

## ISLAMABAD TALKS

## India to focus on terror

IANS, New Delhi

A day before External Affairs Minister SM Krishna heads to Pakistan, India yesterday decided to mainly focus the talks on terrorism, which it says is sponsored by Pakistan.

At the same time, the Cabinet Committee on Security chaired by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh also vowed to find a way to keep limited dialogue going on humanitarian issues to build bilateral trust.

Krishna will leave for Islamabad today for three days, the first visit by an Indian foreign minister to Pakistan since the November 2008 Mumbai terror attack that plunged bilateral ties to an all-time low.

The Committee, comprising Krishna, Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee, Defence Minister AK Antony and Home Minister P Chidambaram, met at the prime minister's residence. On the agenda was India's approach towards tomorrow's talks between Krishna and his Pakistani counterpart Shah Mahmood Qureshi in Islamabad, official sources said.

The Committee, the apex decision-making body on security issues, reviewed the talks between the foreign secretaries and home ministers of the two countries last month.

It took note of Pakistan's reassurance about

speedily concluding the Mumbai attack trial and taking action against terrorist groups that continue to operate from Pakistani territory.

New Delhi feels that no tangible action has been taken by Islamabad to address India's concerns despite last month's talks.

But both governments realise the value of reducing the trust deficit, without which a conducive atmosphere cannot be created for resolving the more difficult issues like Jammu and Kashmir and the Siachen glacier.

India is expected to impress upon Pakistan that it will be difficult to carry on any meaningful dialogue further till Pakistan takes credible, effective and transparent action against the perpetrators of the Mumbai attack that left 166 people dead.

He will be accompanied by Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao, YK Sinha, the joint secretary in charge of Pakistan, and senior officials.

Krishna will hold wide-ranging talks with Qureshi so as to pave the way for a more substantive dialogue in the future.

India is keen that the talks should yield positive outcomes, including on relaxation of the visa regime, people-to-people contacts, more trade, cross-border trains and buses, as well as exchange of prisoners.

## Gilani hopes talks will be fruitful

IANS, Islamabad

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani Tuesday expressed confidence that the forthcoming meeting between the foreign ministers of Pakistan and India would be fruitful and would pave the way for further dialogue.

Indian External Affairs Minister SM Krishna is expected to fly to Islamabad today.

"The willingness to resume the stalled dialogue presents a win-win situation for both the countries, as peace and stability is the only way forward for the progress and prosperity of the entire region," Gilani said during a meeting with Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Xinhua reported.

Pakistan is desirous of a negotiated and peaceful resolution of all disputes with India, a statement the Prime Minister's office quoted Gilani as saying.

According to sources, the issue of counter-terrorism and other matters that could contribute to creating an atmosphere of peace and security between the two countries will be discussed at the Qureshi-Krishna meeting.

India insists Pakistan must take action against those who had been behind the 2008 Mumbai attacks. New Delhi has blamed the Lashkar-e-Taiba group for the attack, which left 166 people dead.

IANS, India reports, India's core concern will be terrorism that it says emanates from Pakistani territory, with the terror infrastructure often used to target Indian interests in India and beyond.

India will have no objection if Pakistan takes up Jammu and Kashmir or the row of water sharing.

India sees that Pakistan has not taken any tangible action against Hafiz Saeed, the mastermind of the Mumbai attack and head of the Lashkar-e-Taiba despite promises to act against anti-India terror elements.

There are some in the Indian security establishment who suspect a link between the unrest in Jammu and Kashmir, on the eve of Krishna's trip, and elements across the border.

## Missing Iranian scientist appears at embassy in US

BBC ONLINE

A missing Iranian nuclear scientist, who Tehran says was kidnapped a year ago by the CIA, has taken refuge in the Iran section of Pakistan's US embassy.

A spokesman from Pakistan's Foreign Office, Abdul Basit, told the BBC that Shahram Amiri was seeking immediate repatriation to Iran.

In June videos purportedly of Mr Amiri but containing contradictory information on his whereabouts emerged.

The US rejected Tehran's claims that it was behind Mr Amiri's disappearance.

