

Cameron reveals duties of Nick Clegg

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The Times calls him the 'Prime Minister's Office Wife', but Nick Clegg took no offence as Prime Minister David Cameron outlined his deputy's duties for the first time in parliament.

Clegg will oversee the introduction of fixed-term parliaments and bring in legislation for a referendum on changing the voting system, according to a written statement of the prime minister.

Responsibilities from the ministry of justice transferred to Clegg are legislating to create fewer and uniform-sized constituencies, encouraging disabled people to contest the general elections and introducing a power for voters to recall their MP.

Cameron said Clegg will develop plans for an elected Upper House in parliament. This is part of the ruling coalition promise to get a vote on House of Lords reform in December.

The deputy prime minister will also have policy responsibility for the Electoral Commission, Boundary Commission and Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, which is setting up the new expenses regime for MPs and peers.

S Korea's governing party faces setback in local polls

THE NEW YORK TIMES ONLINE

President Lee Myung-bak's party has suffered a surprising setback in local elections that were widely seen as a referendum on his handling of North Korea's alleged torpedoing of a South Korean warship.

Results from the elections were released, and the voter turnout of 54.5 percent was the highest for local elections in 15 years.

Candidates of Lee's governing Grand National Party had hoped that outrage in South Korea over the sinking of the Cheonan, which killed 46 South Korean sailors, would help them ride a conservative wave to victory. Lee's government has formally accused North Korea of attacking the ship on March 26 with a torpedo from a submarine, a charge that the North has denied.

"The election results were far less than we had expected and hoped for," Cho Hae-jin, a spokesman for the governing party, said. The party's chairman, Chung Mong-joon, an important ally of Lee, said he was stepping down over the poor results. Lee's chief of staff, Chung Chung-kil, also offered to resign.

Pre-election surveys showed that a majority of South Koreans blamed North Korea for the warship incident, which the government characterized as the worst North Korean military provocation since the end of the Korean War. Those surveys and political analysts had predicted that the president's party would win at least 9 of 16 crucial races to elect big-city mayors and provincial governors in the voting on Wednesday.

But the party won only six of the elections. Its main rival, the Democratic Party, won seven. The remaining three races were won by two independents and a candidate from a small opposition party.

The results were a blow to Lee's efforts to rally popular support for his campaign to punish North Korea. He also wanted a fresh mandate to push through his controversial \$19 billion project to dredge and dam the country's four main rivers.

Biden backs Israel's right to stop flotilla

REUTERS, Washington

Vice President Joe Biden on Wednesday backed Israel's right to board ships bound for Gaza to prevent weapons smuggling, but said Washington remained concerned about the plight of Palestinians there.

Israeli commandos boarded a flotilla of six aid vessels trying to break Israel's three-year-old naval blockade of the Palestinian enclave on Monday. Nine activists were killed in the assault and dozens injured, including some commandos.

The United States has trod carefully in its response to the deadly raid and has not joined the international condemnation of Israel's use of force to stop the ships after its commandos were attacked as they rappelled down from helicopters.

"Israel has an absolute right to deal with its security interest," Biden said in an interview on PBS's "Charlie Rose" show, while reiterating the Obama administration's support for a transparent, impartial investigation of what happened.

The aim of the Israeli commando operation had been to seize control of the ships and escort them to Israel's Ashdod port.



Demonstrators called by several Basque unions and social collectives hold a banner that reads "Israel kills, Spanish government collaborates" yesterday in the northern Spanish Basque city of Bilbao, to condemn Israel's deadly raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla.

Flotilla activists given hero's welcome in Turkey
Israel proposes inquiry with foreign observers

REUTERS, Istanbul/Jerusalem

Hundreds of activists from a Turkish-led aid flotilla landed at Istanbul early yesterday, dazed and shaken after their ordeal but given a hero's welcome by thousands of cheering supporters waiting at the airport.

Three Turkish planes that bore the activists from Tel Aviv to Turkey also carried the simple wooden coffins of the nine killed when Israeli commandos stormed the ships trying to take aid to Gaza.

"We've been scared, frightened, kidnapped and attacked with battleships while we were taking aid to needy people in Gaza," said Mustafa Ahmet, a British citizen of Turkish origin.

Meanwhile, Israel, deflect a UN demand for an international investigation, proposed yesterday an Israeli inquiry with the participation of outside observers into its lethal seizure of a Gaza-bound Turkish ship.

Israel's foreign minister, Avigdor

Lieberman, embraced a US suggestion in an effort to calm a global furore over the killing of nine pro-Palestinian activists in Monday's naval commando operation.

Israel wants any probe to focus on the legality and operational details of the commando raid rather than on its four-year-old blockade of Gaza and the humanitarian situation.

Israeli Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz told Army Radio: "There is a need for an investigation to draw lessons," an apparent reference to the military performance in the operation.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made an unrepentant defence of the Gaza blockade, lambasting European and other governments for "hypocrisy" in challenging Israel's efforts to prevent the Iranian-backed Islamists from arming.

The Foreign Ministry dismissed a vote by the United Nations Human Rights Council, a forum Israel says is deeply biased against it, to form an independent fact-finding mission to look into what it called violations of international law.

Lift Gaza blockade immediately

UN to Israel

ANI, London

The United Nations has demanded the Israel lift its blockade on Gaza immediately.

The blockade has virtually isolated Gaza, paralysing normal life there and reducing the supply of humanitarian aid to a mere trickle.

According to The Telegraph, UN General Secretary, Ban Ki Moon criticised Israel for holding the residents of Gaza ransom and termed the blockade as "counter-productive, unsustainable and wrong."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu railed against world leaders, saying that they were being "hypocritical".

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