

# Top Pakistani Taliban commander killed

## Opposition politician die in drive-by shooting

AP, AFP, ANI, Islamabad/Quetta

A top Pakistani Taliban commander close to al-Qaeda is believed to have been killed in an army airstrike, officials said yesterday, in the latest apparent blow to insurgents who have attacked Pakistan and threatened US forces in neighbouring Afghanistan.

At least 30 extremists, including top Taliban commanders Maulana Faqir Mohammad, Qari Ziaur Rehman and Fateh Mohammad were reportedly killed as helicopter gunships pounded a suspected militant hideout in Mohmand Agency of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata).

Interior Minister Rehman Malik said authorities had not identified the bodies of Mohammed or his fellow commander Qari Ziaur Rehman, but all the militants hiding at the site were killed after the helicopter gunships were dispatched on "real-time"

intelligence.

"If Faqir Mohammed and Qari Ziaur Rehman are alive, then I will be surprised," he told Pakistan's Express news channel after receiving a briefing from the paramilitary Frontier Corps in the northwestern city of Peshawar.

Fateh Mohammad and the suspected militants were killed when two helicopter gunships pounded militant hide outs Friday in the Mohamad tribal district's Dawaizai village, interior minister Rehman Malik said.

Mohammed was a deputy commander in the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan Pakistan's Taliban Movement leading the network's operations in the Bajur and Mohmand tribal regions. He also was close to al-Qaeda No. 2 leader Ayman al-Zawahri, who along with Osama bin Laden is suspected of using Pakistan's tribal badlands as a hide-out.

Two intelligence officials also said that

Mohammed was believed dead and that about two dozen insurgents had died in Friday's airstrike.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak to the media, said they were confident of their information, but warned that the remote, dangerous nature of the region made it nearly impossible to offer a definitive confirmation at this stage.

A Pakistani Taliban spokesman could not immediately be reached for comment.

Meanwhile, in Quetta unknown gunmen riding on a motorcycle Saturday killed an opposition politician and his guard in a remote southwestern Pakistani town, police said.

Sardar Aziz Umrani, the local chief of the Pakistan Muslim League of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, was shot dead in his car in the town of Khuzdar by two men riding a motorcycle, senior police official Rehmat Ullah told AFP.



PHOTO: AFP

Pakistani activists of various Sunni Muslim groups hold placards and chant slogans at a demonstration in Karachi on Friday. The demonstrators protested against the Taliban militancy in the country's northwest and demanded the government to rid the country of unrest, which has also affected the economy.

# Pakistan will be terror free soon: Gilani

ANI, Islamabad

Pakistan Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has said that his country would soon be free from terrorists, as security forces continue their offensive against militants.

Addressing the nation for the first time on the state radio, Gilani said the real faces of extremists have been exposed and that they would soon be rooted out.

"We have dealt severe blows to terrorists and the day is not far when we will rid the country of them. Disappointed and unsuccessful, these terrorists turned to civilian populations, but the vigilant people of the country have seen their real faces now," Gilani said.

He said militancy has affected Pakistan's economy to a great extent, preventing foreign investors from coming to the country.

"It is, undoubtedly, a difficult time, but with the support of a united nation, we will successfully pass through this difficult period," Gilani said, and added that efforts were on to revive the sagging economic structure.

He said the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) led government was confronting a number of challenges such as terrorism, inflation, unemployment, political confrontation, lack of trust between state institutions, energy crisis, law and order situation and a sense of dissatisfaction among the people, but the government is trying its best to address all issues.

"Within two years we have not only moved ahead with fulfilling the promises made in the party's manifesto, but are also endeavouring to resolve the issues that we had inherited," The News quoted Gilani, as saying.

Rejecting speculations regarding a mid-term poll in the country, Gilani said his government would restore the 1973 Constitution in its original format.



PHOTO: AFP

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Speaker of the Lok Sabha (lower house of Parliament) Meira Kumar (R) and Minister of State for Women and Child Development Krishna Tirath (L) arrive to inaugurate the "Women's Leadership Summit-2010 on Inclusive Growth and Empowering Women of Rural India" in New Delhi yesterday.

# Lanka rejects war crimes panel

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's president yesterday rejected a proposed panel by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to look into alleged war crimes during the island's civil war as "unwarranted and uncalled for."

President Mahinda Rajapakse views Ban's plan for the panel to advise him on "accountability issues" involving the final phase of fighting with Tamil rebels last year as interference in Sri Lanka's internal affairs, his office said.

Rajapakse was "emphatic" in his objections when Ban, in a telephone conversation Friday, disclosed his intention to set up the panel of

experts, the president's office said in a statement.

The president had "pointed out that the intention of the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to appoint a panel of experts to advise him (Ban) on Sri Lanka is totally uncalled for and unwarranted," the statement said.

"No such action had been taken about other states with continuing armed conflicts on a large scale, involving major humanitarian catastrophes and causing the deaths of large numbers of civilians due to military action."

Rajapakse told Ban the appointment of such a panel would compel Sri Lanka to take "necessary and appropriate action," the president's office said, without disclosing details.

