

# Heavy rain, floods kill 25 in Myanmar

REUTERS, Yangon

Heavy rain in Myanmar has triggered floods and landslides, washing away bridges, blocking roads and killing at least 25 people, local officials and an aid worker said yesterday.

Myanmar is no stranger to harsh weather and at least 140,000 people were killed in 2008 when a cyclone hit the south of the country.

Large areas of two districts in Rakhine State in the west of the country had been inundated after torrential rain this week, an official who declined to be identified said by telephone from the region. One road had been blocked by a landslide, he added.

A worker for an international non-governmental organization, who also declined to be identified, said at least 25 people had died.

"We are still carrying out a survey and assessment of the damage and casualties and I think the death toll will keep rising," he said, adding that the government and NGOs based in the region were doing relief work.

State media has made no mention of the floods, but the Meteorological Department said 34 cm (13.5 inches) of rain fell in the town of Maungdaw, on the border with Bangladesh, in one day this week.

# Afghans doubtful over US mineral wealth aim

ANI, Washington

Many Afghans are reportedly suspicious about American designs after the Pentagon reported that Afghanistan has untapped mineral deposits worth a trillion dollars.

A majority view claims that the US intends to occupy the country and seize its resource according to a Christian Science Monitor (CSM) report, Afghans fear that the United States cannot wrap up the Taliban, and therefore, an imperialist land grab seems plausible.

Having the Pentagon announce a quiet survey of Afghanistan's is just the "evidence" that will confirm deep suspicions that the US is really there looking for war booty.

And, that won't help American troops trying to win the trust of a population famous for tiring of invaders.

# Questions on Afghan strategy touch nerve in Pentagon

REUTERS, Washington

Downbeat news reports and second-guessing in Congress about the course of the war in Afghanistan have touched a nerve in the Pentagon, where some worry the negativity is undercutting public sentiment before President Barack Obama's strategy even has a chance to work.

Defence Secretary Robert Gates is among those to privately voice concerns about a wave of pessimism that they believe stems partly from embedding journalists solely with military units in Afghanistan's south, where fighting is fiercest. Some officials talk of changes to make embeds go elsewhere too.

The Pentagon's growing sensitivities put a spotlight on what some see as increasingly shaky support for a six-month-old war strategy that hinges on surging US forces into the restive south, heartland of the Taliban, before starting a gradual withdrawal in July 2011, conditions permitting.

Asked in a Senate hearing on Tuesday whether he still supported beginning a withdrawal in July 2011 given recent

setbacks in the south, General David Petraeus, who oversees the Afghan war as head of US Central Command, said: "I support the policy of the president."

But he added: "In a perfect world... we have to be very careful with timelines."

The Pentagon's publicly stated goal is to be able to demonstrate at least some measure of progress across the country by year-end, when Obama's White House will review the war effort.

But some top military officials say they won't really know whether the counterinsurgency strategy is working or not until next summer, around the time Obama hopes to begin a draw down.

"It's a war. It's not a political campaign," one military official said. "The negativity (in the press and in Congress) can go too far. There are parts of Afghanistan that aren't going well. It's a mixed bag."

Gates let his frustrations show last week after a meeting with Nato ministers in Brussels.

"I, frankly, get a little impatient with some of the coverage because of the lack of historical context," he told reporters, noting that the 30,000-troop surge

ordered by Obama in December was only now beginning to be felt on the ground.

"So as far as I'm concerned, this endeavour began in full, and reasonably resourced, only a few months ago," he said.

Gates appeared to be referring to news accounts about stronger-than-expected Taliban resistance in the southern district of Marjah and a slower start to a long-awaited offensive in the Taliban's birthplace of Kandahar.

At Tuesday's congressional hearing, senior lawmakers voiced strong concern about the direction of Obama's war effort, a message that took some at the Pentagon by surprise.

"While I understand the fact that there have been developments, such as the increase in casualties, that would cause concern, there also needs to be a recognition that we know and warned this fight was going to get harder before it got easier," said Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell.

Reporters typically want to embed in the southern Afghan provinces of Helmand and Kandahar, where the insurgency is strongest. But Morrell said that offered a skewed, and largely negative picture of the overall war effort.

# White House officials meet Rajapakse

REUTERS, Colombo

Two White House officials met Sri Lanka's president on Tuesday, part of a series of diplomatic visits this week amid renewed heat on the island nation to probe possible rights violations at the end of its civil war last year.

