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Afghan protest on civilian deaths turns violent, 1 dead

REUTERS, Surkhrod

Police shot dead a an Afghan protester in eastern Afghanistan yesterday after hundreds of villagers demonstrated against Nato raids which they said killed 11 civilians overnight, a local official said.

Crowds of men marched through the streets of Surkhrod district in Nangahar province, with chants like "Death to Americans, Long Live the Taliban" and pelted stones at government buildings before they were fired on by police.

Haji Jamal, head of the local provincial council, told Reuters that one of the protesters had been shot dead by police gunfire. The interior ministry was not immediately available for comment.

The protest erupted after a Nato-led raid overnight in a village in Surkhrod district angered residents who said the raid killed innocent civilians.

So-called "night raids" on Afghan houses by foreign troops in the hours of darkness are a frequent source of friction between the Afghan government and the Nato-led force.

The US and Nato commander, General Stanley McChrystal, has given instructions that night raids be carried out only as a last resort and with Afghan troops in the lead, to prevent incidents where Afghans defending their homes are mistaken for insurgents.

McChrystal has however refused to ban night raids outright, as requested by President Hamid Karzai. McChrystal's instructions say they can still be an effective and necessary tactic.

Nato-led forces said an overnight operation had taken place in Surkhrod district and that only insurgents had been killed, including a Taliban sub-commander, and no civilians had been harmed.

Indian troops kill 6 rebels in Manipur

REUTERS, Manipur

Indian troops yesterday killed six separatist rebels in restive Manipur close to the border with Myanmar, police said.

A senior police officer said soldiers on foot patrol in the mountainous region were attacked by a group of rebels.

The government says the rebels have camps in the border area, which is also known as a gateway for international trade in the northeast.

Manipur's police chief Y Joykumar said the rebels also have their bases across the border in Myanmar. More than 20 militant

groups operate in the state, having little more than two million people, some demanding freedom, some more political autonomy.

Nepal heading for major political crisis

AP, Katmandu

Time is running out for Nepal.

More than two years after a Constituent Assembly was elected to help guide Nepal out of years of civil war and political upheaval, the constitution it was supposed to draft remains unwritten amid endless political bickering.

On May 28, the Assembly's tenure and the provisional constitution governing the nation expires. Without a new constitution or an extension of that deadline, chaos is almost certain.

With the deadline approaching, the former Maoist rebels who now control the largest party in parliament have repeatedly shut down the streets of Katmandu with protests, demanding they be given the reigns of power. The government has resisted, but still needs Maoist votes to

come to a resolution.

"The prime minister has been meeting leaders from various political parties and even the president to work out a solution," Law Minister Prem Bahadur Singh said. "There is no alternative to extending the Constituent Assembly or the country will plunge into a crisis."

The status of the government becomes unclear if there is no extension. However, Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal has insisted he will not step down, even without one.

Political crises are nothing new to Nepal, which faced 10 years of fighting between government forces and Maoist rebels. In 2006, the Maoists gave up their armed revolt and joined the peace process.

Then-King Gyanendra, who had seized absolute power in 2005, was forced to give up authoritarian rule in 2006 after

weeks of street protests. He was soon stripped of all his powers. In 2008, Nepal was declared a republic, the Constituent Assembly was elected and the centuriesold monarchy was ended.

The Maoists won top billing in that vote, and led a coalition government that appeared on target to draft the new constitution and cement peace, stability and democracy to this Himalayan nation.

But nine months later, the Maoist prime minister resigned though the Maoists kept their seats in the Assembly amid a dispute with the president.

Since then, the Maoists have been protesting both inside the Assembly and in the streets, demanding that the new prime minister step down and that they be returned to power. Meanwhile, disputes over the shape of the constitution have stymied the drafting process.

Gilani to visit Attabad lake amid flood fears

BBC ONLINE

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani is set to visit a lake in the north, formed after a landslide and on the verge of breaking its banks.

Officials say thousands of villagers have left the area as waters are rising rapidly. Reports say many homes nearby have already been submerged.

