

# Pakistan will act on Mumbai suspects if evidence is 'credible': Gilani

AFP, Islamabad

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said yesterday his government remained committed to punishing Pakistani nationals accused of taking part in the Mumbai attacks if "credible" evidence is given against them.

Gilani made the comments during talks with Richard Boucher, the US assistant secretary of state for South and Central Asia, who arrived in Islamabad early Monday in a bid to defuse simmering tensions between Pakistan and India.

Gilani spoke of "Pakistan's persistent efforts to defuse the current tensions with India, and his government's commitment to take action against any Pakistani national in case credible evidence is provided," his office said.

Earlier Monday, Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee said that New Delhi had handed over to Islamabad what it said was evidence linking the Islamic militants who carried out the late November attacks to "elements in Pakistan."

Pakistan said it had received the dossier and was reviewing it.

New Delhi has blamed the attacks -- which left 172 people dead, including nine of the gunmen -- on the banned Pakistan-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba, which is fighting Indian rule in divided Kashmir.

Islamabad had repeatedly said that India had not provided any evidence linking the Mumbai attackers with Pakistan.

Mukherjee said the Indian dossier included details of the interrogation of Mohammed Ajmal Amir Iman -- also known as Mohammed Ajmal Kasab -- who is the lone surviving gunman and who India says is a Pakistani national.

It also details the militants' communications with "elements" in Pakistan during the attack, recovered weapons and other equipment, retrieved global positioning system data and satellite phones.

A number of US officials have visited both Pakistan and India, including US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and her deputy John Negroponte, following

the attacks in a bid to defuse tensions between the nuclear-armed rivals.

Boucher, who arrived in Pakistan early Monday, also met with Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and President Asif Ali Zardari, who gave him an award for his service to Pakistan.

Zardari said Boucher had been "instrumental in promoting a stable, broad-based and long-term Pakistan-US relationship," the Associated Press of Pakistan news agency reported.

Boucher was scheduled to give a press conference later Monday.

Gilani and Boucher also discussed Pakistan's ongoing cooperation in the US-led "war on terror," with the US diplomat quoted by Gilani's office as saying Washington "fully appreciated Pakistan's difficulties in the fight against terror."

Officials in Washington and Kabul have repeatedly said in the past that Pakistan is not doing enough to crack down on Taliban and al-Qaeda linked militants in its rugged tribal areas on the border with Afghanistan.

The United States and Afghanistan say



Sri Lanka's troops move into action in Paranthan, north of Colombo on Sunday. Sri Lanka's army said it was moving in on the jungle stronghold of the Tamil Tiger rebels, in a final assault aimed at ending the longest-running ethnic war in Asia.

## Pakistan opens Nato supply route

AFP, Peshawar

Pakistan Monday reopened during daytime hours a key northwest supply route for Western troops in Afghanistan, a local official said, as the army wrapped up an anti-militant drive in the area.

The administrator of the

Khyber tribal area in northwest Pakistan, Tariq Hayat, told reporters that the curfew along the Khyber Pass had been lifted from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm (0300-1400 GMT).

"Now there is a free flow of traffic for every type of vehicle" including Nato supply trucks, Hayat told reporters.



Congress party chairperson Sonia Gandhi (R, front) and new Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir state Omar Abdullah (L, top) exit the General Zorawar Singh Auditorium in Jammu yesterday after the oath taking ceremony.

## Omar sworn in as Kashmir CM

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Jammu

Omar Abdullah Monday took oath as the eighth chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir along with 10 ministers at this winter capital of the state.

Governor NN Vohra administered the oath of office and secrecy to Abdullah and his council ministers.

After Omar of the National Conference (NC), Tara Chand of the Congress was the first minister to take oath. He is tipped to become deputy chief minister in the NC-Congress coalition government.

With 28 seats, the NC emerged the largest party in the 87-member assembly after the seven-phase election in November-December. The Congress bagged 17 seats.

Omar Abdullah, the youngest chief minister in Jammu and Kashmir, is also the third to hold the post in his family after his grandfather Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and father Farooq Abdullah.

The 38-year-old Omar had been minister of state in the 1999-2004 National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

## Japan cautious on Sri Lanka military breakthrough

AFP, Tokyo

Japan, Sri Lanka's top donor, was cautious yesterday after the Tamil Tiger rebels' capital fell, with an official saying that only a political solution could resolve the island's ethnic war.

Sri Lanka's army last week captured the de facto rebel capital Kilinochchi and said it was now closing in on the headquarters of the Tigers, who have been fighting since 1972 to set up an independent homeland for the Tamil minority.

