

Amnesty slams Indian anti-terror law

AP, New Delhi

Amnesty International on Friday slammed India's new anti-terror legislation to beef up police powers in the wake of the Mumbai attacks, saying it violates international human rights treaties.

The London-based human rights group called on India's president not to approve the legislation, which would double the number of days police can detain terror suspects before filing charges, from 90 days to 180, as well as boost their powers to conduct searches.

Both houses of India's Parliament passed the bill this week, following last month's attacks on Mumbai by suspected Islamic terrorists that killed 164 people. It now needs President Pratibha Patil's approval before becoming law.

Pakistan should try to get to the bottom of terror network: US

PTI, Washington

Describing militant groups operating in Pakistan as a "threat" to the world, the US has asked Islamabad to cooperate with India in probing the Mumbai attack and try to get to the bottom of the terror network to dismantle them completely.

The extremist groups in Pakistan are a threat to the country, a threat to the neighbourhood, and "as we saw in Mumbai, a threat to Americans and Indians and people of many other nationalities," Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Richard Boucher said in Beijing last week, according to a transcript released by the State Department Thursday.

He said besides preliminary investigation, Pakistan should try to get to the bottom of the terror network operating in the country. "I think it's important to see that they have picked up some of the leaders of the organisation. I think it's going to be important to see that they push through that to the end in terms of eliminating the capability of the organisation to

launch attacks from Pakistani soil," Boucher said.

On how China should use its influence to bring Pakistan to fully cooperate in the Mumbai attacks probe and its aftermath, he said this is better left to Beijing, which also favours eliminating terror groups from Pakistan.

"In terms of the Chinese and how they use their influence, it's really something I have to leave to China to explain, discuss. What I found in my consultations today is we have very similar goals."

"We don't want to see Pakistani territory used to conduct terrorist attacks. We don't want to see groups be able to go in and out of Pakistan and go elsewhere to perpetuate terrorism in the region," Boucher added.

Meanwhile, even as the current US monetary aid to Pakistan has drawn flak from various quarters, the Pentagon has said that the Central Command is working on a plan which will involve more funding to the Pakistani military for countering terrorism.

UN releases list of 170 people missing during Nepal's civil war

AFP, Kathmandu

The UN human rights body unveiled a list yesterday of 170 people who "disappeared" during Nepal's bitter civil war, and cited witness testimony that some had died in military custody.

Nepal is now governed by former rebel Maoists who waged a guerrilla war for a decade until a 2006 peace deal that paved the way for their election victory earlier this year.

The UN Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights said it had investigated reports of 156 people who were allegedly taken away by the security forces and 14 by the Maoists in Bardia district, 400 kilometres (250 miles) southwest of Kathmandu.

Human Development



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (R) presents copies of 'Arguments for a Better World' to Nobel laureate and Professor of Harvard University Amartya Sen during an International Conference on Development, Freedom and Welfare conference in New Delhi yesterday. Manmohan inaugurated the two-day conference, which was organised by Cornell University and the Institute for Human Development.

