

Indian police kills top Maoist leader

AFP, Hyderabad

Indian police said yesterday they had killed a top Maoist leader during a gunfight with the rebels in a densely forested region of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh.

Cherukuri Rajkumar, commonly known as "Azad," was a top-ranking member of the Maoists' central committee and one of the insurgency's most prominent spokesmen.

He was shot dead by police on Friday as he was trying to cross into the neighbouring state of Maharashtra, said Andhra Pradesh's senior police officer P Promod Kumar.

Associated with the Maoist movement for more than 35 years, Azad was allegedly involved in attempts on the lives of two former state chief ministers, and carried a reward of 1.2 million rupees (25,000 dollars) on his head.

He was killed three days after the Maoists shot dead 26 members of the paramilitary forces in an ambush in the eastern state of Chhattisgarh.



Incoming Commander of US and Nato troops in Afghanistan, US General David Petraeus (L) talks to US Ambassador to Afghanistan, Karl Eikenberry (R) at The US embassy in Kabul yesterday. Petraeus has called for a united effort in the Afghan war as he made his public debut on Saturday as the Nato commander in Afghanistan.

AI urges India to probe Kashmir killings

AFP, Srinagar

Amnesty International urged India to investigate recent killing of civilians in Kashmir yesterday, as thousands of troops enforced a strict curfew in parts of the revolt-hit region.

Muslim-majority Kashmir valley has been hit by strikes, demonstrations and curfews over the killing of 11 civilians during the last month by Indian police and paramilitary forces struggling to control separatist rallies.

"The organisation is calling on Indian authorities to investigate all the killings," the London-based rights group said in a statement.

It added that "any security personnel, as well as any protesters" involved in wrongdoing should be brought to justice.

The authorities in Indian Kashmir have already ordered a probe into some killings.

The group also urged India to "avoid excessive use of force while dealing with demonstrators."

Troops enforced a strict curfew in parts of the summer capital Srinagar, southern Anantnag and northern Kupwara towns, police said.

The curfew was briefly lifted in Anantnag on Saturday morning but had to be reimposed after protesters clashed with tear-gas-firing troops.

In Srinagar, police backed by paramilitary soldiers sealed off neighbourhoods with barbed wire and blocked the major roads to enforce a curfew in some parts of the city, the largest in Indian Kashmir.

Nato forces kill two Afghans

AFP, Kabul

Nato forces accidentally killed two civilians, including a woman, and wounded another during an operation against Taliban militants in southern Afghanistan, the alliance said on Saturday.

Afghan and international forces killed the civilians overnight as they searched compounds for a Taliban commander believed responsible for a string of attacks in the Islamist group's southern spiritual heartland of Kandahar.

The joint force accidentally killed the two civilians and wounded the man after a brief exchange of fire at a Kandahar compound, the alliance said in a press statement that pledged "to review this unfortunate incident".

Petraeus calls for unity to tackle Afghan war

BBC ONLINE

The new US commander in Afghanistan has called for civilian officials and the military to make a "united effort" to tackle the nation's nine-year conflict.

Gen David Petraeus was addressing about 1,700 guests at the US embassy in Kabul after arriving to take over command.

He said that military-civilian cooperation was "not optional".

Gen Petraeus is replacing Gen Stanley McChrystal, who was sacked after he and his aides mocked and criticised top US officials in a magazine article.

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates has now ordered a tightening of the rules covering the US military's dealings with the media.

'ONEMISSION' Gen Petraeus was addressing Afghan, American and other international guests on the lawn of the embassy on Saturday.

"This is an effort in which we must achieve unity of effort and common purpose. Civilian and military, Afghan and international, we are part of one team with one mission," Gen Petraeus said.

"On this important endeavour, cooperation is not optional," he said.

Gen Petraeus has already warned that the conflict may become more difficult before major improvements are won.

He and US President Barack Obama have both insisted a change of personnel at the top does not mean a change in strategy.

Gen Petraeus said on Saturday: "This is a tough mission, there is nothing easy about it. But working together we can achieve progress and we can achieve our mutual objective."

Gen Petraeus is to meet President Hamid Karzai later on Saturday.

Gen Petraeus faces a number of tough challenges over the coming months, including reducing casualties. June saw the highest number of deaths among Nato personnel in the nine years of war - 102.

WAR CRIME PROBE EU asks Lanka to cooperate with UN

AFP, Brussels

The European Union urged Sri Lanka's government on Thursday to cooperate with a UN panel probing alleged war crimes during the country's civil war.

