

Indian forces to break Manipur blockade

AFP, ANI, Guwahati/ New Delhi

India will send paramilitary troops yesterday to end a blockade of a northeastern state by tribal groups that has cut food and medical supplies for over two months, a top official said.

Several Naga tribal groups have blocked the main highways into Manipur state since April 12 to protest against a government decision preventing their separatist leader, Thuingaleng Muivah, from visiting his birthplace.

Government officials say they have only got two food convoys into the state since the start of the protest, sending food prices soaring, while hospitals have run perilously low on essential medical supplies.

"The process would begin from Tuesday and we shall see to it that food supplies reach Manipur," Home Secretary GK Pillai, the senior civil servant in the interior ministry, told AFP from New Delhi.

Muivah's National Socialist Council of Nagaland has been campaigning for decades for a Naga homeland to be carved out from three of India's seven northeastern states, including Manipur.

The Manipur government had banned 75-year-old Muivah's trip to his home village, saying it could stoke unrest. On May 6, six tribal protesters were killed and up to 70 injured during demonstrations over the ban.

"The central government's decision to use

force to break the deadlock has come in late, but still we welcome the move," N Biren Singh, senior minister and Manipur government spokesman, told AFP from Manipur's capital Imphal.

In New Delhi on Monday, a delegation led by Mutsikhoyo Yobu, the president of the Nagaland Student Federation, which has spearheaded the blockade, met Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and other top political figures.

Manipur, which has long been affected by insurgent violence, is home to dozens of tribal groups and small guerrilla armies that resist rule from New Delhi and often compete against each other.

Meanwhile, a delegation of senior Naga leaders is expected to call on Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh here this evening in an attempt to find a solution for the economic blockade.

The Naga tribes have been imposing economic blockade since mid-April on National Highways 39 and 53 to oppose the election, and support the proposed visit of NSCN (IM) leader, Thuingaleng Muivah.

The All Naga Students' Association (ANSAM) had launched the blockade to protest holding of elections to six autonomous district councils which, it alleged, were against not given enough power to carry out development works.



India's Congress Party President, Sonia Gandhi (2L) poses with a Chadar - Holy Shawl - at her residence in New Delhi yesterday. The shawl was being taken to Mazaar Sharif of Khwaja Saheb, in the Rajasthan city of Ajmer on the occasion of the annual 'Urs' - the death anniversary of Sufi saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti. Congress leaders will take the chadar on behalf of Sonia Gandhi to pray for communal harmony, unity and well being of the country in the pilgrimage town.

PHOTO: AFP

Maoists 'killed' in Indian operation

Rail divisions asked to be on alert during strike

BBC ONLINE, PTI, Ranchi

Police in the north-eastern Indian state of Jharkhand say they have killed 10 Maoist rebels.

Eight rebel camps were destroyed during what is being described as a major offensive in the Borahat jungles of West Singhbhum district, officials said.

Six policemen injured in the operation were airlifted to hospital, police said.

Authorities have been under pressure following a wave of Maoist-led violence in recent months.

Meanwhile, Rail divisions across the state have been alerted on threat to trains during the Maoist called 48-hour bandh, which began midnight, in five states including Jharkhand. "We have been asked to be on alert by our higher authorities following information of threat to trains," Divisional Rail Manager of the Dhanbad Rail Division, A S Upadhaya told PTI over phone.

Asked about a local TV news report that there was also a threat by Jaish-e-Mohammad targeting Gujarat-bound trains, he said, "it's a general alert. We share intelligence inputs."

"The Maoists have called the shutdown in protest against the arrest of Sheetalji, a cadre. Several trains have been diverted to avoid Maoist- pockets during the bandh, railway sources said.

In late May, more than 145 people were killed when a train crashed in neighbouring West Bengal state after Maoist rebels allegedly sabotaged the rail track.

State-run broadcaster All India Radio reports that some 2,000 policemen are taking part in the current operation against the rebels in Jharkhand.

Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS)
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Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
All	Paper - I	01.07.2010 (Thursday)	9.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	03.07.2010 (Saturday)		

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Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
Dermatology & V.D, Family Medicine, Haematology, Histopathology, Microbiology, Medicine, Surgery, Ophthalmology, Psychiatry & Radiology and Imaging	Paper - I	04.07.2010 (Sunday)	9.00 A.M. to 10.40 A.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	05.07.2010 (Monday)		
	Paper - III	06.07.2010 (Tuesday)		

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Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
Anaesthesiology, Dental Surgery, Obst. & Gynae, Otolaryngology, Paediatrics, Physical Medicine & Radiotherapy	Paper - I	04.07.2010 (Sunday)	12.00 Noon to 01.40 P.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	05.07.2010 (Monday)		
	Paper - III	06.07.2010 (Tuesday)		

Program for clinical, practical & oral examinations for FCPS Part II, Preliminary FCPS Part-II, FCPS (sub-speciality) and MCPS will be notified in the Notice Board of BCPS well in advance.

The Admit Card for the said Examinations will be issued between 26 to 30th June, 2010.

(Professor Abdul Kader Khan)
Controller of Examinations

No Pakistan victory in Orakzai despite hue and cry

REUTERS, Peshawar

NEWS ANALYSIS

It was a classic case of military hubris: when Pakistan announced it has defeated Taliban militants in one of their major bases recently, it was a far cry from reality in the volatile Orakzai region.

Pakistani military analysts say the victory announcement -- much like US President George W Bush's 2003 "mission accomplished" moment -- was based on "miscalculations" as officers thought militants would flee the region after many of their bases were captured.

They said the declaration itself appeared to be an attempt to boost the morale of a public suffering from years of attacks, nearly constant military campaigns and few apparent results.

"The announcement looks good to the Pakistani public. The public thinks it's an endless thing, especially in Orakzai. So they probably want to give the people some relief," said retired general Talat Masood, a military and security analyst.

"It was for domestic consumption. But unfortunately, this was not really the reality and their credibility is now in question. "I think it was an honest misjudgement and some unnecessary exuberance."

Orakzai is one of the major bases of the Pakistani Taliban, which are fighting both the Pakistani state and coalition forces in Afghanistan. The precarious situation in the region highlights the challenges the Pakistani army faces in battling insurgents.

Security forces last month captured the major militant stronghold of Djabori, some 60 km (37 miles) from Orakzai's main town of Kalaya.

Soon afterwards, the Pakistan army chief, Gen Asfaq Kayani, flew to Orakzai on June 1 and declared victory over the Taliban there, saying it is winding up its offensive there as militants have been driven out of the region.

But just a day later, fierce clashes broke out in which 20 militants were killed.

"The situation is very dangerous in Orakzai. The militants are still controlling important mountains and they can stage a comeback," said tribal elder Lal Jan.

NEPAL'S POLITICAL CRISIS

Party leaders revolt against Prachanda

THE INDIAN EXPRESS ONLINE

A day after central office bearers of the Unified Communist Party of Nepal-Maoists (UCPN-M) decided that party chairman Prachanda would head the national unity government, senior leaders in the party spoke out against him.

At least six politburo and central committee members have apprised the party leadership of their dissatisfaction with the way the central office bearers hosted by Prachanda at his residence decided to make him the candidate to head the national unity government when it is formed. They also said that the decision went against the assurance that Prachanda had given in May 2009, soon after he quit as Prime Minister.

"In any future opportunity available for the party to head the government, Baburam Bhattarai will be fielded on behalf of the party," Prachanda had said.

Maoist leaders said that the decision was a breach of trust and clear instance of "lust for power". "We will raise this issue in the politburo and the central committee," a politburo member told The Indian Express.

Dinanath Sharma, Barshaman Pun Anant, Netra Bikram Chand Piblab, Devendra Paudel Sunil, Hishila Yami, Ram Karki and Top Bahadur Rayamjahi are among the senior leaders who have decided to go against Prachanda if necessary to dissuade him from staking the leadership.

The Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) and Nepali Congress have already said that they would not accept the Maoists heading the new government.

Meanwhile on Friday, Indian Ambassador to Nepal Rakesh Sood met Prime Minister Madhav Nepal to discuss "latest politics" in the aftermath of the extension of the Constituent Assembly tenure.

SONALI BANK LIMITED
COMMON SERVICES DIVISION
HEAD OFFICE, DHAKA.

Tender Notice for printing of MICR Encoded and Traditional Security Items on CBS-1 Security Cheque Paper.

