



Activists hold up placards and light candles yesterday near the historic Gateway of India monument during a peace rally in memory of those killed by militants in Mumbai. The attacks on Mumbai have again highlighted the lack of coherence in India's counter terrorism strategy, its underfunded intelligence services and its poor rapid response networks, analysts say.

Mumbai mayhem stokes up Indo-Pak tension

AFP, New Delhi

Outrage in India over the Mumbai attacks risks sparking a dangerous escalation in tensions with Pakistan, analysts say, even as Islamabad cautions against any knee-jerk reaction.

Having accused "elements in Pakistan" of involvement in the ruthless attacks that left 195 dead in India's financial capital, the government here is now under extreme public pressure to exact some form of visible retribution.

The two nuclear-armed South Asian rivals are past masters of the art of military and diplomatic brinkmanship, but the stakes are heightened by looming general elections in India in which national security will be a key issue.

In a televised address to the nation on Thursday, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh vowed that the perpetrators and organisers of the Mumbai assault would be made to pay "heavy price".

On Saturday, Singh called a meeting of India's army, navy and air force chiefs.

But while India would like to lean heavily on Islamabad to ensure it delivers on

repeated promises to prevent Pakistani territory being used for anti-India activities, analysts say the government's options are limited.

Former national security advisor Brajesh Mishra said New Delhi would be constrained by a lack of proof that Islamabad had any direct role in the attacks.

"There is little to suggest that the gunmen were sponsored by the Pakistani government," Mishra said.

The scale and style of the assaults -- involving multiple targets and hostage-taking -- bore "the hallmarks of al-Qaeda attacks in the Middle East and North Africa," Mishra said.

"These are new elements that differentiate the Mumbai attacks from the parliament attack."

In 2001, gunmen from the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba militant group attacked the Indian parliament, resulting in the complete rupture of diplomatic ties and pushing the rivals to the brink of war.

Former foreign secretary Kanwal Sibal all but ruled out the possibility of India resorting to any cross-border military response.

"The Indian leadership would have to weigh very carefully the consequences of using the military option in the wider context of peace and stability in the region," Sibal said.

Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari appealed for calm on Saturday and argued that any increase in Indo-Pak tension would be a victory for the extremists.

"Whoever is responsible for the brutal and crude act against the Indian people and India are looking for reaction," Zardari said in an interview with Indian CNN-IBN television.

"We have to rise above them and make sure ourselves, ourself and world community guard against over-reaction," he said.

Kalim Bahadur, a retired professor of international relations, said India might find it difficult to take a hard line with Pakistan, given that Zardari's government was still finding its feet and itself battling Islamic militants.

"The Pakistani president's grip on power is not strong. We have seen that Zardari says things, then he is contradicted or he has to clarify what he has said."

Pakistan may deploy troops along border

PTI, Islamabad

Warning of mounting tension with India in the wake of the Mumbai terror attacks, Pakistan's security apparatus has said that up to one lakh troops could be redeployed along the border with India after diverting them from fighting militants in the restive Afghan frontier.

The next two days would be crucial in determining how the situation would unfold, senior security officials were quoted as saying by the local media on a background briefing organised for Pakistani journalists yesterday.

Pakistan would wind up its "war on terror" on the Afghan borders if the situation in the east "spiralled out of control", the officials were quoted as saying by the Dawn newspaper. The top officials categorised the current

state of Pakistan-India relations as "tense".

"They (Indians) are taking the escalation level up at a very brisk pace," one official said.

Describing the situation as "crisis-like", the officials said Pakistan would pull out "all the troops" now deployed in the country's northwest if India deployed forces on its border with Pakistan.

There are about 90,000 to 100,000 troops fighting pro-Taliban militants in the tribal belt, the officials said.

India and Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire along the borders in Kashmir in late 2003, allowing Islamabad to divert more troops for quelling a raging Taliban-led insurgency in North West Frontier Province and adjoining tribal areas bordering Afghanistan. The US has described the tribal belt as a safe haven for Taliban and al-Qaeda elements.

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Captured gunman links Mumbai attacks to Pakistani group

AFP, Mumbai

The only gunman captured during the Islamist attacks on Mumbai has provided testimony of the operation's links to a Pakistan-based militant group, Indian press reports said yesterday, quoting intelligence sources.

Ajmal Amir Kamal, whose young, clean-shaven face has become an enduring image of the attacks after he was caught on a CCTV camera wearing a "Versace" T-shirt, is reportedly being interrogated in a safehouse in Mumbai.