Zardari postpones Kabul trip

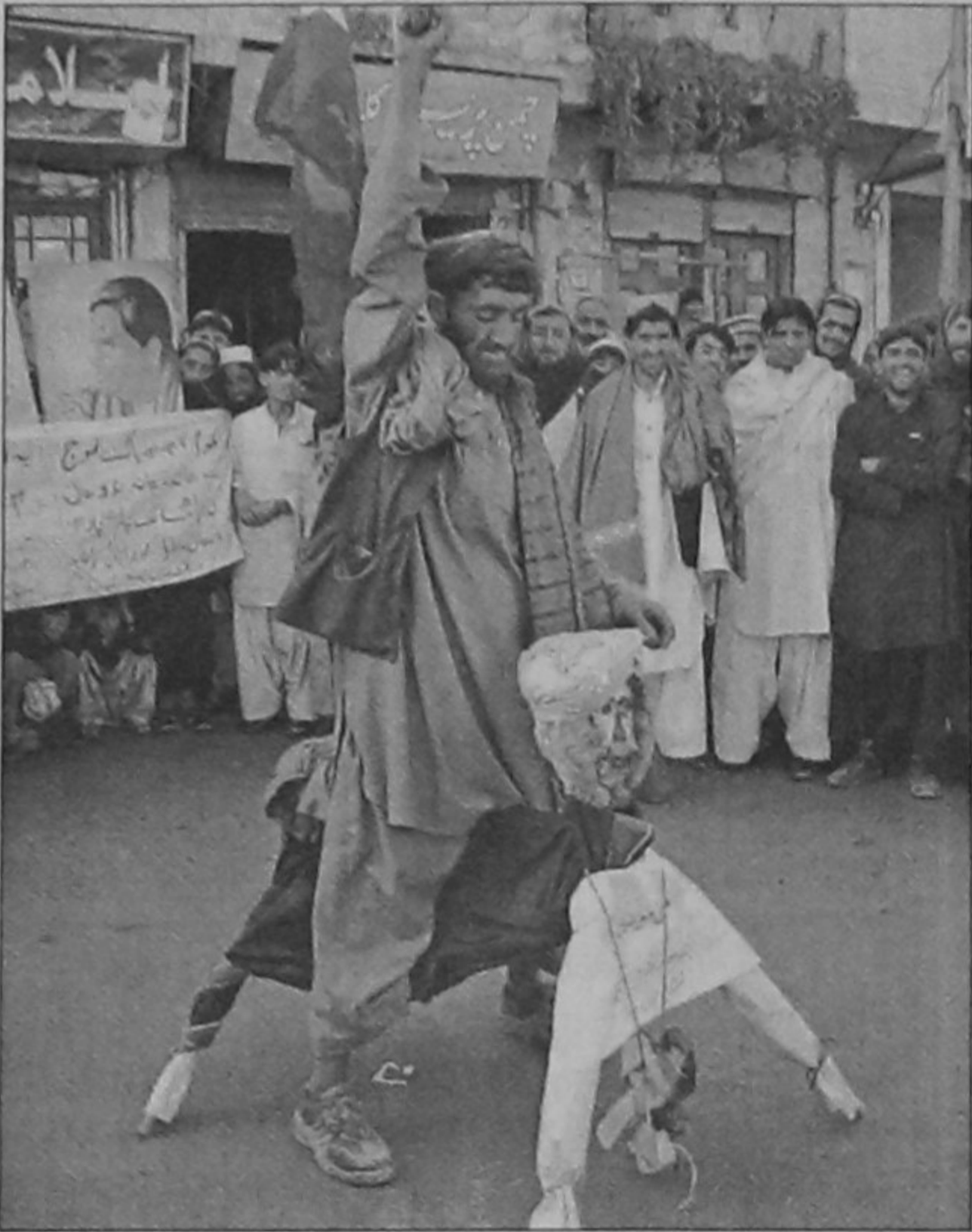
AFP, Kabul

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari on Friday was forced to postpone a trip to Afghanistan for talks with his counterpart Hamid Karzai on the anti-terror fight due to bad weather, officials said.

The two leaders were due to discuss how to combat a resurgent Taliban militia that is staging deadly attacks on both sides of the rugged common border, but Zardari was unable to leave Pakistan.

The Pakistani leader -- who was to have made his first official visit to Afghanistan since taking office three months ago -- said he hoped to reschedule the trip "at an appropriate future time," Karzai's office said in a statement.

In Islamabad, a foreign ministry official confirmed the postponement of the trip, without specifying whether a new date had been set.



A Pakistani tribesman gestures as he mimics riding an effigy of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during a protest in the southwestern town of Chaman yesterday in Baluchistan province on the border with Afghanistan.

Storm in Lok Sabha over minister's claim

He said killing of Indian terrorist squad chief a conspiracy

THE DAILY TIMES, New Delhi

Indian Minority Affairs Minister Abdul Rahman Antulay has caused a storm in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday and Thursday, suggesting that the killing of Anti-Terrorism Squad chief Hemant Karkare in Mumbai during last month's terror attacks was a conspiracy.

The minister said he was killed due to his leading role in the investigations of the 2006 Malegaon bombings that killed eight people outside a mosque and have been blamed on Hindu nationalists.

