



Indian hawker Pooran Singh with his horse and cart. After being kept by an Australian funeral home for 63 years, the ashes of Indian hawker Pooran Singh will be returned to India to be immersed in the Ganges River, after they were claimed at a ceremony in Warrnamboul, yesterday. Singh worked as a hawkker, selling goods laden in his horse-drawn wagon, travelling from one country town to the other and became a well-known personality in the western part of the Australian state of Victoria.

PHOTO: AFP

AFRICAN UNION SUMMIT

Uganda calls for defeat of terrorism

AFP, Kampala

Uganda's president urged African Union leaders at a summit here yesterday to "sweep the terrorists" out of Africa, following recent deadly attacks by Somalia's al-Qaeda-linked Shabab rebels.

"Let us now act in concert and sweep them out of Africa," Yoweri Museveni said, referring to the perpetrators of the July 11 blasts in Kampala that killed 76 revellers watching the football World Cup final.

"Let them go back to Asia or the Middle East where I understand some come from," he said at the opening of the three-day summit.

More than 30 heads of state from the AU's 53 members gathered amid unprecedented security in the Ugandan capital, with a debate on boosting the organisation's troops levels in Somalia and crushing the Islamist insurgents in the war-torn nation top of the agenda.

The AU summit observed two minutes of silence for the victims of the attacks two weeks ago.

"The African Union stands with you, my brother President Museveni, and with the people of Uganda," Bingu wa Mutharika, Malawi's president and current chairman of the AU, said in his opening remarks.

Museveni also said many of the organisers of the attacks in Kampala have been arrested.

"Their interrogations have yielded very good information," he added.

Ugandan authorities have not been precise regarding the number of people detained for their suspected involvement in the blasts. Last week the inspector general of the Uganda police force, Kale Kayihura, put the figure at

"more than 20" but several of those individuals have since been released.

The two bombings were meant to bully Uganda into pulling out of the AU mission in Somalia (AMISOM), the last thing standing between the Shabab and total power.

Uganda reacted by saying it could send 2,000 more troops and urged more decisive international support, while the embattled Somali government argued the attacks were evidence Somalia required the world's attention.

AU chief Jean Ping said Friday Guinea was ready to send troops to Somalia.

"We are going to quickly top the 8,000 mark... I think the current trend could take us over 10,000," Angola, Mozambique and South Africa may also pledge troops, whose current deployment consists of just over 6,000 Ugandans and Burundians, according to diplomats.

Ping also reiterated that the African Union was seeking a tougher mandate for AMISOM under the United Nations Charter's chapter seven, allowing it to take more aggressive action.

"If this request is answered positively, our troops will attack," he said.

The Shabab leadership has proclaimed its allegiance to Osama bin Laden and the group's first bomb attacks outside Somalia renewed fears that the Horn of Africa country could become a new safe haven for al-Qaeda.

Troops from the United States and the United Nations have previously not been able to crush the insurgency in Somalia, which has been without an effective government for two decades.

One missing US trooper dead, other captured

Claims Taliban

AP, Kabul

The Taliban have offered to exchange the body of a US Navy member they said was killed in an ambush two days ago in exchange for insurgent prisoners, an Afghan official said yesterday.

US and Nato officials confirmed that two American Navy personnel went missing Friday in the eastern province of Logar, after an armoured sports utility vehicle was seen driving into a Taliban-held area.

In a telephone interview yesterday with The Associated Press, Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said the pair drove into an area under insurgent control, prompting a brief firefight in which one American was killed and the other was captured. He said both were taken to a "safe area" and "are in the hands of the Taliban."

Mujahid made no mention of any offer to exchange the pair for Taliban prisoners. A local Afghan official said the Taliban sent a message through intermediaries offering to hand over the body in exchange for jailed insurgents.

Abdul Wali, the head of the provincial governing council, said local authorities responded by saying, "Let's talk about the one that is still alive." The insurgents said they would have to talk to superiors before making any deal.

Hundreds of posters of the two missing sailors have been hung at checkpoints throughout Logar province where Nato troops are stopping vehicles, searching people, peering inside windows and searching trunks.

Myanmar leader's India visit draws rights criticism

BBC ONLINE

Myanmar's military ruler General Than Shwe has arrived in India for a controversial five-day visit, which has been condemned by rights groups.