According to the sources quoted by several newspapers, Kamal, 21, has identified all the attackers as Pakistani citizens

and acknowledged that they were trained by Lashkar-e-Taiba, a militant group fighting Indian rule in Kashmir.

He confirmed the militants had come ashore at Mumbai in dinghies launched from a hijacked vessel whose crew had been killed, the sources said.

Lashkar-e-Taiba is notorious for a deadly assault on the Indian parliament in 2001 that pushed New Delhi and Islamabad to the brink of war.

US intelligence has also noted various indications of Lashkar involvement.

Some of the things that have been learnt thus far do point in the direction of a Kashmiri connection," a US counter-terrorism official told AFP.

Mumbai begins to heal

AP, Mumbai

This crowded, bustling financial capital, wracked by three days bloodshed, slowly began pulling itself back together Sunday as a once-besieged restaurant reopened its doors and Indians mourned their dead.

A day after the siege ended, corpses were still being brought out of the ritzy Taj Mahal hotel where three suspected Muslim militants made

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a last stand before Indian commandos killed them in a blaze of gunfire and explosions.

Sunday morning found the landmark waterfront hotel, popular among foreign tourists and Indian society, surrounded by metal barricades, its shattered windows boarded over. At the famous Gateway of India basalt arch nearby, a shrine of candles, flowers and messages commemorated victims.

"We have been to two funer-

als already," said Mumbai resident Karin Dutta as she lay a small bouquet of white flowers for several friends killed in the hotel. "We're going to another one now." At least 174 people were massacred in the rampage carried out by gunmen at 10 sites across Mumbai starting Wednesday night. One site, the Cafe Leopold, a famous tourist restaurant and scene of one of the first attacks, opened for the first time since the attacks on Sunday afternoon.

Taj hotel was warned of terrorist attack

Says Ratan Tata

IANS, Washington

The Taj Mahal Palace and Tower Hotel in Mumbai had been warned of a possible terrorist attack and had temporarily beefed up security, but nothing could have stopped the gunmen, Ratan Tata, chairman of the Tata Group that owns the hotel, said in an interview broadcast yesterday.

The iconic Taj was one of two luxury hotels taken over by terrorists on Wednesday night. When the 59-hour siege on Mumbai ended on Saturday, at least 183 people were killed at 10 locations and another 239 were wounded.

"It's ironic that we did have such a warning and we did have some (security) measures," Tata said in an interview to Fareed Zakaria to be broadcast on a news channel on Sunday.

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS

1	Ministry / Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources			
2	Agency	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.			
3	Procuring Entity name	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.			
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A			
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
6	Invitation for	Tender			
7	Invitation Ref. No.	1677 -EGCB/2008			
8	Date	25/11/2008			
KEY INFORMATION	Procurement Method	ICT			
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method			
FUNDING INFORMATION	Budget and Source of Funds	EGCB's Own fund			
10	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A			
11	Tender Package No	N/A			
12	Tender Package Name	Procurement of spare parts for automation & control of Siddhiganj 210 MW Thermal Power Station, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh.			
13	Tender Publication Date	01/12/2008			
14	Tender Last Selling Date	18/12/2009 up to 15:00 Hr (BST)			
15	Tender Submission Date & Time	19/12/2009 up to 12:00 Hr (BST)			
16	Tender Opening Date & Time	19/12/2009 on 13:00 Hrs (BST) (Tenderers or their authorized representatives, if any, are allowed to attend).			
20	Name and Address of the office(s) - Selling Tender Document	Company Secretary, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (8th Floor), 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.			
	- Receiving Tender Document	Company Secretary, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (8th Floor), 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.			
	- Opening Tender Document	Company Secretary, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (8th Floor), 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.			
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre Tender Meeting	N/A.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	The Manufacturer/Tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 (three) years of specific experience in the Production / supply of similar goods.				
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	Shown at SI No. 26.			
23	Brief Description of Goods	N/A			
24	Brief Description of Related services	N/A			
25	Price of Tender Document (TK)	TK 2100/- (Two thousand one hundred) or US \$ 30/- (Thirty) to be paid in the form of Bank Draft / Pay order in favor of Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.			
26	Lot No.	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount	Completion Time
Lot 1	Relay, MCB, Pressure and Differential Pressure Transducer	Siddhiganj 210 MW Thermal Power Station Store, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh.	US \$ 200/- or BDT 14000/-	120 days from the opening of L/C.	
Lot 2	Spare Parts for Turbine Supervision	Siddhiganj 210 MW Thermal Power Station Store, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh.	US \$ 150/- or BDT 10500/-	120 days from the opening of L/C.	
Lot 3	Components of Dimicent a-120 M	Siddhiganj 210 MW Thermal Power Station Store, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh.	US \$ 300/- or BDT 21000/-	120 days from the opening of L/C.	
Lot 4	Spare Parts for Protection Panel (UKTZ-M04 2)	Siddhiganj 210 MW Thermal Power Station Store, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh.	US \$ 400/- or BDT 28000/-	120 days from the opening of L/C.	
Lot 5	Miscellaneous	Siddhiganj 210 MW Thermal Power Station Store, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh.	US \$ 1500/- or BDT 10500/-	120 days from the opening of L/C.	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
27	Name of Official Inviting the Tender	Kazi Nazrul Islam			
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Company Secretary			
29	Address of Official Inviting the Tender	EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (8th Floor), 7-9 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.			
30	Contact details of Official Inviting the Tender	Tel: +88-02-9116382, Fax: +88-02-9118345, E-mail: egcb_jd@yahoo.com			
31	The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.				

