

# FBI grills US men for Taliban link

AFP, Sargodha

A group of detained young Americans grilled by the FBI in Pakistan had tried to join Islamist militant groups and travel to the northwest Taliban heartland, officials said yesterday.

They shall not be deported unless police clear them of any crimes, a Pakistani minister said Friday.

"All of them are in the custody of Pakistan police in Sargodha and are being interrogated. They will not be deported," Interior Minister Rehman Malik said.

US President Barack Obama vowed an investigation into how and why the five men left the United States for Pakistan, possibly swept up in extremist movements in a country battling to contain militant organisations.

The five young men arrested on Wednesday in Sargodha, about 180 km south of Pakistan's capital Islamabad, were US citizens with origins in other countries, including two Pakistani-Americans, officials said.

In a separate development, Pakistan's military on Friday killed 20 insurgents in operations against Taliban strongholds, as the prime minister warned that militants were striking back with attacks in big cities.

Police officials had said the five US men were planning to strike "sensitive installations" in Pakistan, but a picture formed Friday of young Muslim men radicalised by jihadi websites without concrete ties to a specific group.

"They tried to contact jihadi groups in Pakistan through YouTube and other websites,"

Sargodha district police chief Usman Anwar told a local TV station.

"From the documents and maps that they were carrying, it appeared that their destination was Miranshab, the main town of North Waziristan tribal district. This indicates what they were up to."

North Waziristan is one of seven tribal districts along the Afghan border, where al-Qaeda, Taliban and other militant groups have carved out sanctuaries and training camps in the hostile region outside direct government control.

In an interview with CNN broadcast Thursday, Anwar said: "They were there for jihad... They could have done anything. They had US passports. They would have access to many, many places."

Pictures of the detainees shown on the private Express 24/7 TV station Friday showed five young men, most of them clean-shaven, in western clothing.

The arrests have raised fears that Muslim radicalisation is gaining momentum in the United States, creating high-value recruits for Islamist groups.

While Obama declined to speak specifically about the arrests, he vowed on Thursday that there would be "a series of investigations."

He warned of the relative ease with which members of the Muslim American community can gain access to distorted and extremist teachings on the Web.

"We have to constantly be mindful that some of these twisted ideologies are available over the Internet and can affect our young people," he said.

BENAZIR MURDER CASE

## Lahore HC orders ex-parte against Musharraf

ANI, Rawalpindi

The Lahore High Court's (LHC) Rawalpindi bench ordered ex-parte proceedings against Former President Pervez Musharraf, former Punjab Chief Minister Pervaiz Elahi and former minister General (retired) Hamid Nawaz as they failed to appear before the court during the hearing of a petition seeking registration of a criminal conspiracy case in connection with the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

The court has adjourned the hearing till January 20, 2010, The Daily Times reports.

The petition has been filed by one Chaudhry Mehmood Aslam, who claims to have served as Bhutto's protocol officer.

Aslam, through his petition, has demanded that a criminal conspiracy case should be registered against Musharraf, Elahi, former Intelligence Bureau (IB) director general Ijaz Shah and Interior Minister Rehman Malik for plotting Bhutto's murder.

## 16,000 troops have orders to Afghan war

AP, Washington

The Pentagon's top military officer said 16,000 troops have received their orders for Afghanistan since President Barack Obama announced his new war strategy.

Adm Mike Mullen said at a news conference Thursday that the first to go a battalion of Marines will arrive in southern Afghanistan next week.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman said tens of thousands of tons of construction materials, winter gear and other equipment also are in the pipeline.

Officials are moving to get the bulk of the 30,000 additional troops into the war zone by summer.



Indian riot police take evasive action from a tear gas shell thrown back by Kashmiri demonstrators, who are supporters of a strike call by hard-line separatist leader Syed Ali Geelani to protest the "illegal occupation of land by the Indian army" in Kashmir yesterday. Police fired tear gas and live rounds to disperse hundreds of anti-India protesters in the city while injuring fifteen demonstrators, one of them a young boy who sustained a bullet wound.

# US for Kashmir issue to be solved bilaterally

ANI, Washington

The United States has clarified that the long pending Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan should be resolved bilaterally with the people of Kashmir.

Addressing a regular briefing, US Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs PJ Crowley said Washington has been discussing the decades-old issues with both the countries, and wants that they resolve it amicably.

"We understand the importance of the Kashmir issue to both Pakistan and India,

and it is something that we do discuss with both countries. But obviously, at the end of a process that has to be something that is resolved ultimately between Pakistan and India with the active involvement of the people of Kashmir," The Nation quoted Crowley, as saying.

Crowley's statement came after Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari, in his op-ed in The New York Times, urged the US to mediate to resolve the Kashmir issue.

