



General Secretary of India's Congress party Rahul Gandhi addresses supporters as he attends an election campaign rally in Bangalore on Friday.

Congress also to blame for Babri Mosque razing: Lalu Prasad

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Patna

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad has declared that the Congress party too was to blame for the 1992 demolition of the Babri mosque in Ayodhya. Lalu Prasad made the point first on Friday while addressing an election meeting in Darbhanga and repeated it to journalists here Saturday. After blaming the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its leader LK Advani for the mosque razing, which triggered widespread communal violence, the railway minister said the Congress was also responsible for the event.

Pakistan aid beats hopes but more needed

Says US envoy

AP, Tokyo

A day after international donors pledged more than \$5 billion to Pakistan, US envoy Richard Holbrooke said yesterday that the aid exceeded expectations but far more is needed to strengthen the country's economy and fight terrorism. Holbrooke, President Barack Obama's special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, said \$5 billion is "not enough" for a big country that faces an unstable economy, complex politics, an ongoing battle against groups like the Taliban and al-Qaeda, and has an expanding nuclear arsenal. "That's a very full agenda for any one

country, and yet that's the situation Pakistan faces today," Holbrooke told reporters in Tokyo before heading back to Washington.

On Friday, representatives from 31 countries and 18 international organisations met in Tokyo for a World Bank-supported donors' conference for Pakistan.

The US and Japan pledged \$1 billion each, while Saudi Arabia added \$700 million and the EU \$640 million. The total amount pledged was \$5.28 billion, according to Pakistan's foreign minister.

The donors said their contributions would focus on improving the economic

climate in Pakistan through infrastructure and other projects, and stressed that stability in Pakistan was key to averting the growth of terrorism throughout the region.

"It's a sign of the fact that there's a growing awareness in the world that Pakistan is at the very heart of the threat to stability in the world," Holbrooke said, adding that the country is critical to achieving success in neighbouring Afghanistan.

The total fell short of Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari's hope of as much as \$6 billion, though the conference's Japanese hosts had said they expected a figure closer to \$4 billion.

Suicidal to stagger polls in Maoist strongholds

Says Indian CEC

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

Indian Chief Election Commissioner N. Gopalaswami Saturday defended the poll panel's move to include most Maoist affected constituencies in the first leg of Lok Sabha elections, saying it would have been 'suicidal' if this was spread over another phase.

"We applied our minds to this issue carefully. It would have been suicidal if we had shifted some of the affected constituencies to another phase. Our security forces would have been sitting ducks then," Gopalaswami told IANS in an interview.

At least 19 people were killed when Maoist guerrillas targeted polling officials and security personnel across a dozen constituencies in Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa and

Maharashtra as the first phase of parliamentary elections got off April 16. "is a totally misplaced argument to suggest that we should have staggered elections in the Naxal affected areas. It takes time to position security forces," Gopalaswami said.

In his reckoning, the security forces were in position almost three weeks in advance for the first of the five-phased elections.

"It takes almost a week to reposition security forces. Many of them trek from the interiors and then take buses and trains to move to their constituencies. All this takes five to six days, and on the seventh day they are in position," he said.

"This time we reduced the number of constituencies (in the first round) to 124. We did take all precautions just like we did when assembly elections were held in Chhattisgarh last year."

13 people killed in Afghan violence

AFP, Kandahar

Thirteen people including two civilians were killed in violence across insurgency-hit Afghanistan, officials said yesterday.

Two civilians, one of them a woman, were killed when a bomb placed on an abandoned bicycle was detonated remotely in the southern city of Kandahar Saturday, a local health official told AFP.

Four other civilians were wounded in the incident near a hospital, Abdul Qayoum Pukhla, provincial health director said.

In Parwan, a province north of the capital Kabul, five

bank security guards were killed and five were wounded in a shootout involving unknown gunmen, the province's governor Abdul Jabbar Taqwa said.

The guards came under attack late Friday night as they returned from delivering money in the central province of Bamian, Taqwa said.

Parwan has been spared much of the insurgent violence affecting southern and eastern Afghanistan.

Elsewhere, Afghan and international security forces killed six militants in operations across Afghanistan, according to military statements Saturday.



Pakistani firefighters use a hose as they attempt to extinguish a fire on a passenger train near Multan yesterday. Three carriages of the Tezgam Express caught fire but no human loss occurred in the accident.

FBI played 'vital role' in Mumbai attacks probe

AFP, Mumbai

The US Federal Bureau of Investigation played a key part in establishing the case against the suspected Pakistani gunman on trial in India for last year's Mumbai attacks, a court heard yesterday.

"FBI investigators have played a vital role in disclosing the truth in this case... and exposing the nexus between (Mohammed Ajmal Kasab)

and the deceased accused," said public prosecutor Ujjwal Nikam.

Kasab, 21, is alleged to have been part of a wider criminal conspiracy devised in Pakistan by the banned Islamist group Lashkar-e-Taiba and unnamed "supporting agencies".

Some 166 people died and more than 300 were injured when 10 heavily armed gunmen rampaged through

India's financial and entertainment capital, attacking two luxury hotels, the main railway station, a Jewish centre and other targets.

Kasab is the only surviving alleged gunman.

Nikam said in his opening remarks at a top security prison court in Mumbai that the FBI and other specialists had discovered a number of clues that strengthened the prosecution case.

18 killed in China coal mine explosion

AP, Beijing

A warehouse explosion killed 18 people and injured three at a coal mine in central China, a provincial official said yesterday.

State television reported that six people were injured in the blast in the remote mountainous Hunan province Friday afternoon that also left two missing.

