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Pakistani employees inspect burned-out trucks at a Nato terminal outside the northwestern city of Peshawar yesterday. Taliban militants launched a pre-dawn raid on the Nato terminal in Pakistan and torched over 160 vehicles carrying supplies for troops in Afghanistan killing a guard.

Over 160 US, Nato supply trucks torched in Pakistan

70 Humvees among destroyed vehicles

AP, Peshawar

Militants blasted their way into two transport terminals in Pakistan yesterday and torched more than 160 vehicles destined for US-led troops in Afghanistan, in the biggest assault yet on a vital military supply line, officials said.

The US military said its losses in the raid near the northwestern city of Peshawar would have only a "minimal" impact on its operations against resurgent Taliban-led militants in Afghanistan.

However, the attack's boldness will fuel concern that Taliban militants are tightening their hold around Peshawar and could choke the supply route through the famed Khyber Pass.

Up to 75 percent of supplies for Western forces in landlocked Afghanistan pass through Pakistan after being unloaded from ships at the Arabian sea port of Karachi. Nato is already seeking an alternative route through Central Asia.

The attack at the Portward Logistic Terminal reduced a section of the vast

walled compound to a smouldering junkyard.

Terminal manager Kifayatullah Khan said armed men flattened the gate before dawn with a rocket-propelled grenade, shot dead a guard and set fire to a total of 166 vehicles, including about 70 Humvees.

An Associated Press reporter who visited the depot saw six rows of destroyed Humvees and military trucks parked close together, some of them on flatbed trailers, all of them gutted and twisted by the flames.

Khan said shipping documents showed they were destined for US forces and the Western-trained Afghan National Army.

The attackers fled after a brief exchange of fire with police, who arrived about 40 minutes later, Khan said.

The nine other guards who were on duty but stood helplessly aside put the number of assailants at 300, Khan said, though police official Kashif Alam said there were only 30.

At the nearby Faisal depot, manager Shah Iran said 60 vehicles destined for Afghanistan as well as three Pakistani trucks were burned in a similar assault.

It was unclear if one or two bands of gunmen were involved.

The attack was the latest in a series that have highlighted the vulnerability of the supply route to the spreading power of the Taliban and other Islamic militants in the border region.

Suspected insurgents also attacked the Faisal terminal last week and burned 12 trucks loaded with Nato supplies, including several Humvees. Two guards were shot dead.

In November, militants made off with a Humvee during a raid on the treacherous road from Peshawar to the Afghan border and showed it off later to reporters at a militant stronghold further south.

The US military in Afghanistan said in a statement that an unspecified number of its containers were destroyed in the attack but that their loss would have "minimal effect on our operations."

Pakistan feared Indian attack after Mumbai mayhem

Indo-Pak officials discuss joint patrol along border

AFP, PTI, London/ Islamabad

Pakistan feared India was planning a military strike amid heightened tensions between the two nuclear powers following the Mumbai attacks, Pakistan's high commissioner to London told the BBC Saturday.

Wajid Shamsul Hassan told the BBC World Service's Urdu programming there was evidence that India wanted "to teach Pakistan a lesson."

New Delhi has pointed the finger at Islamabad over last week's devastating Mumbai siege by Islamic militants, which killed 172 people, including nine attackers.

Pakistan has said it is awaiting "concrete proof" that a group

based there was responsible.

"This is what we were told by our friends, that there could possibly be a quick strike at some of the areas they suspect to be the training camps, an air raid or something of that sort," Hassan told the broadcaster.

"There was circumstantial evidence that India was going to make a quick strike against Pakistan to teach her a lesson," he said.

Hassan said he alerted Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari to the danger and Islamabad's concerns were passed on to US and British officials who intervened to calm the situation, according to the BBC.

The British Foreign Office said it did not comment on

security issues.

Amidst the heightened tension between India and Pakistan in the aftermath of terror attacks in Mumbai, senior Indian and Pakistani security officials have met to discuss joint patrolling along the border.

A 12-member delegation of India's Border Security Force led by Deputy Inspector General B K Singh arrived in Khokhrapur on Friday for a quarterly meeting on security issues with the Pakistan Rangers.

The two sides discussed joint patrolling along the border, defence construction, the issue of inadvertent border-crossers and border demarcation at certain disputed points, officials said.

India attacker rose from crook to militant

AP, Mumbai

The lone gunman to survive the Mumbai terror attacks was a petty street thug from a dusty Pakistani outpost who was systematically programmed into a highly trained suicide guerrilla over 18 months in jihadist camps, India's top investigator into the attacks said Saturday.

Mohammed Ajmal Kasab, 21, was one of the 10 men who came ashore on a small rubber raft Nov. 26, divided into five pairs and attacked some of Mumbai's best known and most beloved landmarks.

Kasab and his partner rampaged through the city's main train terminal, then shot up a police station and a hospital, carjacked a police van killing the city's

counterterrorism chief and four other police inside and stole a second car.

They finally were brought to a halt in a shootout that killed Kasab's partner and left Kasab with bullet wounds in both hands and a minor wound in his neck, said Rakesh Maria, the chief police investigator on the case.

