



A tea ceremony is held yesterday in the northern German city of Hanover to mark the 65th anniversary of the world's first atomic attack in Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945.

US attends Hiroshima ceremony for first time

AFP, Hiroshima

The United States yesterday for the first time attended a ceremony commemorating its atomic bombing of Hiroshima, 65 years after the Japanese city's obliteration rang in the nuclear age.

Representatives from more than 70 nations joined tens of thousands at the emotional event, held under an azure sky as clear as that on the morning of August 6, 1945 when Hiroshima was transformed into a terrifying inferno.

The United States' World War II allies Britain and France, both declared nuclear powers, also sent their first diplomats to the ceremony in the western Japanese city in a sign of support for the goal of nuclear disarmament.

The mournful toll of a temple bell marked the start of a one-minute silence at 8:15 am, when the US B-29 bomber Enola Gay had dropped a device that instantly killed tens of thousands in Hiroshima.

"The human race must not repeat the horror and misery caused by atomic bombs," Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan said in a speech after 1,000 white doves were released into the sky in a symbolic gesture for peace.

ANNUAL US STATE DEPT REPORT Al-Qaeda in Pakistan 'most formidable'

AFP, Washington

The United States said Thursday that despite major setbacks, al-Qaeda's core in Pakistan is the "most formidable" terrorist group threatening the United States, along with affiliates in Yemen and Africa.

In an annual report, the State Department said it also learned that Americans were not immune to the lure of Islamist militancy, with some of them hooking up last year with radicals in Pakistan and Somalia.

"Al-Qaeda's core in Pakistan remained during 2009 the most formidable terrorist organisation targeting the United States," the State Department's counter-terrorism coordinator Daniel Benjamin told reporters.

"It has proven to be an adaptable and resilient terrorist group whose desire to attack the United States and US interests abroad remains strong," Benjamin said, reading from the Country Reports on Terrorism 2009.

"We assess that al-Qaeda was actively engaged in operational planning against the United States and continued recruiting, training and deploying operatives, including individuals from Western Europe and North America."

Al-Qaeda, from its safe haven in Pakistan, is helping train and fund the Taliban-led insurgency in Afghanistan, which "remained resilient in the south and east and expanded its presence into the north and west," the report said.

In Afghanistan, despite some heavy losses among militants and their leaders, the Taliban's "ability to recruit foot soldiers from its core base of rural Pashtuns remained undiminished," the report said.

In Pakistan, there was still "rising militancy and extremism," it warned.

al-Qaeda militants, Afghan insurgents and

others, it said, are using "safe havens" in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), Baluchistan, the North West Frontier Province, southern Punjab, and other parts of Pakistan.

But Benjamin repeated the US contention that Pakistan is now working hard to tackle the threat from militants, after charges that its ISI intelligence service has backed them as a foil to perceived threats from neighbouring India.

The report said al-Qaeda has reeled under a Pakistani military onslaught, lost many of its leaders, and now finds it "tougher to raise money, train recruits and plan attacks" outside Pakistan and Afghanistan.

It also said al-Qaeda has suffered from a Muslim public backlash as its militants and allies have staged indiscriminate attacks, hitting Muslims in Algeria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Indonesia, and elsewhere.

"Yet despite these setbacks, the al-Qaeda threat was more dispersed than in recent years, which partially offset the losses suffered by al-Qaeda's core," the report said.

US drone strikes have also reportedly killed al-Qaeda leaders.

Its attempted Christmas Day bombing of a US airliner en route to Detroit showed "that at least one al-Qaeda affiliate has developed not just the desire but also the capability to launch a strike against the United States," the report said.

That plot was determined to have been hatched in Yemen with the help of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), a Yemeni affiliate.

"Al-Qaeda's other most active affiliates were in Africa," the report said.

In north Africa's Sahel, militants from al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb abducted foreign nationals, sometimes with the help of area tribesmen and nomads.

Scientists find sea sponges share human genes

AFP, Sydney

Mankind may be descended from apes but Australian scientists have found proof of links much closer to the sea floor, with a study revealing that sea sponges share almost 70 per cent of human genes.

