

Indian diplomat arrested for spying for Pakistan

AFP, New Delhi

A diplomat working in the Indian embassy in Islamabad has been arrested for spying for Pakistan in a security breach set to heighten mistrust between the estranged neighbours, officials said yesterday.

The 53-year-old junior female diplomat working in the information service of the embassy was called back to New Delhi last week on the pretext of consultations before police swooped on her at home.

The woman, named as Madhuri Gupta, a second secretary in the embassy, was arrested for breaching the official secrets act, which carries a minimum 10-year jail term, a senior police source told AFP on condition of anonymity.

"We have reason to believe that an official in the High Commission of India in Islamabad had been passing information to the Pakistani intelligence agencies," foreign ministry spokesman Vishnu Prakash told reporters.

"The official is cooperating with our investigations and enquiries," he said in a statement made on the sidelines of a regional conference in Bhutan where the prime ministers of India and Pakistan were set to hold talks.

The proposed meeting between Manmohan Singh and Yousuf Raza Gilani, on the sidelines

of the two-day South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) summit, is seen as part of the long process of building trust.

India broke off all dialogue with Pakistan after the 2008 Mumbai attacks, which killed at least 166 people and which New Delhi blamed on Pakistan-based militants.

The police source said Gupta had been under surveillance for six months.

Press Trust of India news agency said she had worked in the mission for nearly three years and is alleged to have passed on information from the Islamabad head of India's external intelligence service.

The station head of the intelligence service, the Research and Analysis Wing, RK Sharma, was also under scrutiny in connection with Gupta's arrest, PTI said.

KC Singh, a former Indian foreign secretary, told the Times Now news channel that Gupta would in theory have had limited access in her role in the information wing.

As a second secretary, she ranked low in the diplomatic hierarchy, senior only to the entry-level third secretary.

"More damage is done if it is someone in the political wing," he said. "However, it is a penetration. We earlier had penetration by the US and East Europeans, but this is a first from Pakistan."



In this handout photo released by the Royal Government of Bhutan, Pakistani Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani (C) is received by Bhutanese Prime Minister Jigmi Yoser Thinley (2nd R) for the 16th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) in Thimphu yesterday.

Pakistan working on to resolve issues with India

Says Gilani

ANI, Islamabad

Pakistan Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has said that Islamabad is making all efforts both through the diplomatic and backdoor channels to resolve all pending issues with New Delhi.

Interacting with media persons on board his special aircraft enroute to Thimphu, where he would be attending the 16th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) to be held on April 28 and 29, Gilani said all efforts are on resume the stalled deliberations with India to resolve various long pending issues, The Nation reports.

The two-day Saarc summit has attracted much media attention, as it is being speculated that Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh may hold talks with his Pakistani counterpart on the sidelines of the conference.

Ambiguity persists over the meeting between both leaders, as none of the sides are ready to reveal anything over whether Dr. Singh and Gilani would hold talks or not.

Series of blasts hit Myanmar's power project

Four wounded

AFP, Yangon

A series of grenade blasts hit a hydropower project in Myanmar yesterday, wounding four workers in the latest unrest in the military-ruled country, officials said.

The attacks occurred at the Thaukyegat hydropower plant under construction in Bago Division, about 220 kilometres (137 miles) northeast of the country's main city Yangon, a local official told AFP.

"Four workers were injured during three grenade attacks at the Thaukyegat hydropower project site," the official said, asking not to be named because he was not authorised to speak to the media.

2 lakh Tamil leave Lanka camps: UN

AFP, Geneva

More than 200,000 of some 280,000 mainly Tamil people displaced after the civil war in northern Sri Lanka have left their camps since last August, the UN refugee agency said yesterday.

A spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said the government allowed returns to resume last week following a three week pause due to the country's elections, leading to the departure of 7,000 internally displaced people since then.

"207,000 IDPs have left the camps in the north and east of the country since the organised return process began in August last year," the spokesman, Andrej Mahecic, told journalists. "They have either returned to their homes or are staying with friends and relatives in Vavuniyam, Mannar, Jaffna and other districts."

About 25,000 families -- some 82,000 people -- are left in camps or still with host families in the Meniak Farm area, largely because they had nowhere to go after their homes were destroyed in the war, Mahecic added.

An estimated 288,000 people were displaced during the final stages of the conflict last year after government forces defeated the Tamil Tiger rebels in bitter fighting and ended a 37-year-old civil war.

But many of the mainly Tamil civilians were held in internment camps and Sri Lanka only started granting them free movement last December, following pressure from the international community.

Sri Lanka had promised to resettle displaced people in the north and east by the end of January.

"There are detention camps for former combatants, but these are camps where we have not had access," added Mahecic.



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Assistant General Manager (as In-charge of Operation Unit)	1 (one)	B. Sc. in Computer Science & Engineering/ Electrical and Electronics Engineering or equivalent degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8(eight) years experience, out of which 5(five) years in Card Operation. Experience will be relaxed for highly experienced/ qualified candidates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handling transaction and settlement process Communicating with Visa/ Master Card and other network Dispute Management Setting up operation process for card personalization, call center for card activation and ATM network monitoring Handling ATM Switching System
Assistant General Manager (as In-charge of Marketing Unit)	1 (one)	MBA (major in Marketing preferred) or equivalent degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8(eight) years experience, out of 5(five) years in Card Marketing. Experience will be relaxed for highly experienced/ qualified candidates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing of marketing strategy and goals Developing marketing plan Conducting marketing research and monitoring customer needs Promotion and advertisement Monitoring sales team
Assistant General Manager (as In-charge of Credit Unit)	1 (one)	MBA or equivalent degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8(eight) years experience, out of which 5(five) years in Credit Card Administration and Evaluation. Experience will be relaxed for highly experienced/ qualified candidates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing Regulations and Product Program Guidelines for Credit Card in compliance with Prudential Guidelines for Consumer Financing & Small Enterprise Financing of Bangladesh Bank Maintaining Circulars/ Guidelines/ Instructions of Bangladesh Bank Foreign Exchange Policy Department regarding Card Developing comprehensive credit policy for issuing Cards, to adapt sales policy for business development Evaluating credit proposal Developing new features and attributing new features to the existing product Ability to report returns/ schedules to Bangladesh Bank Preparing statements/ reports of Loans & Advances for Head Office and Bangladesh Bank

Gross salary: Tk. 46,500/- (in the scale of pay of Tk.25,000-1,200-43,000/- with other admissible benefits)

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