

# US asks Pakistan to keep up Waziristan offensive

## Shootouts leave 11 dead in Pak tribal belt

ANI, AFP, Islamabad

In a bid to ensure that Islamabad doesn't call off or delay its military offensive in Waziristan following the reported death of Baitullah Mehsud, the United States has told Pakistan to continue fighting the war on terror in the tribal areas.

"The Obama administration is pleased over the death of Baitullah Mehsud, but it is against any decision by Islamabad to delay the South Waziristan offensive for long or call it off," The Nation quoted a diplomatic source, as saying.

Pakistan, however, wants to continue with its current policy of weakening the

militants in Waziristan through air strikes and then follow it with ground offensive.

On Saturday, Pakistan's Interior Minister Rehman Malik has said that Baitullah Mehsud had died in a US missile strike on Wednesday, while his close aide Hakimullah Mehsud was killed in a shootout that broke out on Friday between potential successors.

Pakistani security forces are hoping to defeat the weakened Taliban easily.

"We believe the Taliban in South Waziristan are in disarray and if they couldn't do away with their differences it would be of great advantage to the Pakistani security forces as their objective

would be achieved without any offensive," an official said.

However, if the Taliban retaliated strongly contrary to our expectations and once again there was a surge in suicide bombings and subversive acts then the operation could be launched soon to eliminate the terrorists, he added.

Meanwhile, at least 11 people, most of them militants, were killed in shootouts in Pakistan's northwest, where the army has been engaged in battles against the Taliban, officials said yesterday.

The incidents took place in the restive northwestern town of Bannu and the tribal region of Mohmand near the Afghan border.



Pakistani families, displaced by the military operation against the Taliban, wait for transport to return home from a camp in Karachi on Saturday. An army spokesman claimed that nearly 100,000 families have returned to Swat.

### News in Brief

#### Baluch rebels kill 4 Pak cops

AFP, Quetta

Separatist rebels shot dead four more policemen and threatened to execute other hostages unless Pakistan withdraws troops and releases detainees in south-western Baluchistan, police said Sunday.

"The bodies of four more policemen were found early Sunday. They had been shot dead overnight," senior police official Kalim Ullah told AFP.

On August 4 the bullet-riddled bodies of four policemen were found in the same area and a spokesman for a separatist group claimed they had been killed to press for the withdrawal of troops and the release of detainees.

#### Kazakh journalist jailed

AFP, Almaty

A Kazakh journalist was Saturday sentenced to three years in prison for divulging state secrets in a ruling slammed by media rights groups who accuse the Central Asian state of stifling press freedom. Interfax reported.

Ramzan Essergenov, chief editor of the newspaper Alma-Ata Info, was sentenced by a court sitting in closed session over an article in which he questioned whether the ex-Soviet republic was ruled by the president or the secret service.

#### 8 killed in Yemen clashes

AFP, Sanaa

Eight gunmen were killed in clashes in northern Yemen between Zaidi Shia rebels and Sunni hardliners amid continuing tension between the rebels and the authorities, local sources said on Saturday.

The overnight fighting between rebels and tribesmen described as Salafists took place in the border area of Baqim, north of the restive Saada region, which is the rebels' main bastion, sources close to the rebels said.



Indian Railways Minister Mamata Banerjee (R) gestures as she attends a 'face to face' interaction programme in Kolkata on Saturday. Bengali vernacular daily Sangbad Pratidin organised the programme on the 18th birth anniversary of the newspaper, attended by people of various walks of life.

## LTTE network shattered forever: Lanka

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Colombo

The possibility of the Tamil Tigers regrouping again has been 'thwarted completely' with the arrest of their new leader Kumaran Pathmanathan, Sri Lankan Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa said in remarks published yesterday.

According to Rajapaksa, Pathmanathan, better known as KP, was arrested in an Asian country and flown to Colombo on the night of Aug 6.

"The arrest of the LTTE mastermind KP has thwarted completely the possibilities of LTTE raising its ugly head again," Rajapaksa was quoted as saying by the state-run Sunday Observer.

KP took over the leadership of the Liberation Tigers of

Tamil Eelam (LTTE) after the military crushed it militarily in May and killed its founder leader Velupillai Prabhakaran.

According to Rajapaksa, the arrest of KP was a result of hard work done for nearly two months with the help of several countries. "Every detail was carefully monitored to take this 'prize catch'."

"Pathmanathan was busy re-establishing the LTTE. He even went to the extent of forming a 'transnational' government. However, the timely and the prompt action (has shattered) all his plans," Rajapaksa said.