Genetic sequencing of sea sponges from the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef showed the ancient marine animal shared many of its genes with humans, including a large number typically associated with disease and cancer.

Lead researcher Bernard Degnan, of the University of Queensland, said the findings "would shed light on a whole range of different things," and could lay the foundation for breakthroughs in cancer and stem cell research.

"Sponges have what's (considered) the 'Holy Grail' of stem cells," Degnan told AFP.

Exploring the genetic function of sponge stem cells could provide "deep and important connections" to the genes that influenced human stem cell biology, he said.

"(It) might actually inform the way we think about our own stem cells and how we might be able to use them in future medical applications," he said.

113 killed in Kashmir floods

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

At least 113 people were killed and 370 were injured when flash floods triggered by torrential rains struck Leh town of Jammu and Kashmir state early yesterday.

"We have recovered 103 bodies so far and about 370 are injured. The number of missing could not be ascertained as yet," State Police Chief Kuldeep Khoda said yesterday.

However, in a late-night upgrade AFP reported that the death toll has risen up to 113.

Khoda said the toll was likely to go up with dozens of people reported still missing. Flash floods and rains hit the town of Leh and the adjoining villages at around 2:00am local time.

Various buildings and mud-houses in old Leh town were wiped out by the overnight floods. Telephone towers and government buildings also got washed away.

The district hospital and the main bus station were flattened by mudslides and floods, and vehicles were seen floating in the town.

Leh airport got disrupted for sometime yesterday and was made operational again by afternoon to facilitate landing of aircraft carrying relief material and rescue teams.

Massive rescue operations were jointly carried out by the state police, paramilitary forces and the army in Leh town.

Home Minister P Chidambaram said over 6,000 security personnel have been deployed in Leh to carry out rescue and relief work. The overnight floods, prompted by intense

cloudbursts, left a trail of death and destruction in Leh that lies at an altitude of some 3,500 metres (11,500 feet) above sea level.

While many villages like Sabu, Phyang, Nimoo and Choglamsar were affected, the city bore the maximum brunt of the calamity.

The dead included three Army Supplies Corps jawans and three Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police (JKAP) constables.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh announced an ex-gratia relief of Rs 1 lakh each to the families of the deceased.

AFP adds, Tourism Minister Nincang Rigzin Jora described the Leh flood incident as "unprecedented" devastation.

"Flash flood and mudslides caught people unawares during the night and washed away their homes," he added.

Reuters adds, Buddhist-dominated Ladakh, which also shares borders with China, has been hit by unusually bad weather in the past few days, stranding many tourists who flock to the place for adventure sports such as white water rafting.

Leh town, dotted with Buddhist monasteries, is the main town of India's Himalayan region of Ladakh.

"Sheets of water poured in after the cloudburst last night, washing away mud and stone structures that came in its way," a police spokesman said by telephone from Leh.

"So far, we have no reports of any tourists among the dead, but some are stranded on the Leh-Manali road. The army has sent rescue teams there," officials said.

Mandela charity trustee 'kept' Campbell's diamonds

AFP, Johannesburg

An official at a Nelson Mandela charity said yesterday he kept suspected blood diamonds for over a decade, giving them to police only when supermodel Naomi Campbell testified at a war crimes trial.

Campbell's appearance Thursday at the trial of former Liberian dictator Charles Taylor set off speculation about the fate of the "blood diamond gift" Taylor allegedly gave her in 1997 after a celebrity dinner hosted by then South African president Nelson Mandela.

The supermodel told a court in The Hague how she received a pouch of rough diamonds as a late-night gift she assumed came from Taylor, who is charged with murder, rape and enslavement for his alleged role in the 1991-2001 civil war in Sierra Leone that claimed some 120,000 lives.

Campbell told judges she gave the stones to Jeremy Ratcliffe, then the chief executive of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, to "do something good with them."

In a statement, Ratcliffe confirmed Friday that he kept the three uncut diamonds and never gave them to the charity.

