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## In eyes of Gen Shafiullah

from the post of military secre-

tary to the president. Jamil told

Shafiullah that Bangabandhu

had called him and asked him

to go to Bangabandhu's resi-

Shafiullah asked Jamil, who

Shafiullah finally got

artillery and armoured division

"I told him, 'Salahuddin has

informed me about this...Send

your troops of 1, 2 and 4 Bengal

regiments to stop them imme-

diately. Try to bring them

chiefs of the air force and navy

who also said they did not

know anything. A little later he

talked to Brig Gen Khaled

Mosharraf and Maj Gen Ziaur

Rahman and they also

expressed their ignorance

Shafiullah asked him about the

troops' advancement towards

the city. Shafiullah considered

He asked both Khaled

The two appeared within

Mosharraf and Zia to come to

15-20 minutes. Khaled came in

his sleeping gown driving his

private car and he was

unshaven. Zia was shaven and

in uniform even at that early

hour. He came in his chauffer-

reached his house, Shafiullah

had once again tried to contact

the president's house and this

time he got Bangabandhu on

me about the troops it was

probably between 5:15am and

5:30am and I talked to Shafayat

Jamil between 5:30am and

5:35am. I got Bangabandhu on

the phone 20-25 minutes after I

had called him first. I do not

remember the time of my

talking with Bangabandhu but

it was definitely before 6:00 in

"Your forces have attacked

my residence. They might be

going to kill Kamal

[Bangabandhu's son]. Send

your forces quickly," said

Bangabandhu angrily as soon

as he recognised Shafiullah's

Can you get out of the house?"

Shafiullah said.

"Sir, I am doing something.

"Then I went on saying

'hello' as there was no reply

from Bangabandhu and just a

minute later I heard sounds of

firing and then in a few seconds

the line went dead," Shafiullah

Zia came and Shafiullah along

since Shafiullah talked with

Shafayat Jamil and there were

Mosharraf to go to 46 Brigade

to activate them and report

no movement of troops yet.

him back.

with the two left for his office.

Then Khaled Mosharraf and

It had been 10-15 minutes

Shafiullah asked Khaled

the morning," says Shafiullah.

"When the DMI informed

Before Khaled and Zia

the reply as Zia's ignorance.

his house immediately.

driven official car.

the phone.

"Is it?" Zia said when

Shafiullah also talked to the

back'," says Shafiullah.

about the matter.

asked Shafayat.

"No.

military intelligence directorate that exists today. However, the proposal got stuck at the defence ministry and it was

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taking time.

dence as some people were It was around this time that roaming around his house. a startling information "accidentally" surfaced, says was killed by the disgruntled army officials in front of the Shafiullah.

Some time in 1975 before Sobhanbagh mosque on his August 15, an NCO was caught way to the president's resiin Dhaka Cantonment with dence, to take Bangabandhu leaflets calling for an uprising somewhere else. in the army. The leaflets spewed venom against the Shafayat Jamil on the phone at newly-formed Rakkhi Bahini, his home. It was around arguing that this paramilitary 5:30am. "Do you know why force was set up to replace the army and that army men troops are going to the city?" he would lose their jobs.

"I went to the then deputy defence minister Prof Nurul Islam with the leaflet to inform him about it and then we met the president and requested him to approve the portion of Military Intelligence Directorate with priority so that he could at least organise it and train people to put them on their job," says Shafiullah.

He also told the president to shift the DFI under the army headquarters until the proposal is approved. After a few moments of

silence, Sheikh Mujib asked Shafiullah: "Does [Brig Gen] Rouf not keep you posted on intelligence affairs?"

Rouf was then the director general of DFI.

Shafiullah told Bangabandhu that he was not sure if Rouf had informed Bangabandhu about the leaflet found on the NCO and showed it to him. "Bangabandhu did not answer and I took it as a sign that he already knew about it. I was surprised because here was an intelligence gap--here is something that the president knew but I did not although I was the person who was supposed to be the first to get the information," says Shafiullah.

