

Lanka marks victory, rejects war crimes probe push

REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lanka's president yesterday criticized foreign pressure for a probe into war crimes allegations as "sympathy towards terrorism" and said soldiers had committed no rights violations.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa took aim at his critics during a military parade to mark the one-year anniversary of Sri Lanka's victory over the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), delayed by a month due to monsoon rains.

"It is understood by all that we carried out this great humanitarian operation only to eliminate terrorism," Rajapaksa said. "We left no room for even one bullet to be fired against ordinary citizens."

Nonetheless, pressure for some kind of independent probe is mounting and the United Nations ignored Sri Lanka's plea to let its own commission investigate the end of the war.

The UN's top political official on Thursday said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's advisory panel on Sri Lanka would be named next week, which notches up the stakes for Sri Lanka, already near losing an EU trade preference over human rights.

Human rights groups took advantage of the anniversary to renew allegations that thousands of civilians were killed in the final months of one of Asia's longest modern conflicts.

Colombo says no war crimes took place and rejects the allegations of civilian deaths as wildly inflated.

The government has acknowledged that some civilians died, but says the LTTE's guerrilla tactics and forcible enlisting of nearly all able-bodied people including children as fighters or support staff means it is impossible to tell who was a combatant.

"The countries that show sympathy towards terrorism and separatism will be the victims of terrorism. This is the lesson of history," he said.

Sri Lanka's government has long been angry at Western governments it says were sympathetic to the Tamil Tigers and allowed their operatives to move around despite the fact the group was on more than 30 countries' terrorism lists.

India gives 26/11 prof to Pakistan

AFP, New Delhi

India yesterday handed over to Pakistan a new dossier of evidence related to the November 2008 Mumbai attacks, ahead of talks next week between top foreign ministry officials.

India's foreign ministry separately announced a meeting next Thursday between Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao and her Pakistani counterpart Salman Bashir as the two nations look to build on a recent thaw in relations.

Tension between the countries stems most recently from the Mumbai attacks, which India blames on Pakistan-based militants for which it believes Islamabad has done too little to bring to justice.

Another dossier of evidence related to the attacks known as 26/11 in India, which saw 166 people killed, was handed over yesterday, a Pakistan embassy source in New Delhi told AFP, asking not to be named.

"They have given us some more documentation this afternoon and we have sent it to Pakistan," the source said. "This is additional information about 26/11 and it is huge in volume."

India has already handed over several dossiers of evidence linking the attacks to Pakistani militants, but Islamabad says more is needed to convict the alleged masterminds.



A group of Sri Lankan disabled soldiers march at the victory day parade in Colombo yesterday. Sri Lanka staged a delayed military parade to mark the first anniversary of the end of its 37-year civil war, with pressure mounting for a probe into alleged crimes during the conflict.

Two die for 'medical negligence'

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doctor till evening. At about 6:00pm, a nurse of the centre pushed an injection to Tahera following instructions of Dr Akther Jahan.

After 10 minutes of pushing the injection, she became unconscious. Sensing something wrong, the doctor ordered to shift the patient to Panchagarh Sadar hospital by the ambulance of the centre without saying anything to the patient's attendants.

She was rushed to the sadar hospital where the doctor declared her dead.

As the news spread, patient's relatives and hundreds of agitating people encircled the welfare centre for around two and a half hours demanding arrest and punishment to the doctor responsible.

Later at about 9:00pm, police arrested Dr Jahan following a murder case filed by victim's father-in-law Isahak Ali and sent her to Panchagarh Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday morning. The court sent Dr Jahan to jail.

Bangladesh Medical Association District unit of Panchagarh started an indefinite work abstention at government hospitals and local clinics in the district protesting the arrest.

In the other incident, Omar Faruk, 24, son of Abdul Zabbar of Bazuriya village under Bochagarh upazila of Dinajpur, died due to alleged negligence of doctors at Dinajpur Medical College and Hospital yesterday afternoon, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

Faruk was admitted to the

hospital on Thursday evening as he took poison. He died at about 4:30pm yesterday due to the negligence of the doctors, Faruk's relatives alleged.

A scuffle erupted between the relatives and the intern doctors following Faruk's death. At one stage, the doctors beat the relatives severely and confined them in a room of the hospital complex, sources said.

Three relatives of Faruk-- Md Shamsul Haque, Badiul Islam and Shahbur Rahman were injured in the clash.

Contacted, Md Shamsul Alam, director of Dinajpur Medical College and Hospital, confirmed the incident and said that the intern doctors of the hospital went on an indefinite strike protesting the assault on them.

