

Security beefed up in Assam following Ulfa threat

ANI, Guwahati

Police have beefed up preventive security measures in Guwahati following an intelligence alert over a possible strike by the rebel United Liberation Front of Assam (Ulfa).

"There are intelligence inputs that Ulfa may try to do some subversive activities in Guwahati, so our police is taking care of," said Himanta Biswa Sarma, Health Minister of Assam.

However, he dispelled panic over the warning as he said that the might of the rebel group has waned after the arrest of some top Ulfa leaders, including its Chairman, Arabinda Rajkhowa.

"I think now police has developed its network very well and we are confident that ULFA is no longer such a force to be scared of any more," Sharma added.

The ULFA is one among the two dozens of armed ultra factions operating in the northeastern region, either fighting for independent homeland, or more political autonomy.

They accuse New Delhi of plundering the region's mineral and forest resources, neglecting local economy and giving them back nothing in return.

A crying Kashmiri woman is consoled at the funeral procession of civilian Md Shafiq in Srinagar yesterday. Police said Shafiq, 42, was hit in the head by a stone causing serious injuries from which he later died in hospital. His family said Shafiq had died of bullet injuries.

PHOTO: AFP



Afghanistan accuses foreign forces of killing civilians

AFP, KANDAHAR, Afghanistan

The Afghan government yesterday accused foreign forces of killing two women and a girl, the latest in a long list of civilians mistakenly killed by US-led troops fighting the Taliban.

The interior ministry said the victims were travelling on a highway in southern Afghanistan, a flashpoint in a nearly nine-year war, when foreign troops opened fire, killing three of the five civilians in the car.

The allegation came just weeks after US troops opened fire on a bus in the southern city of Kandahar -- the Taliban's spiritual capital -- killing four civilians and sparking

angry public protests.

"A foreign forces convoy opened fire on a vehicle coming the other way, thinking they were Taliban," interior ministry spokesman Zemarai Bashary told AFP. "Two women and one girl were killed and one other woman was wounded."

Bashary said the incident occurred Friday in Zabul province but he did not specify the nationality of the soldiers.

A spokesman for the Zabul governor said the troops were part of NATO's US-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and had stopped on the road to defuse a bomb.

6 cops held for supplying arms to Maoists

AFP, LUCKNOW, India.

Indian police arrested six policemen yesterday for allegedly selling weapons to Maoist rebels blamed for a string of deadly attacks.

Police in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh said they arrested four state police officers and two men serving in the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force.

"A special team raided their houses and found a huge cache of weapons," state police chief Brij Lal said.

Kashmir stone-pelters kill a man

Police say

AFP, Srinagar

Anti-India protesters stoned a bus in Indian Kashmir yesterday, killing a passenger as the region was again convulsed by violent demonstrations, police said.

Police said the 42-year-old man was hit in the head as he travelled through Srinagar, the Kashmiri summer capital, and later died in hospital.

"A murder case has been registered. We will find the killers," Srinagar police chief Javed Reyaz Bedar told reporters.

Later in the day, police fired teargas and charged hundreds of protesters, who tried to march to the high-security office of the United Nations to protest against alleged human rights violations by Indian security forces.

Young anti-India Muslims often throw stones at security forces during protests that frequently disrupt the volatile and violent Muslim-majority Kashmir valley.

"The elements involved in this killing can never be well-wishers of Kashmir's freedom struggle," said Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, the head of moderate faction of region's separatist alliance.

"The act is highly condemnable," he said. Earlier, the Indian military yesterday said it had killed three suspected militants as they attempted to enter Indian Kashmir from the Pakistani side of the disputed region.

The fresh violence came a day after the prime ministers of India and Pakistan agreed to work towards resuming their frozen peace dialogue when they met in Bhutan for their first direct talks in nine months.

The heavily militarised 760-kilometre (470 mile) LoC divides Kashmir between nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan, who both claim the whole territory and have fought two wars over it.

