



PHOTO: AFP  
Internally displaced Pakistani tribesmen, who fled military operations against Taliban militants in South Waziristan, climb on a vehicle as they leave after receiving relief supplies at a distribution point in Dera Ismail Khan on Friday.

## US requests doubling of its diplomats in Pakistan

ANI, Islamabad

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry has informed the National Assembly's Sub-Committee on Human Rights that the United States has requested to raise the strength of its diplomats in Pakistan to 749, adding fuel to speculations that America was seeking to play a much larger role in the country through its Islamabad embassy, which is already under massive overhaul.

"At present, 379 US diplomats are working at the US embassy. They want to raise their strength to 749 and have

applied for 200 more visas," The Daily Times quoted a Pakistan Foreign Ministry official as having told the sub-committee.

The Ministry officials also told the body that the Foreign Office had extended the visas of 432 US nationals during last year.

It also highlighted that the strength of US diplomats in India and Russia is 325 and 560 respectively.

Questions are being raised over the motives behind the massive expansion work on the US embassy, which is nearing completion in Islamabad.

According to an estimate, Washington is planning to spend a whopping one billion dollars for revamping its main embassy building in Islamabad and increase the strength of its staff.

The Obama Administration is about to spend 405 million dollars for the reconstruction and refurbishment of the main embassy building and 111 million dollars for constructing a new complex for 330 personnel. A further 197 million dollars would be spent for construction of a housing unit for about 250 personnel.

### News in Brief

#### India remembers Indira Gandhi

ANI, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and chief of Congress party Sonia Gandhi paid homage to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on her 25th death anniversary yesterday. Special prayer meetings were also organised on the occasion.

Rahul Gandhi and India's vice president Hamid Ansari also paid floral tribute at the memorial in national capital New Delhi.

#### 13 killed in China bus accident

AFP, Beijing

Thirteen people were killed and 41 injured in northern China when a bus plunged off a mountain road into a valley, state-run Xinhua news agency reported yesterday.

The accident occurred Friday afternoon in Shanxi province as the bus wound along a mountainous highway near the city of Yangquan, the report said.

It said ten passengers died on the spot while three others succumbed to injuries as they were being taken to hospital.

#### Suu Kyi supports US policy

AP, Yangon

Detained opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi is aware of an upcoming visit by two American officials and supports the new US policy of engaging with Myanmar's military rulers, her lawyer said yesterday.

Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell and a deputy will be in Myanmar, also known as Burma, for a two-day visit beginning Tuesday and are scheduled to meet with the government and the opposition, including Suu Kyi.

The trip is part of a new US policy that reverses the Bush administration's shunning of Myanmar in favour of direct, high-level talks with a country that has been ruled by the military since 1962.

Campbell will be continuing talks he began in September in New York with senior Myanmar officials, the first such high-level contact in nearly a decade.

## Troops kill 33 militants in Pak street battles

### 7 soldiers die in bomb attack

AFP, Islamabad/Peshawar

Pakistani troops killed 33 militants but faced mortar fire and street battles as they pressed an offensive against Taliban and foreign extremists yesterday, the military said.

No information provided by the army can be verified because communication lines are down and journalists and aid workers are barred from access to the area on the wild Afghan border.

The latest casualties reported in a military statement bring to 297 the total number of insurgents reported killed since the operation was launched in the mountainous tribal terrain of South Waziristan on October 17.

Earlier a bomb killed seven Pakistani soldiers and

wounded 11 others Saturday, officials said after US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton warned al-Qaeda is at the core of the country's terrorist threat.

"Seven paramilitary soldiers were killed and 11 were wounded in the remote-control bomb attack," Shafirullah Khan, the top administrative official in the northwestern tribal district of Khyber, told AFP by telephone.

The Frontier Corps later issued a statement confirming that seven of its members had "embraced martyrdom". It gave their names and said they died in an improvised explosive device blast.

Military and security officials in nearby Peshawar city said two vehicles carrying rations for Pakistani troops

were destroyed in the explosion, which occurred about 15km west of Peshawar.

Seventeen militants were killed and two soldiers injured when government troops surrounded the town of Karama, a stronghold and training centre of Uzbek militants, the military said.

"Fierce fighting is going on between security forces and foreign terrorists present in the area," it said.

In nearby Kanigurram, troops were facing stiff resistance, including mortar fire, the statement added.

"Fighting in streets is going on and house to house search is in progress. Terrorists have converted the houses into strong bunkers and are holding towers in strength and with snipers," it said.

## Lanka police beat suspect to death before TV cameras

AFP, Colombo

A man who jumped into the Indian ocean to escape arrest drowned after being badly beaten by Sri Lankan police in the water in front of a large crowd and television cameras, police said yesterday.

The 26-year-old motor mechanic was pursued by a policeman after he pelted stones at passing trains in the seafront Bambalapitiya area of Colombo on Thursday.

"The victim had been beaten and prevented from reaching the shore, resulting in his drowning," police spokesman Nimal Mediawaka said. "The constable has been arrested by the Crimes Division."

Television viewers watched with horror on Friday night footage of the man being chased by the policeman and another unidentified man who beat him with sticks until he collapsed in the water and drowned.

## India accuses Pakistan of Kashmir truce violation

AFP, Srinagar

The Indian army accused Pakistan of a ceasefire violation along the de facto border dividing Kashmir between the two nations after a gunbattle left two militant infiltrators dead.