Attabad lake formed when landslides blocked a river in

January. On Thursday army officials said they were continuing efforts to help with draining the swelling lake.

Lt Gen Shaid Niaz said that "spillways" were being dug around the lake as a temporary solution to help water drain from it.

Officials have warned that the danger of the lake overflowing and flooding the area would be highest during the rainy season in June.



Indian policemen use a stretcher to move an injured colleague as he arrives at a hospital in Srinagar yesterday. Four Indian policemen and one civilian were injured when separatist militants lobbed a hand grenade on a security bunker.

Violence surges in Kashmir

AP, Srinagar

Militant violence is surging in Indian-controlled Kashmir after years of declines, officials say, warning of increased insurgent infiltration from Pakistan and a bloody summer ahead.

Nearly every day, the crackle of gunfire and the roar of mortars can be heard somewhere in the towns and forests of the scenic Himalayan region, which is claimed by both India and Pakistan but divided between them.

Most recently, Indian soldiers have been hunting Muslim militants for more than a week in a thickly forested area northwest of Srinagar, the region's main city. The operation, one of the largest in years, has already left 11 suspected rebels and four soldiers dead amid the rugged terrain, said Indian army spokesman ColVineet Sood.

"The army is gearing up to meet new challenges as this summer is going to be a hot summer in terms of security," India's Defence Minister AK Antony recently told reporters. Summers have traditionally been a time of increased fighting in Kashmir, as snow melts in Himalayan mountain passes and militants are able to slip across from the Pakistani-controlled portion of the territory.

"Infiltration from the Pakistani side increased last year and this year also there are serious attempts," said Kuldeep Khoda, the police chief of Indian-controlled Kashmir. Police say they have arrested 10 Kashmiri teenagers just this month six allegedly trying to cross to the Pakistani side for arms training and four looking for weapons training on the Indian side.

According to police records, 76 suspected militants and 23 members of the police and the army have been killed in the first four months this year. Thirteen civilians have also died in the conflict.

Pak Taliban say US will 'burn'

REUTERS, Pakistan

Pakistani Taliban militants have warned America that it will soon "burn" while calling for Pakistan's rulers to be overthrown for following "America's agenda".

The United States is convinced Pakistani Taliban militants allied with al-Qaeda and operating out of north-western Pakistani border regions were behind an attempted car-bomb attack in New York's Times Square on May 1. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the

attempted bombing. If confirmed, it would be the first time their members were involved in an attempted attack in the West. A Pakistani Taliban spokesman, in a video message obtained

by Reuters, repeated a claim of responsibility, saying: "The movement proved what America could not have even imagined ... It was just an explosive-laden vehicle which did not explode.

'Mayapuri residents at Fatwa bans Indian Muslims high radiation risk'

INDO ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

West Delhi's Mayapuri area is 'not a safe zone for human beings', environment body Greenpeace said yesterday after a visit to the scrap yard where a person died after exposure to radiation last month.

"The investigation has identified hotspots with more than 5,000 times natural background radiation," a Greenpeace expert said

radiation leak took place. Two radiation experts, Stan Vincent from Belgium and Jan Vande Putte from UK, also accompanied our team and investigated the area.

'With three radioactive detectors machines we found out that radiation exposure is still high in the area," a Greenpeace spokesperson told IANS.

"Fatwa" department said.

AFP, Lucknow

A powerful Islamic seminary in northern India has issued a fatwa, or decree, against Muslims working in banks, a spokesman said yesterday,

The ruling by the Darul-Uloom Deoband, India's oldest Sunni-run seminary, in northern Uttar Pradesh state, was issued last week but made public Friday, Mufti Shakeel of the

"According to the tenets of Islam, Muslims must not work in banks because as employees they would have to deal with transactions involving interest and also make interest entries in bank ledgers," Shakeel said by tele-

The government had earlier given a clean chit to the scrap yard. after the team's visit. Greenpeace has shared the information with local residents and the concerned authori-"A team investigated the shop and its surrounding areas in Mayapuri in which the first

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Karzai to visit US troops before Afghan deployment

AFP, Arlington

Afghan President Hamid Karzai completes his US tour yesterday with a visit to US troops from the 101st Airborne Division weeks before they deploy to his war-torn country.

