

3 Pak policemen shot dead

US drone and Pak troops kill 15 militants

AFP, Islamabad/Peshawar/Miranshah

Gunmen in Pakistan destroyed four tankers transporting fuel to Nato troops in neighbouring Afghanistan and killed three police officials in an exchange of fire on Saturday, police said.

The incident took place in Talagang town, 158 kilometres (98 miles) south of Islamabad.

"Unknown gunmen opened fire on the four tankers, which were parked at a gas station in Talagang town, causing a massive fire," regional police officer Aslam Tareen told AFP. "A police patrol in the area engaged the gunmen, which triggered an exchange of fire, killing three policemen."

He said the gunmen later fled and rescue officials were trying to extinguish the fire.

Meanwhile, troops killed at least eight militants Sunday during a pre-dawn gunfight in a restive Pakistani tribal area, officials said.

The gunfight took place during a search operation in Orakzai tribal district, local administration official Sajjad Ahmed told AFP.

Ahmed said security forces also captured two underground hideouts used by militants.

A senior military official put the militant death toll at eight. "Security forces killed at least eight militants during a search operation," the official said.

"Up to 40 militants attacked our security forces," he said and added that the bodies of six militants had been captured.

In a separate development, US drone fired three missiles into a militant compound in Pakistan's tribal area near the Afghan border on Saturday, killing seven militants, security officials said.

The strike took place at 9:00 pm (1600 GMT) in Marsikhel area, 20 kilometres (12 miles) east of Miranshah, the main town of North Waziristan, which is known as a hub for Taliban and al-Qaeda linked militants.

The nationalities of the seven dead were not immediately clear, a senior Pakistani security official told AFP on Monday.

Militants have carried out a series of strikes against supplies for US and Nato-led foreign forces fighting the Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan.



A young Indian Hindu pilgrim raises his hands as he joins in prayers after bathing in the mud of a dried up pond believed to have holy, healing powers in Nakali village, some 65 km south of Kolkata yesterday. Local media reports that there is now widespread fear that the large number of pilgrims has polluted the site, which is now posing as a health hazard.

Plane drops 15,000 feet over India

20 hurt

AFP, Thiruvananthapuram, India

A passenger plane flying from Dubai to India yesterday plunged 200 feet (60 metres) after hitting air turbulence, injuring 20 people, officials from the Emirates airline said.

The jet with 350 passengers on board landed safely at its destination of Kochi in south India shortly after the incident, which occurred off the coastal state of Goa.

The plane "encountered a short period of heavy turbulence while cruising at 35,000 feet," Majid Al Mualla, Emirates senior vice president, said in a statement.

"It experienced a 200-foot descent in altitude. There were 350 passengers on board the flight, 20 of whom suffered minor injuries."

Medical teams treated injured passengers at the airport, he said.

Earlier reports had cited local airline officials in Kochi saying the plane had dropped 15,000 feet before the pilot regained control, but senior airline officials later dismissed the figure.

Lanka considers ending emergency laws

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka may scrap the state of emergency laws that gave sweeping powers to police and troops during the island's long ethnic conflict with Tamil rebels, a newly appointed minister said Sunday.

The government has faced international criticism over nationwide laws that were first imposed in 1983 to combat the Tamil Tiger separatists, who were finally defeated a year ago.

Parliament has continued to extend the state of emergency each month as the government argues that rebel remnants have tried to make a comeback.

"We are actively considering it (relaxing the state of emergency). There is no timeline yet," foreign minister Gamini Lakshman Peiris told reporters on Sunday.

"Circumstances have changed. We want to do it not because of external pressures, but because it's the right thing to do now."

The laws allow the arrest and detention of suspects for long periods without trial. They also allow police and troops to carry out searches without a warrant from a magistrate.

Opposition parties and international human rights groups have accused the government of using the laws to suppress legitimate dissent and freedom of expression.

