



Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) activists shout slogans in Srinagar yesterday during a protest against May's double rape and murder case in Shopian. Authorities in Kashmir announced a 40,000 USD reward for information in the rapes and murders of a 17-year-old girl and her 22-year-old sister-in-law, found on May 30 in a stream, which triggered widespread anti-India protests in the Muslim-majority Kashmir valley after family members accused security forces of being directly involved.

US missile slams into car killing 4 Pak militants

AFP, Miranshah

A US missile slammed into a car killing four militants at dawn yesterday in Pakistan's remote tribal belt near the Afghan border in the third attack in a week, Pakistani officials said.

The strike from a suspected US spy plane was similar to an August 5 attack that killed Baitullah Mehsud, the head of Pakistan's Taliban organisation and suspected al-Qaeda facilitator who had a five-million-dollar price on his head.

It was the third such strike since last Monday in North Waziristan, where militants linked to Taliban and al-Qaeda are said to have sanctuaries in Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal belt that snakes the

border with Afghanistan.

The drone fired a missile into a militant vehicle in Toori Khel village, the Pakistani officials said.

"Four militants were killed," a local government official said, requesting anonymity. Another security official said four people were wounded.

"Two of the militants killed in the vehicle were believed to be foreigners," added the same security official. The word "foreigners" is official jargon in Pakistan for al-Qaeda militants.

"The missile was fired from a US drone," he said.

Residents said the vehicle was parked outside a building and was preparing to leave when it exploded in a fireball in a massive blast.

"We were sleeping in our home after saying dawn prayers when we heard a huge blast. Children started screaming and we thought it landed in our home," local resident Haider Khan told AFP by telephone.

"Later on, I found out it landed about 500 metres (yards) away," he added.

"Its occupants died and four others, who were apparently there to see them off, were wounded," said Ameerullah Khan, telling AFP by telephone that he lived a "two-minute drive" from the site of the strike.

"I saw from the roof of my home the blown-up car. Flames continued to rage for almost half an hour after the strike," he added.

Obama aides meet Dalai Lama

AFP, Dharamshala

Senior aides to US President Barack Obama held talks with the Dalai Lama Monday ahead of the Tibetan leader's scheduled trip to the US next month, a Dalai Lama spokesman said.

Three US officials, headed by White House adviser Valerie Jarrett, are in Dharamshala, India, where the Tibetan government in exile has its headquarters.

"The delegation from the United States met with the Dalai Lama," spokesman Tenzin Taklha told AFP.

He declined to give any other information on the two-hour long talks.

The delegation is the highest-level official US group to travel to Dharamshala since March 2008, when US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi met the Dalai Lama here following a wave of unrest in Tibet.



Senior Adviser to the US President and Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Relations and Public Liaison Valerie Jarrett (L) speaks with the Tibetan parliament-in-exile Deputy Speaker Gyari Dolma (C) as US Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs Maria Otero (R) looks on at Gaggal Airport yesterday. The visiting delegation, which spent two hours with Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama at his residence, is the highest-level official US group to travel to Dharamshala since March 2008, when US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi met the Dalai Lama here following a wave of unrest in Tibet.



PHOTO: AFP

One hundred and seven year-old Malaysian woman Wook Kunder sits outside her house in Malaysia's northern Kuala Terengganu state on Sunday.

107-year-old woman seeks 23rd hubby

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

A 107-year-old Malaysian woman says she is ready to marry for the 23rd time because she fears her current drug addict husband might leave her for a younger woman, a report said yesterday.

Wook Kunder made headlines four years ago when she married Muhammad Noor Che Musa, a man 70 years her junior in northern Terengganu state, with pictures of the couple's wedding splashed across regional newspapers.

But Wook is now looking for new love as she fears that Muhammad, 37, who is undergoing voluntary drug rehabilitation treatment in the capital Kuala Lumpur, will leave her once the programme ends, she told the Star newspaper.

Sharif will not demand Musharraf's trial

ANI, Lahore

Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz has assured former president Pervez Musharraf that Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) chief Nawaz Sharif will not demand a treason trial for him under Article 6 of the constitution.

Musharraf said he would demand that all the judges of the superior judiciary who had approved his steps also be tried for treason if the govern-

Pak stampede kills 20 women, children

AFP, Karachi

A stampede killed up to 20 women and children when charity workers handed out free flour on Monday to the poor in a crowded neighbourhood of Pakistan's financial capital Karachi, officials said.

