INTERNATIONAL

Taliban attack US aid company, five killed

REUTERS, Kunduz

Taliban suicide bombers and gunmen stormed a US contracting company office in northern Afghanistan yesterday, killing five people including three foreigners and wounding 24 others, a senior official said.

The pre-dawn attack happened in relatively peaceful Kunduz province when insurgents attacked the newly opened offices of Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI), provincial governor Mohammad Omar told Reuters.

In a statement, President Hamid Karzai said the raid was the work of "foreign paymasters" -- a veiled reference to Pakistan and the links Afghanistan says Islamabad has with the Taliban.

One British citizen was killed during the fierce five-hour gunbattle that ensued, along with a German national and a Filipino, while two Afghans also died, Omar said.

"Our security forces managed to rescue around eight American workers inside the compound," he said.

The latest attack comes as newlyappointed U.S. and NATO forces commander General David Petraeus was due to arrive in the country to oversee the fight against the Taliban and try to reverse the insurgency's momentum. Earlier, NATO said a western soldier died in a separate insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan.

According to its website (www.dai.com), the company is one of USAID's principal service providers and specialises in post-conflict reconstruction, local government, agribusiness and natural resource management.

At least one of the bombers blew himself up in front of the gate to allow other fighters to push inside, triggering a fierce fivehour gunbattle with security guards and police who surrounded the building, Omar said.

BRAZEN ATTACKS

The raid in Kunduz follows a similar pattern of brazen attacks by insurgents elsewhere in the country, with Taliban fighters trying to seize government or foreign-linked buildings before going down with guns blazing and suicide vests.

Afghan police and security guards battled insurgents for most of the morning before the attackers were killed, Omar



US soldiers carry a body away from the compound of a building which was attacked by Taliban insurgents in Kunduz yesterday.

said. Foreign workers fled to the roof of the five-story building for safety as the battle continued in floors below.

International troops helped Afghan security forces ferry wounded civilians to a nearby military base for emergency care, a coalition military spokeswoman said in a statement. A Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, said at least six suicide bombers and fighters were

involved in the attack in a province mainly patrolled by German forces under NATO-command.

Violence in Afghanistan is at its worst despite the presence of some 150,000 foreign and over 100,000 Afghan troops and police. More than 100 foreign troops died in Afghanistan last month, the deadliest since the overthrow of the Taliban in

Nepal's political crisis sparks concern over peace

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's political leaders were locked in talks yesterday to try to form a new government amid mounting international concern about the country's faltering peace process.

Major disagreements have emerged Maoists. between the three biggest political parties over who should succeed outgoing prime Maoists.

The former rebels, who fought a 10year civil war with the state before entering mainstream politics and winning

elections in 2008, say that as the largest party in parliament they should lead a power-sharing government.

But just six days before a deadline to form a national consensus government expires, rival parties have ruled out joining any administration led by the

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon issued a statement urging the parties to minister Madhav Kumar Nepal, who "intensify their efforts towards the formastepped down on Wednesday under tion of a consensus government" and intense pressure from the opposition implement commitments made in the 2006 peace agreement.

Four years after the war ended, many parts of the peace deal have still not been fulfilled, notably the integration of thou-

sands of Maoist former fighters into the national army.

The United States said it was "vitally important" to make progress in the peace process and called the prime minister's resignation an opportunity to move the process forward and bring stability to

Yadav has given political leaders until July 7 to form a power-sharing government.

"We are trying to achieve consensus but it will take time," said Rabindra Adhikari, a senior member of the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN-UML), which leads the outgoing government.



