

Turkey's President Abdullah Gul (C), his Pakistani counterpart Asif Ali Zardari (R) and Afghan President Hamid Karzai share a smile at the end of a news conference at the Cankaya Palace in Ankara, Turkey on Wednesday. Turkey host talks between Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Pakistan's Asif Ali Zardari focusing on security and intelligence sharing to reduce tensions over militant attacks along their borders.

Pakistan govt to discuss drone attacks with US

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan will take up the issue of missile attacks on militants in its northwest tribal belt during a visit by US special envoy Richard Holbrooke next week, the foreign ministry said yesterday.

Pakistan says the strikes, the most recent of which killed up to 12 militants in the Orakzai tribal district on Wednesday, violate its territorial sovereignty and deepen resentment among its 160 million people.

"Mr Holbrooke is scheduled to visit Pakistan next week. And this issue would come up for our discussions," foreign ministry spokesman Abdul Basit told a weekly press briefing.

It will be Holbrooke's first visit since US President Barack Obama put Pakistan at the centre of the fight against al-Qaeda, unveiling a new strategy to commit thousands more troops and billions of dollars to the Afghan war.

A spokesman for the US embassy in Islamabad was not immediately reachable to comment on Holbrooke's schedule.

Asked if Pakistan had lodged a protest with the United States against Wednesday's missile attack from a pilotless aircraft, Basit said: "This is part of

our ongoing discussions with the US."

In response to another question on whether Pakistan had made a diplomatic protest to the United States, Basit replied: "Not yet, not in my knowledge."

"They are violations of our sovereignty and secondly they are counterproductive. They are not helpful in our efforts to win hearts and minds. So we cannot accept drone attacks," he said.

He added that Pakistan would work closely with the United States to work out the issue of drone attacks as well as other matters, saying: "We are looking forward to our engagement with the United States in order to formulate fresh approaches."

More than 35 missile strikes have killed over 350 people since August 2008, fanning hostility against the United States and the government in Pakistan, where nearly 1,700 people have been killed in extremist bombings in two years.

Holbrooke, the US special envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan, has said that Pakistan's border regions pose the toughest challenge in the new US plan to root out extremism, warning the area cast a shadow over efforts in Afghanistan.

US Cong unlikely to pass Pak aid bill early

AFP, Washington

The US Congress likely will not complete legislation tripling US non-military assistance to Pakistan before late April at the earliest, a congressional aide said Wednesday.

Democratic Senator John Kerry and Republican Richard Lugar, the senior members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, were expected shortly to introduce their plan for boosting aid to the nuclear-armed US ally by 7.5 billion dollars over the next five years.

Both senators have described the package as urgent, but it could be weeks before the Senate and House of Representatives send US President Barack Obama legislation he can sign into law, the aide said on condition of anonymity.

Sonia launches Congress polls campaign in Orissa

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Bhubaneswar

Congress President Sonia Gandhi on Thursday slammed the Naveen Patnaik-led Orissa government for its failure on several fronts, as she kicked off her party's campaign in the state.

Addressing a rally at Jamunda village in state's Bargarh district, some 385 km from Bhubaneswar, Sonia criticised the state government for taking credit for the schemes launched by the Central Government.

The United Progressive Alliance (UPA) Government, led by the Congress, had started a scheme of selling rice at cheaper rate but the state government is trying to mislead people by claiming credit for it, she said.

CBI clears Tytler in 1984 anti-Sikh riots case

CNN-IBN, New Delhi

Congress leader and former union minister Jagdish Tytler was on Thursday given a clean chit by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in a case registered against him for the 1984 anti-Sikh riots in Delhi.

De-sealing its final report in the case in a court in the Capital, the CBI pleaded that the case against Tytler be cancelled.

The CBI is also hoping to quash the FIR in the 1984 riots case.

Counsel for the 1984 riots' accused H S Phoolka said. "The CBI has given the benefit to Tytler as he is contesting polls this time. There might be serious flaws in their report therefore the CBI does not want the report to be shown."

In an affidavit filed before the Karkardooma court in New Delhi last year, the CBI said: "We don't have any evidence or witness to file a case against Jagdish Tytler."