Photographs of Kasab walking calmly through the train station with his assault rifle made him a symbol of the attacks.

In the days since Kasab's capture, police have repeatedly interrogated him about his background, his training and the details of the attack. Maria declined to divulge the interrogation methods, saying only that Kasab was "fairly forthcoming."

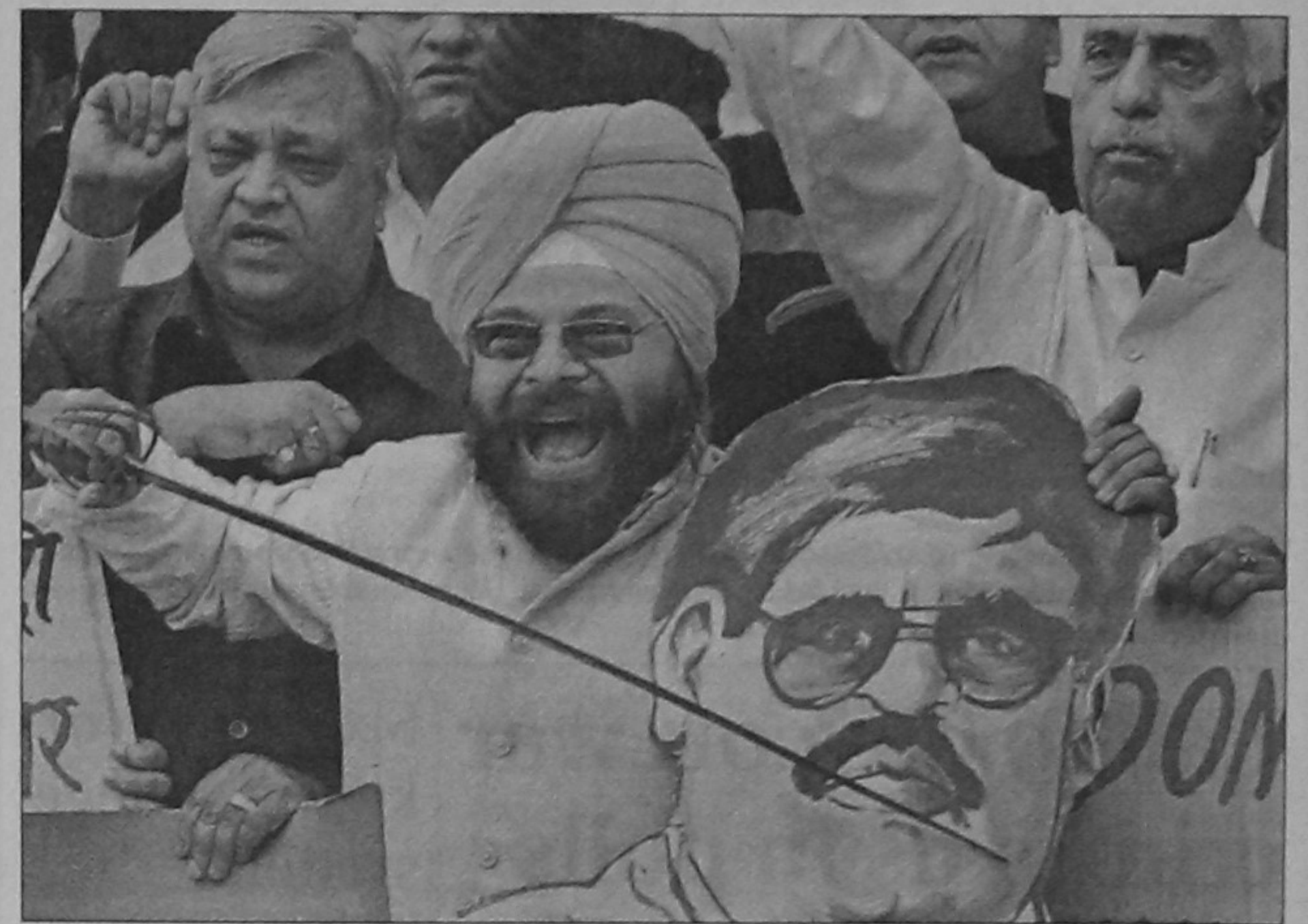


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Indian National Akali Dal activists shout anti-Pakistan slogans during a protest in New Delhi yesterday. India's foreign minister said that Pakistani reports about a hoax call made in his name during the Mumbai siege were an attempt to divert blame for the attacks.