Manmohan to meet Karzai today

INDO ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

Afghan President Hamid Karzai arrives New Delhi on a two-day visit, his Foreign Minister Zalmay Rassoul reached the Indian capital yesterday on a daylong trip for talks that are expected to see India airing its concerns over a proposal to reintegrate the Taliban in Afghanistan.

External Affairs Minister S M Krishna, when he meets Rassoul over dinner, is expected to raise India's growing concerns over the proposed reintegration.

Rassoul is likely to brief the Indian side on the 'peace jirga', that is expected to be held next month after Karzai returns from Washington.

UN concerns over Nepal's violation of child rights

THE HINDUSTAN TIMES, Kathmandu

The United Nations has expressed concern at the fragile security and political scenario in Nepal that has adversely affected children in the Himalayan nation.

In a report to the Security Council on Friday, Secretary General Ban Ki-moon detailed the number of child rights violation during the past year and recommended measures to stop them.

"The volatile political and security situation in the country has caused concerns with regard to children's safety," he stated while mentioning cases of abduction of children for ransom and those injured by mines.

Last year there were 27 cases of children being injured and killed by improvised explosive devices and mines planted by the Maoists during the decade long civil war that ended in 2006.

The report also mentioned 64 cases of killing and maiming of children including 35 cases of victim-activated explosions.

Twenty eight of these cases resulted in serious injuries and eight in death. Two cases of attempt to rape by policemen were also reported.

In one case three policemen attempted to rape a 14-year-old in Sunsari district while a 13-year-old was assaulted by a police officer in Surkhet. Increasing tendency of political parties to impose strikes and shutdowns affected education as well.

The report mentioned of 120 schools getting closed during 2009 and 80 school days lost due to political protests.

Suicide blast kills 4 Afghans

BBC ONLINE

A suicide bomber has killed four people and injured several others in an attack at a bazaar in the southern Afghan province of Zabul, officials say.

The bomber was reportedly on foot and wearing an explosives-packed vest when he targeted a group of security guards, a provincial government spokesman said.

Zabul has witnessed increased insurgent activity in recent months.

Meanwhile in Afghanistan's Logar province, hundreds gathered to protest against civilian deaths blamed on Nato.

Coalition troops supporting Afghanistan's security forces are fighting the Taliban in the south of the country.

Nato has signalled that it intends to shift its anti-Taliban offensive from Helmand province to Kandahar - which neighbours Zabul.

US climate bill postponed

US Senate faces immigration law row

BBC ONLINE

Monday's unveiling of a climate bill in the US Senate has been postponed, after a row over immigration reforms.

The announcement was made by Democratic Senator John Kerry, one of the authors of the bi-partisan bill.

It came after Republican Senator Lindsey Graham, a co-author, threatened to withhold support if the Democrats pushed ahead with an immigration bill.

The climate bill reportedly aims to cut greenhouse gases to 17% below 2005 levels by 2020.

"Regrettably, external issues have arisen that force us to postpone only temporarily," Senator Kerry said in a statement.

But he said he was confident the delay would be short.

His comments came after Senator Graham had said he would have to drop out of drafting the bill because of concerns that Democrats wanted to focus on an immigration bill first.

He was reportedly unhappy that Democrats were considering a bill to grant legal status to long-term illegal immigrants - just months before November's congressional elections.

Many of the migrants staying in the US are Hispanics, who traditionally back Democrats.

Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet
Engineering Office, Sylhet

Invitation for Tender (OTM)

Sealed tenders are hereby invited as per PPR-2008 for the undermentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below:

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.
2	Agency	Shahjalal University of Science & Technology (SUST), Sylhet.
3	Procuring entity name	University Authority.
4	Procuring entity district	Sylhet.
5	Invitation for	Construction Works.
6	Invitation Reference No. & date	Engg/129(10)/46/2009-2010, Date: 20/04/2010.
7	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)-PW-2.
8	Budget and source of funds	Development Fund.
9	Tender package No.	01 (one).
10	Tender package name	Construction of cubical for teachers & classroom at 2nd block of 1st Academic Bld. at SUST, Sylhet.
11	Tender publication date	Within 03 (three) days.
12	Tender last selling date & time	Date 02/05/2010, Time: During banking hour.
13	Tender received date & time	Date 03/05/2010, Time: 12.00 noon.
14	Tender opening date & time	Date 03/05/2010, Time 12.10pm.
15	Name and address of the office(s) selling tender document	Sonali Bank Ltd, Shahjalal University Branch, Sylhet.
16	Name & address of the office(s) receiving & opening tender document	Office of the University Engineer, SUST, Sylhet.
17	Eligibility of tenderer: Tenderer must meet the following qualifying and other eligibility criteria stated in the tender documents (documents to be enclosed with the tender as a proof of experience's): (a) General experience of not less than 05 (five) years (b) 01 (one) no similar work information of value not less than Tk. 1.50 (one point five zero) lacs within last 05 (five) years (c) Liquid assets or cash flow not less than Tk 3.00 (three) lacs (d) Current year trade license (e) VAT registration certificate (10 digit) and up-to-date Income Tax clearance certificate (f) All others as stated in the tender documents (g) Original money receipt of purchasing schedule from the bank. The tenderer with a consistent history of litigation or a number of arbitration awards against it and/or blacklisted tenderers by this university or any other department/organization shall not be eligible to tender.	
18	Brief description of works and related services	Thai Aluminium partition for making cubical for teachers accommodation and classroom.
19	Price of tender document	Tk. 500.00 (five hundred) only on cash payment (non-refundable) from mentioned bank of Clause: 15 by submitted an application to the Manager of the bank in a letter head pad.
20	Amount of tender security	Tk. 7,000.00 (seven thousand) only in the form of BDI/Pay-Order/Bank Guarantee (guarantee) from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet".
21	Completion time	30 (thirty) working days from the date of agreement.
22	Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	Al-Nasir Khaled, University Engineer, Shahjalal University, Sylhet.
23	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone No-0821-721988(O), PABX: 716123, 717850/Ext.216 Fax No-0821-715257 inviting tender.
24	Special instructions: (a) The tenderer must submit the tender document in sealed condition, writing the name of work on the envelope. (b) The tenderer is to submit a declaration that he is and was not involved with the tender envelope. (c) This tender notice is brief and the details of the tender can be seen/known from the office of the undersigned during office hours. (d) All other terms and conditions as stated in the public PPR-2008 will remain valid. (e) If the tender is not received within the mentioned day and time, it will be directly rejected. Due to unavoidable circumstances, if the tender can't be received and opened in the schedule date and time, the same will be received and opened on the next working day respectively at the same time at mentioned office(s). (f) Any corrigendum (if any) will also be a part of the tender and it will be binding upon the bidders/tenderers. (g) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. (h) The work may be increased or decreased as may be required to adjust with the availability of fund during execution of the work.	

Al-Nasir Khaled
University Engineer

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Pakistan seeks extradition of Kasab

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan has asked India to hand over the lone surviving gunman of the 2008 Mumbai attacks so that it can complete its own trial of seven suspects linked to the assault, officials said yesterday.

"We have sought India's help that he (Pakistan's national Mohammed Ajmal Kasab) should be handed over to us so that the trial here can go forward," foreign ministry spokesman Abdul Basit told AFP.

Basit said that Pakistan on Sunday handed over to India six dossiers on its own investigation into Mumbai attacks, with a request that India in turn hand over Kasab and an Indian national, Fahim Ansari, who helped the attackers.

80 Afghan schoolgirls sickened in a week

AP, Kabul

Schoolgirls say more than 80 schoolgirls in northern Afghanistan have fallen ill in three cases of mass sickness over the past week. That's raising fears that militants who oppose education for girls are trying to poison them to scare them away from school.

