

Clashes after protester dies in Kashmir

Stone-hurling protesters fought police yesterday after the death of a young man injured in a clash with security forces in central Indian Kashmir, police said.

The latest death brought to 58 the number of protesters and bystanders killed in two months of violent protests in the mainly Muslim region, most of them young men or teenagers shot dead by security forces.

The man had been injured in southern Anantnag town Friday and died in hospital Tuesday, police said.

His said he had been beaten by security forces during an anti-India protest but police said he had been injured in a stampede during a clash between security forces and protesters.

"We have clamped a curfew on the town in an attempt to prevent further unrest," a police officer said, asking not to be named.

Meanwhile, in Indian Kashmir summer capital Srinagar young protesters clashed with security forces in several places, police said.



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (L) interacts with a flood-displaced child of Chuglamsar village, one of the worst-hit areas of the August 6 flash floods, at a relief camp on the outskirts of Leh yesterday. Manmohan Singh visited remote Himalayan floods-affected areas where some 189 people were reported killed and more than 400 are still missing during overnight flash floods.

PHOTO: AFP

Bombs kill eight civilians in Afghanistan

Roadside bombs in Afghanistan killed eight civilians, including at least three women and a child, police said yesterday.

Among the deaths was Zakaria Khan, an influential tribal elder who was killed Tuesday in an explosion in the southern province of Kandahar, said Zalmai Ayoubi, a provincial government spokesman.

Khan, a pro-government tribal chieftain, died in his timber shop in the town of Spin Boldak on the Pakistan border, Ayoubi said. The blast appeared as if someone had thrown a hand grenade, he added.

Two other elders there were injured, he added.

A remote-controlled bomb on a motorcycle parked on a bridge in the southern city of Ghazni detonated prematurely on Tuesday, killing two passers-by and wounding another five, including two children, police told AFP.

The blast took place just as a police convoy was about to pass, said Mohammad Osman, commander of Afghanistan's south-eastern police zone.

"Two civilians were martyred and another five were wounded," he said.

The bomber had been planning to trigger the device by remote control and was injured in the explosion and has been arrested, Osman said.

In a similar incident late Monday, a roadside bomb ripped through a civilian vehicle in Shindand district, in the western province of Herat, killing five civilians and injuring two, said Lal Mohammad Omarzai, the district chief.

"Three women, a man and a child were killed and two other women were hurt," he said.

UN battles donor fatigue for funds for Pak floods

REUTERS, BBC ONLINE, Islamabad

Only a small fraction of the six million Pakistanis desperate for food and clean water have received any help as the United Nations battled donor fatigue and appealed urgently yesterday for more funds.

With hundreds of villages marooned and highways and bridges cut in half by swollen rivers, food rations and access to clean water have only been provided to around 500,000 million flood survivors, the UN said.

The United Nations has warned that up to 3.5 million children could be in danger of contracting deadly diseases carried through contaminated water and insects in a crisis that has disrupted the lives of at least a tenth of Pakistan's 170 million people.

"We have a country which has endemic watery diarrhoea, endemic cholera, endemic upper respiratory infections and we have the conditions for much expanded problems," Unicef Regional Director for South Asia Daniel Toole told a news conference.

"We cannot spend pledges. We cannot buy purification tablets, we cannot support Pakistan with pledges. I urge the international community to urgently change pledges into

checks."

Up to 1,600 people have been killed and two million made homeless in Pakistan's worst floods in decades. The United Nations has reported the first case of cholera, but only a quarter of the \$459 million aid needed for initial relief has arrived.

ANGELINA JOLIE TO VISIT FLOOD VICTIMS

Angelina Jolie has pledged to try to visit victims of the floods, which have devastated Pakistan.

The actress, who is a UN Goodwill Ambassador, was speaking at the UK premiere of her new film Salt.

She described the scale of the disaster in Pakistan as "unbelievable".

Public anger has grown in the two weeks of floods, highlighting potential political troubles for President Asif Ali Zardari's unpopular government, which is a major US ally in the war against Islamist militancy.

"Only a limited proportion of food and water needs have been met. One of the major reasons for this is funding," UN spokesman Maurizio Giuliano told Reuters, adding the flood's slower unravelling compared to earthquakes and Tsunamis had dampened donor response.

3 die in floods in Spain

AP, Madrid

Spain's government says three people have died in flash floods in towns close to southern city of Cordoba.

The Interior Ministry says one man was found dead Tuesday morning in a car that had been washed away in torrential overnight rain in the small town of Aguilar de la Frontera.

The ministry says the body of a woman who also had been in the vehicle was found some 150 meters (165 yards) away.

Another man was killed when an exterior wall of his house collapsed on top of him in the nearby town of Bujalance.

Television images showed damaged cars piled together along mud-packed streets in Aguilar while people mopped out their houses.

Cordoba is one of several southern provinces on alert for heavy rains.

Karzai orders private security firm closures

BBC ONLINE

Private security companies will have to end operations in Afghanistan in four months, President Hamid Karzai has ordered.

He issued the ultimatum to the companies in a decree signed in Kabul.

The decision is expected to be met with resistance from Nato forces who use private contractors as guards for convoys and on bases.

Mr Karzai pledged to limit the operations of security companies when he was sworn in as president last year.

