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Pakistan may turn into 'failed state' Indian report fears

India has said neighbouring Pakistan could become a "failed state", with doubts emerging about who is in control of the country, a report said yesterday.

The government also warned no part of the world would be safe from what Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee called the "flames being ignited there," the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported.

The government's assessment came from Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram and Mukherjee at two separate events on Friday.

"It (Pakistan) is not a failed state, but it's threatening to become one," Chidambaram told a seminar in India's financial hub Mumbai.

"A great concern is weighing on our minds. In Pakistan, with regret, I would say we

10-TRUCK AMMO HAUL
Indian rebel leaders were in Chittagong

Confession of main accused linked intelligence agencies with protection of consignment

STAR REPORT

Military wing commander of the United Liberation Front of Assam (Ulfa) Paresh Barua, Naga rebel leader Anthony Shimray and several more people were stationed in Chittagong by using fake names before the abortive Ulfa arms shipment in 2004.

They checked in Hotel Golden Inn but left Chittagong immediately after the arms were seized, according to a report of the Bengali daily Prothom Alo.

Principal accused of the case Hafizur Rahman alias Hafiz in his confessional statement said he was



Seized firearms and ammunition packed in crates at Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd jetty on April 2, 2004.

Consignment from China

Reveals an interview of defence magazine representative to Prothom Alo

Anthony Davis, representative of Asia Region of Jane's Intelligence Review (JIR), a UK-based leading defence magazine of the world, said that the seizure of 10 truckloads of arms in Chittagong was not a normal event.

Seizure of arms was nothing but an accident, he added.

Before smuggling arms consignment it was ensured that everything was okay so as not to be caught, he said.

He also said the first plan was to smuggle the arms through the Chin province in Myanmar after offloading the consignment at Cox's Bazar but sensing the route unsafe they did it through the coastal area of Chittagong.

Davis revealed the information while giving an interview to the correspondent of the Bengali daily Prothom Alo, at Bangkok February last year.

"I am quite sure that the consignment seized in Chittagong originated from China. I firmly believe that the arms were purchased from a semi-government weapon producing factory 'North China Industry Corporation' through an agent of Hong Kong-based Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN)," he said.

"A Pakistani intelligence agency is known to have arranged the money for the NSCN agent," he said adding, "But there is no documentary evidence of it."

CUFL high officials yet to be quizzed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CG

Investigators of the arms case filed in connection with the seizure of huge cache of arms in Chittagong are yet to start quizzing the then high officials of the Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd (CUFL).

The arms and ammunition were seized while they were being offloaded at the CUFL jetty on April 2, 2004.

Recently, a key accused in the case gave a confessional statement claiming an Ulfa leader had told him that he had permission to offload the arms from CUFL and the government.

The CID is preparing to issue letters to the CUFL authorities asking for a list of senior officials working in the factory at that time in order to interrogate them, sources in the department said.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina consoles grieving family members of the victims of BDR headquarters carnage at her official residence Jamuna yesterday.

Chumkis seek a stop to violence
Voice gets louder ahead int'l women's day today

FARHANA URMEE

Chumki cheated death when her husband Shubho and his mother set her on fire on January 25 this year and she escaped with severe burns on her legs only.

After the incident, her in-laws confined her to the house and prevented her from seeking help.

On February 9 though, Aysha Akter Chumki's mother was able to bring her badly burnt daughter to the One-Stop Crisis Centre (OCC) at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. She is now being treated for burns on her entire legs at the burn unit of DMCH.

Such perpetrations of violence against women are rampant in the country as International Women's Day is celebrated across the globe today with the slogan 'Women and Men to End Violence against Women and Girls'.

Chumki, an HSC student, was married to Shubho only six

Coal production yet to restart

Mine operator's ultimatum expires today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpu

Resumption of production at Barapukuria coal mine remains uncertain as the latest efforts of Forest and Environment State Minister Mostafizur Rahman Fizar failed to resolve the issues of compensation to landslide victims and retrenchment of Bangladeshi miners of Barapukuria Coal Mine Company Ltd (BCMCL).

Villagers affected by landslide at and around the mining site resisted drilling of boreholes for production of coal from "1114 Face" on February 25 causing suspension of production, BCMCL sources said.

The crisis deepened as Bangladeshi miners Friday night called an indefinite abstention from work protesting their retrenchment without

prior notice, defying the state minister's directive to resume coal production from today.

BCMCL sources said the agitating miners however agreed to join work at 11:00pm yesterday following hectic negotiations with the authorities yesterday evening.

But coal production would not resume today as the authorities are yet undecided over compensation to land subsidence victims, who resisted digging of boreholes.

Meanwhile, the ultimatum of mine operation contractor CMC-XMC for resumption of coal production expires today.

The agitating miners alleged that the state minister did not pay heed to their demands at the negotiation held at BCMCL rest house Friday evening.

Palestinian PM quits

AFP, Ramallah

The Western-backed Palestinian prime minister Salam Fayyad stepped down yesterday to try to pave the way for the formation of a national unity government and reconciliation with Hamas.

"Prime Minister Salam Fayyad has submitted his resignation from the government of president Mahmud Abbas. This resignation will take effect following the

1 killed, 40 hurt in RMG factory clash

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

At least one person was killed and 40 others were injured, five of them critically, in a series of clashes between the workers of a sweater factory and outsiders in Gilarchala area of Sreepur upazila yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Saiful Islam, 28, a shop owner of the area.

Sources said the terminated workers of Pandora Sweaters went to the factory gate around 9:00am demanding their arrears and reinstatement in jobs. At one stage, local musclemen hired allegedly by the factory owners attacked them, ensuing the clash.

The clash spread inside and outside the factory as a group of local people and the workers inside the factory joined hands with the terminated workers, sources said.

Saiful who was beaten by agitating workers during the clash was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries at about 2.15pm.

Meanwhile, angry workers put up barricade on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway beside the factory around 10:00am, disrupting traffic movement on the route.

The authorities announced Pandora Sweaters closed at 11:00am and members of law enforcement agency took control

Bangabandhu sculpture in Central Jail unveiled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Sahara Khatun yesterday unveiled the sculpture of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Dhaka Central jail.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Home Secretary Md Abdul Karim, inspector

Security man at ZIA shot dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A security personnel of civil aviation was shot dead allegedly by his friends early yesterday at Kawla in the capital.

The dead was identified as Asaduzzaman Sanju, 34, a security operator of Zia International Airport, son of Mohammad Ali. He was a resident of Staff Colony of Civil Aviation.

Prayer Timing

March 8		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-10	5-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-07	6-11
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

32 killed in Lanka

AFP, Colombo

At least 32 Tamil Tigers were killed in heavy fighting in Sri Lanka's embattled northeast, where government troops have cornered the rebels, the defence ministry said yesterday.

"The LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) end game is reaching its final phase," the ministry said in a statement, adding that dozens of rebels were also wounded in Friday's clashes around the coastal Mullaitivu area.

It accused the Tigers of killing three civilians and seriously injuring another as a group of people tried to flee rebel areas in six boats.

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