Tender Notice

Sealed Quotations are invited from bona fide manufacturers/dealers/distributors for supply the following items of Pan Pacific Sonargaon. The detail Specifications, terms and conditions are mentioned in the Tender Schedule.

SLNo. Name of the item

Quantity

- Teak wood, Garjan wood, Teak ply wood, Garjan ply wood, Mirror, Fabric, Granite etc. for Cafe Bazar Renovation. 07 items
- Basin, Toilet Bowl, Mirror, Electric wire, Light switch, Mattress, Telephone set and other items for Mock up room. 39 items

Interested bidders can obtain tender schedule from the Purchasing Department on submission of a letter on their respective letterhead up to December 15, 2008 during office hours on payment of Tk. 300 (non-refundable). The quotations will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on December 17, 2008 and will be opened on the same day at 03:00 p.m. in presence of the bidders, if any.

Tender must be supported by an Earnest Money amounting to 5% of quoted price in the form of Bank Draft or Pay order from any schedule Bank in favor of Pan Pacific Sonargaon, Dhaka.

Pan Pacific Sonargaon authority reserves the right to accept/reject any tender in part or in full or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Purchase Manager, Tel. (880) 2 8111005, (Extn: 4164)

PAN PACIFIC SONARGAON

Dhaka



Pedestrians walk past Leopold Cafe in Mumbai yesterday. Leopold's Cafe, the first target of the militant attacks in Mumbai, became the first to reopen yesterday as its defiant owner said he "would never let terrorists win".



PUBALI BANK LIMITED

ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION
(ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)

HEAD OFFICE, DHAKA

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the eligible Tenderers as mentioned in the tender documents for the under mentioned works as per terms & conditions stated below.

1. Procuring Entity
2. Tender Name
3. Time for Completion of the work
4. Eligibility of Tenderers
5. Price of Tender Document
6. Amount of Tender security
7. Name and address of the office from where tender documents to be obtained.
8. Name and address of the office where tender documents to be submitted.
9. Last date & time for Selling document.
10. Last date and time for tender submission.
11. Date and time for tender opening.
12. Special Instructions

Pubali Bank Limited, Establishment Division, Engineering Department, Head Office, 26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka.

External and Internal renovation/decoration works of the existing premises of our CDA Corporate Branch, Regional Office North & South, GM's Office, Chittagong and proposed Security Trading Booth, Chittagong.

Having valid trade license, up to date income tax clearance certificate and VAT registration certificate.

Turnover : Minimum average annual turnover during last 3 years preceding the date of submission of the tender shall not be less than Tk. 1.00 crore (Taka one crore), Documentary evidence should be submitted.

Liquid assets/ Credit facilities : Minimum liquid assets/credit facilities shall be Tk. 75.00 Lac (Taka Seventy Five lac).

Tk. 1000.00 (Taka One thousand) only (non-refundable).

2.50% of total bid amount in the form of payment order favoring Pubali Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka.

(i) Pubali Bank Limited, Establishment Division Engineering Department (8th Floor), Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000

(ii) Pubali Bank Limited, GM's Office, CDA Bhaban, Chittagong.

(i) Pubali Bank Limited, Establishment Division (12th Floor), 26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-