In his article, Zardari, while welcoming America's 7.5 billion dollar pledge over

the next five years for non-military projects in Pakistan, said that the Obama administration should complement its long-term objectives through some short-term strategies, which would reflect Washington's 'neutrality'.

"This long-term commitment must be complemented by short-term policies that demonstrate American neutrality and willingness to help India and Pakistan overcome their mutual distrust. It could start by stepping up its efforts to mediate the Kashmir dispute," Zardari said.

# Protests over new Indian southern state

BBC ONLINE

Protests against plans to carve out a new state in India's southern Andhra Pradesh state have led to sporadic violence.

A strike is being held in 12 districts and protesters have attacked public transport vehicles in some places.

The move to form Telangana state has plunged the state into political crisis. Over 100 lawmakers have resigned from the assembly.

The move is also fuelling demands for other new states across India.

Two parties in the eastern West Bengal state have said they will begin campaigning again for separate states.

The Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) is demanding a separate state and fairer treatment for Darjeeling's Nepali-speaking Gorkha community.

And the Kamtapur Peoples Party (KPP) is demanding a separate state for the local Koch-Rajbongshi people.

The GJM has announced a four-day strike in the Darjeeling region beginning Monday.

The KPP has said it will set up roadblocks on highways in northern Bengal, which connect India's seven north-eastern states to the mainland.

"We will join the Gorkhas in the movement for a separate state. It is now or never," said KPP chief Atul Roy.

A spokesman for the Bodo tribespeople in the north-eastern state of Assam has also

demanding the creation of a separate state.

"We welcome the creation of Telangana and we hope the Indian government will take necessary steps to create a separate Bodoland state without any further delay," said Sangsuma Khungur Bwismutiyari, the Independent Member of Parliament from Kokrajhar, the headquarters of the Bodoland Territorial Council.

The BBC's Soutik Biswas in Delhi says the announcement of a Telangana state has come as a shot in the arm for political parties and groups in the country demanding new states.

Reports say that the federal government is already sitting on proposals for nine new states in the country.

Telangana region is spread over 10 northern districts of Andhra Pradesh.

The demand for separate state status for the underdeveloped and drought-prone area dates back 50 years.

More than 400 people died in violence over the demand for a Telangana state in 1969.

Campaigners say Telangana's economic development has been neglected in favour of the richer and more powerful Andhra region - and that a new state is the only solution.

The last three new states in India were formed in 2000: Chhattisgarh was created out of eastern Madhya Pradesh; Uttarakhand was created out of the hilly areas of northern Uttar Pradesh, and Jharkhand was carved from Bihar's southern districts.

India currently has 28 states.

## India interfering through Afghanistan: Gilani

ANI, Islamabad

Pakistan Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has reiterated that India is interfering in Pakistan through Afghanistan, and added that he himself had asked his Indian counterpart Dr Manmohan Singh to refrain from doing so.

Talking to media persons on the sidelines of a function in Islamabad, Gilani said he has already discussed New Delhi's involvement in Pakistan with Dr Singh during their meeting in Sharm-el-Sheikh (Egypt) earlier this year.

"Fact was already brought to

notice in writing with the joint statement issued after my meeting with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in Sharm-el-Sheikh," The Nation quoted Gilani, as saying.

Responding to a question regarding the Interior Ministry's claims of having 'concrete evidence' regarding India's involvement in fanning insurgency in the country, particularly in Baluchistan, Gilani said: "As far as the evidence is concerned, it is the government and military's prerogative to when and where provide them."

## Convicted war criminals

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committees and any committee at any level or being a candidate to contest parliamentary elections.

Barrister Mahbubuddin Khokan, a member of the sub-committee formed ahead of BNP's national council to prepare the draft for constitution amendment, yesterday said it was scrapped to avoid redundancy.

He said the provision was included in the BNP's constitution in 1979 as there was a need for it at that time.

"But now there are no war criminals in Bangladesh. People who were war criminals have already died," Khokan, also a BNP lawmaker, said.

Talking to The Daily Star, eminent jurist Shahdeen Malik, however, expressed surprise at the deletion of the provision from BNP's constitution.

"My understanding would be that probably there are persons who were convicted on charge of war crimes but now would be included in any committee of BNP. Therefore, the provision has been omitted to remove the bar on them," Malik said over telephone.

Contacted by The Daily Star yesterday, Dr MA Hasan, convener of the war crimes fact finding committee, said over 750 people were convicted on charge of war crimes under Bangladesh Collaborators (Special Tribunals) Order.

"By deleting the provision from its constitution, BNP is encouraging war criminals unethically to do politics," he

said. The amendments brought to the Representation of the People Order (RPO) before the December 29 general election imposed a permanent ban on convicted war criminals to contest parliamentary elections.