Shafiullah told Bangabandhu that his new intelligence plan had not been approved yet. He said if it took a long time for the whole organorgram to be approved, the president could at least approve the military intelligence set-up.

The intelligence unit was about to be approved and knocking at the door. But the proposal finally got through only after the killing of

Bangabandhu--sometime in September 1975. Bangabandhu was supposed to be present at the convocation of Dhaka University on August 15, 1975. In the afternoon of August 14, there were some bomb explosions around the university zone where he was supposed to distribute certificates. The then IGP Nurul Islam called Shafiullah and sought army's help as police had no explosives experts. "I sent several

the zone to detect explosives," says Shafiullah. On the same day, an Indian helicopter, provided to Bangladesh for overseeing the ust growing Shanti Bahini trouble in Chittagong Hill Tracts, crashed in Feni after hitting a vulture. All the Indian crew who were going to India to celebrate their Independence Day died in the crash. "I

detachments to sweep through

Shafiullah was sitting in his became busy sending the office with Nasim, Zia and bodies." Khaled Mosharraf, who had After a long and tedious day, returned to Shafiullah's office it was late in the night when to report that a tank was stand-Shafiullah went to bed around ing near his office. 1:30am. Roughly after the time of Fazr prayers, his batman

owards the town?" Col

divisions are heading towards

the radio station, Ganabhaban

and Bangabandhu's house on

"Does the Dhaka brigade

Col Shafayat Jamil was

"I don't know. I have come

"Go and tell Shafayat Jamil

to you first," Salahuddin

to send 1, 2 and 4 Bengal battal-

ions to stop the advancing

artillery and armoured troops,'

the troops. The brigade com-

manders command the troops.

telephone to warn Sheikh

Mujib about the information

he received. The line was

engaged. He then tried to get

Shafayat Jamil, but that line

Uddin Ahmed, who had

recently been posted to DFI

was engaged too.

Shafiullah picked up the red

Shafayat immediately.

Dhanmondi Road-32,

commander know about it?"

holding the post at that time.

Salahuddin said.

Shafiullah asked

Salahuddin asked Shafiullah.

A little later, two-three vehicles wheeled into the office woke him up and he saw the compound and Major Shariful then director of Military Haque Dalim, who had been Intelligence Col Salahuddin sacked from the service a few standing outside the door of his days ago, entered the office accompanied by 15-16 sol-Have you sent the armoured and artillery forces

"Where is the chief?" Dalim entering Shafiullah's

A chill ran down Shafiullah's Dalim and his soldiers had spine. "No, I have not. Why?" he Shafiullah. The armoured and artillery

their arms trained on

"I am used to seeing arms and using arms. If you have come with the intent to use arms, use it. If you have come to talk, talk leaving the arms outside," Shafiullah told

The president has asked you to go to the radio station immediately," Dalim said, lowering his weapon.

A few tense moments passed by and then Shafiullah said, "The president? As I know

the president is dead." When Shafiullah had reached his office, his ADC Capt Kabir informed him that

Shafiullah ordered, saying he the president was dead. was also going to phone "You should know that Khandaker Mushtaque is the In the army, the chief of staff president now," Dalim roared

commands the army but not

Shafiullah said, "Khandaker Mushtaque may be your president but not mine."

"Don't force me to do some-

thing for which I have not come here," Dalim said.