"Anyone trying to go to the roots of terror has always been a target," he said, calling for a separate inquiry into Karkare's death. "There is

more than what meets the eye," he said, adding that the top official went to Cama Hospital instead of the Taj and Oberoi hotels, and was wearing a 'substandard' bullet-proof vest.

Creating five minutes of pandemonium as Antulay sat quietly, opposition legislators said they were not satisfied with his clarification in the House the previous day that he did doubt the terrorists had killed Karkare.

Speaker Somnath Chatterjee tried in vain to pacify the agitated legislators, who continued to protest even after Parliamentary Affairs Minister Vyalar Ravi intervened and assured them the government would look into the matter.

Rebels worry grand

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are contesting with party symbols are Kurigram-4 (Golam Habib Dulal of JP and Zakir Hossain of AL), Gaibandha-4 (Mohammad Ali Mahbub Talukder of JP and Monwar Hossain Chowdhury of AL), Gaibandha-5 (Rowshan Ershad of JP and Fazle Rabbi of AL), Sirajganj-2 (Aminul Islam of JP and Zannat Ara Henri of AL), Kushtia-4 (Abdul Awal of JP and Sultana Tarun of AL), Mymensingh-4 (Rowshan Ershad of JP and Motiur Rahman of AL), Pirojpur-1 (Mostafa Jamal Haider of JP and Abdul Awal Saidu of AL), Dhaka-5 (Syed Abu Hossain Babla of JP and Habibur Rahman Mollah of AL), Comilla-11 (Kazi Zafar Ahmed of JP and Mujibul Haque Mujib of AL), Moulvibazar-2 (Nawab Abbas Ali Khan of JP and Ataur Rahman Shamim of AL), Netrakona-4 (Fakir Ashraf of JP and Rebeka Momin of AL), Habiganj-2 (Abid Ali Chowdhury of JP and Abdul Majid Khan of AL), Chittagong-9 (Morshed Murad Ibrahim of JP and Afsarul Amin Chowdhury of AL), Rangpur-4 (Karim Uddin Bhariosha of JP and Tipu Munshi of AL), and Kishoreganj-3 (Mujibul Haque Chunnun of JP and Dr Mizanul Haque of AL).

AL'S REBEL CANDIDATES Former AL lawmaker Mizanur Rahman Manu is contesting the parliamentary polls against grand alliance nominee Abul Hasan Mahmud Ali in Dinajpur-4, Delwar Hossain against Dharendra Chandra Debnath in Barguna-1, and Emdadul Haque Bhuiyan against Nazrul Islam Babu in Narayanganj-2.

Sardar Amjad Hossain, AL strongman in Rajshahi, is contesting against party nominee Enamul Haque in Rajshahi-4, Abdul Aziz Mollah against Abu Sayeed Al Mahmud Swapan in Joypurhat-1, and Sajjatujaumma against Shafiqul Azam Khan in Jhenidah-3.

Meanwhile, AL district committee has already decided to expel Kabirul Haque Mukti who is contesting the poll in Narail-1 ignoring the party decision.

The other rebel AL candidates are Mahbub Uddin Ahmed (Barisal-5), Khandaker Abdul Baten (Tangail-6), Mobarak Ali Sikder (Shariatpur-1), Dewan Shamsul Abedin (Sunamganj-4), Roshon Ali (Comilla-4), Mamunur Rashid Kiron

(Noakhali-3), Mohammad Ali Khokon (Laxmipur-2), Mahfuzur Rahman (Chittagong-16), Imajuddin Pramanik (Naogaon-4), KM Khurram (Sherpur-3), Abdul Hannan Khan (Netrakona-5) and Abdul Quader (Dhaka-15).

Party insiders said the independent candidates seem even stronger than the alliance candidates in many constituencies. They said the four-party alliance would get advantage where rebel AL candidates are contesting independently against alliance nominees.

JP leader Joydul Abedin Sarker is contesting the polls as independent candidate from Lalmonirhat-1, Anwarul Islam from Rangpur-1 and Mohammad Ali Sarker from Rangpur-2. JP leaders have been nominated as grand alliance candidates in these seats.