# 'Maoists aim to topple Indian state by 2050'

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

The Maoists are looking at the armed overthrow of the Indian state by the year 2050 as indicated by documents seized from them, Indian Home Secretary Gopal Krishna Pillai has said.

Addressing a seminar on "Left wing extremism" here on Friday, he said "the overthrow of the Indian state is not something they are willing to do tomorrow or the day after. Their strategy, according to a booklet they circulated, is that they are looking at 2050. Some documents say at 2060."

Pillai said an analysis of Maoist attacks pointed to possible assistance to them by former army men.

The Home Secretary said the Maoists have not suffered any significant reverses in the operations now being conducted against them by security forces and the government would need seven to eight years to have full control over the areas lost to the Maoists.

The Maoist influence has spread over 34 districts in eight states of India, he said.

"The operations have not hit even five percent of hardcore militants. The real armed cadres are yet to come out," he said.

Pillai said the Maoists would not come to the negotiating table unless they feel the heat of armed operations against them and whatever statements they were making about peace were not serious.

# 11 Philippine soldiers killed in rebel ambush

AFP, Manila

Eleven Philippine soldiers were killed in an ambush by communist guerrillas on Saturday, a military spokesman said.

The soldiers were on patrol in Mindoro island, south of Manila when they ran into a fortified camp of the communist New People's Army (NPA) guerrilla group, said Colonel Romeo Brawner.

A three-hour gun battle also resulted in the wounding of seven soldiers with "undetermined casualties" on the side of the rebels, he added.

"The troops fought it out literally to the last bullet," Brawner said.

More soldiers backed by helicopter gunships have been dispatched to track down the NPA insurgents, he said.

# Azerbaijan president's son behind \$44m Dubai mansion shopping spree?

ANI, Dubai

In an incredible shopping extravaganza, an 11-year-old boy from Azerbaijan bought nine waterfront mansions in Dubai - worth almost 44 million dollars - in just two weeks early last year.

The total price tag is roughly 10,000 years' worth of salary for the average citizen of Azerbaijan.

The boy's name, according to Dubai Land Department records, is Heydar Aliyev, which happens to be the same name as that of the son of Azerbaijan's president, Ilham Aliyev.

The owner's date of birth, listed in property records, is also the same as that of the Aliyev's son.

Aliyev's spokesmen declined to comment on how the president's son or his namesake managed to come to own mansions on Palm Jumeirah, a luxury real estate development popular with multimillionaire British soccer stars and rich people.

"I have no comment on anything. I am stopping this talk. Goodbye," the Washington Post quoted spokesman Azer Gasimov, as saying.

Ilham Aliyev's annual salary as president is the equivalent of 228,000 dollars, far short of what is needed to buy even the smallest Palm property.

# '42 terrorist camps on Indo-Pak border should be disbanded'

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Thiruvananthapuram

Defence Minister AK Antony yesterday said 42 terrorist camps functioning on the border have to be disbanded by Pakistan for the India-Pakistan talks to be successful.

"Pakistan has not made any serious attempt to disband the camps that are functioning close to Jammu and Kashmir. The decision for bilateral talks has been made consciously and it was not an ad hoc one," Antony told reporters after inaugurating the new office complex of the Coast Guard station at Vizhinjam near here.

"Though there was no breakthrough, being a conscious decision, the process (of talks) will continue," he added.

The minister said the union home ministry and the Jammu and Kashmir government have evolved a formula to

check infiltration and bring back terrorists to normal life.

"Many have surrendered too. With the conditions becoming normal, there is an increase in tourist arrivals in Kashmir. Attempts for terrorist infiltration are there and the armed forces are maintaining an eternal vigil on the border," he said.

On the US supply of arms to Pakistan, he said the US should make sure that the arms were used at the Afghanistan-Pakistan border and not targeted against India.

On the Maoist issue, he denied that the government had any information on the Chinese aiding and abetting the Maoists.

"The army will give logistic support to the State police (of Maoist-affected states). Paramilitary forces will be used for training the State police," said Antony.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Superintendent  
Central Police Hospital  
Rajarbagh, Dhaka

### Invitation for Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturers/suppliers/local agents in their official pad for the purchase of the following items for Central Police Hospital, Rajarbagh, Dhaka.

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
2	Agency	Central Police Hospital, Rajarbagh, Dhaka.
3	Procuring entity name	Inspector General, Bangladesh Police.
4	Invitation for	Purchase of Different Hospital Items.
5	Invitation Ref No.	10-11/(PH)/2009-2010.
6	Date	03-03-2010.