The US Army's Fort Campbell post has played a key role in President Barack Obama's surge of 30,000 extra troops to Afghanistan, a bid to turn around the nine-year war against the Taliban and al-Qaeda. But the top US and Nato commander in

the country voiced cautious optimism about the effort. Walking through the rows of white gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, a sombre Karzai bore witness to the tragic cost paid by Americans in the war.

The visit was part of a carefully scripted four-day trip by the Afghan leader designed to mend fences with his main ally after strains marked by Karzai's angry public outbursts. Commander of US and Nato troops in Afghanistan, General

Stanley McChrystal, said there was still no clear winner in the war.

Chennai auto drivers to get yoga training

ANI, Chennai

A non-profit organization, with the help of traffic police of Chennai, organized meditation and yoga classes for the city's auto rickshaw drivers.

The meditation and yoga course is organised jointly by the Art of Living Foundation and the Chennai Traffic Police. So far 150 auto rickshaw drivers have participated in this course.

The course aims to improve their adherence to traffic rules and behaviour. "This kind of meditation and yoga will certainly reduce the

stress on the part of auto drivers, in turn it will reduce the harassment by the auto drivers towards public," said M Ravi, Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Chennai Police. "It will definitely help the auto drivers, as they tend to violate the traffic rules lot of times," said Niharika, the trainer and organiser.

the year. The organizers hope to have similar courses in other cities of

to work in banks

deeming it a violation of Islamic law.

phone from Saharanpur district, 450 kilometres (280 miles) from Lucknow.



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বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা

স্থানীয় দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (গুডস)

০১। মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ তথ্য মন্ত্ৰণালয় বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮। এজেন্সী সংগ্রহকারী সতার নাম ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক, বিএফডিসি, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা। সংগ্রহকারী সন্তার জেলা কি জন্য আহ্বান টেভার ফর গুডস। এফডিসি/পিডি-এলপি/২০০৯-২০১০/৪৭/৬৬। আহ্বানের সূত্র তারিখঃ ১২/০৫/২০১০। তারিখ সংগ্ৰহ পদ্ধতি উনাক্ত দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি (OTM)। বাজেট এবং সোর্স অব ফাভ রাজস্ব খাত। স্প্রীট টাইপ সিলিং মাউটেড এয়ারকুলার সরবরাহ। দরপত্র প্যাকেজের নাম 20 দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ ১৪/০৫/২০১০ইং। 77 1 ৩১/০৫/২০১০ বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ 321 দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ০১/০৬/২০১০ দুপুর ২.০০টা পর্যন্ত। 106 ও সময় দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় ০১/০৬/২০১০ দুপুর ২.৩০টা। দরপত্র বিক্রয়কারী অফিসের হিসাব ক্যাশ শাখা, বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন, তেজগাঁও, 100 নাম ও ঠিকানা উপ-পরিচালক (সংগ্রহ), বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন, (ক) দরপত্র দলিল তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা গ্রহণকারীর দপ্তর (খ) দরপত্র দলিল খোলার উপ-পরিচালক (সংগ্রহ), বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা। (১) সরবরাহকারী মালামাল সরবরাহ কাজের ৩ (তিন) বছরের সার্বিক দরদাতাদের যোগ্যতা অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। (২) হালনাগাদ ইনকাম ট্যাক্স পরিশোধের সার্টিফিকেট, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও ব্যাংক সলভেন্সী সার্টিফিকেট ইত্যাদি। স্প্রীট টাইপ সিলিং মাউটেভ এয়ারকুলার সরবরাহ। মালামাল সংগ্ৰহ অথবা কাজের সংক্ষিপ্ত বর্ণনা প্রতিসেট সিডিউলের মূল্য ৬৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)। দরপত্র তফসিলের মূল্য

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The yoga and meditation course will continue throughout

Tamil Nadu.