Bangladesh Collaborators (Special Tribunal) Order was enacted in 1972, just after the country's victory in the Liberation War, and the trial of war criminals began.

But the bloody changeover on August 15, 1975 halted the trial as the then president Abu Sadat Mohammad Sayem repealed the act by promulgating an ordinance that stopped all investigations and other proceedings of the trial.

Shahdeen Malik said repealing the act to try war criminals does not change their conviction. "An individual convicted on charge of war crimes will have to prove his innocence to get rid of the consequence of the conviction," he said.

The BNP, however, has kept a few other provisions regarding disqualification unchanged, showing its tough stance against corruption.

According to these provisions, individuals who have become bankrupt or have been proved mentally unsound or known as corrupt and notorious in the society will be disqualified from being a member of any committee of the party and also from contesting parliamentary elections on BNP's nomination.

Besides, a BNP member in his or her identity card form has to promise never to tolerate corruption.

## Directorate General of Defence Purchase

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Ser No	Name of Items & Qty	Date of selling From - To	Date of opening	Currency	Tender No	Cost of I/T
1.	Procurement of Spares for Digital PABX Brand: MITEI, Qty-06 Line Items	17-12-09 to 13-01-2010	14-01-2010	Local	10650/AP-4	Tk 300.00

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment in respective value (non-refundable) on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. The tender will be opened on the specified date at 1000 hrs in presence of the bidders (if present).

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Squadron Leader  
For Director General

## অগ্রণী স্কুল ও কলেজ

আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫। ফোন: ৮৬২৫৯১৭

## নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

অগ্রণী স্কুল ও কলেজ, আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫ এর জন্য সরকারি বিধি মোতাবেক নিম্নবর্ণিত পদে শিক্ষিকা/শিক্ষক আবশ্যিক:

ক্রম	বিষয়	সংখ্যা	পদ	নিবন্ধন পরীক্ষায় পাশসহ অন্যান্য যোগ্যতা
১	বাংলা	০২ জন	সহঃশিক্ষিকা (সুইপদ)	বাংলায় স্নাতক (সম্মান) ও স্নাতকোত্তর
২	ইংরেজি	০৪ জন	সহঃশিক্ষিকা (সুইপদ)	ইংরেজিতে স্নাতক (সম্মান), স্নাতকোত্তর
৩	গণিত	০৩ জন	সহঃশিক্ষিকা (সুইপদ)	গণিতে স্নাতক (সম্মান), স্নাতকোত্তর
৪	হিন্দু ধর্ম	০১ জন	সহঃশিক্ষিকা (সুইপদ)	কাব্যার্থী/বিএ (সম্মান) ও এম.এ (সংস্কৃত)
৫	হিসাববিজ্ঞান	০১ জন	সহঃশিক্ষিকা (সুইপদ)	হিসাববিজ্ঞানে স্নাতক (সম্মান) ও স্নাতকোত্তর
৬	পদার্থবিজ্ঞান	০১ জন	সহঃশিক্ষিকা (সুইপদ)	পদার্থবিজ্ঞানে স্নাতক (সম্মান) ও স্নাতকোত্তর
৭	রসায়ন	০১ জন	প্রভাষক (শূন্যপদ)	রসায়নে স্নাতক (সম্মান) ও স্নাতকোত্তর
	মোট =	১৩ জন		

নিবন্ধনসহ সকল পরীক্ষার সনদের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি, সাম্প্রতিক তোলা ০২ (দুই) কপি (পাসপোর্ট সাইজ) ছবি ও সোনালী ব্যাংকের যে কোন শাখা থেকে ২০০/- টাকার পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রফট (অফেরযোগ্য) সহ আগামী ইংরেজি ০৫/০১/২০১০ তারিখ বেলা ২:০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে নিম্ন স্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে পৌঁছাতে হবে।

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২. অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র এবং কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীত কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন আবেদনপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা রাখে।

৩. সকল পরীক্ষায় কমপক্ষে দ্বিতীয় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী থাকতে হবে।

৪. প্রথম - দ্বাদশ শ্রেণী পর্যন্ত ক্রাস নিতে হবে।

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৬. পরীক্ষার তারিখ ০৮/০১/২০১০ তারিখ সকাল ১০:০০টা।

৭. কোন টি.এ. ডি.এ দেয়া হবে না।

প্রফেসর ড. পরিতোষ কুমার দাস  
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কর কমিশনারের কার্যালয়  
কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকা।

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সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি।

\* কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকা এর অধিক্ষেত্রভুক্ত সকল কোম্পানী ও ব্যক্তি করদাতাগণের ২০১০-২০১১ কর বৎসরের অগ্রিম আয়করের দ্বিতীয় কিস্তি প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ হচ্ছে ১৫ই ডিসেম্বর, ২০০৯ ইং।

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