Japan provides nearly two-thirds of Sri Lanka's international aid and has sent its special envoy four times in the past three years to try to broker an end to the conflict, which has claimed tens of thousands of lives.

"The real solution to the ethnic conflict can be realised only through political efforts," a Japanese foreign ministry

official in charge of Sri Lankan matters told AFP.

"Japan will keep encouraging the Sri Lankan government to pursue a political solution to the ethnic conflict by promoting local autonomy in the northeast region," he said.

The official requested anonymity as Japan has not yet officially reacted to the events in Sri Lanka. He said, however, that he expected the bloodshed to continue.

"Capturing the de facto capital of the rebels holds symbolic meaning but its military significance is limited," he said.

"The conflict is expected to continue in the jungles of eastern Sri Lanka," he said. Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse, part of the Sinhalese majority, vowed in a New Year's address to crush the Tigers once and for all in 2009.

## US backs India on 26/11 terror attack probe

CNN-IBN, New Delhi

The United States of America has a special interest in the investigations into the Mumbai terror attacks and will pursue it till its conclusion, its Ambassador to India David Mulford said.

Mulford said that Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will be granted access in Pakistan to investigate Mumbai terror attacks link.

"The FBI will pursue the evidence that they have gathered in Mumbai. They will take it to Pakistan because under our law, if Americans are killed, the US has the duty to pursue all avenues," Mulford said in New Delhi on Monday.

Reacting to Lashkar-e-Toiba front Jamaat-ud-Dawa changing its name to circumvent a United Nation Security Council ban, Mulford said, "The name may have changed. You don't change the spots in a leopard."

Mulford was speaking on

the sidelines of a function to commemorate the 50th year of the opening of the American Embassy building in New Delhi.

He, however, declined to comment on the evidence given by India to Pakistan on the terror attacks in which 10 Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorists trained in Pakistan attacked Mumbai and took many people hostage at three landmarks of the metropolis.

In the siege that lasted for nearly 60 hours over 200 people including six Americans were killed.

Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon will meet heads of missions of friendly countries later on Monday and share with them evidence about the complicity of Pakistan-based groups in the Mumbai attacks.

India is trying to get China to pressurise Pakistan to end its cross border terrorism.

Menon has already met

Minister, He Yafei. He Yafei is also expected to meet External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee.

India has given Pakistan evidence about involvement of Pakistan-based elements in Mumbai terror attacks, said External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee.

Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon summoned Pakistan High Commissioner Shahid Mallik and handed over the evidence.

"What happened in Mumbai is an unpardonable crime. We ask Pakistan to implement bilateral commitments it has given at the highest levels," Mukherjee said in New Delhi on Monday.

Mukherjee also said that the evidence has been shared with some other countries and heads of foreign missions will be briefed on the Mumbai attacks in the next 24 hours.

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### Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Planning/IMED
2	Agency	Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED)
3	Procuring entity name	Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU)
4	Procuring entity code	N/A
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Invitation for procurement of	Computer Tables and Chairs
7	Invitation Ref No.	IMED/CPTU/PPRP-2/Furniture(Target Agency)/82/2008/03
8	Date	01/01/2009

**KEY INFORMATION**

9	Procurement method	OTM	NCT
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

10	Budget and source of funds	The World Bank
11	Development partners	The World Bank

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12	Project/programme code	IDA Credit No. 4350-BD	
13	Project/programme name	Public Procurement Reform Project-II (PPRP-II)	
14	Tender package No.	G-20	
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Computer Tables and Chairs	
		<b>Date</b>	
16	Tender publication date	08/01/2009	
17	Tender last selling date	29/01/2009	
		<b>Date</b>	
18	Tender closing date and time	01/02/2009	2:00 pm
19	Tender opening date and time	01/02/2009	2:15 pm
20	Name & address of the office (s)	Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), IMED, Ministry of Planning, Block # 12 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207	
		- Selling tender document	
		- Receiving tender document	
		- Opening tender document	
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Pre-tender meeting will not be held.	