"The European Union encourages the Government of Sri Lanka to cooperate fully, including through the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission appointed by President Rajapakse, with the members of the Panel, in the interest of all concerned," said EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton.

"The European Union hopes that these initiatives can contribute to an inclusive and sustainable political solution addressing the legitimate concerns of all the communities on the island," she said in a statement.

President Mahinda Rajapakse's government has ignored calls to investigate allegations that thousands of civilians were killed along with surrendering rebels during the final months of the fighting that ended in May last year.

Sri Lanka has refused to cooperate with a panel named by UN chief Ban Ki-moon last week to advise on "accountability issues" during the conflict, which pitted government forces against Tamil Tiger separatists.

Rajapakse told the Times of India in an interview published Monday that he did not care about damage to the country's image as a result of resisting pressure from the United Nations and Western countries to submit to an enquiry.

US hopes Nepalis pull together

AFP, Washington

The United States voiced hope Thursday that all sides in Nepal would pull together after the prime minister resigned, saying it was "vitally important" to make progress in the peace process.

Madhav Kumar Nepal quit Wednesday in a bid to end a long stalemate. Nepal's Sushila Karki, who waged a 10-year insurgency before entering mainstream politics and winning 2008 elections, is staking a claim to lead a new government.

"It's vitally important that the peace process should go forward," State Department spokesman Philip Crowley told reporters.

Maldives extends MPs' house arrest

AFP, Colombo

A Maldivian court has extended the house arrest of two key opposition lawmakers amid a dragging power struggle between the country's president and parliament, an official said Saturday.

The High Court agreed late Friday to a government appeal to keep the two MPs under house arrest for two weeks, the official said, adding that police were investigating them for allegedly trying to bribe independent MPs.

MPs Abdulla Yamin and Qasim Ibrahim, leaders of smaller opposition parties, were arrested by police on Tuesday after a political crisis erupted when the cabinet resigned en masse.

President Mohamed Nasheed and the opposition-controlled parliament are at logger-

Minibus crash kills 14 in Pak Kashmir

AFP, Muzaffarabad

At least 14 people were injured and four others were killed when their minibus fell into a ravine in Pakistani-administered Kashmir, an official said yesterday.

The accident took place in mountainous Neelum valley, some 25 kilometres (15 miles) north of Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistani Kashmir, the region's administrator Chaudhry Imtiaz told AFP.

"Fourteen people have been killed in the accident, four others were injured," Imtiaz said.

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Protest strike in Lahore over Pak blasts

AFP, Lahore

Shops and offices were shut across the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore in a protest strike over twin suicide attacks on an Islamic shrine, which killed 43 people.

Police said they have "apprehended" several people in their investigation into Thursday's bombings, which left a trail of carnage at a packed Sufi shrine, but have made no formal arrests.

Raghib Naemi, a leader of a Sunni Muslim council that called the strike, said a major rally was being planned on Saturday evening.

"We will continue our protest till the government takes some concrete actions to curb terrorist activities," he said.

Angry protesters had taken to the streets in Pakistan on Friday, burning tyres and blaming Taliban extremists for the latest bloodshed in the city, a major military, political and cultural hub.

An AFP reporter said markets were closed on Saturday and roads deserted in the otherwise bustling city. Schools are already closed for the summer holidays, while offices also observe a Saturday-Sunday weekend.

Investigators said they had yet to identify the two suicide bombers who blew themselves up among crowds of worshippers at the shrine to Sufi saint Data Ganj Bakhsh in Lahore, capital of Punjab province.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility and the Pakistan Taliban, which has been blamed for a wave of bloody attacks over the past three years, denied it was involved.

Police also said they had uncovered 20 suicide bombing vests and two dozen police commando uniforms during a raid in Lahore late Friday.

Investigators said it may take some time to identify the bombers, who were caught on camera in dramatic closed-circuit television footage of the bomb blast and the carnage and chaos that ensued.

"We quizzed the family of a man, we were suspecting to be one of the suicide bomber, but he turned out to be one of the victims. His body has been handed over to the family," a senior investigator told AFP.

About 700 people attended the man's funeral Saturday outside Lahore with mourners insisting on his innocence. "This gathering condemns terrorism. We are peaceful people. Terrorists should stop this bloodbath," prayer leader Asghar Farid said at the funeral mass of 27-year-old Mohammad Rafiq.

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