**KEY INFORMATION**

7	Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

8	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (GOB).
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**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

9	Tender publication date	06-03-2010.
10	Tender last selling date	21-03-2010.
11	Tender closing date and time	At 12.00 noon on 22.03.2010.
12	Tender opening date and time	12:30pm on 22.03.2010.
13	Name & address of the office(s)	
	Selling tender document	Office of the Superintendent, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbagh, Dhaka.
	Receiving tender document	Office of the Superintendent, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbagh, Dhaka.
	Opening tender document	Room No-101, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbagh, Dhaka.
14	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Office of the Superintendent, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbagh, Dhaka Date: 15-03-2010 Time: 14.00pm

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

15	Eligibility of tenderer	(1) Up-to-date trade license (2) Up-to-date TIN certificate (3) Up-to-date VAT registration certificate and (4) other documents described in tender document.			
16	Brief description of goods				
	SI No.	Name	Price of tender document	Tender security in Taka	Completion time in days
	01	Automated-Biochemistry Analyzer	Tk. 500/-	1,50,000/-	30 (thirty) days from the date of work order
	02	Automatic Blood Cell Counter	Tk. 500/-	90,000/-	30 (thirty) days from the date of work order

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

17	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. Alauddin-Al-Azad
18	Designation of official inviting tender	Superintendent.
19	Address of official inviting tender	Superintendent, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbagh, Dhaka.
20	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 88-02-8312075 Fax: 88-02-9342297 E-mail: hrarjbagh@yahoo.com
21	Special instructions-	
	a)	No tender will be received after the deadline for submission.
	b)	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceeding.
	c)	Bangladesh police will establish framework agreement with the successful tenderer for supply of goods.

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### Vacancy Announcement

Diakonia, a Swedish development organisation, is looking to appoint a **Project Officer** as part of its Bangladesh country team. The Project Officer will be working with our Bangladesh partner organisations, who aim to improve the living conditions of vulnerable groups in the community. The work implies a lot of travelling inside the country and occasionally abroad. A small office requires the Project Officer to be cooperative and flexible in terms of work tasks.

Placement: Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Form of employment: Permanent with six months probation period  
Report to: Country Representative  
Planned starting: June 2010

### Major Responsibilities

- Assist Country Representative in development and planning of programmes, programme management tools, projects and thematic areas
- Frequent monitoring field visits outside Dhaka
- Support partners in their work; including capacity building
- Monitor, evaluate and report on partners' work
- Maintain and archive project information

### Qualification and Experience

- Minimum two to three years job experience of development work, programme development and budget and field level monitoring
- Minimum bachelor degree or equivalent, within any of the areas of democracy and human rights, gender, economic and social justice
- Proficient in spoken and written English and Bangla
- Good computer knowledge (MS Word and MS Excel for instance)

### Competence

- Strategic and analytical ability
- Personal maturity and social skills
- Ability to communicate in a clear and direct way
- Capacity to work in teams, as well as taking own initiatives and work independently
- Good administrative ability and well-organized

### Merits

- Experience of NGO networking
- Experience of working with a rights based approach
- Experience of local fundraising
- Familiar with Diakonia and/or our partner organisations

Applicants will need to hold Bangladeshi citizenship.

Submission of the CV along with passport size photograph should reach us within 31 March 2010. In addition to that, we would expect statement not more than 500 words explaining suitability for the post and expected salary.

The submissions should be in English by post to: **Diakonia Bangladesh, P.O. Box 5051, Dhaka 1205.**

Inaccurate or false statement may cause disqualification or termination of employment. Only short listed candidates will be contacted for interview.

**EDCL ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED**  
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### INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

EDCL invites short dated International Tender for Supply of Pharmaceutical Raw Materials on C&F@ Chittagong by Sea / Dhaka By Air / Benapole by Road basis :-

S.L No.	Tender No. Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
01.	IMP/RM/SEM/29/2009-2010 dated 03/03/2010	<b>Pharmaceutical Raw Materials:</b> 1. Ciprofloxacin HCl USP 31 2. Penoxymethyl Penicillin Potassium BP2010 3. Benzoic Acid (Fine Powder) BP2010 4. Salicylic Acid (Fine Powder) BP2010 5. White Soft Paraffin BP2010 6. Hard Paraffin BP2010 7. Ferrous Fumarate BP2010 8. Calcium Carbonate 2010 9. Maize Starch BP2010	Tk. 2200.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 32.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 22/03/2010 at 11.00 AM Opening : 22/03/2010 at 11.15 AM
02.	IMP/RM/SEM/30/2009-2010 dated 03/03/2010	<b>Pharmaceutical Raw Materials:</b> 1. Magnesium Stearate BP2010 2. Povidone K-30 BP2010 3. Terpineol BP2010 4. Cephadrine BP2010 5. Chloramphenicol BP2010 6. Chloramphenicol Micronised Powder USP 31 (Sterile) 7. Colour FDC Yellow # Pharma Grade 8. Sodium Ascorbate USP 31 9. Ascorbic Acid BP2010	Tk. 1250.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 18.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 24/03/2010 at 11.00 AM Opening : 24/03/2010 at 11.15 AM
03.	IMP/PM/SEM/31/2009-2010 dated 03/03/2010	<b>Pharmaceutical Packing Materials:</b> 1. PVDC Flim for Blister Packing. (Width : 189mm)	Tk. 1000.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 15.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 25/03/2010 at 11.00 AM Opening : 25/03/2010 at 11.15 AM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**N.B: This information is also available at our Website : www.edcl.gov.bd**

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