"Three small uncut diamonds were given to me by Naomi Campbell on the Blue Train on September 26, 1997," Ratcliffe said, referring to the luxury train he travelled on with Campbell and other guests of Mandela.

Campbell had wanted the fund to use them, but Ratcliffe said he did not want to involve the charity in any possible illegal activities.

"In the end I decided I should just keep them," he said, but added that he recently handed them over to South African authorities.

Police confirmed they received the stones on Thursday.

"They were handed over to the police and now they have been sent to the diamond board for authentication," said Musa Zondi, spokesman for the special investigations unit of the South African police.

Convicted K Rouge jailer hires new lawyer

AFP, Phnom Penh

Khmer Rouge prison chief Duch has hired a Cambodian lawyer to replace his international attorney, the tribunal said yesterday, as he prepares to appeal his conviction for crimes against humanity.

Duch, whose real name is Kaing Guek Eav, sacked his French lawyer Francois Roux in early July for "lack of confidence" but retained his Cambodian defence lawyer Kar Savuth at the UN-backed war crimes tribunal.

Duch has chosen a second local attorney, Kang Rithay, to represent him because "we cannot find international lawyers that met his criteria," said Lars Olsen, a spokesman for the court.

Kar Savuth told local media last month that his client wanted a Chinese lawyer with knowledge of communism to represent him at the tribunal, where there had been discord between his international and local lawyers.

Duch was jailed for 30 years last month for war crimes and crimes against humanity over his role in overseeing the mass murder of 15,000 men, women and children at the Tuol Sleng prison.

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide contractors/firms/authorized suppliers or their local agents of internationally reputed Diesel Power Generator manufacturers for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 350 KVA Diesel Power Generator including construction of a Generator room at Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM), Mirpur, Dhaka.

Necessary information are given below:

1.	Source of Funds	BIBM's own Fund
2.	Eligibility of Tenderer	Valid electrical ABC contracting and supervisory license holder contractor/firms/authorized agents registered in Bangladesh having 10 years overall business experience & 5 years specific experience in supply of similar goods and also having experience in Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of minimum 2 Nos. 250 KVA capacity of offered Brand Diesel power generator in any Govt./Semi-Govt./Autonomous/Semi Autonomous organization in Bangladesh in the last 03 (Three) years. The Tenderer shall have to furnish satisfactory completion certificate in this respect from the user and shall meet all other criteria, terms & conditions as specified in Tender Document.
3.	Name & Address of the Seller	Accounts Section, BIBM, Plot-4, Main Road-1 (South), Section-2, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216.
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5.	Last Date & Time of Selling	23 August, 2010 during office hours.
6.	Last Date & Time for Submission	24 August, 2010 up to 2.00 P.M
7.	Date & Time for Tender Opening	24 August, 2010 at 2.15 P.M. (Intending tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend)
8.	Brief Description of the Goods and Services	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 1 (one) 350 KVA capacity Diesel Power Generator (manufactured & tested in USA/UK/Japan or EU countries) at BIBM to be completed on PACKAGE job basis. Construction of Generator room. After sales service i.e. 12 (twelve) months free maintenance as warranty period from the date of successful commissioning.
9.	Price of Tender Document	Taka 1,000 (One thousand only) (non refundable)
10.	Time for completion of the work	03 (Three) months from the date of contract signing
11.	Tender Security	Taka 2,00,000 (Two lac) only

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Terminators

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Out of the trial permission winners, 34 trawlers have already engaged in fishing in the deep sea along with thousands of boats and officially permitted more than 110 vessels.

The June 8 'trial' fishing permission winner trawler FV (Fishing Vessel) Atlanta Merin-1 was originally a fishing boat (FB) named 'FB Ya Fattah' when it was auctioned by the Customs Authority, Mongla in November 1996.

Munshi renamed the trawler after buying it in April 2005 from Mozaher Ali Showdagar, a partner of Six Star Corporation, Chittagong, according to the sale receipt submitted to the HC.

