

## US, Nato created 'parallel' govt, says Karzai

AP, Kabul

President Hamid Karzai criticised the US and other foreign countries for creating a "parallel government" in Afghanistan's countryside during a blunt overview of the country's problems before a UN Security Council delegation.

Karzai called Tuesday for the international community to set a timeline to end the war in Afghanistan and asked why given the number of countries involved and the amount of money spent the Taliban remains so powerful.

"This war has gone on for seven years, the Afghans don't understand anymore, how come a little force like the Taliban can continue to exist, can continue to flourish, can continue to launch attacks," he asked.

With an entire Nato force in Afghanistan and the entire international community behind them, "still we are not able to defeat the Taliban," Karzai told the gathering at his presidential palace.

Karzai, who is facing re-election next year and making increasing overtures to conservative Afghan tribes most likely to vote for him, has been criticised for being ineffective and weak, while his government was accused of deep-seated corruption.

The president's Tuesday comments appear to be a response to that criticism and lay the blame for the deteriorating security situation and other woes on the international community.

Karzai's office sent a lengthy English transcript of his remarks to journalists, making it clear he wanted the comments publicised internationally.

The critique also comes as the international community, and the United States in particular, is ramping up military and aid efforts in Afghanistan. The US now has some 32,000 troops in the country, but US military leaders say up to 20,000 more American forces could be sent to Afghanistan next year.

## Pak Taliban commander vows attacks against US forces

AFP, Mamouza/Peshawar

A Pakistani Taliban commander has vowed to increase attacks on Nato and US forces in Afghanistan and block their supply lines through Pakistan's tribal areas.

Militant leader Hakeemullah also threatened to target President Asif Ali Zardari and his allies, as well as saying his fighters would attack Pakistan army troops because they continue to conduct operations against his followers.

Hakeemullah is a lieutenant of Baitullah Mehsud, the leader of the Pakistan Taliban who was accused by the previous government and US intelligence of masterminding the assassination of former premier Benazir Bhutto last year.

"We will increase attacks on the Nato and US forces based in Afghanistan and the supply of goods from Pakistan to these forces," Hakeemullah told reporters taken on a rare trip to the group's stronghold in Aurakzai tribal region.

The journalists were escorted from the city of Peshawar to the rebels' hideout on Tuesday, travelling more than eight hours to meet the Taliban leader at Mamouza in Pakistan's lawless northwest.



PHOTO: AFP

In this handout picture released by The Liberation Tigers for Tamil Eelam (LTTE) on Nov 25 shows LTTE fighters firing a heavy machine gun near the village of Paranthan, some 300km north of Colombo. Security forces ambushed and killed scores of Tamil Tigers in northern Sri Lanka on Tuesday, the defence ministry said, adding its troops were poised to take the rebels' political capital.



PHOTO: AFP

Activists of the Islami Jamiat Talba, the student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) party protest against the US missile strike in Pakistan's tribal areas in Lahore yesterday. Pakistan has officially protested to the United States that the strikes violate its sovereignty, although some officials say there was a tacit understanding between the two militaries to allow such action.

## Nepali Maoists find revolution slow going

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's Maoists mark their 100th day in office this week, and the former rebels appear to have found treading the corridors of power as much of a challenge as fighting a guerrilla war.

Since the ultra-leftists took over running the new republic, progress on key issues has been slow or scant, diplomats

and analysts say.

"It's been hard for the Maoists to transform their strategy and tactics from the period of war to being in charge of the government," said Lok Raj Baral, a political science professor from Tribhuvan University.

"Their cadre lack the political training that can transform them into participants in the democratic system," he said.

Observers say the chief problem for Maoist Prime Minister Prachanda is what to do with his "People's Liberation Army" -- 19,000 guerrillas who have been confined to United Nations-monitored camps since a peace deal was struck in 2006.

## Rain kills 28 in Tamil Nadu

PTI, Chennai

Twenty eight people have lost their lives in Tamil Nadu so far as heavy rains under the influence of a depression over the Bay of Bengal lashed different parts of the state, throwing normal life out of gear.

The depression, centered about 50 km off the Vedaranyam coast, is likely cross the coast today evening between Vedanrayam and Pamban, the Meteorological office said.

Tamil Nadu would continue to experience rains till Thursday, they said.

Police said most of the deaths were either due to electrocution or wall collapses.

Chennai city is experiencing heavy rains since last night, from which there has been no respite.

## HR situation in Lanka deteriorating: HRW

PTI, Colombo

Warning that the human rights situation in Eastern Sri Lanka is deteriorating, an international rights watch dog has asked the government in the island to take immediate steps to address the issue.

"Many abuses in the Eastern Province appear to have been carried out by armed elements of the Tamil Makkal Viduthala Pulikal (founded by Karuna Amman)," the monitoring body of Human Rights Watch (HRW) said.

"Human Rights Watch investigations have found that there have been at least 30 extra-judicial killings in the Eastern Province since September," it said in a report.

