



Pakistan's Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani (R) shakes hands with former premier Nawaz Sharif (L) prior to the start of an all party conference in Islamabad yesterday over the ongoing military operation against Taliban.

Pakistani Taliban vow to fight until 'last breath'

Govt seeks to bolster political support for the offensive

AP, Islamabad

The Pakistani Taliban have vowed to resist military advances in the northwest's Swat Valley until their "last breath," while the government yesterday sought to bolster political support for the offensive ahead of potentially bloody urban battles. Washington has pressed Islamabad to crack down on al-Qaeda and Taliban strongholds along the Afghan frontier, saying the militants threaten not only US and Nato troops in Afghanistan, but also nuclear-armed Pakistan's existence.

The prime minister insisted Monday that Pakistan's nuclear weapons were safe amid reports it is expanding its stock-

pile.

The army said Sunday it was battling militants on the outskirts of a major Swat city and had entered two other Taliban-held towns. Swat Taliban spokesman Muslim Khan said the militants were prepared for any onslaught.

"We will fight until the last breath for the enforcement of Islamic law," Khan told The Associated Press in a brief phone call from an undisclosed location. "We consider ourselves on the right path."

A top official said the offensive had killed more than 1,000 suspected militant, a figure that couldn't be independently verified.

Pakistan's weak civilian government has been trying to rally public support behind the offensive, and it has done relatively well something made easier by public anger over Taliban advances into a district just 60 miles from the capital, Islamabad.

News channels have been broadcasting spots such as one featuring ordinary Pakistanis saluting the army, while a variety of groups have collected funds and goods to send to the displaced civilians.

To get more consensus, government officials met with the leaders of all the major political parties Monday in Islamabad.

Advani agrees to be Leader of Opposition, says BJP

PTI, New Delhi

Senior BJP leader LK Advani today acceded to the wishes of the party's Parliamentary Board and agreed to become the Leader of the Opposition in the new Lok Sabha. BJP president Rajnath Singh said that Advani had agreed to continue as Leader of BJP's Parliamentary Board.

"Therefore, it is understood that he will also be the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha," he said. After the party's poll debacle, Advani had expressed his desire not to become the Leader of the Opposition.

591 more BDR arrested

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to our correspondents and sources.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court yesterday placed 48 suspected BDR men including arrested Deputy Assistant Director Towhid on remand after Criminal Investigation Department (CID) produced them before the court with remand prayers, reports our court correspondent.

Of them, Towhid and two others were placed on three-day remand each and the rest 45 on five days' remand each.

Moreover, seven suspected mutineers yesterday confessed to their involvement in the Pikhana carnage under section 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code. They are sepoy Ziaul Haque, Rashedul Islam, Rabiul Islam, Shahjahan, Atiar Rahman, Abdur Rahim and Saifuddin.

Another Dhaka court sent 24 BDR jawans to jail after they were produced before it following their remand.

In Teknaf, police and Rab arrested 106 BDR jawans out of 107 accused in the sedition case filed on Sunday. The suspects were arrested at the sector headquarters of 42 Rifles Battalion in the morning.

Our staff correspondent in Rajshahi reports: Rajshahi Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court sent the 93 suspected BDR jawans to jail after they were produced before it.

Goalia police chief Ramzan Ali filed the sedition case with the Rajshahi CMM court against the BDR jawans for their 'unruly activities' on February 26 at Rajshahi BDR

sector headquarters.

The accused border guards reportedly demonstrated on that day and fired injuring a rickshaw-puller.

Our Netrakona correspondent reports: Police and Rab arrested 72 BDR suspects after identifying them from video footages of different television channels and photographs published in local and national dailies and on confessional statements made by arrested BDR personnel.

In Naogaon, police arrested 53 jawans from two battalions in the district. However, they were also sent to jail following a court order.

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent adds: Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in the district ordered to send the 30 suspected BDR members to jail after police produced them before it yesterday.

On February 26, the BDR jawans took control of the camp in the district town and barricaded different roads.

BDR jawan Nazrul Islam sustained bullet wound while he was loading his rifle during the mutiny.

Our Mymensingh correspondent reports: Police produced 49 BDR personnel of 45 Battalion before a Judicial Magistrate court yesterday. The arrestees included five subedars, eleven havildars and 33 jawans. They were later sent to jail.

