



An Indian paramilitary force personnel stands guard ahead of Republic Day as traffic passes by in New Delhi yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Delhi turns fortress amid air attack fear

Two 'Pak militants' killed near Delhi on eve of Republic Day

CNN-IBN, AFP, New Delhi

A day ahead of the Republic Day, the Government has increased security in the national Capital amid fears of air attacks.

Thousands of troops were deployed on the eve of a national holiday to prevent extremist attacks across the country.

No choppers will be allowed within flying range of Delhi and Chandigarh for the next few days. This decision was taken after security agencies informed that Pakistan-based terror groups were planning to carry out an attack on the Republic Day parade in a chopper.

Meanwhile, Indian police shot and killed two suspected Pakistani militants near the capital New Delhi Sunday.

Brij Lal, a senior police officer in Uttar Pradesh state, told reporters an anti-terrorist team chased a car carrying two men towards the capital before intercepting it in the suburb of Noida, 20km from the city.

He said passports recovered from the vehicle indicated the two dead men were Pakistani, and police were investigating if they had links to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), the Pakistan-based militant group India blames for the Mumbai attacks.

In view of the security alert, chopper companies have also been told that anyone wanting to hire a chopper can do so only with permission from the local police.

The Capital is witnessing an unprecedented security blanket prior to the parade. At least 198 companies of Delhi

Police, of which 56 companies are from the paramilitary, have been deployed.

Meanwhile, intelligence inputs also said airports in south India have been told to be extra vigilant. According to sources, there have been at least three inputs within one month indicating that a hijack is possible.

However, the highest number of threats have come in from the north east. Police is on the look out for six alleged jihadis who have sneaked into Assam from Bangladesh.

Maximum security alert was sounded in three of the seven northeastern states with militant groups calling for a boycott of Monday's Republic Day celebrations, officials said.

5 civilians, 13 Taliban killed in Afghanistan

Karzai blasts US strike

AFP, AP, Herat/Kabul

Police in remote northwestern Afghanistan killed 13 Taliban fighters in a clash triggered by the killings of five civilians by the militants, police said yesterday.

The militants first shot dead a tribal elder and his wife in their home in Badghis province on Saturday because the man did not agree to collect food and

money for them, provincial police chief Mohammed Ayob Niazar said.

Three more local men were killed and five wounded when residents attacked the rebels, Niazar told AFP. Police later arrived at the scene and another battle ensued.

"Thirteen of the Taliban have been killed and seven of them were injured in a clash when

police arrived at the area," he said.

The fighting took place in Muqr district, which is on the border with Turkmenistan.

Earlier President Hamid Karzai has condemned a US operation he says killed 16 Afghan civilians, while hundreds of villagers denounced the American military during an angry demonstration.

Pakistan takes over main centre of Jamaat-ud-Dawa

AP, Lahore

Pakistan formally took control Sunday of the main operational facility of a charity allegedly linked to the Mumbai attacks, underscoring its ongoing effort to ease international pressure over militancy on its soil.

The mostly Muslim nation had already closed or taken over several offices, schools and other properties of the Jamaat-ud-Dawa charity and detained much of its central leadership. On Sunday, a newly appointed government administrator took over the 75-acre compound in the eastern city of Muridke in Punjab province, where the group has conducted and coordinated much of its business.

India says the banned Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba staged the November attacks that killed 164 people in Mumbai. Soon after, the UN declared that Jamaat-ud-Dawa - popular with many Pakistanis for its relief work - was a front for Lashkar, prompting Pakistan's crackdown.

Salman Ejaz, a senior official in Punjab province, said all assets and properties of the charity in the province were now under the regional government's control. Most of the assets, offices and operations of the group are in Punjab, Pakistan's most populous province.

"The government has appointed an officer as administrator for all the assets," Ejaz said. "The schools and the hospitals will keep on working as they are."

Ejaz said the administrator and other officials would try to gauge and map out the extent of the charity's operations - especially its bank accounts, which Pakistan has ordered frozen.