The junta leader is expected to meet Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on a trip that marks India's desire to strengthen trade links with its neighbour.

Rights groups have written to Mr Singh saying it was "unbecoming" of a democracy to welcome Gen Than Shwe.

Burma's junta is accused of widespread human rights abuses.

Until the mid-1990s, Delhi was a supporter of Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar's imprisoned pro-democracy leader.

But analysts say India's desire to do business with Myanmar, reputed to have large reserves of natural gas and precious stones, has since outweighed concerns over human rights.

Myanmar's pro-democracy campaigner in Delhi, India has kept diplomatically silent over the country's democracy.

The BBC's Subir Bhaumik in Calcutta says some Indians welcome what they see as a pragmatic approach to foreign policy, but many others support Myanmar's pro-democracy movement and accuse their country of not doing enough to support it.

Gen Than Shwe began his trip in Bodhi Gaya, a Buddhist pilgrimage site, and he is due to visit information technology and pharmaceutical businesses in Hyderabad before meeting Mr Singh.

But officials told the BBC that they are unlikely to discuss Burma's forthcoming election -- the first parliamentary vote in two decades, which the military is almost certain to dominate.

"It is crucial for India to cement its relationship with Myanmar [Burma] to deal with the insurgency that plagues the north east and to counterbalance China's influence," an unnamed Indian official told the AFP news agency.

The US, one of the countries to have imposed sanctions on Myanmar's military, urged India to "send a clear message to Myanmar that it needs to change its course".

The International Federation for Human Rights, which represents 164 organisations across the world, wrote to Mr Singh saying the junta's "well-documented human rights abuses includes acts that may amount to war crimes".

And some in the energy industry also doubt that deepening ties with the junta is good for business.

"India expected Myanmar to supply natural gas from the huge deposits in its Arakan province," said Ashok Das, a retired official of the state-sponsored Oil India company.

MIG-27 CRASH

Black Box found, toll rises to three

PTI, Jalpaiguri

The black box of the MiG-27 aircraft, which crashed on Saturday in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district, was retrieved yesterday as the toll rose to three with two more persons succumbing to their injuries.

The black box or digital flight data recorder was located from near the spot in Bhotputti village where the crash took place, a senior Air Force officer told reporters here.

The MiG-27 had taken off from the Hashimara Air Base on a routine sortie and crashed within minutes, killing one person on the ground and injuring many. A farmer Bholen Roy, who was cultivating his field, was killed when the fighter jet crashed between Moynaguri and Chengrabandha.

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Memo No. 319/2010/166 Date: 19.07.2010

Amendment No. 02 of BPDB's International Tender
Enquiry No. Pur-319/2010 dated 18.05.2010
 Tender Enquiry No. Pur-319/2010 dated 18.05.2010 for procurement of required CI Spares for Unit No. 1 & 2 of Fenchuganj Power Station, BPDB, Fenchuganj, Sylhet is hereby amended as follows:-

| Item No | Name of items | | Part No. | | Quantity | |
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| | Existing was | Amended as | Existing was | Amended as | Existing was | Amended as |
| 20 | Cap & Liner Assembly | Cap & Liner with Cap & Cowl (TBC) | 899E0112G028 | 899E0116G028 | 12 Nos | 12 Nos |
| 21 | Cap & Liner Assembly | Cap & Liner with Cap & Cowl (TBC) | 899E0112G029 | 899E0116G029 | 6 Nos | 6 Nos |
| 22 | Cap & Liner Assembly | Cap & Liner with Cap & Cowl (TBC) | 899E0112G030 | 899E0116G030 | 3 Nos | 9 Nos |
| 23 | Cap & Liner Assembly | Cap & Liner with Cap & Cowl (TBC) | 899E0112G031 | 899E0116G031 | 9 Nos | 3 Nos |

All other terms and conditions of tender shall remain unchanged.

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Unctad report

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Tk 300 crore fines (which is much higher than the capital of many telcos), and arrest without bail for delinquency -- it sends the wrong signal to investors across the board. And a country's image is built up on such signals put together.

