

## Maoist rebels kill 15 policemen in India

AFP, Mumbai

Fifteen police officers were killed in the western Indian state of Maharashtra in a shoot-out with leftist militants, police said yesterday.

They were ambushed Sunday in jungle near a village in the east of the state, a stronghold of so-called Naxalites -- Communist, Maoist- and Marxist-inspired groups who claim to represent oppressed, landless rural dwellers.

"The patrolling party was ambushed by the Naxalites and 15 of our men died. The encounter went on for nearly one and a half to two hours," state police chief AN Roy told AFP by telephone.

"Our people also fired, killing and injuring some Naxalites."

# Gunmen kidnap UN official in Pakistan

## Militants kill soldier, 8 civilians

AP, AFP, Quetta/Peshawar

Gunmen kidnapped an American UN official and killed his driver in southwestern Pakistan yesterday, underscoring the security threat in a country wracked by al-Qaeda violence and rising criminality.

John Solecki, head of the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) in the southwestern city of Quetta, was snatched at gunpoint while travelling to work in the capital of Baluchistan province, which borders Afghanistan and Iran.

The official was abducted in the morning on his way to his job as head of the UN refugee office in the city of Quetta, senior police official Khalid Masood said. He identified the kidnapped official as John Solecki of the United States.

"Solecki has been serving in Quetta for more than two years," Masood told The Associated Press. "We cannot speculate on the motive behind the crime."

Authorities sealed exit routes from the city to track down the abductors, said Wazir Khan Nasir, another senior police official. Southwestern Pakistan is the scene of a low-level insur-

gency driven by nationalist groups wanting more autonomy for Baluchistan province. But, unlike Taliban and al-Qaeda militants in the northwest, the Baluch groups are not known to target foreigners, and three police officials said they could not recall another foreigner being kidnapped in Quetta.

However, general crime also has been on the rise in many parts of the country, with kidnappings for ransom a favourite tactic. An Iranian diplomat was abducted in the northwestern city of Peshawar last year, and Afghans and other foreigners also have been nabbed.

Meanwhile, militants killed a soldier in a bomb attack and shot dead eight civilians in the latest violence blamed on Taliban and al-Qaeda militants in northwest Pakistan, military and police said Monday.

Police recovered eight bullet-ridden bodies in the Swat valley, where militants have been waging a violent campaign to introduce Islamic Sharia law.

At least another 11 bodies had been found in the former tourist resort on Sunday, a police official said.



Pakistan police officials inspect the site where an official of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was kidnapped in Quetta yesterday.

## Pakistan to share Mumbai report once vetted by law ministry: Gilani

PTI, Islamabad

Pakistan will share the findings of its probe into the Mumbai attacks with India and the rest of the world once the report of an investigation team is vetted by the law ministry, Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani said yesterday.

He said war is not the solution to problems between India and Pakistan and the two coun-

tries should address "irritants and core issues" like Kashmir to ensure peace in the region.

"I assure the world and the government and people of India that the dossier which was sent to us it has been investigated by the ministry of interior. The findings have been referred to the ministry of law. And after their approval, I'll take the world into confidence," he said.

## Lanka warns civilians to move to safe zone

AFP, PTI, Colombo

Sri Lanka yesterday warned tens of thousands of civilians inside the northern war zone to move to a government-designated safe area or risk getting caught up in the crossfire with Tamil Tiger rebels.

The government said in a statement that it could not guarantee the security of civilians inside the 300-square kilometre (110-square mile) area where the Tigers have been cornered by a major military offensive.

"The government calls on all civilians to enter the demarcated 'safety zone' as soon as possible to ensure their safety and security," the statement said.

"The government cannot be responsible for the safety and security of civilians still living among LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) terrorists."

The statement came after a hospital in the conflict zone was hit by shells on Sunday. The military and the Tiger rebels accused each other of hitting the hospital where

nine people were killed and 15 wounded, according to one doctor.

The government accused the LTTE of "forcibly" holding the civilians back and preventing them from moving to the designated "safety zone" on the edge of rebel-held territory.

The authorities suggested that the civilians, estimated to number between 120,000 by official count and 250,000 according to the United Nations, break free from the Tigers and move to safety.



A Sri Lankan nurse (L) attends to a war-wounded civilian at a government hospital in the northern Sri Lankan town of Vavuniya yesterday. Hundreds of civilians caught in the crossfire in the fighting between government forces and Tamil Tiger rebels have been evacuated to the Vavuniya hospital while hundreds more awaited evacuation.

## Suu Kyi sets out conditions for talks with junta

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's detained democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday met visiting UN envoy Ibrahim Gambari, outlining conditions for dialogue with the junta as the diplomat struggled to make a breakthrough.

Gambari is in Myanmar to try to push all sides in the military-ruled nation toward dialogue on democratic reform, after his last visit in August 2008 ended in deadlock with Aung San Suu Kyi refusing to meet him.

The junta has also shown little sign of embracing the Nigerian troubleshooter's role,

and he is not expected to meet reclusive head of state Senior General Than Shwe during his four-day visit, which began Saturday.

On Monday, Aung San Suu Kyi was allowed out of the lakeside home where she has been kept prisoner for most of the last 19 years to meet Gambari and five senior members of her National League for Democracy (NLD) party.

She told Gambari that any visit by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon should be conditional on the release of her and all political prisoners, NLD spokesman Nyan Win said, while the party also reiterated its stance.

## India govt rejects CEC's recommendation

PTI, New Delhi

Indian government yesterday virtually rejected the recommendation of Chief Election Commissioner N Gopalaswami for removal of his colleague Navin Chawla and hinted at making the Election Commissioner as the next CEC.

Law Minister H R Bhardwaj said the government had a policy to have the senior most Election Commissioner as the CEC and "our policy continues to be the same." Describing the present controversy as "unfortunate", Bhardwaj said it should not affect Chawla's career as appointments in the Election Commission are based on merit.

"We will begin the process to put in place a new CEC well in time" so that the name of Gopalaswami's successor is clear before he retires on April 20, Bhardwaj said.

"Gopalaswami should do his work in EC and not become a political boss," he told PTI on the sidelines of a conference here.

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