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

22	Eligibility of tenderer	Genuine furniture manufacturer or authorized agent as per Rules-47 & 48 of PPR 2008.			
23	Brief description of goods	Computer Tables and Chairs (566 pairs)			
24	Brief description of related services	Goods to be delivered at final destinations with settings as specified in Annex-1, 2, 3, 4, & 5.			
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	TK. 1,000.00			
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
1	Procurement of Computer Tables and Chairs	Dhaka and outside of Dhaka		100,000.00	9 weeks after contract signing

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

27	Name of official inviting tender	Amulya Kumar Debnath
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Director General, CPTU and Project Director, PPRP-II
29	Address of official inviting tender	DG, CPTU, IMED, Ministry of Planning, Block # 12, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. Phone: 9144252-3, Fax: 9144250 and E-mail: info@cptu.gov.bd
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	

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Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani (R) shakes hands with Richard Boucher, the Assistant US Secretary of State for South and Central Asia, at the Prime Minister's House in Islamabad yesterday. The top US diplomat for South Asia arrived in Pakistan for talks with the country's leadership on simmering tensions with India in the wake of the deadly Mumbai attacks.

## Taliban claim killing of 5,220 foreign troops

AP, Kabul

The Taliban has long exaggerated its military successes, but its figures for 2008 may be the militia's most startling claims yet.

The Taliban claims its forces last year killed 5,220 foreign troops, downed 31 aircraft, destroyed 2,818 Nato and Afghan vehicles and killed 7,552 Afghan soldiers and police.

Though third-party observers can rarely confirm casualty

claims on the Afghan battlefield from the Taliban, the Afghan government, the US or Nato, the Taliban's 2008 numbers would appear to be far from the truth.

Nato's member countries announce all troop deaths, providing names, ages and hometowns and how the soldiers were killed. According to an Associated Press tally of those announcements, 286 foreign forces died last year in Afghanistan, including 151 American and 51 British troops.

## Sino-US ties will remain strong Hu tells Bush

AFP, Beijing

Chinese President Hu Jintao used one of his last official conversations with US counterpart George W. Bush to voice confidence that bilateral ties would remain strong, the foreign ministry here said.

Hu made the remark while talking to Bush by telephone late Sunday local time, a little more than a fortnight before the president-elect Barack Obama moves into the White House.

"In a new historical period, China and the United States will definitely be able to stick firmly to the overall direction of a relationship characterised by constructive cooperation," said Hu.

"This will help develop a Sino-US relationship that is healthy and stable, comprehensive and deep," he said, without being quoted as directly referring to the upcoming power transfer in Washington.

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পুষ্টির কোন বিকল্প নাই।

### Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
2	Agency	National Nutrition Program (NNP)
3	Procuring entity name	Executive Director & Line Director
4	Procuring entity code	8320
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Mitsubishi Pajero Jeep No-Dhaka Metro GHA-11-5169 Maintenance and Repair
7	Invitation Ref No.	NNP/Admin-Car-5169(Part-2)/1-361/2008/12140
8	Date	31-12-2008

**KEY INFORMATION**

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method-National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
10	Budget and source of funds	International Development Agency (IDA)/HNPSF
11	Development partners (if applicable)	International Development Agency (IDA)

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	8320	
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	National Nutrition Program (NNP)	
14	Tender package No.	G-44	
15	Tender package name	Mitsubishi Pajero Jeep No-Dhaka Metro GHA-11-5169 Maintenance and Repair	
16	Tender publication date	01-01-2009	
17	Tender last selling date	20-01-2009	
18	Tender closing date and time	21-01-2009	12:00 noon
19	Tender opening date and time	21-01-2009	12:15pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	NNP, H # 46, R # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205	
		- Selling tender document (principal)	
		- Selling tender document (others)	
		- Receiving tender document	
		- Opening tender document	
		Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	
		Date: 15-01-2009 Time: 11:00	

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

22	Eligibility of tenderer	The tenderer must be enlisted in the office of the TEMO/BRTA/Transport Poll. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 2(two) years of overall experience in the car maintenance and repair. The tenderer shall be the proprietor or owner of a workshop.			
23	Brief description of Mitsubishi Pajero Jeep No-Dhaka Metro GHA-11-5169 Maintenance and Repair	1. Engine & Suspension Assy. & Repair 2. Servicing 3. Dainting and Painting.			
24	Brief description of related services				
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk. 500/- (five hundred) only non-refundable. Method of payment should be Pay-Order from any schedule Bank in favour of Executive Director & Line Director, National Nutrition Program (NNP).			
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot and package No.	Location (final destination)	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/ months
1	1	Mitsubishi Pajero Jeep No-Dhaka Metro GHA-11-5169 Maintenance and Repair. Package No-44	H # 46, R # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205	Tk. 10,000/- (ten thousand)	15 days

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

27	Name of official inviting tender	Biman Kumar Saha ndc
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Director & Line Director, National Nutrition Program
29	Address of official inviting tender	H # 46, R # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	8629934 8620250 nnp@bonline.org
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	

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