

Zardari's Europe trip clouded by terror claims

AFP, Paris

Pakistani President Ali Asif Zardari yesterday began a difficult five-day trip to Paris and London that was overshadowed in advance by British allegations of terrorism sponsorship.

Zardari arrived in France overnight for the easier first leg of his visit, during which he is to meet President Nicolas Sarkozy, as Pakistan's diplomatic spat with Britain over claims it backs the Taliban continued.

Relations between London and Islamabad soured last week when Prime Minister David Cameron said Pakistan must not "look both ways" in secretly promoting violent extremism while pretending to seek regional stability.

France and Britain both have thousands of troops deployed with a Nato force in Afghanistan, facing daily attacks from Taliban fighters.

Pakistan summons UK envoy over Cameron's comments

REUTERS, AFP, London

Pakistan summoned Britain's envoy in Islamabad yesterday over comments by British Prime Minister David Cameron suggesting it was not doing enough to fight terrorism, officials said.

Adam Thomson, the British High Commissioner to Pakistan, was summoned to the foreign ministry to clarify remarks Cameron made during a visit to India last week, a Pakistani official said.

The comments caused anger in Pakistan and the country's spy chief cancelled a trip to Britain in protest, though President Asif Ali Zardari still plans to visit Britain later this week.

A British Foreign Office spokesman confirmed that Thomson was meeting Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi at the request of Pakistan's foreign ministry but gave no further details.

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister David Cameron stands by comments on Pakistan and

the export of terror which sparked a row with Islamabad, his spokeswoman said Monday before a visit by Pakistan's president.

"He stands by his remarks," said the spokeswoman, while stressing that the British premier had not been referring to the Pakistani government itself supporting terrorism.

"He was referring to elements within Pakistan supporting terrorism, not the Pakistani government," she said, after Britain's high commissioner to Islamabad was summoned to the Pakistani foreign ministry.

Relations between London and Islamabad soured last week when David Cameron said Pakistan could not be permitted to "look both ways" in promoting the export of terror while publicly working for stability in the region.

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari is due to arrive in Britain from France on Tuesday for a visit lasting several days, and will meet Cameron at his country residence outside London Friday.

4 shot dead in Kashmir protests

BBC ONLINE

Four people have been killed in Indian-administered Kashmir, as the worst anti-government violence to hit the disputed region in two years continues.

Demonstrators have been pouring onto the streets and attacking police stations, defying attempts by the authorities to enforce a curfew.

More than 30 people have been killed in the violence since early June.

Indian-administered Kashmir's Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, appealed to the population not to use violence.

"CYCLE OF VIOLENCE"

He was speaking on Monday after emergency talks with the Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in the capital, Delhi.

"Tragically, we have locked ourselves into a cycle of violence where protests lead to death leading to further protests, leading to further casualties," he told a news conference.

The four men killed on Monday were shot by Indian police and paramilitary forces in separate incidents across Muslim-majority Kashmir.

Normal life has been severely disrupted for more than seven weeks by a series of curfews, protests and strikes.

Protests against Indian rule erupted after a 17-year-old student was killed by a police tear gas shell in early June.

The BBC's Chris Morris in Delhi says the political stalemate in the Himalayan valley has been a running sore of Indian governments for decades.

Lok Sabha resumes as deadlock ends

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, AFP, New Delhi

India's parliament got back to work yesterday after a week of disruption and deadlock over price rises that had threatened to hold up the government's reform programme.

As per the consensus reached at an all-party meeting convened by the Leader of the House in Lok Sabha and Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee. The Lok Sabha will discuss the issue tomorrow.

It will be followed by Speaker Meira Kumar reading out a resolution expressing "sense of the House" on the price rise issue.

A similar procedure will be followed in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday with Chairman Md Hamid Ansari moving the resolution after discussions.

There were reservations from the opposition on the wording of the resolution, which was initiated by the government. "They were not using the word 'common man', so we objected", said an opposition leader.

The standoff between the coalition government and opposition parties, which had begun on the first day of the monsoon session of Parliament on the issue of the opposition's insistence on voting on a resolution on price rise issue, prevented both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha from functioning for a week.