"You can do whatever you wish but I will not go anywhere not in Dhaka," was with you," Shafiullah told Mushtaque's tart reply. returned to the cantonment

his chair and pushed through

He then got hold of Col Jamil Dalim. Then Shafiullah got up from

conference of officers there Dalim and his band of sepoys. He went straight to 46 Brigade. "to bring all the troops under But to his surprise, he found control". that all troops and officers had At that time, Zia repeatedly

sided with the coup plotters. told Shafiullah, "The Indian He met there Major army might attack us.' Khandaker Abdur Rashid and "Zia wanted me to mobilise the then 46 Brigade Major troops towards the border Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, who

to the radio station.

situation. It was clear that a

large part of the army in Dhaka

had sided with the rebels. It was

futile to try anything at that

control back," Shafiullah told

called Navy chief Rear Admiral

MH Khan and Air Force chief

Air Vice-Marshal AK Khandker

and took the three chiefs to the

radio station. He found

Khandaker Mushtaque sitting

in a room there with the then

state minister for information

Taheruddin Thakur standing

tions! Your troops have done a

wonderful job," a cheerful

Mushtaque said as soon as he

"Now do the rest,"

"What is that?" Shafiullah

"You should know it better,"

"In that case, leave it to me,"

Taheruddin Thakur told

When Shafiullah was com-

ing out he found Dalim and

Rashid standing with their

troops and they took him and

the two other chiefs to another

the room and gave Shafiullah a

written statement in support of

Mushtaque and asked him to

read it out. Shafiullah did and it

Mushtaque announced:

need my chiefs at the oath-

taking ceremony at

When the oath-taking was

over Shafiullah wanted to go

back to the cantonment, but

Mushtague did not allow him

saving the new cabinet would

net on August 15 when

Shafiullah thought it was time

to go home, Taheruddin

Thakur asked him not to go

because there would be a

Bangabhaban until August 18.

During this time, several

sessions of the conference

took place there and the main

topic of discussion was

whether to promulgate mar-

At the conference

Shafiullah said there should

not be any discussion about

promulgating martial law

because it had already been

Mushtaque asked who

Shafiullah said, "Dalim

"But Dalim is your [force's]

"If Dlaim were my man, he

would have mentioned my

name (while announcing the

martial law]. But he men-

tioned your name," said

Then Shafiullah suggested

Mushtaque said, "All is

looking into the legal aspect of

done. The only formality left is

to issue the gazette notifica-

tion [on promulgating the

Mushtaque once told the

conference that he would draft

the martial law promulgation

and show it to others. The next

day, Mushtaque, Shafiullah

and air force chief AK

Khandker and navy chief MH

Khan were sitting together

when Mushtaque pulled out a

piece of paper from his pocket

tion," Mushtaque said, hand-

go through it to see if there was

been working on it for the last

three months," said

case, it must be flawless." He

then handed the paper to AK

had asked Mushtaque about

where to bury Bangabandhu.

"This is the draft promulga-

Shafiullah said they would

"General Shafiullah, I have

Shafiullah said, "In that

On August 15, Shafiullah

"Bury him anywhere but

On August 18, Shafiullah

and handed it to Shafiullah.

ing it to Shafiullah.

any mistake.

Mushtaque.

Khondker to check.

During August 15-18,

Shafiullah.

the matter.

martial law]."

announced on the radio.

announced the martial law.

Shafiullah had to stay in

After the formation of cabi-

After the recording,

Shafiullah made an immediate

reply and turned back to come

Mushtaque, "Don't let him go.

We have some work left to do

saw Shafiullah.

Mushtaque said.

replied Mushtaque.

out of the room.

with him."

was recorded.

Bangabhaban."

happened fast.

be formed soon.

conference at night.

tial law.

"First of all, I have to take my

tion alone.

command.

himself.

instead of bringing them back to the cantonment," Shafiullah requested him repeatedly to go He called the conference Shafiullah told them that he explaining this backdrop and would not go to the radio sta-

asked troops to return to barrack from Bangabhaban. He thought through the Abdur Rashid and Faroog Rahman, two of the killers of Bangabandhu, attended the conference after coming back

time as none was obeying his from Bangabhaban. Shafayat Jamil stood up at the meeting and, pointing at Rashid and Farooq, said, "These are the persons respon-At that time the rebels also sible for the whole situation and they should be tried in court martial.