Extremists threaten Pakistan's existence

Says US General Petraeus

THE DAWN, Washington

Religious extremists operating along the Pak-Afghan border pose a direct threat to Pakistan's existence, the commander of US forces in the region, General David Petraeus, warned on Wednesday.

During a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on US President Barack Obama's new strategy, Gen. Petraeus also vowed to take the fight to insurgents in both Afghanistan and Pakistan.

He did not explain how he planned to do so but last President Obama said that the United States would pursue

'high-value' terrorist targets inside Pakistan but would consult Islamabad before doing so.

Also last week, Obama's National Security Adviser Gen. James Jones indicated that the US would continue drone attacks inside Pakistan as they had proven "effective" against the militants.

Gen. Petraeus told the senate panel that the Taliban and al-Qaeda groups based in the border area were "an ever more serious threat to Pakistan's very existence."

The Pakistani military, he said, had stepped up operations against the militants but more action was needed.

The general noted that the situation in Pakistan was closely linked to that of Afghanistan, and praised President Obama's new plan for developing a regional approach to resolve the issue was a step in the right direction.

Gen. Petraeus acknowledged that the militants in Afghanistan were growing in strength but vowed to fight them "relentlessly and aggressively."

But Gen. Petraeus and top Defence Department official Michele Flournoy were greeted with sceptical questions from senators about how willing the Pakistani government is to fight extremists hiding in Fata.

Pakistan court to hear Sharif appeal

AFP, Islamabad

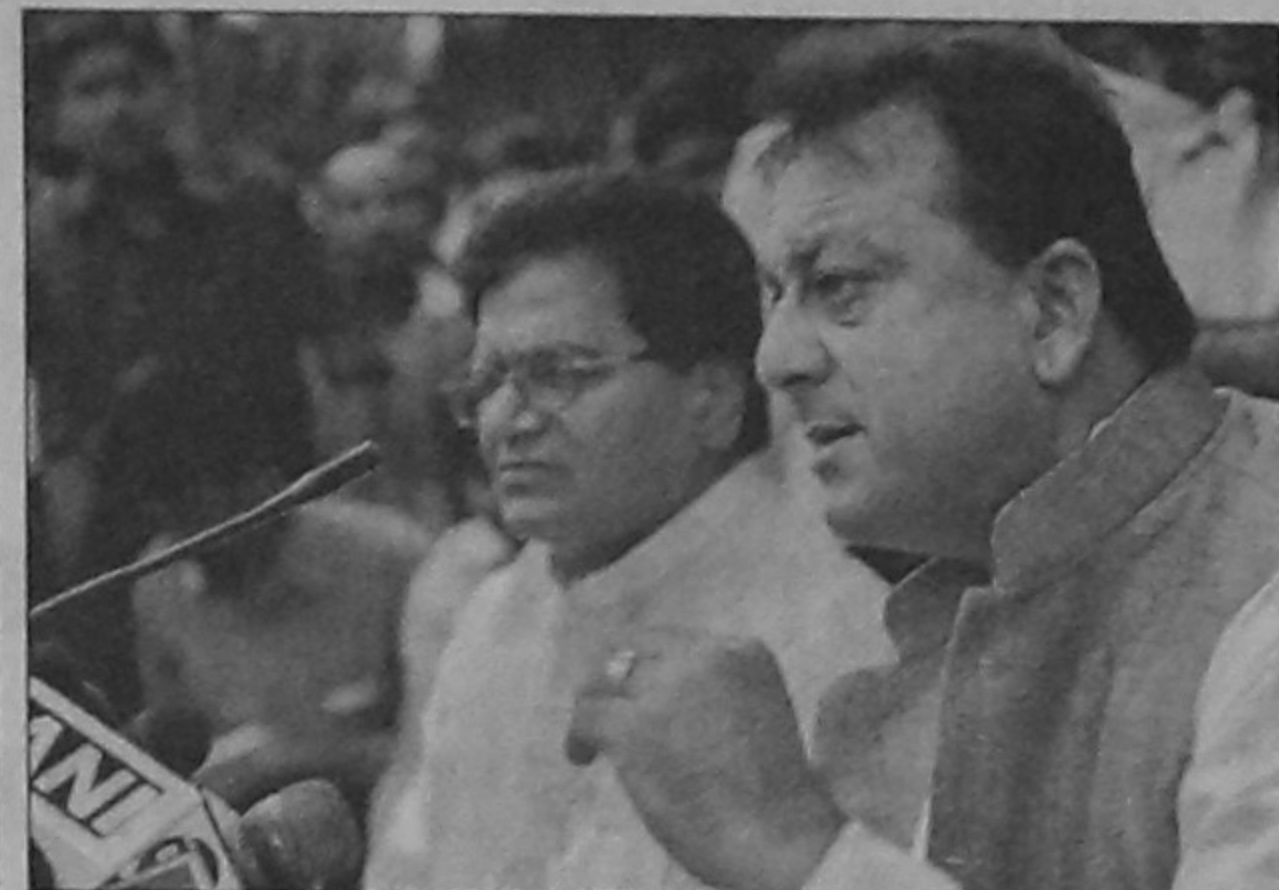
Pakistan will next month fix a date to hear a petition to suspend the political disqualification of opposition leader Nawaz Sharif, after a court stayed a ban on his brother, officials said Thursday.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday suspended a ban on Shahbaz Sharif holding office and contesting elections, restoring his government in the key province of Punjab, but deferred a separate petition on the fate of Nawaz Sharif.

