

## Gunmen kill Shia scholar in Pakistan

AFP, Quetta

A Shia Muslim scholar and his police guard were killed in an apparent sectarian attack when gunmen fired at his car in Pakistan's southwestern Baluchistan province, police said yesterday.

Two men riding on a motorcycle opened fire at Allama Hassan Zakri's car Friday as he was returning home from leading the weekly Muslim prayer in the nearby town of Mach.

"The gunmen indiscriminately opened fire, killing the scholar and his police guard on the spot. It seems like a sectarian attack, as he was a known Shia scholar and was returning home after leading the Friday prayer at a mosque," senior police official Qazi Abdul Wahab told AFP.

## French Socialists clash as Aubry wins leadership vote

AFP, Paris

France's opposition Socialists descended into open political warfare on Saturday after ex-presidential candidate Segolene Royal refused to concede defeat to Martine Aubry in a party leadership vote.

Royal's camp accused her arch-rival of vote-tampering in the ballot by the party membership held Friday and demanded a re-vote after Aubry was declared the winner by a razor-thin margin of 42 votes.

# Lankan troops capture rebel training camp

## Soldiers reach outskirts of Tiger base

AP, AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan soldiers captured a Tamil Tiger rebel training camp, while air force helicopters bombed two rebel groups in the north, the military said yesterday.

Troops seized the training camp in Andankulam village in the rebel stronghold of Mullaitivu on Friday, the military said in a statement.

Military helicopters also bombed two rebel groups in Kilinochchi district on the same day, the statement said without giving casualty details.

Sri Lankan security forces on Friday reached the outskirts of the Tamil Tiger political capital in the island's north after

months of heavy fighting, the defence ministry here said.

Troops fought pitched battles with the Tamil Tigers and seized control of more rebel defences on the north-western edge of Kilinochchi, the de facto capital of the Tiger guerrillas, the ministry said on Friday.

"Task Force One troops today reached the northern boundaries of Kilinochchi...and started pounding the LTTE strongholds in the Adampan area (western defences of Kilinochchi)," the ministry said in a statement.

Two columns of troops are also said to be heading towards Kilinochchi from the north and the south. They are 30 to 40

kilometres (18 to 25 miles) away while the third column is said to be nine kilometres away.

Two months ago, the military had claimed it was just 2.5 kilometres from Kilinochchi, but later revised their positions saying monsoon rains and stiff rebel resistance had slowed advancing troops.

The air force Friday used Mi-24 helicopter gunships to attack Tiger defences around the political capital.

Separately, the decomposed bodies of three rebels were found after recent fierce fighting along the northern Jaffna and Kilinochchi fronts, the military said. It was not clear when they died, it said.



Activists of Jamiet Ithad-i-Uluma protest in Peshawar yesterday against a US missile strike in a Pakistani tribal area. The alleged al-Qaeda mastermind of a 2006 transatlantic airplane bombing plot was killed in the US missile attack in northwest Pakistan early Saturday.

# Terror groups may use nuclear, biological devices: India

PTI, New Delhi

With the face of terrorism changing over time, the government on Saturday warned that terror groups might use "nuclear, biological and chemical devices" and favoured a multi-pronged approach to deal with the menace.

"Terrorists have begun to use military tactics...At present, terrorists are using sophisticated small weapons and explosive devices to perpetrate terror."

"In future, they are likely to use nuclear, biological and chemical devices and other

mechanical and psychological devices," Home Minister Shivraj Patil said while inaugurating a two-day conference of police DGs and IGs organised by the Intelligence Bureau.

The Home Minister said for creating a fear psychosis, terrorists choose targets which can lead to disturbance of bigger and more complicated nature.

"That is why they appear to be attacking the places of religious nature, so that conflicts between the people belonging to different religions or communities can be created," he said.

## Two killed in fresh Kashmir protests

AFP, Srinagar

A second day of protests against Indian rule shook Kashmir Saturday, leaving two Muslim protesters dead and over 30 hurt, police and witnesses said, ahead of more voting in state polls.

Police opened fire to control crowds of stone-throwing demonstrators in Baramulla town, about 55 kilometres (34 miles) north of summer capital Srinagar, killing a teenage student, a police officer said.

# Pak CM urges end to US missile strikes

AFP, Hong Kong

The chief minister of Pakistan's most populous province called Saturday for Washington to stop aerial missile strikes on the nation's soil, as the latest raid killed four more suspected militants.