The two died Thursday evening during a fierce gunbattle with Indian soldiers along the Line of Control (LOC) in northern Keran sector, army spokesman J.S. Brar said.

"Simultaneously some 14 mortar shells were fired from across the LOC at our positions," Brar said in a statement, terming it a ceasefire violation by the Pakistani soldiers.

"A flag meeting (with Pakistanis) has been sought by us to convey our concerns in no uncertain terms regarding the ceasefire violation that occurred last night," Brar said.

India in the past has accused the Pakistani army of providing 'covering fire' for infiltrating militants. Islamabad denies the charge.

"By killing the militants we have foiled a major infiltration attempt," Brar said, adding that one of the slain militants was carrying a Pakistani army identity card.

"It has been sent to higher headquarters in New Delhi for

detailed analysis," the spokesman said.

India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars over mainly Muslim Kashmir, held in part by each country but claimed in full by both.

They agreed to a ceasefire along the Line of Control in 2003 and launched a peace process in 2004. Since then there have been sporadic small clashes with both sides accusing each other of violating the ceasefire.

Violence has sharply declined since the start of the peace process.

An insurgency against New Delhi's rule in Indian Kashmir has raged since 1989.

Meanwhile, thousands of Kashmiris chanting "We want freedom" and "Allah is great" Friday held an anti-India rally in the northern town of Baramulla, an AFP photographer said.

The demonstrators, many carrying green Islamic flags, were led by hardline separatist leader Syed Ali Geelani.

Geelani spurned Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's recent offer of talks, saying until New Delhi declares Kashmir a "disputed territory" no dialogue would be held. He also demanded Pakistan's involvement in the talks.

## TENDER NOTICE

1	Agency	ICDDR,B					
2	Procuring Entity Name	ICDDR,B					
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka					
4	Invitation for	Printer & Printer Cartridge, Computer Accessories, Photocopier Accessories , Fax Machine, Drugs, Hospital Supplies, Chemicals & Laboratory Supplies and Stationery & Office Supplies					
5	Invitation Ref No & Date	IHP/ICDDR,B/P&M-09/01, 02, 03 & 18					
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)					
7	Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh (GoB)					
8	Project (If applicable)	Improved Health for the Poor: Health, Nutrition and Population Research Project, Project ID # GR-00410					
9	Tender Package Number & Name	Package No. 01: Printer & Printer Cartridge, Computer Accessories, Photocopier Accessories and Fax Machine Package No. 02: Drugs and Hospital Supplies Package No. 03: Stationery and Office Supplies Package No. 04: Chemicals & Laboratory Supplies					
10	Mode of Payment	Credit					
11	Tender Publication Date	November 01, 2009					
12	Tender Last Selling Date	November 12, 2009					
13	Tender Closing Date and Time	November 15, 2009	Time: 11:00 Hours				
14	Tender Opening Date and Time	November 15, 2009	Time: 12:00 Hours				
15	Name & Address of the office(s)	Addresses					
	- Selling Tender Document	Finance Cash Counter-2, Ground Floor of IPH Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.					
	- Receiving Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.					
	- Opening Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.					
16	Pre-tender Meeting	Pre-Tender meeting will be held on <b>November 10, 2009</b> at 10.00 AM in the Finance Conference Room, Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.					
17	Eligibility of Tenderer	(i) The tenderers shall be Sole Agent/ Sole Distributor and Re-seller for Package No.09/01 (ii) Manufacturer/Distributor / Genuine Supplier/bidders for Packages Nos. 09/02, 09/03, 09/18 (iii) All prices shall be on Local Currency (Taka) (iv) Tender may submit price quotation either for individual lot for any combination of lots and prices quoted shall correspond to 100% of the items and quantities specified for each lot.					
18	Identification of Packages, Lots, Tender Security, Completion Time and Price of Tender Document						
	Pkg. No.	Lot No.	Identification	Location	Tender Security Amount in BDT (by Pay Order/Bank Guarantee)	Completion Time	Price of Tender Document (in cash)
	Pkg.- 09/01	Lot-1 Lot-2 Lot-3 Lot-4	Printer & Printer Cartridge Computer Accessories Photocopier Accessories Fax Machine	ICDDR,B, 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani Mohakhali, Dhaka - 1212 Bangladesh	Lot-1 for Tk 5,000 Lot-2 for Tk 2,500 Lot-3 for Tk 7,000 Lot-4 for Tk 1,000	30 ( thirty) days from date of award of Contract.	Tk. 1,000
	Pkg.- 09/02	Lot-1 Lot-2	Drugs Hospital Supplies		Lot-1 for Tk 4,000 Lot-2 for Tk 20,000		Tk. 1,000
	Pkg.- 09/03		Stationery & Office Supplies		Tk 15,000		Tk. 1,000
	Pkg.- 09/18		Chemicals & Lab. Supplies		Tk 35,000		Tk. 1,000
19	Name of Official Inviting Tender				Syed Saiful Hasan, FCMA		
20	Designation of Official Inviting Tender				Sr. Manager, P&M, Finance Department, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka, Bangladesh.		
21	Address of Official Inviting Tender				68, shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka, Bangladesh		
22	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender				Tel: (8802) 8860523-32 Ext: 3748, 3734 & 3779	Fax: (880-2) 8811686	email: <a href="mailto:sultan@icddr.org">sultan@icddr.org</a> <a href="mailto:shahadat.hossain@icddr.org">shahadat.hossain@icddr.org</a> and/or <a href="mailto:rezwan@icddr.org">rezwan@icddr.org</a>
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.						

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