"The supreme court has suspended the February 25 decision," Syed Zafar Ali Shah, a lawyer and leader in Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) party, told reporters outside the court on Tuesday.

On February 25, the Supreme Court barred both the ex-prime minister Nawaz Sharif and his brother, sparking political turmoil in the nuclear-armed nation.

But officials clarified Thursday that a decision to suspend the disqualification on Nawaz Sharif had been deferred.



Indian Bollywood actor and Samajwadi Party National General Secretary Sanjay Dutt (C) gestures as he addresses a press conference in New Delhi yesterday. Sanjay Dutt, who was denied permission to contest elections by the Supreme Court, was appointed as the national general secretary of the Samajwadi Party.

Sanjay Dutt new SP gen secy

PTI, New Delhi

Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt, denied permission to contest elections by the Supreme Court, was today appointed as the national general secretary of the Samajwadi Party.

"Our leader Mulayam Singh Yadav has appointed him (Sanjay) as the national general secretary," SP leader Ram Gopal Yadav told reporters here.

He said Sanjay will campaign for SP candidates in the Lok Sabha elections.

UNICEF Vacancy Announcement

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is seeking applications from Bangladeshi Nationals to fill the following positions. For detailed Terms of Reference for each position, please visit our website: www.unicef.org/bd

1. Social Policy Specialist, FT Position, NO-C, PME Section
2. Programme Communication Specialist, FT position, NO-C, CP Section
3. IT Officer, FT Position, NO-B, IT Section
4. Senior IT Assistant, FT Position, GS-7, IT Section
5. Field Operations Officer (Rangamati), FT position, NO-B, FO Section
6. Field Operations Officer (Barisal), FT Position, NO-A, FO Section
7. Field Operations Officer (Cox's Bazaar), FT Position, NO-A, FO Section
8. Programme Assistant (TFT position) at GS-5, (for Comilla, Rangpur, Cox's Bazar, Barisal, Jessore, Sylhet, Mymensingh and Rangamati), FO Section
9. WASH Project Officer (TFT) for one year at NO-B level, WES Section

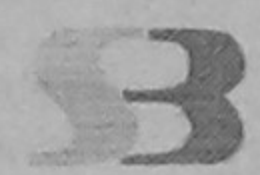
Last date of receiving applications: 19 April 2009

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Notice of the 14th Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given to all members of Southeast Bank Limited that the 14th Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held on April 26, 2009 at 10.30 a.m. at 'Hall of Fame', Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, Agargaon, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 to transact the following business and adopt necessary resolutions:

AGENDA

1. To receive, consider and adopt the Profit and Loss Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 2008 and the Balance Sheet as at that date together with the Reports of the Board and the Auditors thereon.
2. To declare dividend for the financial year ended 31st December 2008.
3. To elect / re-elect Directors in place of those who shall retire in accordance with law.
4. To appoint Auditors for the term until the next Annual General Meeting and fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other related business with the permission of the Chair.

All Members are requested to attend the meeting on the date, time and place mentioned above.