"We have so far received 20 bodies of women and girls while the injured are more than 30," Amin Khan, an official in Civil Hospital Karachi, told AFP.

Karachi city police chief Wasim Ahmed said at least 18 women and children died in the stampede with dozens of others injured.

Pakistani groups still active against India

Says Chidambaram

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

The 26/11 Mumbai terror strikes were a 'game-changer', Home Minister P Chidambaram said Monday while stressing that Pakistan-based groups like the Lashker-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) persisted in their attempts to attack India.

"The attacks in Mumbai on 26 November 2008 were a

NEWS IN BRIEF

Taiwan ex-leader appeals sentence

AFP, Taipei

Taiwan's former president Chen Shui-bian on Monday filed an appeal against his corruption conviction three days after he was sentenced to life in jail, an aide said.

Chen was convicted Friday by the Taipei District Court for taking bribes, embezzling state funds and forging documents among other charges, at the climax of a court drama that gripped the island's 23 million people.

His wheelchair-bound wife Wu Shu-chen was also given a life term on graft charges.

UK soldier killed in Afghanistan

AFP, London

A British soldier died from a gunshot wound sustained while on a foot patrol in southern Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence said Monday.

The soldier, from the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, was on patrol in Babaji District in violence-torn Helmand province on Sunday when he was hit. His family have been informed.

The death raised the number of British servicemen killed in Afghanistan since 2001 to 214.

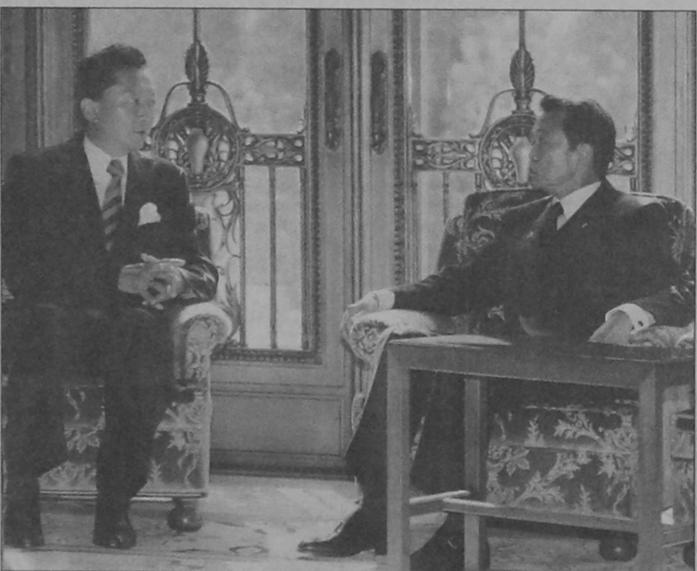
Three killed in Iraq attacks

AFP, Baquba

Three people were killed and five wounded, one of them a three-year-old child, in attacks in Baghdad and in Diyala province to its north, security officials said on Monday.

One man died on Monday when a roadside bomb struck his car in Bohruz district, five kilometres (three miles) south of the Diyala provincial capital Baquba, said an officer from the city's operation command headquarters, which comprises army and police.

The victim's three-year-old son was wounded, the officer said.



Japan's premier-elect Yukio Hatoyama (L) holds talks with outgoing Prime Minister Taro Aso at the National Diet in Tokyo yesterday. Hatoyama met with Aso, the conservative leader he ousted in landmark elections, hoping to ensure a smooth transition of government tomorrow.

Japan's outgoing PM bids successor 'good luck'

AFP, Tokyo

Japan's outgoing prime minister Taro Aso, ousted in recent elections, offered some brief advice to his successor during a meeting Monday on this week's change of government: "Good luck."

During their 20-minute talk, Aso also urged Yukio Hatoyama not to make any mistakes that could harm Japan's economy or national security, according to local media reports quoting officials present at the meeting.

Hatoyama, 62, who takes over as premier on Wednesday, is due to travel next week to the United States to attend a global meeting on climate change, the UN

Abdullah calls for polls run-off against Karzai

AFP, Kabul

President Hamid Karzai's main rival for the Afghan presidency called Monday for a run-off to ensure that the winner of the country's fraudulent election is the legitimate choice of voters.

Abdullah Abdullah, trailing Karzai with nearly all the votes counted from the August 20 presidential election, said a two-man run-off would ensure the winner had credibility and the poll itself was fair.