Private contractors will have to either disband or join the Afghan police, according to the order read out by Mr Karzai yesterday.

Contractors working for international embassies and non-governmental organisations will be exempt from the decree, as long as security personnel stay within their compounds, the order says.

"After some thorough and legal review I am approving the annulment of foreign and national security companies within four months," Mr Karzai said.

There have been "tragic incidents" where the actions of private contractors had led to the deaths of innocent Afghan civilians, he said.

There are 52 companies, both international and domestic, registered with the government.

There are many more unregistered companies roaming Afghanistan without uniforms or supervision, says the BBC's Quentin Somerville in Kabul.



PHOTO: AFP

Sri Lankan Defence Ministry Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapakse, who spearheaded the successful military campaign against the Tamil Tiger rebels, testifies before the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission in Colombo yesterday. The Commission was appointed by the Sri Lankan President to review the period between the Norwegian backed ceasefire which went into effect from February 2002 and the end to the military campaign in May last year.

VACANCY NOTICE

UN DP
Bangladesh

United Nations Department of Safety & Security in Bangladesh announces a vacancy for the **Administrative Assistant** (1 position, SB-2) post in Service Contract modality.

The duration of the service contract is one year initially, subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Applications should be received no later than **Tuesday, August 31, 2010**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

Invitation To Bid

Procurement of Furniture

UN DP
Bangladesh

UNDP Bangladesh seeks Bid from interested and ISO certified vendors for supply of furniture. All interested firms may request for the Bidding Documents from md.asfezzaman@undp.org by formal request to UNDP that will register bidders into participants list, so any correspondence, questions regarding the bidding documents and respective answers can be sent to all bidders.

Submission of Bids: The envelope should state **"Bid for Furniture"** and should be addressed to **UNDP Procurement Unit**, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207. The bid should be submitted in the bid box placed in the 12th Floor of IDB Bhaban.

The deadline for submission of Bids is **September 01, 2010, 16:30 PM**.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh (Component A)

Invitation for Procurement of Power Tillers

Credit No. 4507 – BD, Project ID No. UTF/BGD/040/BGD, Bid Package No.2G1.C

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Procurement of Power Tillers. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of 196 Nos. of Power Tillers, under Package No. 2G1.C to be received by FAO Representation, House No. 37, Road No. 8, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Bidders having a minimum of 3 (three) years of experience in the supply of the tendered items are only encouraged to participate. The delivery period is 6 (six) weeks from the date of the Notification of the Award.

Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, (current edition), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents from the office of FAO Representation in Bangladesh at the address below during office hours. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of Tk.1500.00. The method of payment for the tender documents will be in cash against a written receipt.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security for an amount of Tk. 500,000.00

Bids shall be delivered to the address below by 02:00 Hrs. on 19 September 2010. They will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of bidders' representatives, who choose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected.

FAO Representation in Bangladesh
House # 37, Road # 8
Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205
Tel: 880-2-8118015/126
Fax: 8802-2-811 3446

The publishing of this notice and the receipt of bids does not commit FAO in any way to any party.

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স্বীকৃত বুলবুল তার/ক্যাবল অপসারণ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা ISP Association এবং COAB-এর সম্মানিত সদস্যদের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ডেসকোর আওতাধীন এলাকার প্রধান সড়ক সমূহের উভয় পাশে বৈদ্যুতিক খুঁটি ব্যবহার করে স্বীকৃতভাবে বিভিন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠানের বুলবুল তার/ক্যাবল (Inter-Net / Cable TV) সমূহ রয়েছে। এসব তার/ক্যাবল যেমন বৈদ্যুতিক খুঁটির জন্য স্বীকৃত তেমনি সৌন্দর্যহানীসহ বিভিন্ন দৃষ্টকার কারণ। এ সকল Overhead স্বীকৃত বুলবুল তার/ক্যাবল কে অপসারণ পূর্বক ভূ-গর্ভস্থ (Underground) ব্যবস্থার আওতায় স্থাপনের জন্য গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের বিদ্যুৎ, জ্বালানী ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়ের নির্দেশনা রয়েছে। এই নির্দেশনা অনুযায়ী নিম্নবর্ণিত সড়ক সমূহের উভয় পাশের বুলবুল তার/ক্যাবল বর্ণিত সময়-সূচীর মধ্যে অপসারণ করে ভূ-গর্ভস্থ ব্যবস্থার আওতায় আনয়নের জন্য ISP, Cable TV Operators ও অন্যান্য সংস্থাকে বিশেষ ভাবে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে:

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* মহাখালী হতে গুলশান-১ হয়ে প্রগতি বরনী (শিফক রোড) * গুলশান গটিং রূব হতে গুলশান নর্থ এন্ডিনিউ * কাকলী হতে বারিধারা নতুন বাজার * ফুড়িল বিল্ডিং হতে রামপুরা ব্রীজ (প্রগতি বরনী)	৩০/০৯/২০১০ ইং
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বর্ণিত সময়ের মধ্যে এসব বুলবুল তার/ক্যাবল অপসারণ করা না হলে ডেসকো এসব তার/ক্যাবল অপসারণ করবে। এতে কোনো ক্ষয়ক্ষতি হলে ডেসকো তার দায়-দায়িত্ব বহন করবে না।

ডেসকো কর্তৃপক্ষ

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