The insurgency launched against Indian rule in 1989 has claimed more than 47,000 lives by the official count.

Pakistani 'activist' found dead

BBC NEWS

The body of a Pakistani human rights activist has been found in the North Waziristan tribal area, weeks after he was reportedly kidnapped by militants.

Officials said Khalid Khawaja's body was found in a ditch near the town of Mir Ali on Friday afternoon. He had been shot in the head and chest.

A note attached to the body claimed that Mr Khawaja -- a former Pakistani intelligence officer -- was a US agent.

It said that if "someone tries to spy for America this will be his fate".

Mr Khawaja, along with two other men, had been missing for several weeks after travelling into North Waziristan.

A group calling itself the Asian Tigers later said it had kidnapped all three.

The BBC's Syed Shoaib Hasan in Islamabad says that the group is thought to be a front for the Pakistani Taliban, who in effect control most of the Waziristan tribal region.

A video was released of Mr Khawaja before his death in which he was seen confessing that he was a CIA and Pakistani agent.

His captors had been demanding a ransom and the release of Taliban militants in exchange for the release of the men.

Dalai Lama marks 50 years in Indian hill station

AFP, New Delhi

Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama yesterday marked half a century of living in a northern Indian hill station that he has made his residence since fleeing his homeland.

The Dalai Lama escaped Tibet in 1959 in disguise on horseback to start life in exile in India after a failed uprising against Chinese rule.

A year later, India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, offered the Dalai Lama the Himalayan hill station of

Dharamshala where to this day a steady flow of refugees trek through some of the world's toughest terrain to see him.

The Dalai Lama said at a "thank-you" ceremony to India held in Dharamshala that he has been the country's "longest guest".

"I am a 'Son of India', I have survived with Indian rice and daal," the Dalai Lama said.

He said despite his life in exile he has been able to keep the Tibetan cause alive and added he felt pride at what Tibetans

living in exile have achieved.

The Dalai Lama has become a globe-trotting spiritual leader who has fuelled global interest in Buddhism and has authored or co-authored dozens of books, ranging from guides to happiness to scientific inquiries into the nature of the brain.

China calls the Dalai Lama a "wolf in monk's clothing" and accuses him of seeking to split the country, although the spiritual leader has repeatedly said he accepts Beijing's rule and is only seeking "meaningful autonomy" for Tibet.



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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for consultancy services for expansion of DESCO's Pre-paid Meter Plant

The Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd. (DESCO) intends to apply a part of its own revenue budget toward the cost of Consultancy Services for expansion of DESCO's existing Prepaid Meter Plant (PPMP) and accordingly DESCO seeks the services of a Consultant to take up a detailed study with financial analysis with respect to capacity enhancement of the plant. In this regard the Consultant shall prepare and submit a comprehensive report with detailed plan.

The services include preparation of a report with recommendations on (i) the assessment of annual production requirement of Prepaid Meter (PPM) to meet present and future demand (ii) the appropriate funding source(s) and investment plan (iii) requirement of plant machinery, tools & equipment, manpower, plant floor area, store facilities. (iv) procurement plan for goods & accessories, etc.

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The Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd. (DESCO) now invites eligible Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consulting Firms are invited to provide information, indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. This shall require substantiation through submission of brochures and other documents describing similar assignments, experience, availability of appropriate professional competence, experience, etc. An applicant may associate with other Consultant (s) to fulfil the qualification requirement.

Interested Consulting Firms may obtain further information on the requirements including the criteria of short-listing by applying to the address below during normal office hours on working days upto **May 29, 2010**.

A shortlist of Consulting Firms will be prepared upon evaluation of EOIs of the eligible Consulting Firms and "Request for Proposal" document will be issued in their favour. A Consulting Firm will be selected using the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method. It is expected that the services will commence on September, 2010 and be completed within sixty (60) days from the date of commencement of services.

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Ref. No.: DESCO/Procurement/2010/214
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DGM (F&A) and Manager-in-charge (Procurement Division)
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