A man surnamed Hu with the Hunan provincial work safety bureau said it was a

privately run illegal mine and police were investigating where the explosives came from. He would not give more details, saying the explosion was still under investigation.

A CCTV report said one shareholder of the mine is already "under police control" and authorities are seeking the other owners.

Police are investigating whether the explosives were stored illegally in the warehouse at the Daling mine in Yongxing county, the report said.

Zardari calls for help in fighting terrorism

AFP, Boao, China

Pakistan's president appealed yesterday for help in combating terrorism in the region, a day after international donors pledged more than five billion dollars to stabilise the troubled country.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum, which focuses on the global financial crisis, President Asif

Ali Zardari pointed to terrorism in Asia as another pressing issue.

"This issue is about not being able to control the terrorism that is evolving around Pakistan, Afghanistan and indeed the region," he told the more than 1,600 delegates gathered at the annual summit on the tropical Chinese island of Hainan, which aims to promote

regional economic integration.

"Please help us... solve and fight this menace," he added in a speech broadcast live on China's state television.

Zardari, whose wife, former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, was killed in a December 2007 attack, said the current global financial crisis could be linked to terrorism.



An Indian paramilitary soldier patrols a lane adjacent to the special bomb-proof court at Arthur Road jail in Mumbai yesterday. The suspected Pakistani gunman on trial in India for last year's Mumbai attacks will plead not guilty and has accused police of extracting a confession through torture, his lawyer said.

Mumtaz Bhutto accuses Zardari of causing rifts in Bhutto family

ANI, Karachi

Sindh National Front chief and late Benazir Bhutto's uncle Mumtaz Ali Bhutto has claimed that Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari is causing rift in the Bhutto clan.

He advised Benazir Bhutto's younger sister Sanam Bhutto to beware of Zardari who according to him was using her to cause damage to the Bhutto family, The Nation

reports. The SNF chief also urged her to not to bring the family matters before the media, as discussing family matters in public would bring a bad name to the Bhutto clan while such land issues could be amicably solved. "The dispute over land could be settled sitting jointly," he said adding that no results could be achieved from courts and the administration.

Iran sentences US reporter to 8 years in jail

AFP, Tehran

An Iranian revolutionary court has sentenced US journalist Roxana Saberi to eight years in jail after she was charged with spying for the United States, her lawyer said yesterday.

"Ms Saberi has been sentenced to eight years in jail and I am going to appeal," lawyer Abdolsamad Khoramshahi told AFP.

Under Iranian law, the verdict can be appealed within 20 days.

The case against Saberi, a 31-year-old who has US and Iranian nationality, has raised concerns in Washington and among rights groups.

She has been detained in the notorious Evin prison in Tehran since January and went on trial behind closed doors on Monday accused of spying for the United States.

She was initially reported to have been detained for buying alcohol, an illegal act in the Islamic republic.

The court ruling comes despite calls by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for Saberi's release and President Barack Obama's diplomatic overtures to Iran after three decades of ruptured ties.

It is the harshest sentence meted out by an Iranian court to a dual-national on security charges.

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Invitation for Tenders

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the undermentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below.

1	Project name (if applicable)	Modification and upgradation of existing water supply and sewerage system at Zia International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka (SH:- Installation and testing of water supply pipe lines in the CAAB Housing area including other allied works) [Phase-II, (Priority-E & F)] at ZIA, Dhaka.
2	Source of funds	Own fund of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB)
3	Tender package No.	CD-2-31/2008-2009.
4	Invitation for tenders ref & date	CAAB/W-129/P-102/Ka/1758, Date: 02-03-2009
5	Time for completion of the works	2 (two) months from the date of issuance of work order.
6	Eligibility of tenderers	Contractors/firms who have successfully completed within the last five years for govt, semi-government, or autonomous organizations within Bangladesh or any other country the works of supply, installation, necessary testing and commissioning of at least 0.5km minimum 200mm MS or PVC pipe lines with necessary fixtures are eligible to participate in the tender. Intending tenderers will have to produce at the time of purchase of tender document the documentary evidences in support of their claims regarding: (i) Successful completion of the abovementioned work(s) and work order. (ii) Ownership of (or assured access to) the required equipment, machinery, tools and plants. The certificates must be issued by officers not below the rank of Executive Engineers. Attested copies of the certificates will have to be attached along with the tender, failing which the tender will be summarily rejected.
7	Price of tender document	Tk 1000/- (one thousand) only
8	Amount of tender security	Tk 1,50,000/- (one hundred fifty thousand) only in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order/Bank Guarantee from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
9	Name and address of the office(s) selling tender document	(i) Member (Ops & Plan), CAAB, Headquarters, Dhaka. (ii) Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarters, Dhaka. (iii) Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka (iv) Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka (v) Executive Engineer, Civil Division-II, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. Interested tenderers may view the documents at the office of the Executive Engineer, Civil Division-II, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka during normal working hours. Up-to-date VAT registration certificate, Income Tax clearance certificate and experience certificates (certificates on successful completion of work(s) and work orders as mentioned in item 6 above) in original must have to be shown at the time of purchasing the tender document and to be submitted photocopy of those along with the tender.
10	Name and address of the office(s) receiving tenders	(i) Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB, Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
11	Name and address of the office opening tenders	Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka
12	Last date and time for selling tender document	Date: 18/05/2009 Time: 12.00 hours.
13	Last date and time for submission of tender document	Date: 21/05/2009 Time: 12.00 hours.
14	Date and time for opening of tenders	Tenderers and their authorised representative are allowed to attend. Date: 21/05/2009 Time: 12.30 hours.
15	Special conditions	-If communication is disrupted on the last date of receiving & opening the tender, it will be received and opened on the next office day. Other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged. - The authority reserves the right to accept or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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