

Nasir Wani (Foreground-2-R), a candidate for Indian administered Kashmir's pro-Indian National Conference party campaigns from a boat on the River Jhelum in Srinagar yesterday. During campaigning Wani came under fire from stone-throwing youths and was forced to abandon his plans for campaigning for the day.

Lanka troops in sea battle as LTTE-held towns fall

Colombo confiscates Tigers' money

AFP, AP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's navy traded fire with a flotilla of Tamil rebel boats off the island's northeastern coast yesterday, a day after ground troops captured three guerrillaheld towns, defence officials said.

The navy's special boat squadron engaged the four boats of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) off Mullaitivu district and destroyed at least in Kilinochchi district early Tuesday, the two of them, a navy spokesman said.

The sea battle came as the military pushed ahead with its multi-pronged offensive against the rebels' de facto state in the north.

The battle erupted in Nayaru Lagoon on Sri Lanka's northeast coast, just south of the rebel stronghold of Mullaitivu, when navy forces attacked seven Tamil Tiger ment said its forces had captured three boats, the military said in a statement.

The navy sank two rebel boats and sailors, the military said.

shore to be hauled out of the water, attack helicopters pounded them with airstrikes, it said.

in other parts of the north, sending helicopters to attack a rebel gathering point military said.

officials for comment because most communication lines with the north have been severed. Independent accounts are difficult journalists are barred from the war zone.

The sea battle came after the governstrategic towns from the rebels.

The advances capped three days of severely damaged a third, killing six rebel psychologically important gains for government troops, who have been bat-As the remaining rebel boats fled to tling the rebels for more than 35 years,

army chief Sarath Fonseka said. Security forces entered the town of Mankulam, about 30 kilometres (20 The military also launched airstrikes miles) south of the Tamil Tiger political capital of Kilinochchi, after intense battles with the rebels, Fonseka said.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's central bank said Tuesday it had confiscated money It was not possible to contact rebel held by a front organisation of the Tamil Tigers under anti-terror laws.

The government had already frozen bank accounts of The Tamil to obtain from the battlefield because most Rehabilitation Organisation (TRO) in August 2006 charging that money raised for humanitarian aid was being diverted to the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).

Taliban reject Afghan president's talks offer

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Invitation for International Tender against DFID Fund under

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Six soldiers killed in Afghanistan

AP, AFP, Kandahari Herat

Taliban militants rejected an offer of peace talks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, saying Monday there would be no negotiations until foreign troops leave Afghanistan.

Karzai offered Sunday to provide security for reclusive Taliban leader Mullah Omar if he enters negotiations and said the US and other Western nations could leave Afghanistan or oust him if they disagree.

But Zabiullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, said there could be no talks while foreign troops are in the country.

"The Taliban's (leadership) decided they will not take part in any peace talks with Karzai or Karzai's administration until such a day when foreign forces leave Afghanistan, Mujahid told the Associated Press.

"The Taliban will pursue jihad against foreign forces and (Karzai's) government." he said, speaking from an undisclosed location.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack questioned Karzai's security guarantee.

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"One can't imagine the circumstances where you have the senior leadership of the Taliban that there would be any safe passage with respect to US forces. Certainly, it's hard to imagine those circumstances standing here right now," McCormack said.

The White House also made clear its distaste for the idea of talking with Taliban leaders right now, particularly Omar.

"We support Hamid Karzai. We think that he is a leader that has only the best interests of his country in mind. What we have seen from the Taliban, however, and from Mullah Omar who we haven't heard from in some time is an unwillingness to renounce violence," White House press secretary Dana Perino said.

Karzai has dismissed the Taliban demand for foreign troops to leave, saying they are needed to keep Afghanistan safe.

The Afghan president has long supported drawing the Islamist militia into the political mainstream if they accept the country's constitution and repudiate al-Qaeda. But his repeated offers to talk could also be aimed at portraying the insurgents as bent on violence instead of potentially legitimate rulers.

Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Power Division.

Director, Procurement, Rural Electrification Board. Dhaka.

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Department for International Development (DFID), UK

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Time

12.00 Noon (BST)

12.30 P.M. (BST)

Tender Security

Amount (USD)

27,000.00

senior leader at loggerheads

THE KATHMANDU POST/ANN, Kathmandu

The central committee (CC) meeting of Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist (CPN-M) held on Monday saw party Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal and leader of the hard-line faction Mohan Baidya present separate politicaldocuments.

Prime Minister Dahal presented three options on republicanism--the federal democratic republic, people's republic and transitional republic.

It is the first time the party chairman has presented the idea of "transitional republic", which, some analysts said, could be a middle-of-the road approach. Dahal has now offered to bring together the two factions-proponents of People's Republic and Democratic Republic.

options on what model of republicanism the partyshould adopt," he told reporters after the party's future strategy.

the CC meet on Monday. "The current debate is between People's Republic and Transitional Republic." He didn't explain what transitional

republic meant. Supporters of Baidya, who leads the People's Republic faction, said the chairman's paper lacked clarity according to a source.

Baidya's paper asserts there is no alternative to "immediate adoption of People's Republic".