Mr Amiri went missing a year ago while on pilgrimage

in Saudi Arabia.

Iranian media say Mr Amiri worked as a researcher at a university in Tehran, but some reports say he worked for the country's atomic energy organisation and had in-depth knowledge of its controversial nuclear programme.

ABC News reported in March that he had defected and was helping the CIA, revealing valuable information about the Iranian nuclear programme.

But earlier this month,



Tehran said it had proof he was being held in the US.

The allegation came after three videos purportedly of Mr Amiri emerged - the first said he had been kidnapped, the second that he was living freely in Arizona, and the third that he had escaped from his captors.

The BBC's former correspondent in Tehran, Jon Leyne, says that Iran's version of the story seems to be backed up by events unfolding in Washington DC.

Our correspondent says Mr Amiri's sudden appearance is a major embarrassment for the American spy agencies and could lead to a diplomatic standoff.

**THE US CLAIM** But later, the US State Department said the Iranian nuclear scientist is free to leave.

Spokesman P J Crowley rejected Iran's claim that Shahram Amiri, who surfaced at the Pakistani embassy in the US on Tuesday, was held against his will.

The US denied Tehran's claims that it abducted Mr Amiri.

"He has been in the United States of his own free will and obviously he is free to go," Mr Crowley said.

## Sri Lanka's ex-army chief faces new Charge

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan police have filed a new case against former army chief and defeated presidential candidate Sarath Fonseka for allegedly employing military deserters, his party said yesterday.

Fonseka, who is also now an opposition lawmaker, is accused of employing 10 army deserters in the run-up to the January presidential poll he contested unsuccessfully against President Mahinda Rajapakse.

He was named as an accused in a criminal court hearing Monday and formal charges are expected when the court reconvenes on July 26. If convicted, Fonseka faces a possible 20-year prison sentence.

On Monday, the government had also pressed 21 new charges against Fonseka in connection with another case in which he is accused of awarding irregular contracts while serving as army chief.

"This is a political vendetta against a war hero," opposition lawmaker Vijitha Herath, who is part of Fonseka's Democratic National Alliance coalition party, said on Tuesday.

Fonseka is currently in military custody, facing two courts martial for allegedly dabbling in politics while in uniform and illegally awarding contracts to a company where his son-in-law had an interest.



Hindus pull a Lord Jagannath chariot through a crowd of devotees during "Rath Yatra" celebrations in the coastal city of Puri, about 65 km from Orissa state capital Bhubaneswar, yesterday.

## Nepal to elect new PM on July 21

IANS, Kathmandu

The race for the new prime minister of Nepal kicked off yesterday with parliamentarians fixing July 21 as the election date after the parties failed to forget old rivalries and choose a candidate acceptable to all.

Nepal's Law Minister Prem Bahadur Singh announced the election date after the Business Advisory Committee of parliament met to decide the procedure.

Nominations for the top job can be filed till July 20, which means the nation will be kept on tenterhooks till the last minute.

This is the third time in less than two years that the Himalayan republic has been forced to have a prime ministerial election after two governments fell in quick succession.

Nepal's first Maoist government that came to power after a historic election in 2008 promised good governance, justice and a new constitution by, for and of the people.

However, the former guerrillas fell out with their allies after refusing to dismantle their parallel army and collapsed just after nine months.

The succeeding communist-led government lasted for 13 months despite stiff opposition by the Maoists, which included a six-day general strike and blockade of parliament for over five months.

Besides the obstruction, the new government's image was badly tarnished after its ministers became mired in corruption charges, law and order deteriorated and Nepal's food bowl - the Terai plains in the south - became a hotbed of crime and violence.

But though Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal resigned on June 30, the Maoists have not been able to form a new government for lack of majority.

Now the second largest party in parliament after the Maoists, the Nepali Congress (NC), is eyeing the top job.

## 107 dead in China rainstorms and floods

AFP, Beijing

Torrential rains and severe flooding have left 107 people dead and 59 missing in ten Chinese provinces, mostly along the Yangtze River following recent storms, state media said yesterday.

The Xinhua news agency said that as of yesterday, rain-triggered floods had affected some 29 million people and 997,000 had been evacuated.