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the experienced and bonafide security Printing Firms for printing of MICR Encoded and Traditional Security Items (Cheques, DD, PO etc.) on CBS-1 Security Cheque Paper. MICR encoded Security Items must be Printed as per Bangladesh Bank approved specification and Traditional Security Items must be printed as per existing design & specification supplied by the Bank under the terms and condition as stated below :

No.	Name of the organization	Sonali Bank Limited
1.	Tender Schedule No. & date	REF: CSD/SECURITY / 03/2010 Date-10/06/2010
2.	Procuring Method	OTM (Open Tender Method)
3.	Nature of work	a) Printing of MICR Encoded security items (Cheque . PO Etc.) as per Hand Book for Cheques Design Standards Specifications for Imageable MICR Encoded Specifications "as specified by Bangladesh Bank. b) Printing of Traditional Security Items as per existing design & specification supplied by Sonali Bank Limited.
4.	Name and Address of the Procuring Entity	Sonali Bank Limited, Common Services Division Head Office, Dhaka.
5.	Source of fund	Own fund
6.	Name and Address of the division selling Tender Documents	Common Services Division, Sonali Bank Limited Head Office, Dhaka
7.	Last date and time for selling Tender Document	29/06/2010 (During office hour)
8.	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 2,000.00 (Two thousand) Only (Non-Refundable)
9.	Last date and time for submission of Tender	30/06/2010 up to 3.00 P.M
10.	Amount of Tender Security	Earnest money of Tk. 2,00,000.00 (Two lac-Refundable) to be submitted in the form of DD/PO purchased from any branch of Sonali Bank Limited in favour of Sonali Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka
11.	Place, Date & Time for Opening Tender	Sonali Bank Limited, Common Services Division, Head Office, Dhaka. On 30/06/2010 at 3.30 P.M.
12.	Eligibility of Tenderers	Tenderers/Bidders must have minimum experience of printing & supply of MICR and Traditional Security Items at least in 3 banks in Bangladesh.
13.	Documents to be submitted by the Tenderer	1. In case of Limited Company Certificate of Incorporation, copy of Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association. 2. Recent Income Tax Clearance Certificate alongwith the copy of TIN Certificate. 3. Copy of Trade Licence (up to date). 4. VAT Registration Certificate (up to date). 5. ISO Certificate. 6. Experience Certificate issued by at least 3 banks for printing of MICR and Traditional Security Items. 7. Bank Solvency Certificate.
14.	Special Instruction	a) No Tender document will be sold on the Tender opening date. b) If it is not possible to receive the tenders on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances the same will be received on the next working day at the same time and same venue. No further notice will be given in this regard. c) The bank is not bound to accept the lowest quotation. Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders/quotations without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Deputy General Manager

Islamic Relief Worldwide
PROCUREMENT & LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT
Country Office: HOUSE # 21, ROAD # 12, BLOCK - K, BARIDHARA, DHAKA - 1212.

Procurement Announcement for Live birds and Goats

Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW), an International Development Organization based in UK and working in Bangladesh since 1991, seeks to promote sustainable economic and social development by working with local communities through relief and development programs. IRW aims to help the needy regardless of race, religion and gender.

IRW announces for the procurement of live birds (Sonali poultry) and goats for the project of Health Education and Livelihood support Program for the Ultra Poor households funded by European Union. Interested suppliers are hereby requested to collect RFQ/ Schedule from Islamic Relief country office (IRCO), Dhaka.

The details of live birds (poultry) and goats are as follows with specifications:

SL #	Name of the items	Age	Sex	Breed	Live weight	Physical status	De-worming status	Vaccination status	Total Qty
01	Goats	10-24 months	Female	Black Bengal	14-25 kg	Healthy and disease free	Must be de-worming completed	PPR vaccine must be completed	4400
02	Sonali Poultry	60-80 days	Female	Sonali	500-600 gm	Healthy and disease free	Must be de-worming completed	BCRDV, RDV, Fowl Pox & Fowl Cholera vaccine must be completed	42020
		60-80 days	Male	Sonali	600-750	Healthy and disease free	Must be de-worming completed	BCRDV, RDV, Fowl Pox & Fowl Cholera vaccine must be completed	
		80-90 days	Female	Sonali	700 gm - 800gm	Healthy and disease free	Must be de-worming completed	BCRDV, RDV, Fowl Pox & Fowl Cholera vaccine must be completed	
		80-90 days	Male	Sonali	800 gm - 1000 gm	Healthy and disease free	Must be de-worming completed	BCRDV, RDV, Fowl Pox & Fowl Cholera vaccine must be completed	