The process for evolving a compromise formula to break the impasse in Parliament had gained momentum last Saturday when Mukherjee, the trouble-shooter for Congress party and the government, contacted opposition leaders.



Pakistani boys shift food items from a shop after a flash flood in Muzaffarabad yesterday. Fears are growing about outbreaks of disease among 1.5 million people affected by Pakistan's worst floods in 80 years after monsoon rains killed more than 1,200 people across the northwest.

Floods stir anger at Pak govt response

REUTERS, AFP, Geneva Islamabad

Pakistani authorities struggled yesterday to help victims of the country's worst flooding in memory, which has so far killed more than 1,000 people and prompted sharp criticism of the government.

The floods that have ravaged the northwest are testing a government that is heavily dependant on foreign aid and that has a poor record in crisis management -- whether fighting Taliban insurgents or easing chronic power cuts.

"We have lost everything. We only managed to save our lives. Nobody has

come to us. We have become beggars, asking people for a piece of bread," said Mihrajuddin Khan, a school teacher in Swat Valley. "We are being treated like orphans, animals."

Rescuers are struggling to distribute relief to tens of thousands of people trapped in the submerged areas, where destroyed roads and bridges make access difficult.

Authorities are also expecting the death toll to rise as more heavy monsoon rains are due to lash the northwest this week.

The disaster management authority said several measures have been taken to ease the suffering of those still in the flooded areas. Tents and hygiene kits have

been delivered. Helicopters and boats have been dispatched.

But analysts say the government really lacks the resources to take on a disaster of this scale.

AFTERMATH

The international Red Cross said yesterday that up to 2.5 million people across Pakistan have been affected by heavy flooding brought on by torrential monsoon rains.

"According to official sources, flooding caused by torrential monsoon rains has killed more than 1,100 people in Pakistan and affected up to 2.5 million people across the country in the past week," the International Committee of the Red Cross said.

Suicide bomber kills 5 kids in Afghanistan

AP, AFP, Kandahari Kabul

A suicide car bomber blew himself up next to a police truck bringing a southern Afghan official to work early yesterday, killing five children nearby, officials said.

The blast struck about 9 am local time near a market area in Dand district to the west of Kandahari city, according to the district police chief Ahmadullah Nazak.

"I dropped down. Then I heard a second explosion," Nazak said. "It hit our car, but it didn't injure me." Five children who were near the site of the blast were killed, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

A bodyguard who was driving with Nazak was wounded, he said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, though it fits the pattern of Taliban attacks targeting government officials in the south. As additional US forces have poured into southern Taliban strongholds in Kandahari and Helmand provinces, Taliban insurgents have mounted a counter-campaign of bombings and assassinations aimed at those affiliated with the Afghan government.

Meanwhile, a senior adviser to President Hamid Karzai was badly wounded in a bomb attack Monday as he travelled in eastern Afghanistan, a provincial spokesman told AFP.

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BDR court

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at the court set up at Sylhet BDR headquarters. The two other members of the panel were Lt Col Md Akhtaruzzaman and Maj Md Maksudul Alam.

The 14 accused on February 26 morning last year took control of the armoury and magazine at the battalion making propaganda about army's move towards the BDR battalion. The mutineers also spread rumours and misguided the others.

With the restoration of command in BDR, Deputy Assistant Director of the battalion Md Abdul Wahid filed complaints against the rebels.

The court framed charges and took testimony of 20 prosecution witnesses on June 28 after prosecutor Lt Colonel Tajul Islam Thakur, also the Commanding Officer of the battalion, placed it before the judges. The prosecutor read out the complaints and separately narrated the role of the accused during mutiny.

All the accused claimed themselves innocent and pleaded not guilty. They also filed written arguments in favour of their claims.

The judge mentioned although the accused had pleaded themselves not guilty, the judgment was decided on the basis of video footages, still photos of February 26 incidents and arguments. He also thanked the media for helping the court providing the video footages.

The court ordered sending all the accused to the Sunamganj district jail.

Special PPs advocate Md Belayet Hossain and advocate Mosharrar Hossain Kajol, advocate Gazi Zillur Rahman and advocate Rezaul Karim assisted the prosecutor. Deputy Attorney General Md Selim represented the attorney general.

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