Shabbaz Sharif, chief minister of Punjab and the president of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz party, said the strikes targeting al-Qaeda and Taliban militants were only stoking tensions with

Washington's "war on terror" ally.

"This is creating anger in Pakistan. This is creating friction between our two countries," Sharif, the brother of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, told AFP in an interview.

"I hope there's no further tension and escalation of friction, but no sovereign country can allow this to happen," he said. "Pakistan is a sovereign, independent country and our territory, our independence cannot be

flouted." Sharif said he hoped the incoming administration of US president-elect Barack Obama would stop such strikes and help reduce the current tensions with the Pakistan government of President Asif Ali Zardari.

"President-elect Obama taking over the reins next January should result in better understanding of Pakistan's problems and difficulties and sensitivities and should result in better cohesion between the two countries," he said.



Afghan Foreign Minister Rangin Dadfar Spanta (R) speaks to media representatives during a press conference while his Danish counterpart Per Stig Moeller looks on at the Foreign Ministry in Kabul yesterday. Moeller said Denmark would increase the number of troops it has in the Nato-led International Security Assistance Force.

## Gates would like to add US forces in Afghanistan

AP, Cornwallis

Defence Secretary Robert Gates said Friday he would like to add significant US forces to the war in Afghanistan before national elections scheduled for next year, and that grim depictions of backsliding in the seven-year-old war are "far too pessimistic."

Gates said the additional forces would give greater security for fall elections in Afghanistan, and predicted that security conditions will "be under enough control to allow the elections to take place." Secure successful elections are probably the most important goal for Afghanistan next year, Gates said.

"Everyone knows we face significant challenges in Afghanistan, as does the Afghan government," Gates said.

## Myanmar calls for 'duty' to democracy after jailing 150 protesters

AFP, Yangon

The head of Myanmar's military junta called yesterday for all citizens to back a controversial "road map" to democracy, a day after the regime sentenced the country's top comedian to 45 years in jail.

Writing in an article on the front page of the state-run New Light of Myanmar newspaper, Senior General Than Shwe said it was every citizen's national duty to support the political process.

"The state's seven-step road map is being implemented to build a peaceful, modern and

developed new democratic nation with flourishing discipline," Than Shwe wrote on the eve of the country's national day.

"The entire population are duty-bound to actively participate with united spirit and national fervour in the drive to see the seven-step road map," the paper quoted him as saying.

The announcement came in a month when more than 150 activists have been given long jail terms by the military regime, according to opposition sources, in the wake of protests led by the nation's revered Buddhist monks last year.

## 2nd phase of Kashmir polls today

PTI, Srinagar

The electoral fortunes of 81 candidates, including NC president Omar Abdullah and former PDP minister Qazi Mohammad Afzal, will be decided today when six seats in Jammu and Kashmir go to polls in the second phase amid tight security.

Nearly 4.94 lakh voters will be eligible to cast their votes at 530 polling booths in Ganderbal, Kangan, Nowshera, Darhal, Rajouri and Kalakote.

Security forces have taken position well in advance in and around the polling sta-

tions to instill confidence among the voters and foil possible attempts by militants to disrupt the polls, official sources said.

Nearly half of the 530 polling stations have been described as 'hyper sensitive' while the rest have been named under 'sensitive' category.

The centre of attraction will be Ganderbal where Abdullah is locked in a triangular contest with Afzal and Sheikh Ishfaq Ahmad of Congress though there are 9 others in the fray. Afzal had defeated Omar in 2002.

## Tibetan exiles favour 'middle path'

AP, Dharamsala

Hundreds of Tibetan leaders debating how to advance their struggle for freedom Saturday will likely continue to support the Dalai Lama's path of compromise with China, the prime minister of the Tibetan government-in-exile said.

Tibetans from all over the world have flocked to Dharamsala, home to the Dalai Lama and the self-declared government-in-exile, to discuss whether to press on with a measured path of compromise with China, or to call for independence for the Himalayan region. Many of the delegates argued for nuanced paths somewhere in between.



Speaker of Tibetan parliament in-exile Karma Choephel (L) and Deputy Speaker of Tibetan parliament in exile Gyari Dolma (R) address journalists after the final day of a conference called to discuss the Tibetan issue in Dharamsala yesterday.