Police filed the case against the 49 arrestees with Kotwali Police Station on Sunday. They will be produced before the court on June 26, said court sources.

Security tight as Suu Kyi trial begins in Myanmar

AP, Yangon

Myanmar's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi went on trial yesterday in a notorious prison ringed by riot police and barbed wire as activists vowed to stage protests across the country until she is freed.

She faces up to five years' imprisonment on charges that she violated conditions of her yearslong detention by sheltering an American man who swam to her lakeside home earlier this month.

More than 100 Suu Kyi supporters were able to pass through the outer circle of barricades around Insein prison in Yangon but not the inner one which was closely guarded by armed police

and pro-regime supporters. One young protester was seen being taken away by police.

The ambassadors of Britain, France, Germany and Italy as well as an Australian diplomat were barred from entering the prison, but the US consul was allowed into the prison compound since a US citizen, John William Yettaw, also was on trial along with Suu Kyi.

Yettaw's motives for entering Suu Kyi's compound earlier this month remain unclear and her supporters have expressed anger at him for getting the Nobel Peace laureate into trouble. Suu Kyi's lawyers have said he was not invited to her residence, and that she told him to leave.

Maoists to block Nepal parliament vote for new PM

AP, Katmandu

Former Maoist rebels announced yesterday they would block a parliament vote to elect a new prime minister, a tactic that could prolong Nepal's political crisis.

Narayan Kaji Shrestha, deputy leader of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), said the party would not allow parliament to function unless their demands are met.

The Maoists want the president to sack the army

chief an order issued by the previous Maoist-led government of Pushpa Kamal Dahal, which the president overturned, leading Dahal to resign May 4 and the collapse of his coalition.

An alliance of 22 political parties filed an application in parliament on Sunday claiming they have enough support to form a new coalition government, and called for a parliamentary vote to elect veteran communist leader Madhav Kumar Nepal as prime minister.



Myanmar citizens living in Japan hold portraits of Aung San Suu Kyi as they shout slogans during a rally in front of the Myanmar embassy in Tokyo yesterday. Myanmar opposition icon Aung San Suu Kyi went on trial, facing a further five years in detention on charges of harbouring a US man who swam to her home.

CPI-M asks Buddhadev to continue as West Bengal CM

ANI, INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

The Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) has told West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadev Bhattacharjee to continue in office, hours after he offered to resign owing moral responsibility for the party's electoral defeat in the state after 34 years of continuous rule.

West Bengal Industry and Commerce Minister Nirupam Sen and CPI-M general secretary Prakash Karat reportedly told Bhattacharjee that he should not think of resigning, as the party's politburo is in the process of assessing the reasons for the electoral defeat.

Tripura Chief Minister and senior CPI-M leader Manik Sarkar is reported to have said that there is no question of Karat or any of the CPI-M leadership resigning as of this

moment.

These statements came as the politburo has completed a two-hour-long meeting in the national capital and is expected to resume deliberations in the afternoon.

CPI-M sources said that the meeting of the politburo will go on till late in the evening. They said there will not be a press conference.

It was stated that the party's state secretaries have been asked to give their respective reports and meet with the central leadership to formalise a national report on the reasons for the electoral loss.

Smartering from its electoral drubbing, the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) politburo met Monday without two crucial members -- West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadev Bhattacharjee and Kerala Home Minister Koderi Balakrishnan.

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ফারইষ্ট ইসলামী লাইফ ইন্স্যুরেন্স কোম্পানী লিঃ-এর ঢাকার বাহিরে জেলা ও থানা পর্যায়ে অফিসসমূহে নিম্নোক্ত শূন্য পদে নিয়োগের জন্য বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে :-

