



Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani (C) speaks during the National Security Conference held in Islamabad yesterday to develop a joint response to the current tension with India in which all political parties participated. Pakistan's foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said that his country had offered investigators to help India probe the Mumbai attacks.

Pakistan blames 'non-state actors' for Mumbai attacks

AP, Islamabad

The terrorists who attacked India's financial capital had no links to any government, Pakistan's president said Monday amid claims that at least one of the gunmen belonged to a banned Pakistani militant group.

President Asif Ali Zardari called the attackers "non-state actors," and warned against letting their actions lead to greater enmity in the region.

Tensions between Muslim Pakistan and Hindu-majority India flared after the attacks last week in Mumbai that killed at least 172 people and wounded 239 others.

"Such a tragic incident must bring opportunity rather than the defeat of a nation," Zardari said in an interview with Aaj television. "We don't think the world's great nations and countries can be held

hostage by non-state actors."

A top Indian police officer said Sunday that the only gunman captured after the attacks said he belonged to Lashkar-e-Taiba, a Pakistani militant group with links to the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

Joint Police Commissioner Rakesh Maria added that the gunman, Ajmal Qasab, said he was trained at a camp in Pakistan.

Lashkar has long been seen as a creation of the Pakistani intelligence service to help fight India in Kashmir. The group was banned in Pakistan in 2002 under pressure from the US, a year after Washington and Britain listed it a terrorist organisation.

Other Indian leaders have blamed "elements in Pakistan" for the attack, but have not said whether they believe the terrorists

had the backing of any state agencies.

Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani said his country "would itself take action against the miscreants if there is any evidence against a Pakistani national," according to a statement released by his office.

He also cautioned that India should not make allegations in the media. "The blame game should be avoided at all costs as (it) may affect the state of relations between the two countries," he said.

Zardari's spokesman, Farhatullah

Babar, said Islamabad has "demanded evidence of the complicity of any Pakistani group" but has received none.

The nuclear-armed nations have fought three wars since the subcontinent was divided at the end of British colonial rule in 1947, two over the Himalayan region of Kashmir.

2 US soldiers probed for Afghan prisoner abuse

AP, Kabul

The US military is investigating whether two of its soldiers abused a detainee in Afghanistan, a military statement said.

Capt Roger T Hill and 1st Sgt Tommy L Scott, both of 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, are facing an article 32 hearing, similar to a civilian grand jury investigation, to determine whether they should be brought to trial, the statement said.

The initial hearing was held Monday at the US Camp Salerno, in Afghanistan's eastern Khost province. It follows a report from within the unit about potential detainee abuse, the statement said.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Politicians face public ire

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Indian political class never had it so bad in the face of public anger against the terror attacks in Mumbai.

Some of the top political heads have already rolled—Home Minister Shivraj Patil, Maharashtra Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh and his deputy RR Patil.

And now it is the turn of some politicians drawn from BJP, CPI-M and Nationalist Congress Party to find themselves in a huge controversy for their utterances in connection with the public outrage after the blasts.

BJP Vice President Mukhtar Ahmed Naqvi has sparked a row by criticising the mounting public ire against politicians in the wake of the Mumbai attacks.

Naqvi told a TV channel on Monday that "some women wearing lipstick and powder have taken to streets in Mumbai and are abusing politicians spreading disaffection against democracy. This is what terrorists are doing in Jammu and Kashmir".

His remarks embarrassed BJP, which distanced itself from them. BJP general secretary justified the popular anger and said Naqvi should have used dignified language to express

his views by remaining within the confines of grace and decency.

Veteran CPI-M leader and Kerala Chief Minister VS Achuthanandan was refused entry by the father of Sandeep Unnikrishnan, the National Security Guard commando who was killed by terrorists during operation flush-out in the Taj Hotel in Mumbai last week, into their house when the politician had gone there to express condolence.

Apparently, Sandeep's father was upset that no ruling politician of Kerala bothered to come to his house in the first two days after the death of the commando. The chief minister and state home minister K Balakrishnan tried to visit their house only after the media highlighted the fact that no minister cared to visit the Unnikrishnans' house. The father, however, did meet the Chief Minister on Sunday last.

In the meantime, Achuthanandan, retaliating to the snub by Unnikrishnan's father, lost his cool on Monday by saying "had it not been for Sandeep, no dog would have gone to visit the house. A soldier's father would have displayed better behaviour". The Chief Minister's remarks were seen by many in bad taste.

India should give us evidence: Pak PM

AFP, Hong Kong

Pakistan Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani on Tuesday urged India to provide evidence that Pakistanis were involved in the deadly Mumbai attacks and promised to cooperate if proof was provided.

"They have given us some of the organisations... but that is not evidence. If they will give us evidence we are committed that we will extend full cooperation," Gilani said in an interview with CNN.

"Let the proof come, then we will give our point of view."

India has said that all the gunmen involved in last week's 60-hour assault on targets in Mumbai, which left 172 people dead, were Pakistanis and that "elements" in Pakistan were to blame for the attacks.

New Delhi has stopped short of blaming the Pakistani government for the carnage,

but intelligence officials have pointed the finger at Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, an Islamic militant group fighting Indian rule in Kashmir.

Gilani denied there were differences between his government and Pakistan's powerful military after plans to send the head of the ISI military intelligence agency to India to help investigate the Mumbai attacks were reversed.

And he also played down reports that Pakistan could move troops away from the fight against al-Qaeda and Taliban militants in the country's northern tribal areas to reinforce security on its eastern border with India.

"I am again telling you that Pakistan will act very responsibly, and we have talked to all our friends that they will use their good offices to defuse the situation."