Tender schedule with detail specifications and conditions will be available free of cost during the office hours between 9.00 am to 4.00pm from 15th to 24th of June, 2010 from Procurement & Logistics Department of Islamic Relief Worldwide, Bangladesh House # 21, Road # 12, Block-K, Baridhara, Dhaka-1212. Last date of tender dropping in the tender box is 27th June, 2010 at 2.30pm and it shall be opened on the same date at 3.00pm in the presence of the participants or their representative (if any).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Quality of the Items: Age, sex, breed, live weight, physical status, de-worming and vaccination status will be Actual as mentioned above.
- In case of poultry male and female ratio should be 1 : 10
- In case of poultry age between 80-90 days should be considered as first priority.
- In case of poultry de-beaking must be completed.
- Before delivery of live animals' physical status and other specified conditions shall be checked by Veterinary Surgeon and Livestock Officer of IRW.
- VAT & IT-VAT and Income Tax will be deducted as per the Govt. rules, if supplier does not provide any VAT Certificate and IT deposit challan copy with the bill.
- Time of delivery: Delivery must be given within 60 days after receiving the Work Order.
- Delivery of place and quantity: Minimum fifteen unions of 3 Upazila - Gangachara (2400 no. of goats, 11240 no. of poultry), Taraganj (1200 no. of goats, 14820 no. of poultry) and Kaunia (800 no. of goats, 15960 no. of poultry) under Rangpur district as per our instruction.
- Part delivery and part payment: Allowed.
- During delivery to beneficiary, animals and birds must be live and healthy otherwise replacement shall have to be given by the supplier.
- Carrying Cost: Carrying cost must be included with your quoted price.
- Security deposit: 2.5% of the total quoted amount will be given as a security deposit by the dealer and supplier through pay order from any schedule bank with this price offer.
- Mode of Payment: Through A/C payee cheque only in favour of the name of the organization.
- Terms of the payment: Part payment may be accepted after successful delivery to our satisfaction and submission of all proper documents.
- Penalty amount: For any deviation with the specification and the order supplier must rectify immediately otherwise 5% of total quoted amount will be deducted as penalty.
- Condition: The authority of Islamic Relief reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the purchase order without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- IR has the authority to divide the quantity for requirement, age, place, and weight basis.
- Age: Age of supplied golden poultry and goat may be accepted 60 to 90 days.

Procurement & Logistics Manager
Islamic Relief Worldwide, Bangladesh

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They rather resorted to courts, and obtained injunctions against the penalties.

Quantum Power was awarded with a 110MW power project in Bheramara, while RZ Power got a 50MW plant in Thakurgaon.

On June 1, anticipating the delay, RZ Power formally informed PDB that it will need two to three weeks more beyond the June 4 deadline to commercially launch its plant.

RZ explained that it was purchasing transformers from an Indian manufacturer, and the equipment were supposed to reach Bangladesh by late May. But the manufacturer could not supply the equipment before early June. So RZ will need 15 to 20 additional days to launch the plant.

On the other hand, Quantum Power did not forewarn PDB about any delay, and it has yet to respond to the board's notice of default.

"Our project is being delayed because of security threats from three different groups of criminals," said Animesh Kundu, chief of Quantum Power and Otobi, explaining the company's official position about the delay in implementing the project in Bheramara.

According to Kundu, the three groups have been asking for money, and threatening the people working at the site. Because of the threats, 10 Chinese technicians of the project refused to work in three shifts. But in order to meet the deadline, all work must be carried out in three shifts instead of the present two.

"Honestly, at this rate, we will need three more months to complete the project," Kundu said.

The contracts gave the companies 120 days each to implement the rental power projects -- which should be easy to install and dismantle. However, the Bheramara plant is being set up like a conventional power plant, which is more complicated and time consuming to install.