He also hailed several countries for their help in the arrest of KP who for years presided over a covert network from foreign countries that kept the LTTE supplied with arms and ammunition.

## Pakistan challenges Taliban to prove Mehsud is alive

ANI, London

Pakistan's Interior Minister Rehman Malik has challenged the Taliban to prove that their top leaders-Baitullah Mehsud and Hakimullah Mehsud - are still alive.

"If Baitullah Mehsud is alive, or Hakimullah is alive, why don't they bring out a video. Every telephone has a camera on it. They can just get one out and show people that they are alive. I challenge them," BBC quoted Malik, as saying.

Malik said that Pakistan's enemy no. 1 had died in a US missile strike on Wednesday, while his close aide Hakimullah Mehsud was

killed in a shootout that broke out on Friday between potential successors.

"The day before yesterday, there was credible information coming from inside the area that Baitullah Mehsud had been killed. This credible information had come right from sources based in South Waziristan, and particularly in Ladhia," he said, adding that officials had non-physical evidence to prove that Mehsud was dead.

Malik said Hakimullah Mehsud and Waliur Rehman, the other leader allegedly involved in the shootout, had long been hostile towards each other.

## Taliban unlikely to hold talks with Afghan govt

### Four British, Afghan soldiers killed in attacks

AFP, Kabul

The Taliban have no trust in the Western-backed Afghan government and no immediate incentive to accept calls for talks which could stop their insurgency dragging on for decades, analysts say.

President Hamid Karzai has made peace a pillar of his campaign for re-election at polls in 10 days' time. As Western militaries lose record numbers of soldiers in Afghanistan, Nato powers have backed talks as an option.

But eight years after the 2001 US-led inva-

sion ousted the Taliban, critics say there is no workable strategy for negotiations and rapprochement with "moderates" would still leave hardline Islamist militants directing attacks.

Meanwhile, a British soldier and three Afghan troops have been killed in suspected insurgent bomb blasts in southern Afghanistan, the military said Sunday, as security forces braced for the August 20 elections.

The British soldier, who was serving with Nato's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), was killed by an improvised explosive device (IED) Saturday, ISAF said in a statement.

## Suu Kyi faces new trial uncertainty

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi faces fresh uncertainty this week over her internationally condemned trial, with her US co-defendant's illness threatening to further delay the verdict.

A prison court is scheduled to hand down judgment on Nobel Peace laureate Suu Kyi

and American John Yettaw when it meets on Tuesday for what was expected to be the final episode in the nearly three-month-long legal imbroglio.

But diplomats and officials said it could be postponed once again because Yettaw -- who sparked the case by swimming to her lakeside home in May -- remains in hospital after suffering repeated epileptic seizures.



Pakistani Muslims and Christians protest during a march in Karachi on Saturday over the killing of Christians.

## Sylhet Mayor attack

FROM PAGE 16

Uddin Ahmed Kamran. The judge fixed the date as the prosecution lawyers urged for charge framing against them.

Police produced the Huji chief Mufti Abdul Hannan and four of his accomplices before the court yesterday, but failed to produce the other accused - Humayun Kabir Himu as he was still at large.

The judge also ordered for publishing court notification with the new date in the newspapers declaring Himu absconding.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) submitted charge sheet on November 6 last year against six Huji men for the grenade attack.

Investigation officer (IO) of

the case Inspector Shamim Ur Rashid Pir of CID filed the charge sheet with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's court of Sylhet acquitting seven in the case (dropping seven of them).

The six charge-sheeted accused in the case are Mufti Abdul Hannan, his brother Muhibullah alias Mofizul Islam alias Ovi, Mufti Main Uddin alias Abu Zandal, Sharif Shahedul Alam Bipul, Delwar Hossain Ripon and Humayun Kabir Himu.