Asked why it took so long for the government to take over the Muridke site, officials said it was a complicated task.

After the initial crackdown and assessment of the group's operations, "we are going for total regulation under government control," Punjab Home Secretary Nadeem Hasan said. "All things cannot happen in one go."

40 drown in Vietnam river boat accident

AFP, Hanoi

At least 40 people, mostly women and children, drowned in Vietnam on Sunday when a heavily crowded river boat sank while taking people to a market for lunar New Year shopping, officials said.

The wooden boat overturned amid strong currents and chilly winds 20 metres (yards) from shore on the Gianh river in central Quang Binh province when passengers scrambled to get off as it approached the pier, they said.

"More than 80 people were on the boat," provincial Communist Party chief Luong Ngoc Binh told AFP, adding that the boat was licensed to carry just 20.

"We have recovered 40 bodies and we will continue to search until we have found the last body. About 36 people have been rescued."

Thirty-two females, including two pregnant women, were among the bodies recovered from the river about 500 kilometres (320 miles) south of the capital Hanoi, said the Tuoi Tre (Youth) newspaper in an online report.

'Pakistan envoy to India gets death threat'

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi/Islamabad

Security has been stepped up for Pakistan's envoy to India, Shahid Malik, after he received a death threat, an official of the high commission said yesterday.

The official, who declined to be identified by name, told IANS: "The high commissioner received an anonymous letter warning him that he would be killed if he did not leave India."

The official said the letter, which reportedly arrived at the mission about a week ago, referred to the alleged involvement of Pakistanis in the Mumbai terrorist attack in November that killed some 170 people.



Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai makes a presentation during the graduation ceremony of the Afghan National Army (ANA) officers at the Afghanistan Air Force Academy in Kabul yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Manmohan taken off ventilator, put on liquid diet, say doctors

PTI, New Delhi

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who underwent a successful coronary by-pass surgery to overcome multiple blockages to his heart, is doing fine, has been taken off the ventilator and put on liquid diet, doctors attending to him said on Sunday.

The 76-year-old Prime Minister "is doing fine now. He is conscious. He also met his family and congratulated all the doctors," Dr Ramakant Panda, a specialist of Mumbai's Asian Heart Institute, who led the team of doctors during the surgery at AIIMS in New Delhi, told PTI.

Satisfied with his "improving condition", doctors earlier withdrew the ventilator support to Singh, he said.

"Ventilator has been taken off and he is breathing on his own. This is an important step," Panda said.

UNSC extends mandate of UN mission in Nepal

AFP, United Nations

The Security Council on Friday unanimously agreed to extend for six months the mandate of the UN mission in Nepal (UNMIN) and endorsed plans for a further, gradual drawdown of the operation.

The 15-member body adopted Resolution 1864 which extends UNMIN's mandate, which expired Friday, until next July 23.

The British-drafted text also endorsed UN chief Ban Ki-moon's recommendations for a further "phased, gradual drawdown and withdrawal of UNMIN staff, including arms monitors."

It also called on the Nepalese government to continue to take the necessary decisions "to create conditions conducive to completion of UNMIN's activities by the end of the current mandate."

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Invitation for Tender

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power Energy & Mineral Resources/ Power Division
2. Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd (DPDC)
3. Procuring Entity Name	DGM, Network Operation & Customer Service, Circle Ramna, DPDC
4. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
5. Invitation for	Group - a) Yearly (2008-2009) Emergency Repair and Maintenance of 11 KV, 0.4 KV Underground Cable & 11 KV Aerial Cable under NOCS Division, Sagunbagicha Group - b) Yearly (2008-2009) Emergency Repair and Maintenance of 11 KV, 0.4 KV Underground Cable & 11 KV Aerial Cable under NOCS Division, Rajarbagh Group - c) Yearly (2008-2009) Emergency Repair and Maintenance of 11 KV, 0.4 KV Underground Cable & 11 KV Aerial Cable under NOCS Division, Khilgaon Group - d) Yearly (2008-2009) Emergency Repair and Maintenance of 11 KV, 0.4 KV Underground Cable & 11 KV Aerial Cable under NOCS Division, Basabo