বাংলাদেশ উন্নয়ন গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠান ই-১৭, আগারগাঁও, শেরেবাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭

নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

৩০ জুন, ২০১০

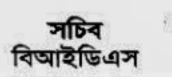
প্রকত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের কাছ থেকে নিন্মোক্ত শন্য পদের জন্য দরখান্ত আহবান করা যাচেত:

ক্রমিক নং	পদের নাম	পদের সংখ্যা	প্রয়োজনীয় যোগ্যতা	বেতন ক্ষেশ
۵.	প্রধান হিসাবরক্ষক	১ (একটি)	বাণিজ্যে ২য় শ্রেণীর স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রী তৎসহ সরকারী, আধা- সরকারী, স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠান বা সিডিউল ব্যাংকসমূহের হিসাব বিভাগের দায়িত্বপূর্ণ পদে ৯ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা, অলাভজনক গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠানের কাজে অভিজ্ঞ ব্যক্তি অগ্রগণ্য। প্রার্থীর কম্পিউটার জ্ঞান ও একাউন্টিং সফট্ওয়ারে প্রশিক্ষণপ্রাপ্ত হতে হবে। আবেদনকারীর বয়স অনুর্ধ্ব ৪০ বছর। তবে ব্যতিক্রমধর্মী সফলতামূলক রেকর্ডধারী অভ্যন্তরীণ প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে এসব যোগ্যতা শিথিলযোগ্য।	জাতীয় বেতন স্কেল- ২০০৯ টাকা ১৮,৫০০- ৮০০-২৯,৭০০/- এবং তৎসহ বিধি অনুযায়ী প্রদেয় অন্যান্য সকল ভাতা।
٧.	হিসাবরক্ষক	১ (একটি)	বাণিজ্যে ২য় শ্রেণীর স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রী তৎসহ ৪ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা অথবা বাণিজ্যে ২য় শ্রেণীর গ্রাজুয়েট তৎসহ ব্যাংক বা সরকারী, আধা-সরকারী, স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠান বা সিডিউল ব্যাংকসমূহের হিসাব বিভাগের দায়িত্বপূর্ণ পদে ৭ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা। প্রার্থীর কম্পিউটার জ্ঞান ও একাউন্টিং সফট্ওয়ারে প্রশিক্ষণপ্রাপ্ত হতে হবে। আবেদনকারীর বয়স অনুধর্ব ৩৫ বছর। তবে ব্যতিক্রমধর্মী সফলতামূলক রেকর্ডধারী অভ্যন্তরীণ প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে এসব যোগ্যতা শিধিলযোগ্য।	৪৯০-১৪,৪৩০-৫৪০- ২০,৩৭০/- এবং তৎসহ বিধি অনুযায়ী প্রদেয়
٠.	প্রটোকল অফিসার	১ (একটি)	পার্সোনেল, বোর্ড এবং প্রটোকল বিষয়ক ক্ষেত্রে ত বছরের প্রশাসনিক কার্যের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ একটি স্থীকৃতিপ্রাপ্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের প্রাজুয়েট / অথবা এস.এস.সি / এইচ.এস.সি সহ করণিক পদে কমপক্ষে ১০ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা। প্রার্থীকে কম্পিউটার জ্ঞান (এম.এস. অফিস, এম.এস.ওয়ার্ড, পাওয়ার পয়েন্ট) ই-মেইল আদান-প্রদান ও ইন্টারনেট ব্রাউজিং-এ পরিচ্ছন জ্ঞান থাকতে হবে। আবেদনকারীর বয়স অনুধর্ষ ৩৫ বছর। তবে ব্যতিক্রমধর্মী সফলতামূলক রেকর্ডধারী অভ্যন্তরীণ প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে এসব যোগ্যতা শিথিলযোগ্য।	২০০৯ টাকা ৬,৪০০- ৪১৫-৯,৩০৫-ইবি-৪৫০- ১৪,২৫৫/- এবং তৎসহ বিধি অনুযায়ী প্রদেয়

ক) পরীক্ষায় পাশের প্রাপ্ত বিভাগ, পাশের সন উল্লেখ পূর্বক এস.এস.সি. থেকে সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি, পূর্ণাঙ্গু জীবন বৃত্তান্তসহ আবেদন্পত্র, সম্প্রতি তোলা ২ কপি পাসপোর্টু সাইজের সত্যায়িত সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবি, নাগরিকত্ব সন্দের সত্যায়িত কপি এবং অন্যান্য অভিজ্ঞতার সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি আগামী ২৯/০৭/২০১০ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে সচিব, বাংলাদেশ উন্নয়ন গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠান (বিআইডিএস), ই-১৭ আগারগাঁও, শেরেবাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭ এই ঠিকানায় প্রেরণ করতে হবে। খ) অসম্পূর্ণ ও ক্রুটিপূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র স্রাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