ক্রমিক নং	পদের নাম	বয়স (অনুর্ধ)	শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা	অভিজ্ঞতা
১	কম্পিউটার অপারেটর (অফিসার গ্রেড) বেতন স্কেল : ৩,৬৫০-৪০০০-১৫-৯,৬৫০ প্রারম্ভিক ন্যূনতম বেতন : ৮৮,১১৭.৫০	৩৫ বছর	ব্যাচেলর ডিগ্রী/ সমমান	কম্পিউটার অপারেটর হিসাবে কমপক্ষে ০৩ (তিন) বছরের কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা। এমএস ওয়ার্ড এবং এমএস এক্সেল পরিচালনায় পারদর্শী। প্রতি মিনিটে ইংরেজীতে ন্যূনতম ৩০ শব্দ এবং বাংলায় ২৫ শব্দের টাইপিং স্পিড থাকা আবশ্যিক।
২	জুনিয়র অফিসার বেতন স্কেল : ৩,২৫০-৩৫০০-১৫-৮,৫০০ প্রারম্ভিক ন্যূনতম বেতন : ৮৮,১০০.০০	৩০ বছর	মাস্টার ডিগ্রী / সমমান	অভিজ্ঞ প্রার্থীদের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।
৩	এ্যাসিস্টেন্ট অফিসার (ক্যাশ) বেতন স্কেল : ২,৯৫০-৩০০০-১৫-৭,৪৫০ প্রারম্ভিক ন্যূনতম বেতন : ৮৮,৬,৯০০	৩০ বছর	ব্যাচেলর ডিগ্রী/ সমমান	অভিজ্ঞ প্রার্থীদের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।
৪	এ্যাসিস্টেন্ট অফিসার বেতন স্কেল : ২,৯৫০-৩০০০-১৫-৭,৪৫০ প্রারম্ভিক ন্যূনতম বেতন : ৮৮,৬,৯০০	৩০ বছর	ব্যাচেলর ডিগ্রী/ সমমান	লাইফ ইন্স্যুরেন্স কোম্পানীতে পলিসি সার্ভিসিং/অর্থ ও হিসাব বিভাগের কাজে অভিজ্ঞ প্রার্থীদের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।
৫	রেকর্ড কিপার বেতন স্কেল : ২,৩৫০-২৫০০-১৫-৬,১০০ প্রারম্ভিক ন্যূনতম বেতন : ৮৮,৫,০০০	৩০ বছর	এইচএসসি/ সমমান	লাইফ ইন্স্যুরেন্স কোম্পানীতে পলিসি সার্ভিসিং/অর্থ ও হিসাব বিভাগের কাজে অভিজ্ঞ প্রার্থীদের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।
৬	ম্যানেজার বেতন স্কেল : ১,৯৫০-২২৫০-১৫-৫,৩২৫ প্রারম্ভিক ন্যূনতম বেতন : ৮৮,৪,৩৫০	৩০ বছর	এসএসসি/ সমমান	অভিজ্ঞ প্রার্থীদের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।
৭	সিকিউরিটি গার্ড বেতন স্কেল : ১,৯৫০-২২৫০-১৫-৫,৩২৫ প্রারম্ভিক ন্যূনতম বেতন : ৮৮,৪,৩৫০	৩৫ বছর	এসএসসি/ সমমান	সিকিউরিটি গার্ড হিসাবে কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা অথবা সাবেক সেনাবাহিনী, বিডিআর এবং পুলিশ বিভাগে কাজ করার অভিজ্ঞতা।

ক্রমিক নং ২ হতে ৫ পর্যন্ত পদসমূহে বাণিজ্য বিভাগের প্রার্থীদের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।

সকল পদের জন্য কোম্পানীতে যোগদানের তারিখ হতে অবিচ্ছিন্নভাবে কমপক্ষে ৫ (পাঁচ) বছর চাকুরী করার নিশ্চয়তার অঙ্গীকারনামা (সিউরিটি বন্ড) দাখিল করতে হবে।

এ্যাসিস্টেন্ট অফিসার (ক্যাশ) পদে নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত প্রার্থীদেরকে কোম্পানীর অনুকূলে ৮ ১০,০০০/= (দশ হাজার) টাকা নগদ জামানত এবং অভিভাবকের নিকট থেকে ৮ ১,০০,০০০/= (এক লক্ষ) টাকার সিউরিটি বন্ড দাখিল করতে হবে।

অগ্রাধী ও যোগ্য প্রার্থীদেরকে সদ্য তোলা ০২ (দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি, সকল পরীক্ষা পাশের সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি, জাতীয়তার সনদপত্র, ভোটার আইডি কার্ড, অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রসহ (যদি থাকে) পূর্ণ জীবন বৃত্তান্ত সম্বলিত স্বহস্তে লিখিত দরখাস্ত নামের উপর প্রার্থিত পদের নাম উল্লেখ পূর্বক আগামী ১০ জুন, ২০০৯ তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্ন ঠিকানায় পৌছাতে হবে।



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