The latest toll is more than double that reported by Xinhua on Monday following rains along the Yangtze River, China's longest, over the past week.

Heavy downpours since last week in central and eastern China have caused water levels in major lakes and some river tributaries to rise alarmingly, state media has said.

Earlier Tuesday, 17 people were confirmed dead and 44 others were missing after torrential rains sent landslides crashing into villages in south-western China, officials and state media said.

## Career Opportunity

A global apparel buying and sourcing office is looking for high calibre individuals to fill the following positions in Dhaka.

## Fabric &amp; Color Manager

## Key Accountabilities:

- Manage the color evaluation process of lab dips, knit downs, strike offs, trims, shade bands and bulk material with suppliers and retail markets.
- Set clear guidelines and approval tolerances to ensure good match of sent submissions against color standard.
- Ensure fabric spec and performance characteristics meet standard otherwise recommend alternative or seek override when appropriate.
- Provide technical support with a commercial perspective when working with mills and suppliers to resolve fabric problems and issues.
- Understand the major fabric standards and needs of all retail markets.
- Oversee mill certification program - either through 3<sup>rd</sup> party or fabric technologists - to assess mills' capabilities, capacity and quality.

## Essential Requirement:

- Graduate in Textile Engineering with at least 10 years of practical experience in apparel manufacturing.
- Strong technical knowledge of yarn, fabric, knitting, weaving, dyeing and finishing, key fabric performance traits, testing protocols and standards.
- Ability to creatively explore and identify solutions to solve color and fabric issues.
- Organizational skills to maintain multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Strong in supervision and people skills to manage own team and work collaboratively with overseas peers, suppliers and mills, and tech teams in the retail markets.

## Technical Manager

## Key Accountabilities:

- Implement best practice and process across all departments to ensure that brand quality standards and values are maintained and improved.
- To ensure that quality of the Company's brands is consistent across all departments and products
- Provide technical support for a varied range of products, suppliers & factories, in multiple locations, for a wide range of products.
- Ensure fit, size and grade consistency within Brand and across Sub Brands.
- Ensure that all apparel products conform to the latest Health and Safety legislation and regulations.

## Essential Requirement:

- Graduate in garments Manufacturing/ fashion designing or other related field with minimum 10 years relevant experience
- Knowledge of garment grading, fit and construction.
- Understands the Product Development cycle from concept to delivery.
- Strong ability to influence and communicate at all levels and functions.
- A strong cultural awareness and flexible in their approach, building trust with all stakeholders.

Interested candidates are requested to send their detailed resume with a cover letter, contact phone number, a recent non-returnable photograph, salary expectation and names of two non-relative referees by July 20, 2010 to: Box No D-06, The Daily Star, 19 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka,

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
Vacancy Announcement

Issued on: 14 July 2010  
Deadline for Application: 24 July 2010

The FAO Representation in Bangladesh is inviting applications from qualified candidates to the following vacant position to be filled as soon as possible:

1. Women Income Generation Specialist  
(UN Salary scale and benefits for similar position apply).

Interested qualified candidates will find the post descriptions, the link to the Personal History Form (PH-Form) and the information on how to apply in the following web link: [www.bdjobs.com](http://www.bdjobs.com). Hard copies of the completed PH-Form must reach the FAO Representation in Bangladesh, House#37, Road#8, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205 in a sealed envelope by close of business on 24 July 2010.

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DHAKA POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD  
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Meme No: DPDC/CS/Local Tender/Sub-sation/2010/56

Dated: 13 /07/2010

## "TIME EXTENSION NOTICE OF DPDC'S LOCAL TENDER"

The tender submission/opening date of the following tender is hereby extended as shown below :

Sl. No.	Invitation for Tender No.	Material	Last date of Tender buying		Tender Submission/ opening date	
			Original	Extended	Original	Extended
1.	DPDC/CS/Local Tender/Sub-sation/2010/207 Dated: 25/02/2010	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 2 nos. new 33/11 kV Substations on turnkey basis.	25/07/2010	21/09/2010	26/07/2010	22/09/2010

Except above all other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged  
Company Secretary  
DPDC