

# Bomb kills 30 at Shia leader's funeral in Pakistan

AP, AFP, Islamabad

A suicide bomber attacked the funeral of a slain Shia Muslim leader in northwestern Pakistan yesterday, killing 30 people and triggering deadly rioting, officials said.

Rising sectarian attacks threaten to further destabilise nuclear-armed Pakistan just as it faces intense international pressure to crack down on Islamist militants.

Meanwhile, a top US official said Washington was worried that a five-day-old cease-fire in the restive Swat valley could "turn into a surrender" to Taliban insurgents behind beheadings, the bombings of schools for girls and

attacks on security forces.

Friday's explosion struck a 1,000-strong crowd streaming toward a graveyard in Dera Ismail Khan for the burial of Sher Zaman, a Shia leader who was gunned down in the city the day before.

Police official Ishtiaq Marwat said a suicide attacker killed at least 30 people and wounded more than 60 others, leaving shoes and torn clothing littering a bloodstained street. Some of the dead and injured were taken to the hospital in wooden handcarts. Gunfire broke out afterward and police said angry Shias fired on officers rushing to the scene. Marwat said two Sunni Muslim resi-

dents had been shot dead in the rioting.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but past attacks on Pakistan's minority Shias have been carried out by extremists from the majority Sunni community who regard the sect as heretical.

Fayyaz Hussain, a local Shia leader, said extremists were trying to start a wider sectarian conflict.

"This attack is yet another attempt to force us to leave Dera Ismail Khan, but we will face the situation and will stay here," Hussain said.

Relations between the two communities are under growing strain following a series of attacks. A car bomb killed 29



people and wounded scores near a Shia mosque in Peshawar in December. On Feb. 5, a suicide bomber killed 24 at a Shia mosque in a central city.

## Pakistan a safe haven for terrorists: Hillary

PTI, Washington

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has said that the terrorists have found "safe haven" in Pakistan, a country, which she said is now under greater pressure because of the economic crisis.

In an interview to the ABC news, Hillary agreed with Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair that the economic crisis poses the greatest threat to the security now and this needs to be fixed urgently.

"That is not, in any way, to underestimate the importance of the continuing threat from terrorism, the instability in the Middle East and Afghanistan and Pakistan and elsewhere," she said according to a transcript released by the State Department.

Pakistan suffering because of ISI interference: Sharif

CNN-IBN, Islamabad

As the world watches Pakistan's truce with the Taliban in the Swat Valley, former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has hit out at the ISI.

Sharif says Pakistan has been suffering losses because of ISI's interference in the government.

"The ISI has been interfering into Pakistan's administration and because of that the country has suffered great losses," said Sharif in an interview to Pakistan's Geo TV.