The US visit coincides with those of UN political chief Lynn Pascoe, expected to meet the president and others yesterday and Thursday, and a Japanese peace envoy on his 20th trip to Sri Lanka.

Japan on Wednesday urged the world not to dictate to Sri Lanka amid post-war reconciliation efforts and renewed calls from the West for a probe into possible war crimes.

# Afghan Taliban rejects LSE report

ANI, Washington

The Afghan Taliban has rejected the London School of Economics (LSE) report, which claimed that it receives funding and training from the Inter Services Intelligence (ISI), terming it as a part of false propaganda.

The US-based SITE intelligence Group, which monitors communications linked to international terrorism, said the Afghan Taliban described the reported links as "void of all truth, false and untrue propaganda."

The Taliban said that "no sound mind" would accept that Pakistan, which supports the United States, would back the jihad against the US in Afghanistan.

# Doctor examines bin Laden's hunter

AP, Islamabad

An American construction worker detained in Pakistan on what authorities said was an armed solo mission to kill Osama bin Laden has been examined by a doctor, Pakistani officials said yesterday, after his relatives warned he had kidney problems and needed dialysis.

Gary Brooks Faulkner was also being questioned by a team of Pakistani investigators, two security officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media.



Indian youth enjoy the waves lashing the seafront walkway during high tide in Mumbai yesterday. India's monsoon, the annual downpour crucial to farmers and national economic growth, hit Mumbai this week with hopes high for better rains than last year. The Indian government is hoping for a good monsoon to tame soaring food prices after last year's drought, the worst in 37 years, brought poor harvests and despair to farmers.

PHOTO: AFP

# Pakistan bans political meeting in Karachi

BBC ONLINE

Authorities have banned public political meetings in the Pakistani city of Karachi after fresh violence this month has left 12 people dead.

Most of the dead were victims of drive-by shootings by unidentified gunmen riding on motorcycles.

Officials say more than 30 people were killed in violence between rival ethnic groups in the city in May.

Much of the violence in June appears to be between extremist members of the Shia and Sunni communities.

The government had earlier banned the carrying of arms and pillion-riding on motorcycles, but it appears that the ban is being flouted.

The recent killings have led to tensions in several densely populated areas of central Karachi.

Pakistani Interior Minister Rehman Malik said that the killings were a "conspiracy" to disrupt peace in Karachi.

"The elements involved in the conspiracy first tried to ignite ethnic riots between the Pashtun and Urdu-speaking populations, but after their failure they now want to start sectarian clashes," he said.

He said that "some four months back these elements tried to create tensions between the Deobandi and Barelvi sects [two sects of Sunni Muslims] but could not succeed".

# US seeks details on China-Pak N-deal

REUTERS, Washington

The United States was seeking clarification from China on its deal earlier this year to build two new civilian nuclear reactors for Pakistan, the State Department said on Tuesday.

"We have asked China to clarify the details of its sale of additional nuclear reactors to Pakistan. This appears to extend beyond cooperation that was grand fathered when China was approved for membership in the Nuclear Suppliers Group," State Department spokesman PJ Crowley told reporters.

"We believe that such cooperation would require a specific exemption approved by consensus of the Nuclear Suppliers Group," Crowley said.

The United States was expected to oppose the China-Pakistan deal next week at a meeting of the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

The 46-nation group controls trade in "dual-use" nuclear fuel, materials and technology to ensure they are applied only to civilian nuclear energy programs and not diverted into clandestine nuclear weapons work.

# Manipur blockade continues in India

BBC ONLINE

A two-month road blockade by tribal groups in the north-eastern state of Manipur has not ended despite the leading group calling it off.

The Naga Students Federation suspended the blockade, but other groups refused to back down.

They are protesting against a government ruling to stop Naga separatist leader Thuingaleng Muivah visiting his birthplace in the state. The blockade has led to shortages in food and medical supplies.

India's home secretary GK Pillai is due to meet officials from Nagaland and Manipur states to decide whether paramilitary forces will be used to clear the blockade of two key highways linking the state with the rest of the country - if necessary by force.

Mutsikhoyho Yhobu, the president of the Naga Students' Federation, earlier told the BBC that the decision to end the blockade followed a meeting with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Monday.

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