> Soon the conference ended and the two killers went back to Bangabhaban where their cohorts were staying.

On August 22, Shafiullah asked Mushtaque to return the officers from Bangabhaban. Mushtaque told him that the "Shafiullah, congratula- officers are still scared and they need some time to recover.

On August 24, Shafiullah heard a bulletin on the radio that Gen MAG Osmani had been appointed the defence adviser to the president. Immediately after the announcement, Mushtaque called Shafiullah and asked, "Did you like it?"

"Yes, it was good," said Shafiullah.

"I need you at 5:30pm," Mushtague said.

As he reached Bangabhaban in the afternoon, an army officer asked him to meet Osmani first. Seeing Shafiullah, Osmani

started lauding him for his role

in the army and the Liberation War. "We now need your service abroad," Osmani said. Shafiullah understood that Taheruddin Thakur came in

it was a farewell speech to him. He was then taken to Mushtaque who also repeated similar praises for him. Mushtaque told him that Shafiullah should go abroad to render his service. "I am not ready to go

abroad," said Shafiullah.

"Don't you know what happened to Sheikh Mujib and his family?" an angry At the Bangabhaban things Mushtaque barked. "I left my family in the care of

Allah during the war,' Shafiullah said and left for But even before he reached

his residence, Shafiullah came to know that Ziaur Rahman replaced him as the army chief. The authorities asked Shafiullah not to leave home without permission.

On August 24 night, a letter reached him saying he was removed from the post of army chief.

Note: After the jail killing on November 3, Shafiullah changed his mind and went to

#### Malaysia as an ambassador. Criminal killed

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the gunfight while his accomplices managed to flee.

Police recovered a revolver, a light gun and five rounds of bullet after the gunfight.

After the incident Osman was taken to the upazila health complex where doctors declared him dead.

Osman was an accused in 20 cases including 10 for murders, police said.

### 5 killed

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health complex while others to Comilla Medical College Hospital.

Vehicular movement remained suspended for two hours on the highway following the accident.

#### Outlaw held

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Islamic University and also Bangladesh Chhatra League convener of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall of the university.

Police said they arrested Billal from the dormitory area as he was organising other operatives of Gono Bahini to create anarchy on the campus following the arrest of Khasru.

As per his statement, police later recovered an Indian pistol, three bullets and three bombs from a bag kept in a bush near the main gate of the university.

Police claimed that Billal went to the university campus Thursday morning, a day after Khasru was arrested and organised his men. They put up a blockade on the Kushtia-Khulna highway for about two hours and padlocked the university main gate and

administration building. Police produced Billal before the district judicial magistrate court and sought a five-day remand. The court and the next day he held a sent him to jail.

## Climate change

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Speakers suggested revision of the existing policies and policy instruments as well as generating firsthand data on climate change and its impact on health.

Health 21 Director Mubina Asaf said policy provisions must be brought under a legal framework. "Planned urban develop-

ment is imperative to address impending health risks arising from impacts of climate change," she said. Khairul Islam, country

representative of Water Aid Bangladesh, said scarcity and excess of water, and salinity constitute three fundamental risks for human health in the wake of climate change. He regretted that no gov-

taken to save around two crore people in coastal areas, badly hit by cyclones Aila and Sidr, from penetration of saline water into sweet water bodies. Lack of fresh water, salinity, and extreme climatic disasters

ernment project has yet been

including flood, cyclone, drought and erratic rainfall due to climate change will pose serious health hazards, particularly for the poor. Dr Rashid-E-Mahbub said poorest of the poor will be the

worst affected and pattern of diseases and mortality will change following the impacts of climate change. Mitigation of the impacts

and adaptation to climate change should be done simultaneously, said Sardar Arif. Prof Omar Rahman of

Independent University of Bangladesh said a correlation exists between climate change and its effect on human health. There is lack of specific

data to ascertain the precise consequences of climate change, he said. "We need to generate and

collect more reliable data on the matter," said Prof Omai Rahman. Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, who presided

over the discussion, said the actions aimed at tackling enormous impacts of climate change on health must be carried out in an integrated Dr Abu Jamil Faysel of

Engender Health moderated the discussion.