KEY INFORMATION

6. Procurement Method: Open Tendering Method

FUNDING INFORMATION

7. Budget and Source of Fund: Revenue Budget

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

8. Tender No: DGM(Tech)/NOCS/Ramna/DPDC/Tender/2009/04 Date: 20-01-2009

9. Tender last Selling, Closing & Opening Date and Time: Last Selling Date & Time: Closing Date: Closing Time: Opening Time

09-02-2009 (up to 5.00 pm) 10-02-2009 12:00 12:30

INFORMATION FOR TENDER

10. Name and Address of the office for selling, receiving & opening of Tender Documents

Selling: Office of the i) GM (Tech), NOCS (North), DPDC House # 73/1, Rd # 5/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka ii) DGM (Tec), NOCS, Circle Ramna, DPDC New Ramna 33/11 KV S/S, Fulbaria, Dhaka

Opening & Opening: Office of the Deputy General Manager (Tec.) NOCS, Circle Ramna, DPDC New Ramna 33/11 KV S/S, Fulbaria, Dhaka

11. Eligibility of Tender: The Tenderer shall have experience for repair and maintenance of 33KV, 11 KV, 0.4 KV U/G and Aerial Cable fault repair work including cable jointing for over last 5 (five) years

12. Price for the tender Document: Tk 500.00 for each Group only non-refundable through Pay order/Bank Draft issued by any schedule Bank in favour of DGM, NOCS, Circle Ramna, DPDC

13. Tender Security Amount(TK): An amount of Tk. 6500.00 (Six thousand five hundred only) have to be submitted with each of Bid in favour of DGM (Technical), NOCS, Circle Ramna, DPDC in form of Pay order/Bank Draft from any schedule Bank

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

14. Name & Designation of the Official Inviting Tender: Md. Salahuddin Jahangir DGM (Tec.), NOCS Circle Ramna, DPDC

15. Address of the Official Inviting Tender: New Ramna 33/11 KV Sub-Station, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000

16. Contract Details of Official Inviting Tender: Tel No 7162301 Fax No 7160744 e-mail dgmtramma@dpdc.org

17. Special Instructions

01. The Tenderers shall have to apply on their original letter pad. The Tenderers shall have to show up-to-date valid original copies of Trade License, Income Tax Certificate, Vat Registration Certificate and ABC License (Electrical) while purchasing the tender document and submit the attested copies of above documents with the tender Document.

02. The Tenderer shall have to submit the experience certificate (From not less than Manager or equivalent Officer) for similar type of works in a single contract which will not less than Tk. 250000.00

03. Procuring agency reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders in any stage without assigning any reason thereof

04. If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received / opened on the next working day at the same time

05. The tenderer shall have to satisfy the other criteria laid down in the tender Document

06. Tenderers can participate in a single or all 4 tenders of SI.No.-3 separately

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Age Limit: 27-32 Years
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Age Limit: 25-30 Years
- Officer:**
Hons/Masters/BBA/MBA in any discipline or B.Sc. (Civil Engr.) from any reputed university.
Age Limit: 25-30 Years
- Business Associate:**
Fresh Graduate/Masters from any reputed university.
Age Limit: 25-30 Years

Salary & Benefit: Attractive compensation package with other benefits commensurate with qualification, experiences and suitability. In exceptional cases, condition will be relaxed.

Candidates are requested to send their resume with a recent photograph & certificates within 07 days from the date of publication of this advertisement to following address; **Head of Human Resource, National Housing Finance And Investments Limited, National Plaza (7th floor) 109, Bir Uttam C.R. Datta Road (Ex-Sonargaon Road), Dhaka-1205** or by post/courier.