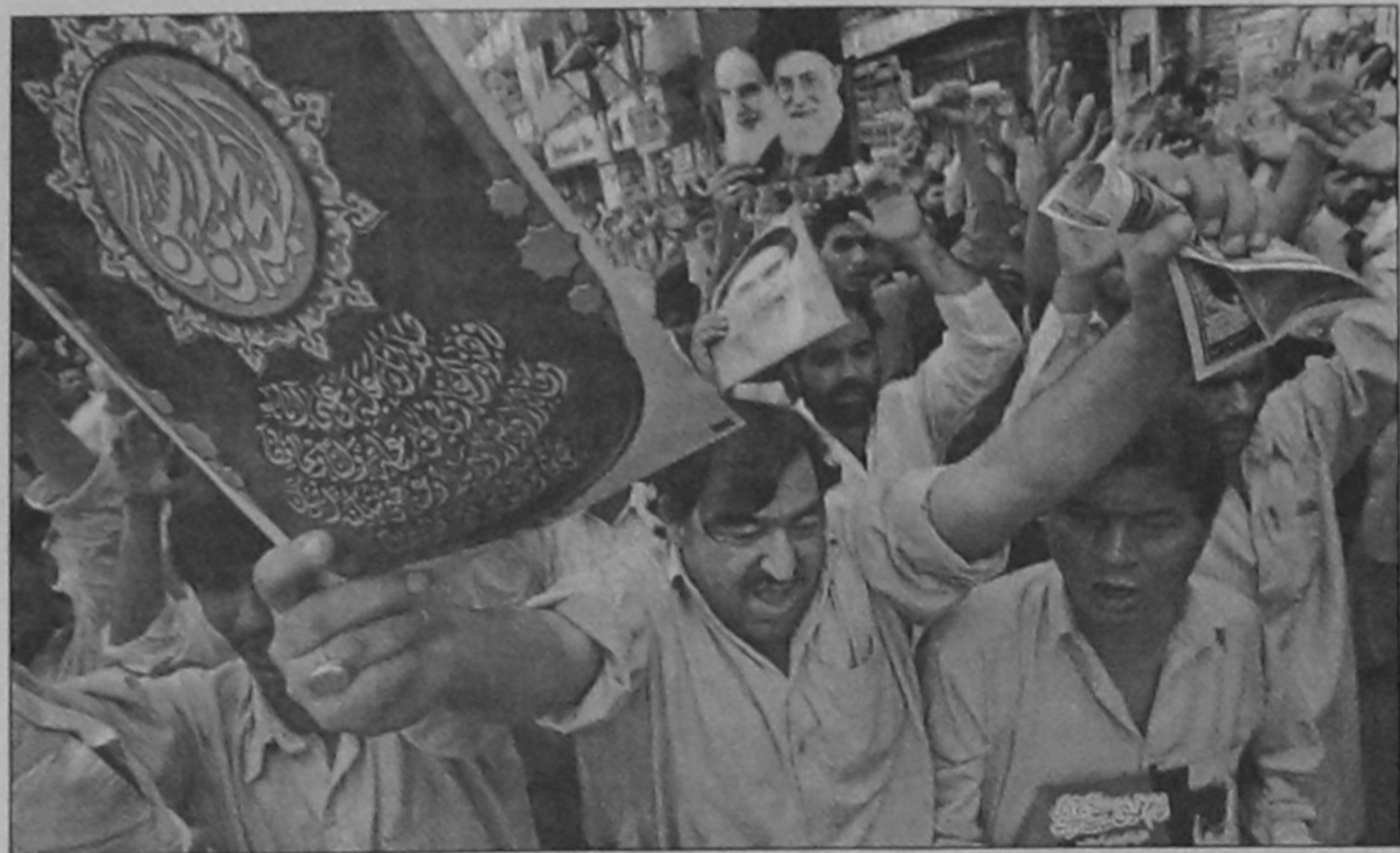


PHOTO: AFP

Pakistani Shia Muslims shout slogans during a protest in Karachi yesterday against the killing of Shia Muslims in a suicide attack in Dera Ismail Khan. A suicide bomber ran into a crowd of mourners at the funeral of a slain Shia Muslim leader in northwest Pakistan, killing 30 people and triggering a rampage by enraged mobs.

# US voices dismay over Pak deal with Taliban

AFP, Washington

The United States on Thursday expressed concern to Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari that a deal allowing Sharia law in the volatile Swat valley amounted to a possible capitulation to Taliban militants.

US envoy Richard Holbrooke told CNN in an interview Thursday afternoon that he had spoken with Zardari by phone just hours earlier and expressed his "concern."

"It is hard to understand this deal in Swat," in the country's northwest, said Holbrooke, who returned this week from a regional tour that included visits to Pakistan, Afghanistan and India.

The agreement this week in Pakistan's Malakand area, which includes the Swat valley, has been widely seen as a government conces-

sion to Taliban Islamic militants to secure a ceasefire.

"I am concerned, and I know Secretary (of State Hillary) Clinton is, and the president is, that this deal, which is portrayed in the press as a truce, does not turn into a surrender," Holbrooke said.

"President Zardari has assured us it is not the case."

The Pakistan president has described the deal as "an interim arrangement," said the US diplomat.

"He does not disagree that people who are running Swat now are murderers, thugs and militants and they pose a danger not only to Pakistan but to the US as well."

Last year, Pakistani forces launched an offensive to recapture the Swat valley from Taliban forces but the area remains restive.



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

UNFPA Bangladesh invites applications from the eligible candidates for the following positions:

Position : National Programme Assistant - Education  
Job Type : Service Contract  
Duty Station : Dhaka, Bangladesh.

### Duties:

- Maintains collaborative relationships with counterparts in GoB, NGOs' and civil society to address the emerging issues; Translates the component projects into activities and provides technical assistance for implementation in line with GoB Priorities and according to UNFPA Programme policies and procedures;
- Coordinates and liaises with government; UNFPA and other stakeholders; Takes responsibility for fund management, fund disbursement, follow-up and monitoring of funds and expenditure related with project activities;
- Provides and manages data inputs, logistical support, monitors project implementation and follow-up recommendations;
- Maintains information and database and developing database of project profiles for presentation to concerned parties;
- Organizes and conducts trainings, orientation workshops and programmes; international events including steering committee meetings.
- Maintain continuous liaison with the government and UNFPA for the processing of financial statement, subsequent arrangement for transfer of funds by the UNFPA as and when required.
- Provide expenditure forecasts and take action for budgetary revisions.