DAP Fertilizer Company Limited					
P.O: CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong-4000					
Invitation for Tender (for DAP-1 Plant)					
1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Industries.				
2. Agency	Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC).				
3. Procuring entity name	Managing Director, DAP Fertilizer Company Ltd (DAPFCL).				
4. Procuring entity district	Chittagong.				
5. Invitation for	Cleaning of process building, comprehensive tank farm & CPA tank farm of DAP-1.				
6. Invitation Ref No.	DAPFCL/Operation/2008-09/291.				
7. Date	29/11/2008.				
KEY INFORMATION					
Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).				
FUNDING INFORMATION					
Budget & source of fund	DAP Fertilizer Company's own source.				
10. Development partners (if applicable)	None.				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
Project/programme code (if applicable)	None.				
12. Project/programme name (if applicable)	None.				
13. Tender package No.	1 (one).				
14. Tender package name	Cleaning of process building, comprehensive tank farm & CPA tank farm of DAP-1.				
15. Tender publication date	30/11/2008.				
16. Tender last selling date	14/12/2008.				
17. Tender closing date & time	15/12/2008 at 11:00 hours.				
18. Tender opening date & time	15/12/2008 at 11:10 hours.				
19. Name & address of the office(s)	Cash Section, Accounts Department, DAPFCL, Rangadia, Ctg.				
- Selling of tender document (principal)	Office of the General Manager (Com), DAPFCL, Rangadia, Ctg.				
- Receiving of tender document (principal)	Office of the General Manager (Com), DAPFCL, Rangadia, Ctg.				
- Opening of tender document (principal)	Office of the General Manager (Com), DAPFCL, Rangadia, Ctg.				
20. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Not applicable.				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
21. Eligibility of tenderer	Contractors who have past experience of similar nature of works in fertilizer factories of BCIC, govt. organization, other corporations, private and autonomous bodies are eligible to participate in the tender.				
22. Brief description of works & related services	A) Cleaning of granulation unit, B) Cleaning of different floors, C) Cleaning of screens, FBC and cyclone separator, D) Cleaning of day tank unit & CPA tank farm etc.				
23. Price of tender document	Tk. 500/- (five hundred) (non-refundable) each.				
Sl. No.	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in days for works
24.	01	1) Cleaning of granulation unit & different floors 2) Cleaning of screens, FBC & cyclone separator 3) Cleaning of day tank unit & CPA tank farm etc.	DAP Fertilizer Company Ltd. (DAPFCL)	25,000/- (twenty-five thousand)	365 days from effective date of contact
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
Name of official inviting tender		S P Paul.			
Designation of official inviting tender		General Manager (Operation).			
Address of official inviting tender		General Manager (Operation), DAPFCL, Rangadia, Chittagong.			
Contact details of official inviting tender		Phone-PABX-622301-4 Ex-7507, FAX-632389.			
Special Instructions:					
a) Authority reserves the right to reject or accept the tender without showing any reason whatsoever.					
b) If the tenderer submits any false/incorrect or forged certificate, the tender security may be forfeited.					
c) All activities in connection with the work shall be guided as per "PPR-2008".					
S P Paul General Manager (Operation) For Managing Director, DAPFCL					



PHOTO: AFP

A Nepalese former Maoist fighter (R) carries his child as a colleague looks on in Shaktikhor camp in Chitwan, 80km southwest of Kathmandu on Dec 3. Around 19,000 former Maoist fighters have been staying in United Nations-monitored camps across the country since a 2006 peace deal that ended a decade of civil war and led to the abolition of the monarchy in May this year.

Nepali Maoists clamour to join national army

AFP, Shaktikhor Camp

After years spent fighting security forces and dressing battlefield wounds, former Maoist rebel Namuna wants to join Nepal's army.

Namuna -- whose nom-de-guerre means "exemplary" -- is one of around 19,000 former guerrillas preparing to spend their third winter in UN-monitored camps as part of a peace deal that ended Nepal's decade-long civil war.

"Integration into the army should take place as soon as possible," the 26-year-old nurse and former fighter told AFP as she took a break from

her work at the Maoist Shaktikhor camp hospital, a four-hour drive south of Kathmandu.

The former rebels, who now run the impoverished country after winning polls in April, insist they should be part of a new national army but Nepal's main opposition party is determined to keep them out.

On a visit last week, the camp of 1,200 Maoists was a hive of activity as the young men and women received communist ideological training, lessons on how to handle weapons as well as drilling with replica wooden rifles.

Clashes disrupt fourth phase of Kashmir polls

AP, Srinagar

Large crowds voted in several towns in Indian Kashmir on Sunday, while separatists in other areas boycotted the polls and clashed with government forces in the fourth phase of state elections in the disputed Himalayan region.

Muslim separatist leaders have called for a boycott of the vote in Jammu-Kashmir state, saying it will only entrench India's hold on the region. Some have been detained in recent months under a law that allows police to hold people for up to two years without trial.

Thousands of paramilitary soldiers and police wearing bulletproof jackets and carrying automatic weapons patrolled polling places across the region.

The elections for the state legislature, which began Nov. 17, are being held in seven phases through Dec. 24. The voting has been largely peaceful with a higher-than-expected turnout of over 60 percent.

The staggered balloting allows the government to deploy thousands of security forces in each area in an attempt to prevent a repeat of deadly violence during elections in 2002.

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4. Procuring entity district	Chittagong.				
5. Invitation for	Cleaning of process building & comprehensive tank farm of DAP-2.				
6. Invitation Ref No.	DAPFCL/Operation/2008-09/289.				
7. Date	29/11/2008.				
KEY INFORMATION:					
Procurement Method	Open tendering method (OTM).				
FUNDING INFORMATION:					
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION:					
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12. Project/programme name (if applicable)	None.				
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14. Tender package name	Cleaning of process building & comprehensive tank farm of DAP-2.				
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