Two AL leaders are contesting as independent candidates in Gaibandha-3 and Chittagong-4 where JP leaders TIM Fazle Rabbi and Anisul Islam Mahmud have been nominated as grand alliance candidates.

Security clampdown in Kashmir capital

AFP, Srinagar/Jammu

Indian authorities yesterday deployed thousands of troops in the Kashmiri summer capital Srinagar to prevent protests called by Muslim separatists ahead of the final phase of state elections.

Separatist groups had urged a total boycott of the polls, arguing that they would strengthen New Delhi's hold over the disputed region.

However, the first six rounds of voting saw a more than 50 percent turnout in the Muslim-majority Kashmir valley.

The final round is scheduled to take place on December 24 in Srinagar and Jammu -- the winter capital.

"The elections have no legitimacy in Kashmir as they are being held in presence of over ten lakh (one million) troops. People have been coerced and lured to vote in the name of development and jobs," said moderate separatist leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq.

Lanka steps up air attacks against Tiger rebels

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's air force yesterday stepped up strikes on Tamil Tiger positions in the island's north as ground battles subsided due to heavy rains, military officials said.

Aircraft carried out half a dozen raids around Kilinochchi, the political capital of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), an air force official said.

"We have carried out six missions around Kilinochchi this morning in support of ground troops," the official said. He had no immediate details of casualties.

Elsewhere, helicopter gunships Friday attacked a cluster of rebel boats in the northern area of Kilali, "inflicting maximum damage," air force spokesman Janaka Nanayakkara said.

Military officials said infantry battles had slowed in the past two days because of rains as well as intense battles earlier in the week when both sides suffered heavy losses.

The LTTE has said that it had repelled a multi-pronged offensive by government forces, killing 170 soldiers and wounding 420 Tuesday and Wednesday.

The military rejected the

rebel claims and said it lost only 25 soldiers and placed rebel losses at 120 killed and 250 wounded.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa's government has been predicting the imminent fall of Kilinochchi for months, and the military recently said it was within "kissing distance" of the town.

In January the Sri Lankan government pulled out of a 2002 Norwegian-brokered truce.

The rebels have been fighting since 1972 for a state for ethnic minority Tamils separate from the majority Sinhalese community.

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NOTICE

Subject: Schedule of recruitment (written) test for the positions of Assistant Manager (Finance) and Assistant Manager (Technical) respectively.

This is to inform that the recruitment (written) test for the positions of Assistant Manager (Finance) and Assistant Manager (Technical) has been programmed to be held according to the following schedule:

Name of the post.	Venue/ place of test	Date and starting time
Assistant Manager (Finance)	Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka	December 26, 2008 10:00 a.m.
Assistant Manager (Technical)	Faculty of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE), Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology (BUET)	December 26, 2008 10:00 a.m.

Those who have applied for the aforementioned posts and whose applications have been considered valid as per terms and conditions laid down in the advertisement Memo no. DPDC/HR/GM/ Appointment/Officers/2008/591, dated: 23/10/2008 and Memo no. DPDC/HR/GM/ Appointment /Officers/2008/602, dated: 29/10/2008 published in the dailies, can find out their names on the list that will be displayed at the office of DGM (Administration), DPDC situated at 1 Abdul Gani Road (3rd floor), Dhaka-1000 on 24th December, 2008.

The list can also be viewed from 22nd December, 2008 and onwards at the web site of DPDC (web address- <http://www.dpdc.org.bd/dpdc/index.php>)

If anybody finds his/ her name on the valid list but unfortunately had not received the admit card by 23rd December 2008, can ask for the duplicate admit card on 24th December 2008 only.

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Department of Women and Gender Studies University of Dhaka Job Opportunity

Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for the following position in the Department of Women and the Gender Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh under the Project "Institutionalising the Department of Women's Studies" till June 2010.

Associate Professor (1)

Candidates must have high academic qualification preferably a PhD or equivalent degree. They should have at least 7 years of teaching and research experience in a recognised university or institute of advanced research. They should have original research work published in recognised journals. Candidates with higher degree and/or research and publications in women and gender studies will be given special consideration. Experience and performance as a teacher as well as significant contribution to different areas of university activities especially in guiding the overall educational and co-curricular activities of students will also be treated as qualification.

