

PAKISTAN FLOOD
Another
\$ 200m aid
from China

AFP, Beijing

China is to give another 200 million dollars in emergency flood aid to Pakistan, Premier Wen Jiabao announced during a visit to New York for a UN anti-poverty summit.

The announcement comes a month after Beijing faced sharp criticism of its relief pledges from Washington's pointman on Pakistan, Richard Holbrooke, who called on Islamabad's close ally to "step up to the plate" and do more to help.

"I wish to take this opportunity to announce that China will, on top of the pledged assistance, provide another 200 million dollars of assistance to Pakistan," Wen said.

China had previously offered about 47 million dollars in aid to Pakistan following the devastating floods, which UN agencies say affected 21 million people and left 12 million in need of emergency food aid.

Torrential rain began falling in northern Pakistan in July and the floods have since moved slowly south, wiping out villages and farmland, and affecting an area roughly the size of England.

This summer, China itself has been battling its worst floods in more than a decade, which left thousands dead or missing.



Afghan National Army (ANA) female officers attend their graduation ceremony at the ANA training centre in Kabul yesterday. The newly-trained Afghan army has launched a scheme to recruit female officers for its office-based works.

Rahul Gandhi urges students
in Assam to join politics

IANS, Guwahati

Clad casually in jeans and a half-sleeve shirt, Congress general secretary Rahul Gandhi yesterday mingled freely with students at three premier Assam institutions and urged them to join politics to ensure that India's future 'could be changed for the better'.

"If young people do not enter politics, then the pace of development will get stagnant and at times not even be possible. It is time the younger people join politics to make a difference so that burning issues confronting India, including terrorism, are

solved," Gandhi told a packed auditorium at the Assam University in Silchar.

Gandhi was on a daylong Assam visit, interacting with students first at the Assam University, then the Dibrugarh University, and addressing another big crowd of students at the Indian Institute of Technology in Guwahati.

"It is absolutely necessary for youths to actively participate in politics so that the future of India could be changed for the better," the Congress general secretary told students at Dibrugarh.

Gandhi mingled with students and shared lighter moments at all the venues.

The scene was slightly unusual at the Dibrugarh University where supporters of the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) resorted to a protest, saying Gandhi's visit to the campus would vitiate the academic atmosphere.

A group of students tried blocking the road when the Congress leader was leaving the Dibrugarh University campus. But Gandhi stopped his motorcade and jumped out of the vehicle to talk to the protesting students.

"Protests are part of a good democracy," Gandhi was heard telling the group before leaving them with a smile.

Indian SC orders
postponement of
mosque verdict

REUTERS, New Delhi

India's Supreme Court yesterday ordered a lower court in northern India to delay a potentially explosive verdict on whether Hindus or Muslims own land around a demolished mosque in northern India.

The case over the 16th century Babri mosque in Uttar Pradesh state is one of the biggest security challenges in India this year, along with a Maoist insurgency and a Kashmiri separatist rebellion, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has said.

The Supreme Court's decision yesterday came after an appeal to the stay on the judgment, saying the matter could be settled out of court.

The Supreme Court will meet on September 28 to decide on the appeal and commentators said the date of the actual verdict by a high court in Uttar Pradesh -- originally due on Friday -- was now unclear.

"The petitioner obviously believes that if the Supreme Court lends a helping hand, a soothing touch, it is possible that the warring parties will see reason and try and bring a solution," Supreme Court lawyer Mukul Rohatgi told reporters.

The federal government has been on alert for any fallout from the verdict, appealing for calm. It banned public meetings in the state and bulk mobile text messages that could be used to spread rumours and plan riots.

Hindu mobs demolished the mosque in the town of Ayodhya in 1992, claiming it was built on the birthplace of their god-king Rama. The demolition triggered the worst religious riots since partition in 1947, and some 2,000 people died.

The verdict could prove a major political quandary for the government led by the Congress Party, a left-of-centre party with secular roots.

A verdict in favour of the Hindus would force the government to uphold the verdict, making it unpopular with Muslims, a key vote bloc.

A ruling for the Muslims would mean the government would have to push Hindu groups out of the site, a political minefield.

UN climate
chief asked
to quit

BBC ONLINE

Several environmentalists, UK MPs and scientists has called for the resignation of Rajendra Pachauri, chair of the UN's climate science body.

Dr Pachauri, head of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has in the past been criticised by climate "sceptics".

They have claimed that some of his comments had become politicised.

Pressure increased recently when a report recommended that IPCC chairs serve only a single term of office.

Dr Pachauri has yet to comment on the matter.

The IPCC chair is into his second term and several leading scientists and green thinkers contacted by BBC News say he should quit now.

The list includes Tim Yeo, chairman of the all-party Commons Climate and Energy Committee; Professor Sir Brian Hoskins, the Royal Society's climate change head; and Mike Hulme, former IPCC lead author.

Mr Yeo told BBC News: "Dr Pachauri has become a liability - he is now causing more harm than good. Climate science needs a guarantee of utmost reliability, and Dr Pachauri can no longer guarantee that. It would be as well if he stepped aside."

The chairman's fate will be decided by a meeting of the IPCC in South Korea next month.

Researchers reach the
spot where Moses
parted the Red Sea

AFP, Washington

US researchers think they have narrowed down where Moses parted the Red Sea 3,000 years ago, and also how he did it -- with a little help from the wind.

"People have always been fascinated by this Exodus story, wondering if it comes from historical facts," Carl Drews of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the lead author of the study, said.

"What this study shows is that the description of the waters parting indeed has a basis in physical laws," he said.

The Bible speaks of the Israelites going "into the midst of the sea on dry ground" with a wall of water on either side of them as a strong wind from the east blew through the night after Moses stretched his hand out over the sea.

The researchers couldn't simply refer to the Bible to pin down the geographical location of the crossing because "although the author of Exodus tried very hard to pinpoint where Moses crossed, unfortunately the three place names used are no longer recognized," Drews told AFP.

Drews and his co-author Weiqing Han, an oceanographer from the University of Colorado, focused their search for where the crossing might have happened on a place where there was a bend in the water, ruling out sites used in earlier studies -- in the Gulf of Suez or near Aqaba in modern-day Jordan.

The two researchers focused on a place with a bend in the water, reasoning that when the wind blows, the water would shift and split at the point of the bend, leaving water on both sides, Drews explained.

"A bunch of refugees can come running across, and when the wind stops, the water suddenly goes back together again, trapping anyone who's pursuing," he said.

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