Prof Md Sharfuddin Ahmed, secretary general of Bangladesh Medical Association, Dr Md Saikhul Islam Helal of health and family welfare ministry, Dr

#### Atir Khal

**FROM PAGE 1** The canal serves tens of thousands of people along its route. Commuters regularly travel between Ati Bazar and Sawarighat on merchandise boats there. The route is about to meet its certain end at Waaspur.

Moreover, farmers of the area use the canal for irrigation and transport of goods to city markets.

Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka Zillar Rahman told The Daily Star that he was not aware of the project and would look into the matter.

Meanwhile, Save the Environment Movement on Wednesday formed a human chain in front of the National Press Club demanding protection of Atir Khal and Haikkar

#### Arges found FROM PAGE 1

false case.

Pakku, a former police informer, collected the grenade from Kamar Dafadar who was sacked from the job of village police for criminal activities, sources said.

On Tuesday, the gang informed Rab over phone that there were arms at the house of Abdul Hakim and following the information a Rab team raided the house but they could not find any arms.

On suspicion, Rab men arrested Pakku at 10:00 pm on Friday and following Pakku's confessional statement, they arrested other members of the gang. They confessed to their involvement in the incident. The Rab men along with the

arrestees went to the house of the BNP leader and recovered the grenade from its ceiling. The arrestees were being interrogated till filing of this report in the afternoon. Captain Mohammad

Mahfuzul Haque, Rab camp commander in Jamalpur, told The Daily Star that the grenade seems to be an Arges. A team of experts from Dhaka will arrive at Sherpur to identify it, he added. On October 10, Rab recovered 10 Arges grenades during a

drive in a bordering village of Sherpur district and arrested three people, including two tribal youths, in this connection.

The grenades were similar to those used at the Awami League rally at Bangabandhu Avenue in 2004.

Pinaki Bhattacharya of Popular Pharmaceuticals, Dr Nauzia Yasmin of State

University of Bangladesh, Dr

Shaheen Akter, vice chairman

and director of Health 21 and

Dr Rumana Dowla also spoke.

#### Gandhi

FROM PAGE 16 of their final goodbyes," he

A radical nationalist shot Gandhi on January 30, 1948 in India, just months after he led the country to independence from Britain. He was cremated according to Hindu custom. Normally, ashes are

immersed in rivers or the sea within days, but Gandhi's ashes were divided and put in several urns and sent around India and across the globe so his followers could hold memorials. One urn came to South

Africa, where Gandhi had come to practise law in 1893, living in the country on and off for 21 years. A family friend, Vilas Mehta, helped with the arrangements

for the prayers, and the ashes were immersed after 10 days, according to the Gandhi Development Trust in Durban. Unknown to the family, Mehta kept a few remnants of

secret for the rest of her life, the Trust said. She "decided to take a little bit of the ashes and keep it in safekeeping as a memento of that occasion, not realizing

that it is our custom to

immerse them," said Gandhi.

the ashes, and guarded them in

When Mehta passed on, her daughter-in-law decided to return them to the Gandhi

### BNP moves

FROM PAGE 16 prepare its future strategies.

According to the party decision the programme will be arranged in Dhaka, Chittagong, Mymensingh, Cox's Bazar, Khulna, Jessore, Rajshahi, Bogra and Barisal. Four divisional units -- Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi, however, will hold two meetings each. BNP's senior Joint Secretary

General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said apart from senior leaders of the party a number of renowned professionals would attend the meetings to decide on the future strategies of the party in consultation with the field level leaders and workers.

He said they would also discuss party's plans for the development of the country, which they would implement if voted to power.