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Nine killed

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Earlier on Thursday night, one person was killed and three others were injured when a bus hit a bike and an auto-rickshaw near Kashipur Samrat Cinema Hall in Fattullah upazila of the district.

Iqbal Hossain, 30, who was on the bike, died on the spot while the motorcyclist, Nazmul, 28, received serious injuries.

Ataur Rahman, sub-inspector of Fattullah Police Station, said while the passenger bus rammed the motorcycle and the auto-rickshaw, a truck coming from the opposite direction hit the bus around 11:00pm.

Locals caught the bus and truck drivers and vandalised five to six vehicles, he added.

They also barricaded Dhaka-Munshiganj highway for an hour, causing a long tailback. Police later brought the situation under control.

The injured were admitted to Narayanganj Hospital.

In Sylhet, four members of a family died when their car skidded off Sylhet-Zakiganj highway and fell into a canal at Poilaon in Bhanibazar upazila yesterday afternoon.

Ashiquzzaman, tahsilder of Khademnagar Tahsil Office in Sylhet city, was driving his family to their village home at Hatidohor in Zakiganj upazila to attend a social function.

As he lost control over the wheel around 1:30pm, the car hit a roadside tree, veered off the highway and plunged into a canal, witnesses said.

Ashiq sustained serious injuries, while his mother Anjuman Ara, 55, his aunt Monwara, 50, wife Humaira, 23, and two and half years old son Abidur died on the spot.

In Habiganj, two truck drivers died when their vehicles plunged into a ditch beside Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Uttar Noyapara in Madhabpur upazila yesterday morning.

Indian preacher Zakir Naik is banned from UK

BBC ONLINE

An Indian Muslim preacher has been banned from entering the UK for his "unacceptable behaviour", the home secretary says.

Zakir Naik, a 44-year-old television preacher, had been due to give a series of lectures in London and Sheffield.

Theresa May said that visiting the UK was "a privilege, not a right".

The home secretary can stop people entering the UK if she believes there is a threat to national security, public order or the safety of citizens.

That includes banning people if she believes their views glorify terrorism, promote violence or encourage other serious crime.

However, somebody cannot be banned just for having opinions that other people would find offensive.

Ms May said: "Numerous comments made

by Dr Naik are evidence to me of his unacceptable behaviour. Coming to the UK is a privilege, not a right and I am not willing to allow those who might not be conducive to the public good to enter the UK."

This is the first person who has been excluded from the UK since Ms May became home secretary last month.

Mr Naik is based in Mumbai (Bombay) where he works for

the Peace TV channel.

The BBC's Sanjiv Butto says that he is recognised as an authority on Islam but also has a reputation for making disparaging remarks about other religions.

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Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Headquarter, Kurmitola, Dhaka

Invitation for Tender

1.	Name of the work	:	Construction of Residential Building in/c. supply of electricity at Osmani Int'l Airport, Sylhet (SH: Construction of 10 (ten) Units 'G' type quarters).		
2.	Source of fund	:	Capital expenditure (investment of fixed assets) Code No. - 100.		
3.	Tender package No.	:	19/2009-2010/Sylhet).		
4.	Invitation for tenders Ref No. and date	:	CAAB/W-16(A)/part-61/3990 date: 28/04/2010.		
5.	Estimated cost	:	Tk. 1,72,29,380/- (one core seventy-two lac twenty-nine thousand three hundred eighty only).		
6.	Eligibility of tenderers	:	CAAB enlisted 'A'-Special Class civil or above class contractor can apply for purchasing tender document.		
7.	Name and address of the offices selling tender document	:	a) Superintending Engineer, P&D/QS Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b) Executive Engineer, Civil Division-3, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. c) Accounts Officer, CAAB, HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka. d) PA to Member (Ops. & Plns), CAAB, HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka. e) PA to Chief Engineer, CAAB, HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka. f) Airport Manager, Osmani Int'l Airport, Sylhet.		
8.	Name and address of the office receiving tenders	:	Chief Engineer, CAAB, HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka.		
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10.	Last date & time for selling tender document	:	11/07/2010 during office hours.		
11.	Last date & time for submission of tenders	:	14/07/2010 up to 12.00 hours.		
12.	Date and time for opening of tenders	:	14/07/2010 at 12.30 hours.		
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14.	Brief description of goods and services (works and service)				
Lot No	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document in Taka (refundable)	Time for completion in days/weeks/months	
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