	As per tender schedule
Price of tender documents	Tk 1,000.00 (Tk one thousand only)
Amount of tender security	2.5% of tender value. (In the form of Pay Order)
Name & address of selling tender documents	4 th Floor, Annex Building, BRAC, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
Time & date of selling tender documents	12-11-2008 to 25-11-2008. (From 9.30 am to 2.30pm)
Name & address of receiving tender documents	Procurement Department, (Ground Floor) BRAC, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
Date & Time of submission tender	26-11-2008 from 9.30am to 2.45pm
Date, time & place of opening tender	26-11-2008 at 3.30 pm at BRAC Staff Canteen (3 rd Floor) BRAC 75, Mohakhali, Dhaka

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