

First Indian ministerial visit to Pakistan since 26/11

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Indian Home Minister P Chidambaram is in Islamabad for what will be the first Indian ministerial visit to Pakistan since the Mumbai attacks.

The 2008 attacks are expected to be the focus of talks Mr Chidambaram will hold with his Pakistani counterpart.

The talks follow a meeting between top diplomats from the two countries who pledged better relations.

Peace talks were put on hold after the Mumbai attacks of 2008, which India blamed on the Pakistan-based militants.

The talks resumed in February when the foreign secretaries held their first formal talks in Delhi.

Over 170 people were killed in the Mumbai attacks, which Pakistan admitted were partly planned on its soil.

During his two-day visit to Pakistan, Mr Chidambaram is expected to press for a probe against Pakistan-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed.

He is also due to seek voice samples of the alleged handlers of those who carried out the Mumbai attacks, reports say, so that they can be



India's Home Minister P Chidambaram, left, listens to Pakistani Interior Minister Rehman Malik, right, upon the former's arrival at Chaklala Airbase in Rawalpindi yesterday.

checked against telephone recordings held by the Indian authorities.

Nine of the 10 militants who carried out the Mumbai attacks of November 2008 were killed - sole surviving gunman Mohammad Ajmal Amir Qasab was convicted for his role in May.

India blames Lashkar-e-Taiba for the Mumbai attacks and has been insisting that

Pakistan does more to punish the attackers.

In a goodwill gesture ahead of his visit to Pakistan, Mr Chidambaram ordered the release of four Pakistani prisoners lodged in various jails in the western Indian state of Gujarat.

A statement released by the home ministry said the prisoners would be repatriated from the Attari border on 30

June and would be handed over to Pakistan Rangers.

On Thursday, India's Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao met her Pakistani counterpart Salman Bashir.

Ms Rao said India had raised concerns about "terrorism" and that Delhi and Islamabad had agreed to work together to deny militants the opportunity to sabotage their dialogue.

Japan to start nuclear power talks with India

REUTERS, Tokyo

Japan will start talks with India over a civil nuclear energy deal, Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada said yesterday, a move that would give Japanese firms access to the rapidly growing market amid rising global competition.

Firms from countries such as the United States, France and Russia have scrambled for a foothold in energy-starved India's civilian nuclear market, worth about \$150 billion, after a 2008 US nuclear accord opened up global access to it.

India, Asia's third-biggest economy, aims to double the share of nuclear power on its grid to more than 8 percent over two decades. Nuclear energy is also being touted as a way for the world's fourth-biggest emitter to curb fossil fuel emissions.

Major Japanese firms have partnered with companies abroad and engage in joint development for nuclear reactors, such as Hitachi Ltd's cooperation with General Electric and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries with France's Areva.

US military chief to reassure Afghans, allies

AFP, Kabul

Washington's senior military officer was due to arrive in Afghanistan yesterday to explain the sacking of the allied commander in Kabul as the Obama administration said it was not "bogged down" in the war.

Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, left late Thursday for Afghanistan and Pakistan to reassure regional leaders that the war effort would not be derailed by the departure of General Stanley McChrystal.

"My message will be clear. Nothing changes about our strategy. Nothing changes about the mission," said Mullen.

He spoke a day after McChrystal was forced to step down as commander of the Nato-led force due to disparaging remarks about administration officials, including President Barack Obama, contained in an explosive magazine article.

McChrystal's disrespectful display was "unacceptable" and Obama's choice of General David Petraeus as the new commander was the "best possible outcome to an awful situation," Defense Secretary Robert Gates said.

Speaking at the same press conference as Mullen, Gates said there was forward movement in the Afghan war -- the administration's latest bid to defend the mission as foreign troop casualties hit record highs.

Yesterday, Nato reported the deaths of two more personnel -- one in a bomb blast, the other in an insurgent attack -- bringing the total

number of foreign soldiers killed this year in Afghanistan to 302.

June has become the deadliest month for the war since it began in late 2001, with a total of 82 foreign troop deaths, according to an AFP tally based on that kept byicasualties.org.

Nato and the United States have more than 140,000 troops in Afghanistan, with the number set to peak at 150,000 by August, as the allies hope to force an end to the insurgency with an escalated offensive in the southern province of Kandahar, the Taliban's heartland.

"I do not believe we are bogged down. I believe we are making some progress," Gates said, adding: "It is slower and harder than we anticipated."

He supported the change in command, and said it should not be "misinterpreted" by enemy or ally as a softening of Washington's commitment.

Obama said Petraeus, well regarded in Washington for his role in turning around the Iraq war, would be able to hit the ground running due to his work on Afghanistan as head of Central Command, which oversees both war zones.

"Not only does he have extraordinary experience in Iraq, not only did he help write the manual for dealing with insurgencies, but he also is intimately familiar with the players," including Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Obama told reporters.

A senior Western diplomat in Kabul said that although McChrystal had a good relationship with Karzai, the appointment of Petraeus had reassured the Afghan leadership that "it will be business as usual."



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Submission of Proposal: The envelope should state "Development of Pot song, performer team formation, performance, full length video documentation and 3 minutes length TV spot for popularizing the concept of Digital Bangladesh" and should be marked as 'Confidential' and addressed to the **UNDP Procurement Unit**, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207. The deadline for submission of Proposal is **July 11, 2010, 11:00 AM**.

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All interested and well qualified NGOs/Organizations are requested to attend a **pre-bid meeting** to be held on **Thursday, 1st July, 2010 at 10 am** at conference Room, Building 2, CHTDF, Rajbari Road, Ranganmati. Maximum two (2) participants from each organization are allowed.

The RFP along with the instructions for submission can be downloaded from UNDP website: http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_more.php. The deadline for proposal submission is **Saturday, 10th July, 2010 04:30 pm** (Local Time)

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION, DHAKA

COMPANY MATTER NO. 100 OF 2010

An application under Section 43 of the Companies Act, 1994.

Mr. Kamal Uddin, Son of late A. T. M. Obaidullah Master, 619, Kazipara, Rokeya Sarani, Mirpur, Dhaka, At present : 41/6, Purana Palton, Swadesh Tower, Dhaka and others.

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..... Petitioners.

..... Respondents

Notice is hereby given to all that (1) Mr. Kamal Uddin, (2) Tanvir M. O. Rahaman Chowdhury, (3) Farah Binte Latif, filed an application under Section 43 of the Companies Act, 1994 for forgery/manipulation of Sponsor Shares by the concerned respondents. The Hon'ble Judge Mr. Justice Syed Refat Ahmed, of the Company Court on 10.6.2010 has been pleased to admit the application and fixed the same for hearing on 19.07.2010 with a direction to publish the notice in the news paper.

If any body has objection with regard to the application under Section 43 may appear before the Court to oppose the matter either personally or through his Lawyer, as per the provisions of Company Law.

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