Wave of Pakistan attacks imperil future of state

AFP, Karachi

Monday's assault on a police school and a wave of spectacular attacks underlines Pakistan's weakness and the danger nuclear-armed nation, analysts said.

The commando-style assault on the training ground transformed a normally peaceful commuter belt near Pakistan's cultural capital Lahore into a war zone, leaving at least 20 people dead in pitched battles with security forces.

Analysts said the attack was a firm who has put Pakistan at the heart of the fight against al-Qaeda, tripling US aid in a strategy aimed at reversing the war in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Muslim nation that Obama called al-Qaeda and its allies "a cancer that risks ple in less than two years. killing Pakistan from within" and urged Islamabad' to demonstrate its commitment to eradicating extremists.

Western allies that they cannot be contained as Obama desired and are still as system of state in order to have greater rule in Kashmir in the east, to Taliban and

years now," said Mutahir Shaikh, an political agenda inside and outside international relations expert.

"The attack also proves the weakness of state institutions and shows that a mere half a dozen professionally trained terrorposed by militants to the future of the ists can take anyone hostage and occupy any establishment they like," he added.

> 3 assault on Sri Lanka's cricket team in Lahore, where assailants on foot carrying back packs of high-energy food and hand weapons killed eight Pakistanis and wounded seven members of the squad.

"Urban terrorism is now in vogue in of violence is spreading. message to US President Barack Obama, our major cities," said Shaikh, a professor at the University of Karachi.

Extremists opposed to the Pakistan government's decision to side with the United States in its "war on terror" have Karachi's Urdu University. Such is the scale of violence in the carried out a spate of bombings and other attacks that have killed nearly 1,700 peo-

"This is further evidence of the growing threat of terrorism to Pakistan's state massive risk," he said. and society," security analyst Hasan "Terrorists want to tell Obama and his Askari told AFP after Monday's assault.

"These groups want to paralyse the powerful and strong as they have been for freedom to pursue their ideological and al-Qaeda in the west.

Pakistan," he said.

"An isolated Pakistan will be easily overwhelmed by terrorists, which the world should not allow them to do."

Much of the unrest has been concentrated in the northwest, where the army Monday's attack mimicked the March has been fighting Taliban and al-Qaeda. On Friday, a suicide bomber ripped through a packed mosque near the Afghan border, killing around 50 people.

But the second attack in the Lahore area this month will fan fears that the net

"Such attacks again prove that all the outside world's security fears about Pakistan's lack of governance are true," said Tauseef Ahmed Khan, an academic at

"These repeated attacks show total failure on the part of the government's law enforcement agencies and intelligence agencies. Pakistan's future is at

Pakistan shelters a litany of extremist groups, spanning banned Islamist outfits fighting for independence from Indian



Pakistani paramilitary soldiers and policemen enter the premises of the police academy in Lahore yesterday during a gun battle with masked gunmen. Pakistani security forces declared victory over attackers who besieged the police academy, firing into the air in jubilation.

Pakistani political activists march during a rally in Peshawar yesterday against a suicide bomb attack : appeared designed to kill the at a northwestern Pakistan mosque, which left around 50 people dead. The Red Cross warned that it : maximum number of people around the world -- which : South Asia Jacques de Maio expected a surge in civillan casualties in Afghanistan and Pakistan over the coming months as mili- : possible. tary operations are stepped up there, a many and a start of

of attack on Lanka cricket team

AFP, Lahore

police academy Monday that has so far claimed 20 lives echoes the brazen attack on ments were responsible. Sri Lanka's cricket team -- and Mumbai siege.

All involved multiple gun- Mohammad. men striking in seemingly coordinated fashion and fixing on high-profile targets.

Their brazenness is also a marked feature -- these were not random suicide bombings favoured by some militant groups, or drive-by cafe. shootings, but daylight : assaults which witnesses said

around the police academy in Manawan outside Lahore, The assault on a Pakistani Pakistan's interior ministry chief Rehman Malik hinted ; AFP, Geneva that home-grown terror move-

before that to the deadly Jhangvi, Lashkar-e-Taiba: casualties in Afghanistan and areas of Pakistan.