গ) চাকুরীরত প্রার্থীদেরকে যথায়থ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যুমে আবদেন করতে হবে।

ঘ) বিআইডিএস একটি সমসুযোগ প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান। জ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন আবেদনপত্র / নিয়োগ প্রক্রিয়া বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা রাখেন।



Petraeus arrives in Afghanistan to lead faltering war

REUTERS, Kabul

The United States' top field commander arrives in Afghanistan yesterday to take charge of the faltering war, pledging to tackle the nine-year-old Taliban insurgency with a strategy he successfully pioneered in Iraq.

General David Petraeus was due to land a day after his appointment was confirmed by the US Senate and just hours after the US House of Representatives approved \$33 billion (£21.7 billion pounds) in funding for a troop surge he hopes will turn the tide of the war.

An amendment demanding an exit timetable from Afghanistan failed, but got 162 votes -- the biggest anti-war vote in the House on Afghanistan to date.

Petraeus's appointment could be a last throw of the dice for suspected Taliban hideouts. Washington to end an increasingly costly conflict that is draining Western budgets as they emerge from one of the worst global recessions in history.

A formal change-of-command ceremony will be held within damage. days, allied military officials said on Friday.

The surge will bring to 150,000 the number of foreign troops in Afghanistan just as the new strategy takes root. It entails tackling the Taliban in their strongholds while relying on the government to simultaneously improve local governance and develop-

The Taliban showed on Friday just how capable they are of operating outside their traditional strongholds by launching a daring commando-style raid on the office of an American company that provides logistical support for US government aid in relatively peaceful Kunduz, in the north.

A Briton, German, Filipino and two Afghans were killed in the pre-dawn attack, provincial officials said, as well as the six insurgents who mounted the raid.

Yesterday, the Nato-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) that Petraeus now commands said two service members had died after separate insurgent attacks in the south and east, the alliance said. TURNTHETIDE

Petraeus, who wrote the US army's field guide on waging a coun-



ter-insurgency, used the tactics to help turn the tide of the Iraq war and the strategy was introduced to Afghanistan earlier this year by former commander General Stanley McChrystal.

McChrystal was sacked last week after he and some aides disparaged senior administration officials in a magazine profile.

While Petraeus has pledged to continue with the same strategy, he told NATO chiefs in Brussels on Thursday that some operational tactics would be reviewed -- including air strikes on

The issue came to a head last year after a series of air attacks killed scores of civilians -- including 140 in one incident -- but McChrystal's arrival was credited with vastly reducing collateral

Petraeus said on Thursday that any tactics that raised the possibility of more soldiers being killed needed to be reviewed.

More than 1,800 foreign troops have died in Afghanistan since the Taliban were overthrown in 2001 -- including more than 100 last month, the bloodiest since the war began.

"I have a moral imperative as a commander ... to bring all force that is available when our troopers -- and, by the way, our Afghan partners -- are in a tough position," he told NATO chiefs.

The last two weeks have thrown an especially harsh light on the war effort, with new reports of corruption in President Hamid Karzai's government and the change in command of foreign forces.

Doubts have also been raised over the commitment of the government to push governance and development alongside the military drive, and also the ability of Afghan forces to take over responsibility for security.

At the same time, Karzai has been wooing the Taliban with a series of modest peace overtures, all have which have been rejected by the hardline Islamist movement, which insists all foreign forces must leave before they will end the insurgency.

25 hurt in fresh protests in curfew-hit Indian Kashmir

AFP, Srinagar

Some 25 people were injured in anti-India protests around Kashmir as police fired teargas to break up demonstrations held despite a strict curfew across much of the insurgency-hit region.

The region has been hit by strikes, demonstrations and curfews over the killing of civilians during the last month by Indian police and paramilitary forces struggling to control separatist rallies.