Voters from Northeastern India's Mizo ethnic group hold their voters identity cards as they wait to cast their ballots at a polling station in Aizawl, the capital of Mizoram yesterday.

US warned India 'twice' about sea attack

PTI, Washington

United States intelligence agencies had warned India "twice" about a potential maritime attack on Mumbai at least a month before the audacious terror strikes that has left about 200 people dead and scores injured, media reports said.

"The United States warned the Indian government about a potential maritime attack against Mumbai at least a month before last week's massacre in the country's financial capital," the CNN quoted a US counter-terrorism official as saying.

The American network quoted the official as saying that the warning was issued not once but "twice".

A second government source told

ABCNews.Com that specific locations, including the Taj Hotel, were listed in the US warning.

"US intelligence indicated that a group might enter the country by water and launch an attack on Mumbai, said the official, who refused to be identified due to the ongoing investigation into the attacks and the sensitivity of the information," the CNN added.

"Indian security forces have confirmed to CNN that not only did US officials warn them of a water-borne attack in Mumbai -- they were told twice. The area entered a higher state of alert for a week, including tightened security measures at hotels, but those efforts were eventually reduced, Indian officials said," the network, which repeatedly broadcast the story last evening, maintained.

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Don't bury Mumbai attackers in India

Say Muslim clerics

AFP, Mumbai

Muslim clerics in Mumbai said Tuesday that the bodies of nine militants who carried out last week's attacks in the city should not be buried in India.

A group of Muslim scholars representing about 50 religious organisations met to discuss how the community should respond to the attacks that killed 188 people and injured more than 300.

Only one of the 10 gunmen involved in the shootings and grenade attacks has been captured alive. India says all the attackers came from Pakistan.

"These people should be buried where they came from. There is no space for them on our holy land," said Syed Moinuddin Ashraf, president of the city's Jamia Qadriya Ashrafiya madrasa or Muslim religious school.

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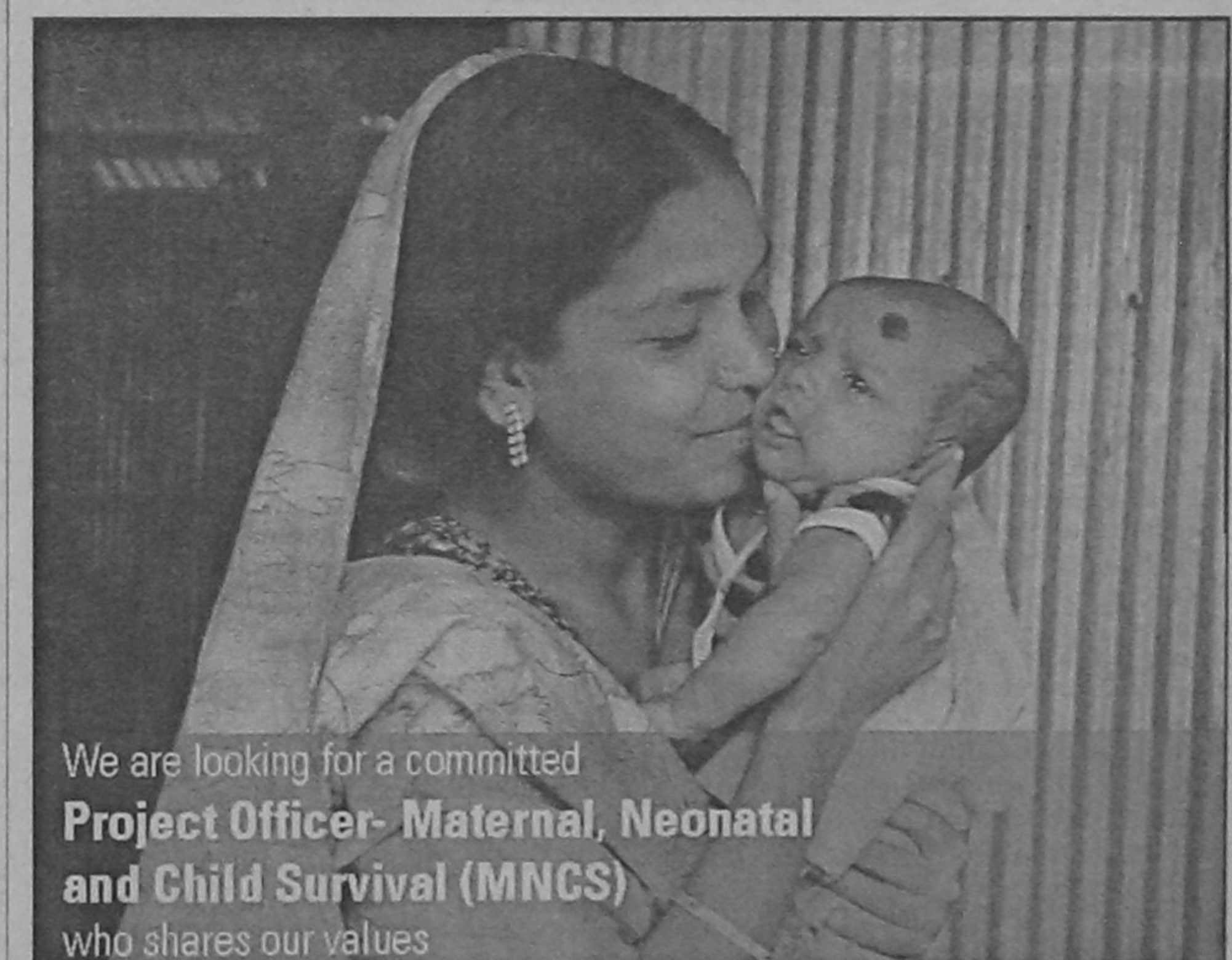
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