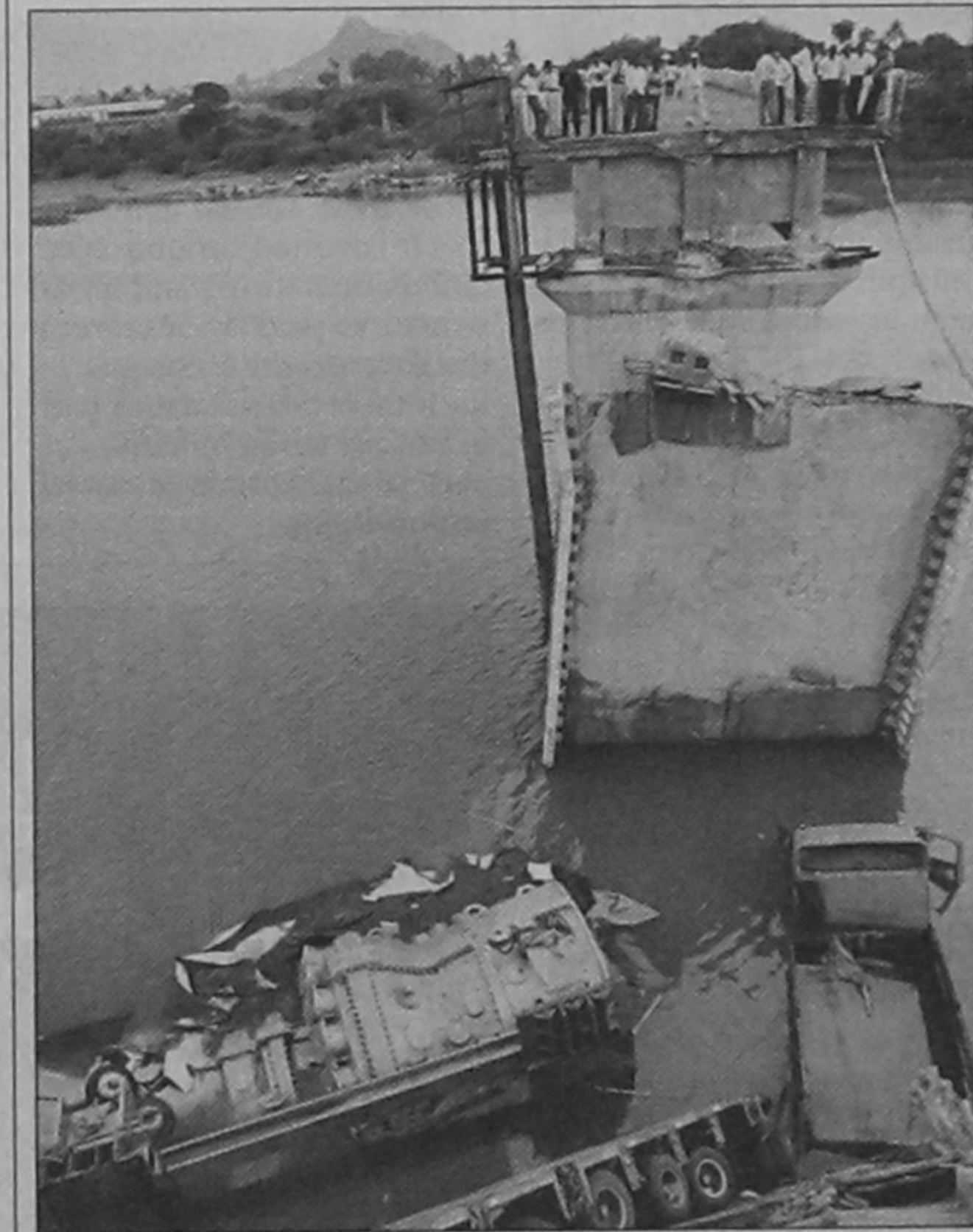
The people who were dropped from the charge sheet are Fokhrul Islam Fahim, Badol Miah, Kabir Hossain, Abdul Quaiyum, Badrul Alam Mizan, Hafiz Nayeem Ahmed Arif and Ahsan Ullah Kajol. Meantime,

Kajol had died.

All the charge sheeted had been in the jail hajat except Himu. Another accused Fokhrul Islam Fahim was not charged since his whereabouts could not be ascertained, the IO mentioned in the charge sheet.

He said on receiving information about his whereabouts Fahim would be charged through a supplementary charge sheet.

On December 2, 2005, criminals hurled a grenade at the mayor around 10:00pm as he was inaugurating a badminton tournament in Sylhet's Tilagarh area. The grenade fell five feet short of the mayor and failed to explode.



Officials from the Ahmedabad Fire and Emergency Services stand on the edge of a collapsed bridge after a 138-wheel truck-trailer carrying electrical equipment for a power station plunged into the River Shetrunji at Talaja town, some 270km from Ahmedabad on Saturday.

## Bangabandhu

FROM PAGE 1 Mujibur Rahman was killed along with most of his family members by a band of army men.

"We've already instructed the attorney general's office to take necessary steps to get the hearing of Bangabandhu killing case started before August 15," the law minister told reporters in his secretariat office last afternoon.