Directorate of Planning and Development Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology Invitation for Tender					
P&D/DP/08-09/02(P-9)DR-314(2)					Date: 19.11.08
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.			
2	Agency	Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) /UGC.			
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) represented by Director, P&D.			
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.			
5	Invitation for	Mentioned in identification of packages (SI-No.-17).			
6	Invitation Ref No.	P&D/DP/08-09/02(P-9)	Date:	27.10.08	
7	Procurement method	Open tendering method.			
8	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget of BUET.			
9	Tender package No.	Mentioned in SI. No. 17.			
10	Tender publication date	23.11.08.			
11	Tender last selling date	22.12.08 (during office hours).			
12	Tender closing date and time	23.12.08 at 12.00 noon (BST).			
13	Tender opening date and time	23.12.08 at 12.30pm (BST), tender shall be opened in presence of tenderers/tenderer's authorized representative (if any).			
14	Name & address of the office(s)	Directorate of Planning and Development (P&D), BUET.			
	-Selling and opening tender document	Directorate of Planning and Development (P&D), BUET, Office of Head of Civil Engg. Department, Civil Building, BUET, Office of Head of Mechanical Engg. Department, EME Building, BUET.			
	-Receiving tender document	Tenderer must have experience in supply of similar goods and related services as specified in the tender documents. Tenderer will have legal, financial, professional and technical capacity to deliver the requirements of this tender and have fulfilled the obligations of all tax requirements.			
15	Eligibility of tenderer				
16	Price of tender document (Tk)	GD-01: Institute of Water and Flood Management [WFM/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-3/LP/S-2]	Tk. 200/-		
		GD-02: Institute of Information and Communication Technology [IICT/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-1/LP/S-2]	Tk. 200/-		
		GD-03: Engineering Office [SE/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-1/LP/S-2]	Tk. 200/-		
		GD-04: Centre for Environmental and Resource Management [CERM/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-1/LP/S-2]	Tk. 200/-		
		GD-05: Chemical Engineering [CHE/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-2/LP/S-2]	Tk. 200/-		
		GD-06: Centre for Energy Studies [CES/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-1/LP/S-2]	Tk. 200/-		
		GD-07: Civil Engineering [CE/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-3/LP/S-2]	Tk. 200/-		
		GD-08: Mechanical Engineering [ME/07-08/APP(R)/ITEM-13/LP(07)/S-2]	Tk. 200/-		
		GD-09: Computer Science and Engineering [CSE/07-08/APP(R)/ITEM-13/LP(01)/S-2]	Tk. 500/-		
17	Package No.	Identification of package(s)	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
	GD-01: Institute of Water and Flood Management [WFM/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-3/LP/S-2]	Supply, Installation/Testing and Commissioning of Scientific Instrument, Apparatus, Materials/Chemicals and Office Equipments for the Institute of Water and Flood Management.	BUET	4,000/-	Stated in the schedule of requirements
	GD-02: Institute of Information and Communication Technology [IICT/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-1/LP/S-2]	Supply, Installation/Testing and Commissioning of Scientific Instrument, Apparatus, Materials/Chemicals and Office Equipments for the Institute of Information and Communication Technology.	BUET	3,000/-	Stated in the schedule of requirements
	GD-03: Engineering Office [SE/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-1/LP/S-2]	Supply, Installation/Testing and Commissioning of Scientific Instrument, Apparatus, Materials/Chemicals and Office Equipments for the Engineering Office.	BUET	700/-	Stated in the schedule of requirements
	GD-04: Centre for Environmental and Resource Management [CERM/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-1/LP/S-2]	Supply, Installation/Testing and Commissioning of Scientific Instrument, Apparatus, Materials/Chemicals and Office Equipments for the Centre for Environmental and Resource Management.	BUET	3,000/-	Stated in the schedule of requirements
	GD-05: Chemical Engineering [CHE/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-2/LP/S-2]	Supply, Installation/Testing and Commissioning of Scientific Instrument, Apparatus, Materials/Chemicals and Office Equipments for the Department of Chemical Engineering.	BUET	16,000/-	Stated in the schedule of requirements
