



A group of people shout slogans against Sri Lankan government during a demonstration in front of the White House in Washington, DC, on Thursday protesting the recent unrests in the country. An estimated 80,000 to 100,000 people were killed in nearly three decades of civil war in Sri Lanka between the government and Tamil Tiger rebels, the United Nations said.

Lanka still refusing access to war victims, says UN

Tiger chief's parents in refugee camp

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka is still refusing to provide aid workers with full access to hundreds of thousands of displaced Tamil civilians despite an appeal by United Nations chief Ban Ki-moon, the UN said yesterday. Ban had sought complete freedom for international aid agencies to help civilians uprooted from their homes by a major government offensive against the now defeated Tamil Tigers. "We still don't have access beyond the north of Omanthai (in the island's north), to see if those horrible stories we heard were fact or fiction," UN resident coordinator Neil Bhune told reporters here.

"We have been advised that it is not safe for us to go beyond that, to go into the former conflict areas." About 260,000 ethnic Tamils displaced by the fighting are being held in camps ringed by barbed wire and security forces, who say they need to weed out former rebel fighters disguised as civilians. Bhune said the government needed to deliver on its promise to resettle at least 80 percent of the people in their former villages by the end of the year. "That will ultimately give people living inside the camps some hope that they can return to a normal life," he said. The island's military claimed complete victory over separatist Tamil Tigers

after wiping out the guerrillas' leadership last week. Meanwhile, the parents of slain Tamil Tiger chief Velupillai Prabhakaran have sought shelter with Sri Lankan security forces after fleeing the offensive against the rebels, the military said Thursday. The parents of Velupillai Prabhakaran were identified among civilians who escaped the war zone in northeastern Sri Lanka where the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) fought its final battle, spokesman Udaya Nanayakkara said. "They (the parents) have been identified at the Manik Farm welfare camp," Nanayakkara said. "They are not being treated as suspects."

Lawyers of Suu Kyi's optimistic about case

AP, Yangon

Lawyers for Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi expressed optimism about her case after the only witness allowed to testify for the defence addressed the court in her trial on charges of violating house arrest. Closing arguments in a case that could send the Nobel Peace laureate to prison for five years are set to be heard Monday. The defence has argued that there is no legal basis for the charge that Suu Kyi had violated the terms of her house arrest when an uninvited American swam secretly to her home.

Pakistan making more deadly, deliverable nukes: US think tank

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Washington

Pakistan is likely supplementing or replacing its current uranium-based nuclear weapon arsenal with plutonium-based weapons that will be more destructive and deliverable, says a US think tank. In the last two weeks, Pakistan has sought to turn the public debate over its nuclear programme into a binary choice between Pakistan expanding its programme and Pakistan modernising its programme. Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS) said Thursday reacting to a Washington Post report. The truth, however, is more complex, the Washington based think tank said. "Pakistan is likely supplementing or replacing its current uranium-based nuclear weapon arsenal with plutonium-based weapons which will be more destructive and deliverable." In the wake of North Korea's underground nuclear test, the Post, it noted, had "called Pakistan's imminent development of nuclear-tipped cruise missiles and perhaps thermonuclear weapons a sign of a 'more mature' programme, as if to imply that more destructive nuclear weapons somehow lead to a better nation." "The misuse of language has often occurred in debates over nuclear arsenals, particularly during the Cold War, as adversaries tried to make the horrible look bearable," ISIS said adding, "Words such as 'modernisation' were carefully used to distort the debates over nuclear weapon systems."

Pakistan raises bounty on Fazlullah tenfold

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Islamabad

Reinforcing the belief that Swat Taliban commander Maulana Fazlullah is still alive, the Pakistani government Friday raised the bounty on his head tenfold to a staggering Rs.50 million (\$617,000). Making the announcement in Karachi, Interior Minister Rehman Malik held Fazlullah directly responsible for a mass exodus that has seen some 2.9 million civilians fleeing the military's operations in Swat and two other districts of the North West Frontier Province (NWFP), The News said. Malik also hoped the Swat operation would conclude in four to five weeks, pointing out that once a war starts, there could be no guessing as to when it would conclude. NWFP Interior Minister Iftikhar Hussain had created considerable confusion Thursday by declaring that Fazlullah had been killed in the military operations and simultaneously announcing a bounty of Rs.4 million (\$50,000) on his head. On Friday, the Pakistani military denied reports that Fazlullah had been killed in the

NWFP operations. "High sources in the security forces have denied reports that Maulana Fazlullah had been killed in the ongoing military operations," Geo TV reported. "The security high-ups said that all the militant commanders including Maulana Fazlullah would be either killed or arrested," the channel added. It was Fazlullah's reneging on a controversial peace deal with the NWFP government that had prompted the security forces to go into action April 26 after his fighters moved south from their Swat headquarters to occupy Buner, which is just 100 km from Islamabad. The operations had begun in Lower Dir, the home district of Taliban-backed radical cleric Sufi Muhammad who had brokered the peace accord and who is Fazlullah's father-in-law, and had later spread to Buner and Swat districts. Under the peace accord, the Taliban were to lay down their arms in return for the imposition of Sharia laws in Swat, Buner, Lower Dir and four other districts of the NWFP that are collectively known as the Malakand division.