But Principal Officer of Mercantile Marine Department Captain Habibur Rahman said there is no scope to convert an FB to FV.

"In general terms, fishing vessels are larger in size than fishing boats. These two are different categories and have different specifications. One cannot fit to the other," he said.

Before the transfer of trawler to Munshi, Showdagar bought the wooden trawler 'FB Ya Fattah' from Khowla-based Hanif & Brothers, the winner of Customs Authority's auction in 1996, according to the documents attached to the petition.

The fishing boat originally belonged to the Thai government. The Bangladesh Navy had earlier seized it for fishing in Bangladesh's territory.

According to the petition documents, the length of the boat was shown 16.46 metres and breadth 4.11 metres during the time of transfer to Munshi.

But the latest buyer increased the length to 24.05 metres and breadth 5.49 metres and turned it into a fishing vessel following repairing and docking at Dadaji Dockyard & Engineering early this year.

The HM International went

to the HC after the government agencies -- Marine Fisheries Department (MFD) and Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) -- refused to grant it licence for fishing in the Bay on grounds that there was no approval from the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock for the trawler.

It applied for the licence to MFD on April 18, 2010 and MDD on April 29 for registration and certificate of inspection (Col).

The applications were rejected by the agencies in line with the government policy of not issuing licence for deep-sea fishing to prevent faster depletion of marine stocks.

The petitioner argued that 'lesser' number of trawlers are now involved in fishing within the territorial waters of Bangladesh.

It said in order to enhance appropriation of marine resources the number of trawlers for deep-sea fishing should be increased so that adequate number of trawlers can operate in the Bay as deep-sea fishing trawlers.

The petitioner also referred to a 2009 verdict saying the court made the rule absolute in a similar situation.

AKM Ali moved in favour of petitioner Mominur Rahman Munshi of HM International.

The HC bench of Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana and Justice Sheikh Hasan Arif issued the order.

DISCREPANCY IN INFORMATION

In its petition, HM International claimed that it was paying about Tk 300,000 salary a month for 25 employees in different posts of the trawler.

But in the licence application to the MFD, Munshi claimed to have been spending about Tk 150,000 per month for the same number of staff, according to the documents submitted supporting the petition.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়

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স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয় এর অধীন রিভাইটালাইজেশন অব কমিউনিটি হেলথ কেয়ার ইনিসিয়েটিভস ইন বাংলাদেশ প্রকল্পের নিম্নোক্ত পদসমূহ অর্থ মন্ত্রণালয়ের অর্থ বিভাগের বাজেট-২ অনুবিভাগের পরিপত্র নং অম/অবি/বাজেট-১১/বিবিধ-৫২/২০০৯/অংশ-২/৩৫, তারিখঃ ২৬/০১/২০১০খ্রিঃ মোতাবেক বেতন ভাতা সাকুল্যে (কনসোলিডেটেড-পে) বেতনভিত্তির সম্পূর্ণ অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে পূরণের জন্য নিম্নে বর্ণিত সুবিধা ও শর্তসাপেক্ষে প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিম্নে হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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শর্তবর্তীঃ

- আবেদনকারীকে বাংলাদেশের নাগরিক এবং যে কোন জেলার স্থায়ী বাসিন্দা হতে হবে।
- চাকুরীর মেয়াদ আগামী জুন/২০১৪ পর্যন্ত বা প্রকল্পের মেয়াদ পর্যন্ত বলবৎ থাকবে।
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- সর্বশেষ সরকারি শিক্ষাজনক অনুযায়ী রাজস্ব খাতের কোন কর্মচারী উন্নয়ন খাতে নিয়োগ লাভ করলে তিনি পূর্ব পদের জ্যেষ্ঠতা হারানো এবং নব নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত হওয়ার গণ্য হবেন।
- বর্ণিত পদে ৩০০ (তিনশত) টাকার (যে কোন সিভিল ব্যাংক হতে) অফেরতযোগ্য পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট "Project Director, RCHCIB" এর বরাবরে আবেদনকারীর সাথে জমা দিতে হবে।
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