	GD-06: Centre for Energy Studies [CES/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-1/LP/S-2]	Supply, Installation/Testing and Commissioning of Scientific Instrument, Apparatus, Materials/Chemicals and Office Equipments for the Centre for Energy Studies.	BUET	3,000/-	Stated in the schedule of requirements
	GD-07: Civil Engineering [CE/08-09/APP(R)/ITEM-3/LP/S-2]	Supply, Installation/Testing and Commissioning of Scientific Instrument, Apparatus, Materials/Chemicals and Office Equipments for the Department of Civil Engineering.	BUET	11,000/-	Stated in the schedule of requirements
	GD-08: Mechanical Engineering [ME/07-08/APP(R)/ITEM-13/LP(07)/S-2]	Supply, Installation/Testing and Commissioning of Scientific Instrument, Apparatus, Materials/Chemicals and Office Equipments for the Department of Mechanical Engineering.	BUET	27,000/-	Stated in the schedule of requirements
	GD-09: Computer Science and Engineering [CSE/07-08/APP(R)/ITEM-13/LP(01)/S-2]	Supply, Installation/Testing and Commissioning of Scientific Instrument, Apparatus, Materials/Chemicals and Office Equipments for the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, BUET, Dhaka.	BUET	70,000/-	Stated in the schedule of requirements
18	Brief description of goods	A. GD-01: (i) UPS 1200VA, (ii) Lamp for Multimedia Projector & (iii) Lamp for Projector [for the Institute of Water and Flood Management].			
		B. GD-02: (i) RAM [for the Institute of Information and Communication Technology].			
		C. GD-03: (i) Laser Jet Printer [for the Engineering Office].			
		D. GD-04: (i) Laptop [for the Centre for Environmental and Resource Management].			
		E. GD-05: (i) Chromium Total, (ii) Cyanide, (iii) Hardness, (iv) Silver, (v) Alkalinity, (vi) H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , (vii) HCl, (viii) HNO <sub>3</sub> , (ix) Manganese, (x) Nickel, (xi) Zinc, (xii) Ethanol, (xiii) Magnetic Stirrer, (xiv) Refrigerator, (xv) Deep Freeze, (xvi) Photocopier, (xvii) Digital Temperature Indicator, (xviii) Digital Temperature Indicator, (xix) HP Computer Printer, (xx) Overhead Projector, (xxi) Desktop Computer [for the Department of Chemical Engineering].			
		F. GD-06: (i) LCD Multimedia Projector [for the Centre for Energy Studies].			
		G. GD-07: (i) Laser Printer, (ii) Photocopier [for the Department of Civil Engineering].			
		H. GD-08: (i) Laser Printer, (ii) Digital Multimeter, (iii) Clap-on-Meter, (iv) Anemometer, (v) Induction Motor Speed Controller, (vi) 2-Channel Oscilloscope, (vii) Clap-on-meter of High Sensitivity, (viii) Pyrex Glass Tubes, (ix) Load Cell & (x) Hardness Tester [for the Department of Mechanical Engineering].			
		I. GD-09: (i) Multi Signal Processor, (ii) Highly Integrated Multi Channel Radio Frequency (RF) Transceiver, (iii) Connector, (iv) Serial Cable, (v) Processor/Radio Board, (vi) Sensor Board, (vii) USB PC Interface Board, (viii) EDGE USB Modem, (ix) USB Bluetooth Adapter, (x) Wireless Router, (xi) Workstations, (xii) Wireless VPN Router, (xiii) Workstations [for the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, BUET, Dhaka].			
19	Name of official inviting tender	Prof Dr Md Zoumal Abedin.			
20	Designation of official inviting tender	Director.			
21	Address of official inviting tender	The Directorate of Planning and Development (P&D), BUET.			
22	Contact details of official inviting tender	Director, P&D, BUET, Dhaka, Tel: 9665630, 9665650-80 Ext. 7350.			
23	Validity of tender	90 days from the date of tender opening.			
24	Place/date/time of pre-tendering meeting	N/A.			
25	Special instructions	(i) Intending participants shall have to apply for purchasing tender documents to the undersigned. The bidder should have valid Trade Licence, Bank Solvency Certificate and Income Tax Certificate. VAT Registration and Experience Certificate. Each tender must be accompanied by a Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee issued from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh located in Dhaka City amounting to above-mentioned tender security money in favour of "Comptroller, BUET" without which no tender will be considered for evaluation. (ii) The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender, to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders, at any time prior to contract award.			
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