Pakistani plainclothes policeman inspects the wreckage of a police van following a suicide blast on the outskirts of Peshawar on Thursday. A succession of blasts tore through northwest Pakistan on Thursday, killing 15 people, after the Taliban claimed a deadly attack in Lahore and threatened further mayhem to avenge the offensive.

New Indian ministers take charge

ANI, New Delhi

Newly inducted ministers took charge of their offices in different ministries yesterday. Former United Nations diplomat and writer Shashi Tharoor, who was appointed as the Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs, said he would work towards strengthening India's place in the world. "India's place in the world is of great importance. India has had an honoured place in the world. I wish to make my own contribution to strengthening that very honoured place," said Tharoor. Preeti Kaur also took charge as Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs along with Tharoor. Jairam Ramesh, who took charge as the Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, is also expected to play a crucial role keeping in view the negotiations on global warming which are on agenda later this year. Meanwhile, Kapil Sibal took charge of the Ministry of Human Resource Development. Petroleum Minister Murli Deora and Minister of State for Petroleum Jitin Prasad also took charge of their offices. Fifty-nine new ministers including 14 of the cabinet rank were sworn-in by President Pratibha Patil on Thursday.

35 more militants killed in Afghanistan

AFP, Kabul

The US military said Friday that troops killed 35 militants in clashes and air strikes in Afghanistan, the latest in a recent upsurge of heavy battles in insurgent strongholds across the war-torn country. The fighting erupted Thursday when Afghan and US-led troops came under heavy fire while on patrol in southern Zabul province, the military said. "The combined forces returned fire and requested air support, killing 35 and wounding 13," it said in a statement. The remaining militants fled, and the wounded treated and taken into Afghan army custody, it said. No troops or civilians were reported hurt, the statement said. The military did not say whether the militants were suspected Taliban but fighters from that group operate in Zabul and other southern

provinces. It was impossible to independently confirm details of the clash in Zabul's Daychopan district. The province borders Pakistan's Baluchistan, which is rife with regional insurgency and where attacks have been blamed on Taliban militants. Daychopan is about 150 kilometres (90 miles) from the frontier. Pakistan has since late April pressed a renewed anti-Taliban offensive on its side of the border, which Afghanistan has welcomed, with the defence ministry pledging to cooperate in the fight against Islamist extremists. Fighting linked to a Taliban-led insurgency has picked up there in recent weeks, with rebels stepping up bomb attacks and security forces hitting back with major operations. The Afghan and US militaries also reported heavy fighting Thursday, further east in an area of Paktika province that also borders Baluchistan.

Karunanidhi appoints son as Deputy CM

PTI, Chennai

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M Karunanidhi's son, M K Stalin has been appointed as Deputy Chief Minister. The DMK's patriarch's son is credited with the party's growth in Madurai and adjoining areas while keeping a check on the growth of opposition AIADMK. Political analysts say Azhagiri's elevation to national politics is a tacit move by Karunanidhi to make his younger son M K Stalin, now a minister under him, as the Chief Minister. Azhagiri, who has a good rapport with grass-root level workers, is largely responsible for the party-led alliance's good performance in the just-concluded assembly elections.

UN disarmament forum unlocks global nuclear talks

AFP, Geneva

Nuclear powers broke more than a decade of deadlock on Friday by agreeing to restart talks in the Conference on Disarmament, a UN spokeswoman and diplomats said. The 65 nations in the permanent disarmament negotiating forum, which includes all nuclear weapons states, "agreed on a work plan for 2009," United Nations spokeswoman Elena Pomomareva told journalists. It marked the first time since 1996 that member states had agreed on what they should negotiate, amid conflicting demands for full nuclear disarmament, a ban on the production of bomb-making material and the arms race in outer space. British disarmament ambassador John Duncan called the unanimous decision "a terrific result breaking 12 years worth of deadlock." "As we've been saying we need to move from a decade of deadlock to a decade of decisions, and now we're on the path to making those decisions," he added. Pomomareva said the conference would release a statement shortly. The breakthrough came after a growing number of countries in recent weeks signalled they were ready to support a compromise proposal drawn up by a group of non-nuclear states led by Algeria earlier this month, as well as the thaw in US-Russia relations.