Troops enforced a strict curfew across major towns in Muslim-majority Kashmir valley on Friday, preventing many worshippers attending mosques on the

Muslim day of prayer.

In Srinagar, the summer capital of Indian Kashmir, police backed by paramilitary soldiers sealed off neighbourhoods with barbed wire and blocked roads with security vehicles.

"A strict curfew is in force in major towns and no one will be allowed to violate the restrictions," senior police officer Farooq Ahmed said. The Jamia Masjid, the main mosque in

Srinagar, was among the many mosques worshippers were unable to attend for Friday prayers.

Small groups of protesters defied the curfew in Srinagar, clashing briefly with baton-wielding riot police, witnesses

Other protests also occurred near

shot dead two Muslim men last Friday after their vehicle was attacked by protesters. The town has been under curfew since then. In Anantnag town, about 50 kilometres

Sopore town, where paramilitary forces

(30 miles) south of Srinagar, hundreds of Muslims defied strict curfew restrictions and held a protest demonstration, witnesses said. The protests also spread to northern

Kupwara district, which borders Pakistan-administered Kashmir, sparking fierce clashes after police blocked the protesters at three places.

ঢাকা পাওয়ার ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড **DHAKA POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD**

(An Enterprise of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh) Biddyut Bhaban, 1, Abdul Goni Road, Dhaka-1000

Nepal's President Ram Baran Memo No:- DPDC/CS-107/Appointment/2010/03

Date: 01/07/10

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd (DPDC), entrusted with the responsibility of operation, maintenance and development of the power system network within the geographical area of DPDC, Invites applications from the energetic and promising citizen of Bangladesh for immediate appointment to the following post on contract basis for initially a period of maximum three (3) years, may be extended by another two (2) years, but renewal is subjected to satisfactory performance against specific yearly targets to be set by the Board, during which the age limit will not exceed 60 years.

Director (Finance):

The Director (Finance) is the Chief Finance Officer of the Company reporting through the Managing Director to the Board of Directors. He shall act as a member of the Management Team of the Company to assist the Managing Director for overall financial management, ensuring compliances of laws, Rules and Regulations for Good Governance including development of setup, systems and legal functions of the organization, He is also responsible for financial forecasting, and shall assist the Managing Director for negotiating project financing issues with donors/development partners and listing the company in the stock exchange(s) etc. Other fields of important activities will include developing and implementing computerized billing and management accounting system of the company and development of an internal audit and delegation of financial power, etc.

Required Qualification:

Candidates must be Graduate in the relevant field of study with FCA/FCMA/MBA majoring in Finance or accounting having at least twenty (20) years of experience in large Public Utility Organization, Large Company working in a multidisciplinary environment. Candidates with post Graduate Qualifications in the respective field and experience of working in large public utility with higher relevant position will get preference. The candidate should be fluent in spoken and written Bangla and English language, and shall be capable of working under and managing the emergency situations.

Age Limit:

Age should preferably be between forty five (45) and fifty seven (57) years as on 22/07/2010.

Remuneration/Compensation Package:

Basic salary per month Taka Fifty thousand (50,000.00) only plus house rent (if proper accommodation could not be made available) Taka twenty five thousand (25,000.00) per month, two festival bonuses in year, contributory provident fund, group insurance, encashment of leave, fringe benefits, gratuity, etc., as per applicable rules of the company. Expenses at actual medical services of self, and other as mentioned in the company Service Rules will be reimbursed up to a maximum limit of three (3) month basic salary per annum, and full time transport with driver will be provided. Income tax shall have to be paid by the employee. This remuneration/compensation package will be subjected to adjustment in the pay structure of the company to be finalized later on.

Only the short listed candidates will be called for interviews. Interested Candidates may apply along with complete CV, Two (2) attested passport size recent photographs, attested photocopies of all educational and experience certificates, attested copy of National Identity Card and the first eight (8) pages of the passport (if available or should be submitted after selection), should reach to the Chairman of the DPDC Board at the above address on or before 22nd July 2010 (Thursday) within the office hour.

In service candidates should submit applications through proper channel.

Company Secretary, DPDC