The CC will resume deliberations on the reports only on November 18, a day before the party's national cadres' meeting, which is expected to decide what form of republic the party will ultimately adopt.

There was a rift within the party leadership over which agenda to adopt--People's Republic or Democratic "The paper has offered Republic. Maoist Chairman Dahal's document presented three models to choose from as



President of the Arab Republic of Egypt Mohamed Hosny Mubarak (2nd R) speaks with Indian President Pratibha Patil (R) as Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (L) and Suzanne Mubarak (2nd L) speak at a welcome ceremony at the Presidential Palace in New Delhi yesterday. President Hosny Mubarak is on a four-day official visit to India.

Punish Indian police for torturing Muslims

Says rights group

AFP, New Delhi

A leading human rights group yesterday called for Indian police to be punished for torturing Muslim men detained after bomb attacks in a southern city last year.

Human Rights Watch said arrested after the city of Hyderabad was bombed in May and August 2007, and that the Andhra Pradesh state Human Rights Watch.

government later admitted that 21 of the suspects had

been tortured. The rights group said the victims had been offered compensation of 600 dollars each, but called for the police who beat and electrocuted the men to be prosecuted.

"Acknowledging torture close to 100 Muslim men were and providing compensation is a good first step," said Meenakshi Ganguly, senior South Asia researcher at

Congo troops flee as rebels advance

AP, Luofu, Congo

Rebels steadily advanced in place around Kanyabayonga, eastern Congo on Tuesday, and about 130km north of the fleeing government soldiers even fought with their allies as army control in the region to rebelleader Laurent Nkunda broke down, witnesses said.

mally support the government, but they appeared to be taking August and have displaced at advantage of the army's retreat least 250,000 people. to steal the soldiers' weapons,

witnesses said. soldiers fleeing and they want cease-fire and UN efforts to them to leave their arms with end the fighting, but his troops them," Bahati Maene, 19, told have been carving out an even The Associated Press after greater territory in the remote fleeing his home Monday hillsnorthofGoma.

The fighting Tuesday took regional capital, Goma. Clashes between fighters loyal on one side and the army and The Mai Mai militia nor- its allied spear-wielding militias on the other exploded in

Nkunda told UN envoy Olusegun Obasanjo on Sunday "They (Mai Mai) are seeing that he was committed to a

Nepal's Maoist chief, Nato fires artillery at militants in Pakistan

AP, Kabul

Nato troops in eastern Afghanistan fired 20 artillery rounds at insurgents inside Pakistan after coordinating with Islamabad, officials saidyesterday.

Meanwhile, five Afghan troops were killed in a clash with insurgents in the west.

The military alliance said it fired the rounds are improving. after insurgents attacked its troops in Afghanistan's eastern Paktika province with rockets from across the border on Sunday.

"The artillery fire caused a secondary explo-

sion at the rocket launch site, which indicates additional munitions in the location," the Nato statement said.

The Pakistani military confirmed the two sides coordinated in an attack on insurgents in Pakistan but provided no other details.

Officials say relations between Nato-led troops in Afghanistan and Pakistan's military

However, Pakistan has been complaining about unilateral missile strikes conducted by US forces into its tribal areas. Pakistani officials say the US strikes violate their country's sovereignty.

Date: 18 November 2008

TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MEDICAL (ICU) EQUIPMENT

Ref.: CSR-114843 Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from reputed suppliers/agents /distributors of Medical (ICU) Equipment such as ICU Ventilator,

Cardiac Monitor, Infusion Pump, Syringe Pump, Pulse Oxymeter, Paediatric ECG, Radiant Warmer, Baby Incubator, Padiatric Sucker etc. for supply and installation of the equipment at a hospital in Chittagong city as donation from KAFCO. Inquiry documents will be available from the Office of the Finance

Department of KAFCO, Rangadia, Karnaphuli, Chittagong and KAFCO Corporate Office, IDB Bhaban 13th floor, E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Dhaka during Office hours from 19 to 26 November 2008 at a cost of (non-refundable) Tk. 500/set .

Tenders will be received in the Tender box at KAFCO Rangadia, Karnaphuli, Chittagong and KAFCO Corporate Office, IDB Bhaban 5th floor, E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Dhaka up to 15-00 hours on 03 December 2008. Tenders, as would be received, will be opened in the office of the General Manager Procurement, KAFCO, Rangadia, Karnaphuli, Chittagong at 14:30 hours on 06 December 2008 in presence of tenderers, if any.

Other terms and conditions are stipulated in the Tender Documents.

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

Md. Mahbub-Ul-Alam General Manager, Procurement

INTERNATIONAL / LOCAL TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF CAUSTIC SODA

Ref: 301915.114801

Date: 19 November 2008

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Preferred origin: EU, Middle East, South Asia, Asean Countries, S.Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Australia or USA.

Technical proposals are hereby invited from the eligible manufacturers (local or foreign) or distributors of foreign manufacturers. Tender Document for Technical Proposal will be forwarded to the interested bidders upon having their request addressing to the General Manager, Procurement by courier or facsimile at +880-31-610512 or +880-31-619081 or <Mahbub.Alam@kafcobd.com> or <Marouf.Khan@kafcobd.com> on/before 26 November 2008. Distributors must submit appointment

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