BNP's standing committee member Mirza Abbas has been assigned to coordinate the programmes in Chittagong while vice-chairmen Abdullah Al Noman in Khulna and Selima Rahman in Barisal, joint secretaries general Amanullah Aman in Dhaka, Ilyas Ali in Sylhet and Mizanur Rahman Minu in Rajshahi.

Besides, the party is also conducting its second-phase reorganisation process aiming to complete councils of 23 organisational district units that could not hold council before the party's fifth national council on December 8 last year.

Of the 23 organisational units, Dinajpur and Chandpur district units have already held their councils while Brahmanbaria council was foiled due to intra-party feud.

#### Pilkhana

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The sources add, the authorities plan to begin departmental trial of suspected mutineers at Pilkhana before CID submits a probe report in the carnage case.

Speaking anonymously, a top-ranked BDR official yesterday said if the departmental trial is not completed before CID submits the charge sheet, trial at the special courts might be delayed with the accused taking out stay on the proceedings." Meanwhile, CID sources

say they are trying to submit the charge sheet of the case filed for killing, arson, looting and other criminal offences by February 22 as per the government desire to complete investigation within one year of the incident. In November, BDR formed

six special courts headed by its director general to try the accused at 50 points under the BDR Act.

CLARIFICATION

#### Transparency

International Bangladesh (TIB) in a clarification said the TIB recommens an

independent NGO Commission but not one to be constituted by representatives of the various ministries concerned as reported in The Daily Star report headlined "New regulatory body on cards" published Friday.

### 16 killed in Pakistan suicide attack

AFP, Khar/ Peshawar

A suicide bomber blew himself up at a military checkpoint in northwest Pakistan's volatile tribal region yesterday, killing 16 people including two soldiers, officials said.

A man wearing a vest packed with explosives walked up to the post in Khar, the main town in the restive tribal region of Bajaur, and detonated himself, senior administration official Igbal Khattak told AFP. "The death toll has gone up to 16 including two paramilitary

soldiers," he said. Another 23 people were wounded, with six in a critical condition, he added. The injured include one security official, Khattak said. A senior military official,

speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the blast and military casualties. The bomber was making his

buildings and military barracks when he was stopped by soldiers, the official said. Khattak later explained the soldiers were conducting a

way to nearby government

blewhimselfup. The checkpoint is in the town's main bazaar, which was shut after the blast.

body search when the attacker

Three vehicles and four shops were destroyed in the bombing, Khattak said.

Meanwhile, at least five suspected militants were killed in a US drone strike in Pakistan's tribal area near the Afghan border late Friday, officials said. The attack targeted a mili-

#### DMP on court

tant compound in Muhammad

FROM PAGE 16 orders. They didn't do anything illegal or unlawful by serving the

summons, he added.

The DMP commissioner was talking to reporters at Rajarbagh Police Lines School and College where he went to attend the annual sports as chief guest.

Earlier on Friday, Farroque at a press briefing said sending police with summons to Khaleda Zia's residence at 3:20am was an undignified gesture of the government towards the leader of the opposition and former prime minis-

Replying to a query about the arrest of Shahiduzzaman Parash alias Pasha, who was photographed carrying a gun during the January 18 violence on Dhaka University campus, the city police boss said he had instructed officers to recover the gun, which was used in the fight between Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dalfactions.

"I have also directed them to arrest the others suspected to have participated in the

Qayyum Khan told AFP. They were local tribesmen

A note found near the bodies said "both were exe-

Afghanistan Good start

FROM PAGE 16 There was however no such

have never finished second in the regional showpiece event. A gold in women's cycling could be best described as a bonus for them, especially after finishing third in the last SA Gamed in Colombo in 2006. Their hockey team

Bangladesh's challenger on football field Maldives scored an unimpressive 1-0 victory against Bhutan with Ashfaq Ali scoring the all-important goal

### Construction

Locals rushed to the spot after hearing the gunshot and saw three armed men fleeing the

Khairun Nesa, Humayun's wife, told The Daily Star that he did not come home for the last

However police and Khairun Nesa could not ascertain the reason behind the killing.