The LeT is already blamed; are stepped up there. for the November 2008 siege in : On the eve of a humanitar- Afghanistan and in Pakistan of the conflict will further endan-Mumbai, when 10 gunmen : Afghanistan and neighbourattacked two luxury hotels, the : ing countries, the

gunbattle -- dramatic televi- : matter of urgency." sion footage was beamed; Head of operations for ended with 165 people dead as : told journalists that the ICRC

Pak gunbattle echoes ICRC warns of rising civilian toll in Pakistan, Afghanistan violence

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the Indian financial capital : ian conference on main railway station, a Jewish: International Committee of cultural centre and a tourist : the Red Cross urged the mised." : nations taking part to "con-It sparked a three-day: sider the plight of civilians as a just days after US President humanitarian law, including

political and military dimension was overshadowing the "My point is that there is no

right now is an ample demon- ger the lives and livelihoods of stration of that," he said. "The impact on civilians is Maiosaidin a statement

too high and can be mini-

Barack Obama put Pakistan at for provisions protecting the centre of the fight against detainees and on a stronger al-Qaeda under a new and neutral and independent intensified strategy for inter- -humanitarian response," he As shooting continued well as nine gummen. feared the emphasis on the vention in Afghanistan.

De Maio acknowledged that the ICRC's appeal was worsening humanitarian partly influenced by "the updating their strategies."

"In both Afghanistan and in such thing as a clean war and Pakistan it is expected that the both what's going on in political and military dynamics civilians in the short term," de

"Their safety and welfare will depend on enhanced The public statement came respect for international

Afghan suicide blast kills 9 US sees Pakistan

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

মুক্তিযুদ্ধ বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়

মুজিবনগর মুক্তিযুদ্ধ স্মৃতিকেন্দ্র স্থাপন প্রকল্প

সরকারি পরিবহন পুল ভবন

সচিবালয় সংযোগ সড়ক, ঢাকা

নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মুক্তিযুদ্ধ বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয় কতৃর্ক বাস্তবায়নাধীন "মুজিবনগর মুক্তিযুদ্ধ স্মৃতিকেন্দ্র স্থাপন প্রকল্পে" সম্পূর্ণ

অস্থায়ীভিত্তিতে এবং প্রকল্প মেয়াদকালের জন্য (৩০-০৬-২০০৯ পর্যন্ত) নিম্নোক্ত পদে নিয়োগের জন্য আঘহী

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আগামী ১৫/৪/২০০৯ তারিখের মধ্যে অফিস সময়ে প্রকল্প পরিচালক, মুজিবনগর মুক্তিযুদ্ধ স্মৃতিকেন্দ্র স্থাপন

প্রকল্প, মুক্তিযুদ্ধ বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়, কক্ষ নং-৭১৩, পরিবহন পুল ভবন, সচিবালয় সংযোগ সড়ক, ঢাকা দপ্তরে

পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদপত্র, অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র, একজন প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড

অফিসারের নিকট থেকে এক কপি চারিত্রিক প্রশংসাপত্র, ইউনিয়ন কাউন্সিল/পৌরসভার চেয়ারম্যান/ওয়ার্ড

কমিশনার এর নিকট থেকে নাগরিকত্বের সনদপত্র এবং সদ্য তেলা পাসপোর্ট আকারের ৩ (তিন) কপি ছবি

আবেদনের নাম ও কার্যালয়, প্রার্থীর নাম, পিতা/স্বামীর নাম, মাতার নাম, স্থায়ী ঠিকানা, বর্তমান ঠিকানা,

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AFP, Kandahar

A suicide attacker walked into a district governhimself up on Monday, killing nine people and Kandahar, officials said. wounding eight, police said.

policemen and five militants were killed in bomb blasts elsewhere in the war-ravaged councivilians were wounded.

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try, which is battling an extremist insurgency. The suicide bomber attacked a citizen regis-

tration office in the government headquarters ment office in southern Afghanistan and blew of Dand district, about 10km south of the city of

"In this incident, five policemen and four The Taliban-style attack in Kandahar prov- civilians were martyred," the interior ministry ince came as authorities announced that three said in a statement, updating earlier tolls issued by other officials. "Two policemen and six

তারিখঃ ০৯ চৈত্র ১৪১৫

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as a 'hurdle' in its anti-terror strategy

ANI, Lahore

The United States is struggling hard to identify the loopholes in its South Asian policy over the past seven years, as it has limited ability to control what Angeles Times reports.

"Of all the dilemmas, prob-

great government in Kabul. But if the current situation in western Pakistan continues, the instability of Afghanistan would continue," the Daily Times quoted Obama's special envoy on Pakistan and happens in Pakistan, the Los Afghanistan Richard Holbrooke, as saying.