Kunduz provincial spokesman Mahbobullah Sayedi said the latest case occurred Sunday when 12 girls fell ill at school. Officials said 47 complained of dizziness and nausea on Saturday, and another 23 got sick last Wednesday. None of the illnesses have been serious.

ঢাকা পাওয়ার ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড
DHAKA POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD
(An Enterprise of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh)

Memo No. DGM (Tech.)/NOCS, Circle N.Gonj/DPDC/Tender/2010/34/41 Date: 21 /04/2010

RE-TENDER NOTICE

1	Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).		
2	Procuring Entity Name	Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayanganj, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited.		
3	Procuring Entity District	Narayanganj.		
4	Invitation for	Invitation of sealed bid for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Server, Computer, Line Matrix Printer, UPS & Air Cooler.		
5	Invitation Ref. No.	DGM (Tech.)/NOCS/N.Gonj/DPDC/Tender/2010/34/41		
6	Date	21/04/2010		
Key Information				
7	Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (Single Stage - Single Envelop).		
Funding Information				
8	Budget & Source of Funds	DPDC's own fund (Revenue Budget).		
Particular Information:				
9	Tender Name	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Server, Computer, Line Matrix Printer, UPS & Air Cooler.		
10	Last Selling Date of Tender, with Bid Submission and Bid Opening Date, Time	Last Selling Date	Bid Submission Deadline	Bid Opening Time
		16/05/2010 During Office Hour	Date: 17/05/2010 Time 12.00 noon	Date: 17/05/2010 Time 3.00 pm
11	Name & Address of the office for selling, receiving and opening of Tender Document	Place of Selling	Place of Receiving	Place of Opening
		01. Company Secretary, DPDC, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. Telephone: 9556194. 02. Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayanganj, DPDC. 33, Isha Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayanganj Telephone: 7634087	01. Company Secretary, DPDC. 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. Telephone: : 9556194 02. Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayanganj, DPDC. 33 Isha Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayanganj Telephone: 7634087	01. Company Secretary, DPDC, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. Telephone: 9556194
Information for Tender:				
12	Eligibility of Tender	Tenderer should be Bonafide Authorized distributor / dealer/supplier and 3 (three) Years specific experience for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Server, Computer, Line Matrix Printer, UPS & Air Cooler.		
13	Price of Tender Document for each Lot (Taka)	Taka 2000/- (Two thousand) only, non-refundable in the form of Pay order/Bank draft issued by any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favor of Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS, Circle Narayanganj, DPDC.		
14	Item	Tender Security Amount (Taka)		Location of Delivery
		Taka 1,00,000/- (one lakh) only in the form of Pay order/Bank draft issued from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favor of Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS, Circle Narayanganj, DPDC, 33, Isha Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayanganj Telephone: 7634087		01. Manager (Technical), NOCS, Narayanganj (East), DPDC, 33 Isha Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayanganj. 02. Manager (Technical), NOCS, Narayanganj (West), DPDC, 33 Isha Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayanganj. 03. Manager (Technical), NOCS, Demra, DPDC, Simrail, Chittiangong Road, Siddirgonj, Narayanganj. 04. Manager (Technical), NOCS, Siddirgonj, DPDC, Simrail, Chittiangong Road, Siddirgonj, Narayanganj.
Procuring Entity Details:				
15	Name of official Inviting Tender	Md. Anwarul Islam.		
16	Designation of official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS, Circle Narayanganj, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).		
17	Address of official Inviting Tender	33, Isha Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayanganj		
18	Contact Details of official Inviting Tender	Telephone: 7634087, Fax: 7644331 Email: dgmtnarayanganj@dpdc.org		
19	a. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Tender (s) without assigning any reason thereof. b. Date of Selling & Submission of tender document may be changed due to any unavoidable circumstance c. Details of terms and conditions are given in the tender document, which is compiled with PPA-2008.			
<p>(Md. Anwarul Islam.) Deputy General Manager (Technical) NOCS Circle, Narayanganj, DPDC, Dhaka.</p>				