## China freezes military

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further develop ties with

China.

Taiwan Strait. "The various defensive weapons provided by the US will also facilitate the transformation and modernisation of our national defence," the

Taiwanese ministry said. In Beijing, however, the

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister He Yafei made an urgent official protest to the US ambassador in Beijing, Jon Huntsman, Chinese officials told AFP.

Saturday afternoon to notify Washington military ties had been suspended, Xinhua In the statement delivered to Huntsman, He urged Washington to cancel the deal,

The deal constituted "crude

China's national security and damages China's peaceful reunification", He said. The sale marks Obama's most divisive act in China-US relations, after devoting his first year to broadening ties

Australia's Margaret Smith with Beijing despite discord on areas such as trade, human rights, Internet censorship and The United States since 1979 has recognised Beijing as China's sole government. But

Khel, a town in North Waziristan, a local government official said. "Initial reports say at least

five people were killed and there are fears the toll may go up," he

A security official, who also confirmed the toll, said the drone fired three missiles. The compound was believed

to be a centre for local Taliban and was also a base for insurgents belonging to the Haqqani network, which is known for staging attacks on US and Nato

Officials also said the site was

used by foreign fighters but the identity of the suspected insurgents killed in the attack was not immediately known. Earlier Taliban militants shot dead two men in Pakistan's

restive northwest tribal belt

troops in Afghanistan

after accusing them of spying for the United States, officials said Saturday. Their bullet-riddled bodies were found dumped by the side of a road in Datta Khel region, 15 kilometres (nine miles) south of Miranshah, the main town in the tribal North Waziristan

who had been captured last month after a drone attack in the region killed 12 people, he

region, local police officer

cuted after an investigation showed they had been spying for US forces" operating across the border in

hiccup for giants India, who

annihilated Nepal 21-0.

in the 84th minute.

scene, locals said.

few days.

"It will let Taiwan feel more confident and secure so we can have more interactions with China," Ma was quoted by Taiwan's Central News Agency as saying.

Taiwan's defence ministry was also upbeat, saying: "The defence ministry welcomes and thanks the US decision... This would enable Taiwan to be more confident in seeking reconciliation with China and help peace and stability in the

deal's approval set in motion a flurry of angry activity.

The Chinese defence ministry also summoned the US Embassy's defence attache on

which he said would "inevitably damage China-US relations... causing results that both sides do not want to see"

interference in China's internal affairs that seriously endangers

climate change.

Court who has an incredible Congress at the same time

Beijing argued again on Saturday that the arms sales violated the US commitment to Beijing's "One China pol-

Analysts said China this time could retaliate by refusing to support sanctions on Iran, a key US priority. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton appealed to Beijing on Iran's nuclear program in remarks in Paris

#### hours before the Taiwan sale was announced.

Serena wins

FROM PAGE 16 Australian Open final, played in front of an admiring King and a host of other legends of the game at Rod Laver Arena.

She revealed that it was a

dream come true. "Billie, we're tied so reached my goal," the 28-yearold said in her victory speech. "It's so cool finally to do it,

that was my goal, but I didn't want to say it was my goal,' she added later. To even be mentioned in

the same breath as her is

record in the Open era --

having already won in 2003,

title, one French, six

'Now I can focus on doing what she was able to do off the court. It was Williams' fifth Australian Open title -- a

She has also won one French Open, three Wimbledons and three US King won one Australian

2005, 2007 and 2009.

Wimbledons and four US Opens during her legendary The two Americans though lag far behind the all-time Grand Slam winner,

24 to her name. Fittingly, Court was on hand to present Williams with her trophy on Saturday.

The other big-time Grand Slam champions are Steffi Graf (22), Helen Wills Moody required the United States to (19), and Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert (both 18). sell Taiwan weapons for its self-