He said concise statements on the present status of the case will be submitted to the Appellate Division of SC in a day or two for starting the hearings.

There is no hindrance to constituting a bench of the Appellate Division by the chief justice for hearing the appeals following recent appointments of four judges to the apex court, he said, adding that the government will also take necessary steps for repatriation of the convicted who are hiding abroad.

The case is now at the final stage, he said, hoping that it will

not take too long to bring the adjudication to the finality, as the trial court and two High Court (HC) benches already delivered their verdicts.

He said reinvestigation of the case will not be necessary.

Five of the 12 convicted in the case -- dismissed army personnel, Lt Col Syed Farooqur Rahman, Lt Col Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, Lt Col Muhiuddin Ahmed, Maj AKM Mahiuddin Ahmed, and Maj Bazul Huda -- are now in jail. One already died, while the other six are hiding abroad.

The five convicted filed separate appeals with the apex court in the last week of October 2007 against their death sentences pronounced by the HC.

A special bench of the Appellate Division comprised of Justice Tafazzal Islam, Justice Md Joyul Abedin, and Justice Md Hassan Ameen on September 23, 2007 granted the leave to appeal petitions filed by them.



### ন্যাশনাল টিউবস লিমিটেড

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১) বাণিজ্য (স্থানীয় ক্রয়)- ০৬/০৯-১০ তারিখ ০৯-০৮-০৯	জিংক ইনগট (১০ মেঃ টন)	টঃ ১৫,০০০/- (পনের হাজার)	টঃ ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) মাত্র	২৪-০৮-২০০৯ তারিখ সকাল ১১-১৫ ঘটিকায় টেন্ডার বাস্তব বন্ধ হইবে এবং একই তারিখে সকাল ১১-৩০ ঘটিকায় খোলা হইবে।

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### Invitation for Tenders

1	Agency	Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)
2	Procuring Entity Name	Office of the Manager (Procurement & Contract Management), DESCO
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
4	Invitation for	Works and Related Services
5	Tender Nos	14/2009 and 15/2009
6	Invitation Ref No.	(i) DESCO/Procurement/Local Tender/2009/608 (ii) DESCO/Procurement/Local Tender/2009/609
7	Date	09/08/2009

### KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method
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### FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Budget and Source of Funds	DESCO's own fund
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### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10	Tender Name	(i) Procurement of Civil Construction Works and Related Services against Tender No. 14/2009 Lot-1: Extension & repairing of boundary wall at Baridhara Sales and Distribution Division. Lot-2: Construction of Tin-shed at Plot-1/Ka, Avenue-5, Block-C, Mirpur Section-6. (ii) Procurement of Civil Construction Works and Related Services against Tender No. 15/2009. Viz. Construction of boundary fencing, office shed and developing land for storage facility at Purbachal.
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Tender Last Selling Date, Closing & Opening Date and Time	Tender No	Last Selling Date	Closing & Opening Date	Closing Time	Opening Time
11		14/2009	07/09/2009	08/09/2009	12.00 Noon
		15/2009	08/09/2009	09/09/2009	12.00 Noon

12	Name & Address of the office for selling Tender Document, receiving & opening tender	Selling	Receiving & Opening
		Office of Deputy General Manager (Finance & Accounts), DESCO, House # 3 (4 <sup>th</sup> floor), Road # 24, Block - K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka - 1213.	Office of the Manager (Procurement & Contract Management), DESCO, House # 3 (5 <sup>th</sup> floor), Road # 24, Block - K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka - 1213.

### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

13	Eligibility of Tenderer	Contractors of Civil works having valid trade license, TIN & VAT registration from concerned authority of Bangladesh.
14	Brief Description of goods/works	Detail described in tender document.
15	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 500/- (Taka Five Hundred) only for each Lot of Tender No. 14/2009 and Tk. 5,000/- (Taka Five Thousand) only for Tender No. 15/2009 payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favor of 'Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)'
16	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Tk. 20,000/- (Taka Twenty Thousand) only for Each Lot of Tender No. 14/2009 and Tk. 3,60,000/- (Taka Three Lac Sixty Thousand) only for Tender No. 15/2009 (Payable in the form of Bank Guarantee/Bank draft/Pay order in favor of 'Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited, DESCO')
17	Work Completion Period	For tender no. 14/2009, within 04 (four) months and for tender no. 15/2009, within 06 (six) months from the date of signing of contract.
18	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

Khandaker Najibul Alam  
Manager (Procurement & CM)