

Iraq violence marks sharp rise in July

BBC ONLINE

July was Iraq's deadliest month for more than two years, figures show, amid fears insurgents are exploiting a political power vacuum left by March's inconclusive elections.

Last month, 535 people were killed and 1,000 injured in bomb blasts or other attacks, official Iraqi figures say.

Insurgent attacks have increased in frequency and ferocity since the polls.

Sunni, Shia and Kurdish factions that won most seats are still bickering over who should be the next prime minister.

Both former Prime Minister Iyad Allawi and incumbent Nouri Maliki insist that they are best placed to lead the war-torn country.

March's elections left Mr Allawi's secular Sunni Iraqiyya alliance with 91 seats, just two ahead of Mr Maliki's mainly Shia coalition.

Both are well short of the 163 seats needed to form a government, meaning that some sort of wider coalition will be needed. **SECTARIAN BLOODSHED**

Yesterday, one of the main Shia blocs rejected Mr Maliki's claim to a second term as prime minister, saying it would pull out of coalition talks until his party nominated a new candidate.

The Iraqi National Alliance (INA) came third in March's polls, and had merged with Mr Maliki's second-placed State of Law bloc in June.

Under the new name, National Alliance, it has a total of 159 seats in the new 325-seat parliament, four short of a majority.

"All parties of the INA have agreed that the obstacle is the insistence of nominating Maliki," one of the group's senior members, Qusay al-Suhail, told Reuters news agency.

"That is why we demanded an alternative... The INA's decision is unanimous."

The move is another setback in the process of forming a new government, which analysts predict may take until at least mid-September.

There are fears the ongoing political uncertainty could hinder the planned withdrawal of all but 50,000 US troops from Iraq by the end of August, in preparation for a full military departure by the end of 2011.



Afghan demonstrators use a megaphone as they take part in a rally in Kabul yesterday, to protest recent civilian casualties caused by an alleged Nato strike in the restive Afghan province of Helmand. PHOTO: AFP

Afghans protest 'Nato civilian killings'

AFP, Kabul

Afghans held a rally in the capital Kabul yesterday to protest the alleged Nato killing of 52 civilians in the volatile south, but the coalition said it had still found no evidence of the deaths.

More than 200 people demonstrated over the July 23 incident in the Sangin district of Helmand province, when President Hamid Karzai says a rocket strike by a helicopter gunship on a residential compound took place.

The protesters shouted "Death to America" and carried banners calling for justice and pictures of children they say were killed in the strike in Regey village, according to an AFP correspondent at the scene.

But Nato and government investigations have not resolved conflicting accounts of the alleged incident.

The Afghan National Security Council conducted its own investigation at the president's behest and found that a Nato rocket had hit a house in Sangin "leaving 52 civilians dead, including women and children", Karzai has said.

Death toll from Pak floods reaches 1,100

AP, Peshawar, Pakistan

The death toll from massive floods in north-western Pakistan rose to 1,100 yesterday as rescue workers struggled to save more than 27,000 people still trapped by the raging water.

The rescue effort was aided by a slackening of the monsoon rains that have caused the worst flooding in decades in Khyber-Pakhtoonkhwa province. But as floodwaters started to recede, authorities began to understand the full scale of the disaster.

"Aerial monitoring is being conducted, and it has shown that whole villages have washed away, animals have drowned and grain storages have washed away," said Latifur Rehman, spokesman for the Provincial Disaster Management Authority. "The destruction is massive."

The flooding, which the U.N. estimates has affected 1 million people nationwide, comes at a time when the Pakistani government is already grappling with a faltering economy and a war against the Taliban.

The United States announced yesterday that it would provide Pakistan with \$10 million in humanitarian assistance, a high-profile gesture at a time when the Obama administration is trying to dampen anti-American sentiment in the country.

The 1,100 death toll from the flooding could go even higher since rescue workers have been unable to access certain areas, said Adnan Khan, a disaster management official.

Almost 700 people have drowned in the Peshawar valley, which includes the districts of

Nowshera and Charsada, and 115 others are still missing, Khan said.

The districts of Swat and Shangla have also been hit hard and have suffered more than 400 deaths, said Mujahid Khan, the head of rescue services for the Edhi Foundation, a private charity.

Residents of Swat were still trying to recover from a major battle between the army and the Taliban last spring that caused widespread destruction and drove some 2 million people from their homes. About 1 million of those were still displaced.

In Swat alone, the floods have destroyed more than 14,600 houses and 22 schools, said Khan.

Authorities have deployed 43 military helicopters and more than 100 boats to try to rescue some 27,300 people still trapped by the floods, said Rehman, the disaster management spokesman.

"All efforts are being used to rescue people stuck in inaccessible areas and all possible help is being provided to affected people," said Rehman.

But some residents stepped up their criticism yesterday of the government's response.

"The flood has devastated us all, and I don't know where my family has gone," said Hakimullah Khan, a resident of Charsadda town who complained the government has not helped him search for his missing wife and three children.

"Water is all around and there is no help in sight," said Khan.

Nepal to elect premier in 3rd round poll

Prachanda claims

PEOPLE'S DAILY ONLINE

Chairman of Unified Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) (UCPN-M) Prachanda has claimed that the nation would get the new prime minister in the third round of election to be held today.

"The UCPN-Maoist would form the next government by coordinating with other political parties, if the parliament fails to elect the new PM on Monday [today]," Prachanda told journalists on after meeting with

chairman of the Constituent Assembly Subash Chandra Nemwang.

According to yesterday's The Rising Nepal daily, the ongoing peace and constitution making processes were discussed at the meeting in addition to other contemporary issues.

"I asked Prachanda to expedite the constitution making process by ending the ongoing political deadlock," Nemwang was quoted by the daily as saying.

The Legislature Parliament

is holding the third round of election today after it failed to elect new prime minister twice. Prachanda and Nepali Congress Vice President Ram Chandra Paudel are contesting the election.

The Communist Party Nepal-United Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) Chairman Jhala Nath Khanal withdrew his candidacy in the first round of election saying that he failed to muster support from the two-thirds majority of parliament members.

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Mrs. Monira Khatun, Wife of Late Khabirur Rahman of 125, Rail Road, Jessore and beloved mother of Mr. Motiur Rahman, Chairman of People's Leasing And Financial Services Limited and Chairman of M. K. Group passed away peacefully at the age of 85 years at Queens Hospital, Jessore on **Saturday 12 Midnight, the July 31 2010** due to old age complication (Inna Lillahe Rajeun).

She left behind **Five Daughters, Four Sons, Daughter-in-Laws, Son-in-Laws, Grand Childrens** and a large number of near and dear relations and well wishers to mourn her sudden demise.

With a heavy heart we express our deep sorrow at her demise and extend our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved members of her family.

We pray to the Almighty Allah for the salvation of her departed soul and He grants her infinite mercy, eternal peace and gives the members of family the courage and fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

The Qulkhani of late Mrs. Monira Khatun will be held on Monday, the August 02, 2010 after Asar Prayer at her Residence at Rail Road, Jessore

All well wishers and relatives are requested to attend the occasion.

The Vice-Chairman, the Directors and all Employees of



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