*This is a summarized version of the TOR  
Detailed TOR will be discussed with the sort-listed Candidates*

### Qualifications & Competencies:

Must have a Masters Degree in Social Science/Education/Population Science including financial understanding from a recognized university. In addition to that 3-5 years of experience in RH/FP/Education Programmes. Certification in Finance/Accounting or experience in project budgeting, preparation of annual and physical and financial statements will be treated as added advantage.

Interested candidates are requested to apply along with a detailed CV/P11 form and a passport size photograph on or before **05 March 2009 by 4:30 pm** to **The Representative, UNFPA Bangladesh, IDB Bhaban (15<sup>th</sup> Floor), E/8-A Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.** Alternatively, CV/P11 can be send via e-mail to the following address: [hr@unfpa-bangladesh.org](mailto:hr@unfpa-bangladesh.org). Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and P11 form can be obtained from UNFPA website [www.unfpa-bangladesh.org/php/vacancy.php](http://www.unfpa-bangladesh.org/php/vacancy.php)

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# JOB OPPORTUNITY

## IN CHT-HYSAWA PROJECT

Chittagong Hill Tract Hygiene Sanitation & Water Supply Fund Project is one of the Components of the WSSPS - II programme which is jointly supported by GOB & Danida. Regional Council will implement the project, Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tract will provide strategic and policy support and Embassy of Denmark is providing the financial assistance. The development objective of the Hygiene Promotion, Sanitation and Water Supply (HYSAWA Fund Project in the Chittagong Hill Tracts is to assist the GOB to support improvements in health of the people in the CHT through improved hygiene, sanitation, and safe water practices and provisions. CHT HYSAWA Fund has following job opportunities to be filled up immediately for which the project inviting applications from the qualified and interested candidates.

## REGIONAL FUND SUPPORT UNIT

### Regional Programme Officer (1)

#### Major Job Responsibilities

Overall programmatic, administrative and financial management of the Chittagong Hill Tracts HYSAWA Project in consultation with Project Director. Coordination with all stakeholders, provide strategic support and future direction to the project. Provide technical assistance to the Regional Fund Support Unit and prepare MOA and other necessary documents. Prepare work plan and budget and ensure management and administrative support for smooth implementation of the project. oversee the progress of project activities and actively involved in timely preparation and submission of all reports for the CHT HYSAWA fund. Maintain liaison and coordination with all stakeholders.

#### Key Qualification and Competencies

- Masters in Social Science, Public Administration, Development Studies, Business Administration or Engineering.
- Minimum 8 years experience in development work
- Experience of working in WATSAN sector
- Experience in financial and HR management
- Well convergent with the Hill Tracts culture and traditional believes
- Project planning, monitoring and report writing skill
- Good interpersonal, leadership and management skills in implementing multi-party development projects
- Good written and spoken English
- Strong computer skill especially in MS Office
- Willing to extensive travel and work under pressure

### Programme Officer (1)

#### Major Job Responsibilities

Provide inputs to the District Fund Support Units in day to day implementation of the project. In cooperation with the REC/DEC, plan and organize the CHT HYSAWA Fund Project activities as per project document. Involve in day to day implementation procedures and in cooperation with the REC/DEC ensure timely preparation and submission of all reports, budgets and work plans for the CHT HYSAWA Fund. Ensure good liaison and coordination with all stakeholders.

#### Key Qualification and Competencies

- Masters degree in Social Science, Public Administration, Development Studies or Engineering.
- Minimum 8 years experience in development work
- Experience of working WATSAN sector
- Experience in planning and monitoring of development projects.
- Good interpersonal, leadership and management skills in implementing multi-party development projects
- Well convergent with the Hill Tracts culture and traditional believes
- Strong computer skills especially in MS Office.
- Good written and spoken English
- Willing to extensive travel and work under pressure

### Assistant Project Officer (1)

#### Major Job Responsibilities

In cooperation with the REC/DEC, plan and organize the CHT HYSAWA Fund as per project document. Assist Regional Program Officer in day to day implementation of the project activities. Assist in preparing activity and financial report of the project and ensure regular progress monitoring of the project activities.

