

## UN chief worried at abolition of Suu Kyi's party

AFP, United Nations

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on Wednesday expressed concern at the dissolution of the political party of Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

"The secretary general once again urges the Myanmar authorities to ensure conditions for a fully inclusive and participatory electoral process," said a spokesman for Ban.

Ban also "expressed his frustration concerning access to the Myanmar authorities," the spokesman said.

Myanmar's election commission has announced that Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy had been abolished under poll rules for failing to re-register ahead of the November 7 vote. Nine other parties were also banned.

"The secretary general notes with some concern the decision by the Union Election Commission to dissolve 10 political parties prior to the general election, including the National League for Democracy," said Ban's spokesman Martin Nesirky.

## Khmer Rouge leaders indicted

Cambodia's UN-backed tribunal yesterday formally charged former leaders of the Marxist regime for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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<b>Nuon Chea</b>	<b>Ieng Sary</b>	<b>Ieng Thirith</b>	<b>Khieu Samphan</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 84, "Brother Number Two" to Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot</li> <li>▶ Defected in 1998, granted pardon by Cambodian premier Hun Sen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 84, "Brother Number Three", served as Khmer Rouge's minister of foreign affairs</li> <li>▶ Defected in 1996, pardoned by King Sihanouk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 78, sometimes described as "First Lady" of Khmer Rouge</li> <li>▶ Served as Khmer Rouge's social affairs minister</li> <li>Wife of Ieng Sary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 79, former head of state of regime, known as face of Khmer Rouge to outside world</li> <li>▶ Defected in 1998</li> </ul>

Graphic on the four former Khmer Rouge leaders indicted by a UN-backed tribunal yesterday for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. Story on page 16.

## US envoy warns Pakistan of flood funding shortfall

AP, Karachi

The world will only be able to fund around 25 percent of the tens of billions of dollars needed to rebuild Pakistan after the floods, and its government will have to make up the shortfall, the U.S. envoy to the country warned yesterday.

Richard Holbrooke said America would not condition its assistance to the country, but warned that the US Congress might not be generous if it felt that Pakistan was not taxing its own citizens enough.

Pakistan's rich have traditionally not paid much tax on their income or their property -- either because they evade them or are exempt -- and the country's collection rates are among the lowest in the world. Critics have pointed to this shortage of revenue in recent weeks as Pakistani leaders have sought international aid. The country's economy is surviving on international assistance, and the floods are expected to badly slow economic growth further.

## Anger in curfewed Kashmir as talks end in deadlock

REUTERS, Srinagar

A wave of disappointment swept across curfewed Indian Kashmir Thursday after no concrete results emerged out of a government meeting aimed at ending spiralling protests.

Faced with criticism of not dealing with the protests seriously, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Wednesday held a meeting with the government and opposition parties, but all it decided was to send a delegation of politicians to Kashmir.

The meeting dashed hopes for a partial lifting of widely hated powers for the military in Kashmir to shoot protesters as well as raid homes and arrest people without warrant.

"Ironically, India is talking through the barrel of gun," said separatist leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, the chairman of the All Parties Hurriyat (Freedom) Conference. "Curfew, talks, peace efforts, meetings and killings can't go together."

Even pro-Indian Kashmiri parties have criticised the government. Kashmir's opposition Peoples' Democratic Party said the outcome was cosmetic and demanded freeing jailed protesters. The only Muslim-majority state in mostly-Hindu India, much of Kashmir has been under curfew for the last three months, criss-crossed with barbed wire and police checkpoints.

The Himalayan region broke out in armed rebellion against New Delhi's rule two decades ago. But while militancy has weakened over the years, the tactic of mass street protests, often organised through Facebook and mobile phones, has grown.

Stone-pelting protesters battle security forces daily and have set on fire government offices and police stations. Children stay cooped up in homes.

**STRIKES AND CURFEWS**  
The continuing cycle of strikes and curfews has shut down schools, colleges and offices, stopped newspapers from being printed, and made food and medicine scarce.

"My son is on a life-saving drug, he has medicines left for the next two only," said Imtiyaz Shah, a 44-year-old hotelier. "I feel so helpless."

Nearly 90 people have been killed, mostly by police bullets, this summer.

Kashmiris face a government that has placed little priority on finding a solution to Kashmir, an issue that has little electoral impact across the rest of the country.

"Well, the outcome of yesterday's meeting in New Delhi is a statement from Indians that they don't care about Kashmiri Muslims," said Rehana Gouse, a 32-year-old school teacher.

"Our children are brutally killed by forces, we are living in jail for the past three months."

Part of the anger is directed against the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), which gives security forces sweeping powers to shoot, arrest, search and detain people in battling the insurgency in Kashmir.

"I expect nothing from New Delhi, who are helpless on revoking draconian laws like AFSPA which means a soldier has the right to shoot you on mere suspicion," said 24-year-old student Zubair Khan.

## Taliban threaten to attack Afghanistan's election

AFP, Kabul

The Taliban threatened yesterday to attack polling stations during Afghanistan's parliamentary election as Nato and Afghan troops mounted a massive security operation to protect the vote.

Tens of thousands of Afghan and US-led Nato forces will provide security for tomorrow's vote, seen as a crucial step to building democracy after nine years of war but which many fear will be marred by fraud and violence.

"All the roads leading to polling centres will come under attack and election workers and security forces will be our primary targets," Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told AFP.

"Citizens are not our target because we support local people and we have local support," he said, speaking by telephone from an undisclosed location.

"But if people go to polling centres they will get hurt."

The militants have already killed three

candidates and dozens of election workers in the lead-up to the poll.

The Independent Election Commission said all preparations for the vote would be complete by Friday, after campaigning ended Wednesday.

The wave of targeted violence and intimidation against parliamentary candidates and supporters has catapulted security to the top of concerns surrounding the vote.

Around 10.5 million Afghans are eligible to vote for the lower house of parliament, the Wolesi Jirga, in the second poll of its kind since the Taliban were ousted in the 2001 US-led invasion.

Despite some calls for the election to be cancelled because of poor security and the spread of the insurgency to once relatively stable areas, Afghan and Western officials said an imperfect vote would be better than none at all.

The ballot is being held more than a year after the fraud-tainted election that returned Western-backed President Hamid Karzai to power for a second five-year term.

## Nepal's battle with UN intensifies despite extension

IANS, Kathmandu

Though the UN Security Council unanimously agreed to continue its assistance in Nepal's peace process for four more months, the government yesterday criticised the reports tabled by UN chief Ban Ki-moon and his representative in Nepal, Karin Landgren, as unbalanced and not treating Nepal as a sovereign country.

An eight-page statement issued by caretaker Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal's office yesterday said the reports by Ban and Landgren, who heads the UN Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) supervising the arms and combatants of the Nepal Army as well as opposition Maoists' guerrilla fighters, could damage Nepal's "excellent historic relationship with the UN" and tarnish UN organisations' reputation in Nepal.

The caretaker government has taken strong exception to Ban telling the UNSC that any changes in UNMIN's mandate should be discussed with a "new duly-formed government".

Nepal's Permanent Representative to the UN has already objected to it in New York while four former foreign ministers raised serious objections in Nepal over an official UN report questioning "the legitimacy of the legally constituted government of Nepal", saying it went against the UN Charter's provisions on how to treat the governments of sovereign member states.

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