Salary to be discussed.

Applicants should provide eight copies of bio-data and full particulars in line with the qualification asked for. All applications should be accompanied by passport size photographs, attested copies of all relevant certificates and testimonials etc. Incomplete application will not be considered. Any undue pressure will be considered as disqualification. Only those applicants selected for interview will be individually notified. All applicants are therefore requested to provide their present contact address (including telephone, e-mail, fax, if any). Applications must reach the office of the Chairperson, Department of Women and Gender Studies, 4th Floor, Arts Building, Dhaka University by the 18 January 2009. The positions for which applications are submitted should be clearly marked on the top of envelope.

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"Project Planning, Development & Management" শীর্ষক সাক্ষ্যকালীন প্রশিক্ষণ কোর্সে ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

একবিংশ শতাব্দীর চ্যালেঞ্জ মোকাবিলায় উদ্দেশ্যে নিজেকে তৈরী করার জন্য জ্ঞান ও দক্ষতা অর্জনের এক অপূর্ব সুযোগ।

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২। এ কোর্সে রয়েছে ০৮টি বিশেষ "মডিউল"। ৪৫ কর্মদিবসে মোট ৯০টি সেশনের মাধ্যমে কোর্সটি সম্পন্ন হবে। বিকাল ৫:৩০ হতে রাত ৮:১৫ পর্যন্ত একাডেমীর অত্যাধুনিক শীতাতপ ও শব্দ নিয়ন্ত্রিত শ্রেণীকক্ষে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। একাডেমীর অনুদ্বন্দ্ব সদস্যসহ বিভিন্ন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অভিজ্ঞ শিক্ষকমন্ডলী, সরকারী ও এনজিওতে কর্মরত উচ্চস্তরের নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তাবৃন্দ অতিথি বক্তা হিসাবে ক্লাস নিবেন।

৩। নিবন্ধনের সময় কোর্স ফি বাবদ টাঃ ১৫,০০০/- (পনের হাজার টাকা) নগদে অথবা চেকের মাধ্যমে "মহাপরিচালক, পরিকল্পনা ও উন্নয়ন একাডেমী"-এর অনুকূলে দাখিল করতে হবে। অংশগ্রহণকারীগণ সাফল্যজনকভাবে কোর্সটি সম্পন্ন করার পরেই কেবলমাত্র উত্তীর্ণ প্রশিক্ষার্থীগণ সনদপত্র লাভ করবেন।

৪। ভর্তির জন্য ন্যূনতম যোগ্যতা কোন স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় থেকে যে কোন বিষয়ে সন্মানসহ স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রী অথবা নির্বাহী পদে ২ বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ ২য় শ্রেণীর স্নাতক ডিগ্রী।

৫। আগ্রহী প্রার্থীদেরকে একাডেমী কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত আবেদনপত্র ২০০/- (দুইশত) টাকার বিনিময়ে একাডেমীর হিসাব শাখা থেকে সংগ্রহ করে আবেদন করতে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে। আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ০৫ জানুয়ারী, ২০০৯। নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীরা নির্ধারিত অর্থের বিনিময়ে একাডেমীর ক্যাফেটেরিয়া ও ডরমিটরী সুবিধাদি পেতে পারেন।

৬। বিস্তারিত তথ্য এবং আবেদনপত্রের জন্য জনাব মোঃ শাহজাহান, উপ-পরিচালক (ফোনঃ ৯৬৭২৩৫৫, মোবাইলঃ ০১৭১৫-৩২৫৫৬৭) ও জনাব মোঃ নূরুল ইসলাম, সহযোগী প্রশিক্ষক (ফোনঃ ৮৬২৭৫০৭, ৮৬১৪৭০৫-৬/২২২, মোবাইলঃ ০১৫৫২-৩৬৩৩৮১) সাথে সকল কর্মদিবসে অফিস সময়ের মধ্যে যোগাযোগ করতে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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