#### Key Qualification and Competencies

- Bachelor degree from any recognized university
- At least 5 years experience in development work, preferably in WATSAN
- Experience of working in WATSAN
- Experience in financial management, project monitoring and reporting.
- Good interpersonal, leadership and management skills in implementing multi-party development projects
- Well convergent with the Hill Tracts culture and traditional believes
- Good written and spoken English
- Willing to extensive travel and work under pressure
- Computer skills especially MS office

### Administrative and Accounts Officer (1)

#### Major Job Responsibilities

Provide general administrative support to the Project Director and HYSAWA Regional Programme Officer. Administer and supervise HYSAWA support staff, maintain cash box and accounting system in Tally. Coordinate purchases/procurements and general office maintenances. Draft, edit and finalize official letters and maintains all the files of the project. Record meetings and prepare minutes where relevant/required and carry out any other task and duties as may be assigned to him/her from time to time.

#### Key Qualification and Competencies

- Masters in Accounting or any commerce subject
- At least 5 years experience in administrative works
- Experience in financial management and reporting
- Strong management skills to maintain an office properly
- Well convergent with the Hill Tracts culture and traditional believes
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Strong computer skills especially MS office and Accounting software package (Tally)

## DISTRICT FUND SUPPORT UNIT – RANGAMATI/ KHAGRACHARI/BANDARBAN

### District Project Coordinator (3)

#### Major Job Responsibilities

Overall responsible for planning, organizing and implementation of the project activities at the district level in consultation and coordination with the District Hill Council and District Support Unit. Provide technical assistance to the District Fund Support Unit and prepare MOA and other necessary documents. Prepare work plan and budget and ensure management and administrative support for smooth implementation of the project. oversee the progress of project activities and actively involved in timely preparation and submission of all reports for the CHT HYSAWA fund at the district. Maintain liaison and coordination with all stakeholders.

#### Key Qualification and Competencies

- Masters degree from any recognized university.
- Minimum 6 years experience in development work preferably in WATSAN in CHT.
- Experience in financial and HR management.
- Experience in participatory project planning, monitoring and reporting.
- Good interpersonal, leadership and management skills in implementing multi-party development projects.
- Well convergent with the Hill Tracts culture and traditional believes
- Good written and spoken English.
- Strong computer skills especially in MS Office.
- Willing to extensive travel and work under pressure.

### Water Supply Engineer (3)

#### Major Job Responsibilities

Responsible for technical needs assessment and feasibility analysis of the community proposed hardware technologies of WATSAN under the CHT HYSAWA project. Assist the project in procurement of hardware and technical support to improve facilities and evaluate the technical proposal from the community.

#### Key Qualification and Competencies

- Bachelor in Civil Engineering
- At least 4 years experience in Project engineering works preferably in WATSAN sector
- Strong skills in technical needs assessment and feasibility analysis of hardware technologies
- Good interpersonal, leadership and management skills in implementing multi-party development projects
- Good written and spoken English
- Willing to extensive travel and work under pressure

### Programme Officer (3)

#### Major Job Responsibilities

Assist Regional and District Council and Fund Support Units in day to day implementation of the project. In consultation with the REC/DEC, plan and organize the CHT HYSAWA Fund Project activities as per project document and timely preparation and submission of all reports. Ensure good liaison and coordination with all stakeholders.

#### Key Qualification and Competencies

- Masters degree from any recognized university.
- Minimum 5 years experience in development work
- Experience of working in WATSAN sector
- Experience in planning and monitoring of development projects.
- Strong report writing skills.
- Good interpersonal, leadership and management skills in implementing multi-party development projects
- Well convergent with the Hill Tracts culture and traditional believes
- Good written and spoken English
- Willing to extensive travel and work under pressure

### Administrative and Accounts Officer (3)

#### Major Job Responsibilities

Responsible for maintaining administrative and accounting functions and provide general administrative support to the District Fund Support Unit. S/he will be responsible for preparing monthly accounts, financial reports, maintaining relevant records, assets/stock registers, archive, etc. Coordinate procurement and general office maintenances; draft, edit and finalize official letters and maintains all the files of the project.

#### Key Qualification and Competencies

- Bachelor degree in commerce
- At least 5 years experience in administrative works
- Experience in financial management and reporting.
- Strong office management skills
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Strong computer skills especially MS office and Accounting software package (Tally)

All applications will be treated on merit and in strict confidence. To apply, please forward an updated resume together with a recent passport size photograph with a forwarding letter to the Project Director, CHT HYSAWA Fund Project, CHTRC, Rangamati mentioning the name of the post and expected salary on the envelop within 15 days of publication of the advertisement. Only short listed candidates will be called for interview. Applicants are well convergent with the CHT culture and traditional believes are welcomed.