However, the new policy lems and challenges we face, puts the consequences of that's going to be the most those constraints in sharp daunting. You could have a relief, the paper points out.

India appoints lawyer for Mumbai attacks suspect

AFP, mumbai

India on Monday finally appointed a lawyer for the lone Islamist militant suspect captured by police during the Mumbai attacks, four months after his high-profile arrest.

"We have appointed a lawyer for you," judge MH Tahiliani told Mohammed Ajmal Amir Iman, also known as Kasab, during a 20-minute pre-trial hearing at a Mumbai court. "Her name is Anjali Waghmare."

Iman, wearing trousers, a navy blue t-shirt and sporting a thin beard, replied in Hindi via videolink from the jail where he is on remand: "That is fine by me." The Pakistani national,

accused of "waging war" on

India and a string of other charges, including murder and attempted murder, appeared composed and relaxed during the hearing, which was adjourned until April 6.

The 21-year-old has been without legal representation since his arrest on November 26 last year, soon after a group of 10 Islamist extremist com mandos stormed India's financial and entertainment

A total of 165 people were killed and more than 300 injured in 60 hours of carnage that saw; number of locations attacked by men using automatic weapons and grenades, including luxury hotels and the city's main rail way station.

Nepalese peace process should serve as model for region: PM

AFP, Oslo

Nepalese Prime Minister Prachanda said Monday he aimed to make the ongoing peace process in his country a model for surrounding countries in the region.

Tremendous political change is going on," Prachanda told reporters in Oslo following a meeting with Norwegian International Development Minister Erik Solheim.

"We want to lead this process to a logical conclusion in such a way that it can play (a role as) a model of peace, particularly for South Asia because there are so many (...) difficult kinds of conflictsthere," he said.

bloody civil war that left 13,000 people dead, former rebel Maoists now lead Nepal's gov ernment after signing up for peace in 2006 and agreeing to disarm the some 19,000 rebels.

After winning landmark polls last April and swiftly pushing through the end of the unpopular monarchy the Maoists have been working to shape a constitution for a new "Federal Democratic Republic" which is set to be made public on May 28,

"I think there will not be serious problems," Prachanda said, pointing out that there was wide political consensus in

Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited

(A Company of Petrobangla) PO Box No-8, Birashar, Brahmanbaria

"গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ"- এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন।

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.			
2	Agency	Petrobangla.			
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd. (BGFCL).			
4	Invitation for	Civil works.			
5	Invitation Ref No. & date	CD/HO/3(2)/2009, date: 23-03-2009			
6	Procurement method	Open tendering method.			
7	Budget and source of funds	Own fund of BGFCL.			
8	Tender selling date & time	05-04-2009 to 26-04-2009 (during cash transaction hours (08:30 hrs to 13:30)).			
9	Last date and time of tender receiving	27-04-2009, upto 11.00am.			
10	Tender opening date and time	27-04-2009 at 11.30am.			
11	Name & address of the office(s)				
	- Selling tender document	 a. Accounts Department, BGFCL, Head Office, Birashar, Brahmanbaria; b. Liaison Office, BGFCL, House No-75, Road No-6, DOHS (Old), Banani, Dhaka. 			
	- Receiving tender document	 a. Civil Engineering Department, BGFCL, Head Office, Birashar, Brahmanbaria; b. Security Office, Titas Location-A, BGFCL, Ghatura, Brahmanbaria. 			
	- Opening tender document	Civil Engineering Department, BGFCL, Head Office, Birashar, Brahmanbaria.			
12	Eligibility of tenderer	 Bonafide contractors/construction firms who have minimum 05 (five) years of general experience in construction works; Successfully completed of at least 01 (one) number of civil works in government/semi government/autonomous organisations of contract price Tk. 95.00 lakh during last 05 (five) years in a single tender; Other qualifications as stated in Tender Data Sheet (TDS). 			
13	Tenders name and other related	Information:			
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15	Designation of official inviting		Deputy General Manager (Civil Engg).		
16	Address of official inviting		Civil Engineering Department, BGFCL, Head Office, Birashar, Brahmanbaria.		
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www.bgfcl.org.bd. b. If the tender cannot be received and opened due to any unavoidable circumstance or holiday(s) on scheduled date and time, the same shall be opened on the subsequent working day at the same venue

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