Then there are the Board of Investment chief's comments. Since he took over as the board's boss, Dr SA Samad has been repeatedly denying the fact that energy crisis is a big deterring factor for investment. It may be a conscious denial from him, since he once sat at the energy ministry, and knows very well what a crucial role energy -- both electricity and gas -- plays in investment. He also must have realised that the Awami League-led government in fact wasted its first one and a half years regarding the energy front, and that energy will emerge as a crucial issue for Awami League in the next election about three and a half years away.

Any entrepreneurs' gathering, be it formal or informal, is replete with talks of how their businesses are suffering due to load shedding and gas crisis. An investor, who runs a big dyeing factory in Gazipur, was recounting only last night how judicious he was to have his factory shut down because of gas crisis.

"I am lucky. I paid off my bank liabilities earlier, and so it was an easy decision to shut," he said.

The person sitting next to him claimed he is even luckier. His factory's gas supply came through the same line as that of a BNP leader's. The BNP man's connection was snapped as he defaulted on bills. That boosted gas pressure for his sari factory which is now running at full steam. Others around him are not that lucky, he said.

So, downplaying a problem would not help the situation, as the BoI chief is trying to do. Rather it might send wrong signals to policymakers, and the government's efforts in solving the energy crisis might slacken.

The second comment the BoI chief made is even more curious. He said bureaucracy is the major problem for investment. True. But when the question comes, what the government has done to reduce red tape? The Regulatory Reforms Commission has been let to die only because it was conceptualised and formed during the caretaker government. And so is the fate of the Better Business Forum. The recommendations these two platforms made remain largely unimplemented. Finance Minister AMA Muhiht, in his first budget, after the Awami League-led government came to power, promised that a new body would be formed to push through regulatory reforms. That promise is forgotten today.

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Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh
Invitation for Tender

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| 1. | Name and address of the procuring entity | : Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh. |
| 2. | Source of fund | : Revenue Budget (GOB) 2010-2011. |
| 3. | Tender Ref. No. & date | : Head-Printing and supply of wall and table calendars and Pocket Diary (Bangla & English) for the year 2011. BAU/DRP/10/385/48-49 Dated: 21-07-2010. |
| 4. | Brief description of the goods | : Designing, printing and supply of (a) Wall Calendars-12,500 (b) Table Calendars-8,000 (c) Pocket Diary (Bangla)-2,500 (d) Pocket Diary (English)-500 for the year 2011. |
| 5. | Price of tender document (non-refundable) | : Tk. 500/- (five hundred) only in cash. |
| 6. | Amount of tender security (refundable) | : Tk. 12,000/- (twelve thousand) only payable in favour of Treasurer, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh-2202, Bangladesh. |
| 7. | Name and address of the office selling tender document & receiving the tenders | : Director, Public Relations and Publications Office, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh-2202, Bangladesh. |
| 8. | Date and time for selling tender document | : 26-07-2010 to 17-08-2010 Sunday to Thursday at 10.00am to 16.00pm. |
| 9. | Last date and time for submission of tenders | : 19-08-2010 (Thursday) up to 12.00 noon. |
| 10. | Date and time for opening of the tenders | : 19-08-2010 (Thursday) at 12.30pm. |
| 11. | Offer validity | : At least 120 days from the date of opening of the tender. |
| 12. | | : Tender should be submitted with duplicate. Submission may be done by post, courier or by personal messenger on or before 12.00 noon 19 August, 2010. |
| 13. | | : The university will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the tenderer in connection with the preparation or submission of tender. |
| 14. | | : Tender submitted beyond scheduled time will neither be received nor accepted. |
| 15. | | : Only the bonafide and reliable printing firms properly equipped with modern offset and related facilities and having sufficient experiences in handling quality printing jobs are eligible for tender submission. |
| 16. | | : Each page of the tender and related documents have to be signed and sealed by the tenderer. |
| 17. | | : Special instruction: Public Procurement Act, 2006 and Public Procurement Rules, 2008 will be followed meticulously in this printing and supply job. |
| 18. | | : The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. |

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Vacancy Announcement
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Building in the Chittagong Hill Tracts

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces vacancy for the following positions for "**Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility**" under "Service Contract" modality. The duration of the contract is one year initially and subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance.

- M & E Officer, Health - 1 position
- Program Associates (Data Collection and Management) - 1 position
- Program Officer (Data Management) - 1 position
- Program Officer (Reporting and Documentation) - 1 position

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