By order of the Board

Muhammad Shahjahan

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Senior Executive Vice President
& Company Secretary

Dated: April 02, 2009

NOTES:

- a) The Record Date for the purpose was on March 30, 2009.
- b) Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the general meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. Such proxy except for a Corporation must also be a member of the Company. An Attorney of a member need not himself/herself be a member.
- c) The instrument appointing a Proxy or the Power of Attorney duly signed by the Member and stamped with requisite stamp duty must be submitted at the Registered Office of the Company at least 48 hours before the meeting, i.e. latest by 10:30 a.m. of April 24, 2009. Our Proxy Registration Counter shall remain open at our Share Division from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. on April 24, 2009 for the purpose.
- d) Attendance of the Shareholder/Attorney/Proxy shall be recorded up to 11.00 a.m. at the entrance of the venue. Attendance slip has to be submitted at the Registration Counter duly signed. The signature must agree with the recorded signature.
- e) Annual Report containing, among other papers, this Notice of the 14th Annual General Meeting, Attendance Slip and Proxy Form are being sent to all members by post. The members may also collect "Proxy Form" from the Share Office of the Company.
- f) Members are requested to notify change of address, if any, well in time. For BO A/C holders, any change of address is to be done through the respective Depository Participant well before the Record Date.



বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড

Bangladesh Power Development Board

প্রকল্প পরিচালকের দপ্তর

শিকলবাহা ১৫০ মেঃওঃ পিকিং
পাওয়ার প্রাক্ট নির্মাণ প্রকল্প
বিদ্যুৎ ভবন, ১২ তলা
১নং আব্দুল গনি রোড
বিউরো, ঢাকা
ফোনঃ ৯৫৫৯৫৮২
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সূত্র নং শিকলবাহা ১৫০মেঃওঃ/এল.ডব্লিউ/২০০৮/৩৯৬ তারিখঃ ০৪/০৩/২০০৯ইং মোতাবেক আদানকৃত (১) শিকলবাহা বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্রের বিদ্যমান মেডিকেল সেন্টার আপগ্রেডেশন রিনোভেশন কাজ (২) ডরমেটরি ও আনসার ব্যারাক আপগ্রেডেশন রিনোভেশন কাজ এবং সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তির স্বরক নং-শিকলবাহা ১৫০মেঃওঃ/এল.ডব্লিউ/২০০৮/৪২৯ তারিখঃ ২২/০৩/২০০৯ইং এর অনুবৃত্তিক্রমে দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির শর্ত ১৭ ও ১৮ অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ পুনঃ সংশোধনপূর্বক দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ০৫/০৪/২০০৯ইং এর পরিবর্তে ১৫/০৪/২০০৯ইং এবং দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় ০৬/০৪/২০০৯ইং এর পরিবর্তে ১৬/০৪/২০০৯ইং নির্ধারণ করা হইল। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির অপরাপর শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকিবে।

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পরিবেশ ও বন মন্ত্রণালয়ের গ্রহণ প্রেরণ শাখায় ব্যবহারের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত মোটর সাইকেল ক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে অগ্রাধী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ব্যক্তিগণের নিকট থেকে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

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- ১। দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত সিভিটিল আগামী ০৫/০৪/২০০৯ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন মন্ত্রণালয়ের প্রশাসন শাখা-৪ হতে ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা মূল্যে (অফেন্ডভ্যেগ্যাব) ক্রয় করা যাবে।
- ২। দরপত্র আগামী ০২/০৪/২০০৯ তারিখ বেলা ১২টা পর্যন্ত মন্ত্রণালয়ের প্রশাসন-৪ শাখায় রক্ষিত দরপত্র বায়ে দরপত্র গৃহীত হবে। ঐ দিন বেলা ১৩টায়া দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলা হবে।
- ৩। দরপত্র গৃহীত হলে কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্তির ৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে মোটর সাইকেলটি নিজ দায়িত্বে মন্ত্রণালয়ে সরবরাহ করতে হবে এবং সরবরাহকৃত মোটর সাইকেলটির কোন প্রকার ত্রুটি পাওয়া গেলে উহা কোন অবস্থায় গ্রহণ করা হবে না।
- ৪। মোটর সাইকেলটি প্রস্তুতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সকল ওয়ারেন্টি/গ্যারান্টি, ফ্রি সার্ভিসিং ইত্যাদি দিতে হবে।
- ৫। যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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