The TMVP was originally the political wing of the armed faction earlier known as the Karuna group and it enjoys the strong backing of the government of President Mahinda Rajapakse, the report said.

Karuna broke away from the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in 2004.

"The Sri Lanka government says that the 'liberated' East is an example of democracy in action and a model for areas recaptured from the LTTE," said Brad Adams, Asia director at Human Rights Watch.

"But killings and abductions are rife, and there is total impunity for horrific abuses."



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### Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Vacancy Announcement

Issued on: 27 Nov, 2008

Dead line for application: 07 Dec, 2008

The FAO Representation in Bangladesh is inviting applications of qualified candidates to the following vacant positions in Dhaka to be filled as soon as possible:

1. Operations Officer, NO-A
2. Secretary, G-5

(UN Salary scale and benefits for similar positions apply).

Interested qualified candidates will find the post descriptions, the link to the PH Form and the information on how to apply in the following web link: [www.bdiobs.com](http://www.bdiobs.com). Completed PHF must reach the FAO Representation in Bangladesh, House#37, Road#8, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205 in sealed envelope or through E-mail as scanned/signed attachment to this address: [FAO-BD@fao.org](mailto:FAO-BD@fao.org).



British High Commission  
Dhaka

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### VACANCY - WEBSITE MANAGER

The UK Press and Communications Team (joint unit of the British High Commission in Dhaka and DFID-Bangladesh) seeks the services of a Website Manager. This is a full-time position.

This is a creative role, and the incumbent will be responsible for managing the 'UK in Bangladesh' website; commissioning, producing and uploading high quality, accurate information and features; and developing an exciting platform for the UK's external public diplomacy in Bangladesh, including through use of interactive features and new media. The incumbent will be involved in designing and managing high-quality public diplomacy and promotional materials, including maintenance of an images database. The incumbent will also be responsible for co-ordinating and internally communicating the activities of each section of the British High Commission and DFID, and for liaison with the British Council.

The job will be based at the British High Commission in Baridhara but the incumbent will also be required periodically to work from DFID's Gulshan office.

##### The Role

- **Website** ([ukinbangladesh.fco.gov.uk](http://ukinbangladesh.fco.gov.uk)): Managing content; performing updates; liaison with sections; drafting text for updates; developing the design and functions of the website, including incorporation of 'new media'; contributions to DFID web page; creation and maintenance of section on Development in FCO platform.
- **Internal Communications**: internal displays; internal staff magazine; communication of corporate, management and human resources changes to staff; diversity; maintaining comms activity co-ordination 'grid'
- **Public Diplomacy**: Design and management of PD and promotional materials and publications; develop 'new media' usage in PD work; maintain a co-ordinated images database; liaison with external agencies.
- **Line Management**

##### Qualifications & Experience

- A degree from a reputed institution in any discipline, though communications, journalism, English or subjects related to web design may be particularly relevant
- Experience of working with web design would be useful
- A good understanding of Bangladesh's development, economic and political situation

##### Competencies and Skills

- Ability to communicate fluently in written and spoken English and Bangla
- Well-developed inter-personal skills and ability to work effectively in a team
- Ability to grasp corporate and strategic aims
- Ability to think and communicate creatively
- Ability to use MS Word, Powerpoint, Photo-editing and video software, Email and internet

##### Remuneration

The package will be commensurate with skills and experience of the successful applicant.

##### Applications

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Only short-listed candidates will be contacted



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### VACANCY - DEPUTY SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

The British High Commission seeks the services of a Deputy Systems Administrator (Microsoft certified professional).

The incumbent will work in the Management Section. The jobholder will work under the supervision of the Systems Administrator.

##### The Role

The selected candidate will be expected to:

- Actively maintain and support the information technology system to ensure maximum reliability;
- Answer queries from the system users and resolve IT problems for over 130 users;
- Quickly fix faults and breakdowns;
- Provide user training on various MS Office programs;
- Provide leave cover for the Systems Administrator

##### The Qualifications & Experience

- Good Knowledge on Windows NT/XP/2003/Back Office Products/Microsoft Office Packs etc.
- Must have experience on systems administration, user support and user training on various Microsoft Office products
- IC DL/ECDL Certification will be an added advantage
- Sound knowledge on hardware and cabling work

##### The Competencies & Skills

The successful candidate must the following competences and skills:

- Adapts management approach to suit different people, cultures and situations.
- Plans and organises resources to deliver objectives and meet targets.
- Flexible, able to manage unforeseen obstacles or changing priorities.
- Ensures own work correctly follows FCO systems and procedures.
- Knows who their customers are and what they want.
- Reviews systems and procedures to find better ways of delivering services.
- Deals promptly, constructively and effectively with customer complaints.
- Sifts information, identifies key issues and practical options.
- Readily shares information, knowledge, skills, time.
- Able to present complex information effectively, orally and in writing.
- Confident style of delivery.
- Quickly picks up essentials of new task or role.
- Recognises where there is scope for improvement to working practices and takes appropriate action.
- Good standard of written and spoken English.

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