"The faith of the people in the process will be restored" by a run-off, the former foreign minister told AFP in an interview.

"It will be to the benefit of

Maoists active in 20 of India's 28 states

AFP, New Delhi

India's Maoist insurgency has spread to 20 of the country's 28 provinces, Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram said yesterday, flagging it as a major security challenge for his government.

Opening a three-day meeting of top police officials in New Delhi, Chidambaram said 1,405 incidents of left-wing violence had claimed 580 lives so far this year across the country.

"Left-wing extremism purports to be a radical form of communism. Today, various groups adhering to this outdated ideology have their pockets of influence in 20 states across the country," Chidambaram warned.

The guerrillas, whose shadowy leadership is based in the dense forests of central India's Chhattisgarh state, were refining their tactics and acquiring advanced military hardware, Chidambaram added.

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Revised Price Sensitive Information

This is for information of all concerned that in conformity with letter No. SEC/CFD/6:18/99/Part-111/551 dated 07.9.2009 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Board of Directors of National Credit and Commerce Bank Ltd. in its 198th meeting held on 14.9.2009 at the Head Office of the Company has recommended as follows:

- The Board has recommended to issue Rights share @ 1(one) Right share for every 2(two) shares of Tk.100.00 each, held by the Shareholders at par, subject to approval by the Shareholders in the Bank's Sixth Extra Ordinary General Meeting (EGM).
- The Record Date for the EGM was Sunday, the September 13, 2009 as notified earlier.
- Another Record Date shall be given immediately after getting approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the Rights Issue of Shares as per Securities and Exchange Commission (Rights Issue) Rules, 2006 for determination of entitlement of Right Share. The Shareholders whose names will appear in the Register of Members of the Company on that Record Date will be entitled to the proposed Right Shares.

2. TO CANCEL CATEGORIZATION OF BANK'S SHARE AND ACCORDINGLY AMENDMENTS OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE BANK.

(To comply with the decision taken on the issue in SEC's meeting held with Bangladesh Association of Banks, Association of Bankers Bangladesh, Bangladesh Bank and Controller of Insurance on 24.06.2008 as communicated vide SEC's Circular Letter No.SEC/CMRRC/95-114/677 dated 10.07.2008 through DSE's letter No. DSE-LC-267/2008/5026 dated 01.9.2008 and subsequent SEC's letter No.SEC/CFD/6:18/99/part-111/551 dated 07.09.2009)

Article - 4 of the Articles of Association (Capital)	Existing Sub-Article 4.1	Proposed Amendment
	The shares in the Company shall be held by the following groups of shareholders;	It is proposed that the existing Sub-Article 4.1 of the Articles of Association of the Company be amended by abolishing the Shareholding percentage by different Groups of shareholders and after amendment, the Sub-Article 4.1 to read as follows:
	i. GROUP-A- Bangladeshi Sponsors/ Directors ----- 50%	The shares in the Company shall be held by the following groups of shareholders;
	ii. GROUP-B- Government of Bangladesh and public sector financial institutions ----- Nil	i. GROUP-A-Bangladeshi Sponsors/Directors- No percentage Restriction
	iii. GROUP-C- General Public ----- 50%	ii. GROUP-B- Government of Bangladesh and public sector financial institutions ----- Nil
		iii. GROUP-C- General Public ----- No percentage Restriction

3. Venue, Date & Time : "Celebrity Hall" of Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC), of the 6th EGM (previously Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre) Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka on 14th October 2009 at 11.00 a.m.

It is proposed that these amendments be incorporated in and become integral part of the Articles of Association of the Company and the amended Articles of Association of the Company incorporating the above amendments be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company.

By order of the Board of Directors
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Md. Tarikul Alam
Company Secretary

Dated: Dhaka, September 14, 2009

Pakistan sacks 700 policemen who failed to show up for work

AFP, Peshawar

Pakistani authorities sacked more than 700 police who failed to show up for work after they were threatened by a militant leader in the famed Khyber tribal region, an official said Monday.

"A total of 715 Khasadar (tribal policemen) refused to report to duty after a threat by a militant leader. I have terminated their service," Tariq Hayat, the top administrative official in the tribal district, told AFP.

Until last week, there were about 2,500 tribal police in Khyber. Hundreds of them in the lawless district that borders Afghanistan were given 24 hours' notice to report but 715 failed to do so, the senior official said.