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Nepalese mountaineer Pemba Dorje Sherpa who currently holds the record for the fastest ascent of Everest at eight hours and 10 minutes poses with a statue of Buddha at the summit of Everest on May 19 after climbing from the south face of Nepal. Bad weather conditions forced three Nepalese Sherpa brothers to give up their plans to set a new world record by spending 24 hours in the "death zone" on top of Mount Everest.

World battles to stop spread of swine flu

AFP, Paris

Health authorities around the world battled yesterday to stop the spread of swine flu with schools in Europe closed, while the death toll mounted in Mexico. Even US President Barack Obama's visit to France next week was touched by the epidemic when a US official preparing a visit to the Normandy beaches was stricken by the virus and put in isolation. China reported its first case of domestic infection. Belgian health authorities closed a primary school in a Brussels suburb on Friday after a 10-year boy was found to have the A(H1N1) virus

after a trip to the United States. All pupils in the boy's class and their teachers received treatment, a statement by the government's flu committee said. "All families have been asked to remain at home and monitor the state of their children." The Belgian action came only a day after the elite Eton private school in Britain, which has educated generations of British prime ministers and royals, was ordered to close for a week after a 13-year-old pupil was confirmed as a swine flu carrier. Seventeen other new cases were confirmed in Britain, where a total of 203 people have now been infected.

National University
 Gazipur
Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education		
2	Agency	National University, Gazipur		
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director & Director (P&D), National University		
4	Procuring entity code	Not Applicable		
5	Procuring entity district	Gazipur		
6	Invitation for	Provide Internet Service		
7	Invitation Ref. No	N.U./P&D/227/2008/47		
8	Date	27/05/2009		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement method	Open tendering method		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB		
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Introduction of ICT Course in 10 Post-Graduate Colleges (Pilot)		
14	Tender package no	Not applicable		
15	Tender package name	Not applicable		
16	Tender publication date	29/05/2009		
17	Tender last selling date	15/06/2009		
DATE AND TIME				
18	Tender closing date and time	16/06/2009 12:00noon		
19	Tender opening date and time	16/06/2009 12:30pm		
ADDRESS				
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address: -Selling tender document Project Director, Room No. 212, Academic Bhaban -Receiving tender document Project Director, Room No. 212, Academic Bhaban -Opening tender document Project Director, Room No. 212, Academic Bhaban		
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (Optional)	09 June 2009 at 2-30pm (Room No. 216, Academic Bhaban)		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22	Eligibility of tenderer	Bonded manufacturers/distributors/dealers/agents.		
23	Brief description of goods or works	Installation of Internet Connection with accessories and 2 years services (Dedicated 512 kbps full duplex bandwidth)		
24	Brief description of related services	Not applicable		
25	Price of tender document (non refundable)	Tk. 500/- (five hundred) only		
IDENTIFICATION OF LOT				
26	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in days
27	Provide Internet Service	National University and 10 Colleges in Bangladesh	5,000/- (in favour of Project Director, Introduction of ICT Course in 10 Post-Graduate Colleges (Pilot), National University)	15 (Fifteen) days
OFFICIAL INVITING TENDER				
27	Name of official inviting tender	Anupam Md. Zahid Sharafee		
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director & Director (P&D)		
29	Address of official inviting tender	National University		
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. 9291069		
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			

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বিজ্ঞপ্তি
 বাংলাদেশ স্ট্যান্ডার্ডস এন্ড টেস্টিং ইনস্টিটিউশন (বিএসটিআই) জাতীয় মান সংস্থা (National Standards Body)। বিএসটিআই'র মান উইং পণ্যের মান প্রণয়নের কার্যক্রম করে থাকে। মান উইং এর আওতাধীন ৬টি বিভাগীয় কমিটি ও ৭৩টি কারিগরি কমিটির মাধ্যমে জাতীয় মান প্রণয়নের কার্যক্রম পরিচালিত হয়। সরকারি, আধা-সরকারি ও স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রতিনিধি, বণিক সমিতি, ক্যাব ও বিভিন্ন এসোসিয়েশনের প্রতিনিধি, বিজ্ঞানী, প্রকৌশলী, প্রযুক্তিবিদ, বিশেষজ্ঞসহ পণ্যের উৎপাদনকারী ও ব্যবহারকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রতিনিধির সমন্বয়ে এ সকল কমিটি গঠিত। বিএসটিআই ১৯৭৪ সাল থেকে আন্তর্জাতিক মান সংস্থা (আইএসও) এর সদস্য।
 বিএসটিআই সাধারণত আন্তর্জাতিক মান ও বিদেশী মান এর সহায়তায় জাতীয় মান প্রণয়ন করে থাকে। বিএসটিআই'র মান উইং এর কর্মকর্তাগণ বিভাগীয় কমিটি ও কারিগরি কমিটিসমূহের সার্বিক দায়িত্ব পালন করেন।
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