

Ayodhya mosque ruling tomorrow

Plea for delay of verdict rejected

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

The Indian Supreme Court rejected yesterday a plea to delay judgment on whether Hindus or Muslims should control a disputed holy site; Babri Mosque in Ayodhya, clearing the way for a verdict in the explosive case later this week.

The Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court will pronounce the verdict on the Ayodhya title suits on September 30 (Thursday).

The Officer on Special Duty in the High Court, Hari Shankar Dubey said that the three-judge special bench comprising Justice SU Khan, Sudhir Agarwal and DV Sharma would pronounce the verdict on September 30 at 15.30 hours.

The fight over the compound in the central Indian town of Ayodhya has shaken the core of modern India and led to repeated outbreaks of communal violence that killed thousands of people.

"Having considered in detail the arguments of the parties, we are of the view that the Special Leave Petition has to be dismissed", a three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India SH Kapadia said in a brief order.

"Accordingly, the petition is dismissed", it said.

The petition seeking deferment of the verdict by the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court was filed by former bureaucrat R K Tripathi who wanted that efforts be made for an out-of-the-court settlement of the dispute over the ownership of land where the Babri Masjid stood, which certain Hindu outfits claim to be the birthplace of Lord Rama.

Indian Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram took stock of the security situation in the country and directed all concerned to ensure peace after the Supreme Court dismissed the plea for deferment of verdict on Ayodhya case.

The Home Ministry has identified 32 sensitive places across the country -- four of them in Uttar Pradesh -- where there is a potential to "evoke sharp reactions" following the verdict and asked states to be fully alert.



Afghan policemen stand guard at the site of a suicide attack in Ghazni province yesterday. A suicide attacker on an explosives-laden motorcycle killed a deputy Afghan governor and up to five other people in a direct attack on his vehicle, officials said.

Karzai tearful as bombing kills Afghan governor

AP, Kabul

A suicide bomber killed a deputy provincial governor and five others yesterday in eastern Afghanistan, police said. Later, a tearful President Hamid Karzai decried the violence, fretting that young people will choose to flee the country.

The bomber rammed a motorized rickshaw loaded with explosives into one of two vehicles in a convoy taking Deputy Gov Khazim Allayar to his office in Ghazni city. His adult son, a nephew and a bodyguard were also killed, said Ghazni province police chief Zarawar Zahid. Two civilians nearby were also killed in the blast and a number of others wounded, he said.

Afghan government officials are prime targets for the Taliban and other insurgent groups that have instituted an assassination campaign against people who work with either the Afghan government or Nato forces.

Allayar, who held the post for more than seven years, survived a bombing attempt just two months ago in Ghazni city.

Karzai condemned the attack in a statement. He then called on his fellow Afghans to decry such violence during a speech in the capital about literacy efforts in the country.

Karzai appoints 70-member peace council

Ap, Kabul

The Afghan government yesterday announced who will sit on a 70-member peace council, formalizing efforts already underway to reconcile with top Taliban leaders and lure insurgent foot soldiers off the battlefield.

While opposed by some factions within Afghanistan, talking with the Taliban is gaining traction as thousands of US and Nato reinforcements seek to reverse the insurgents' momentum. Neighbouring Pakistan and other nations have begun to stake out their positions on possible reconciliation negotiations, which could mean an endgame to the nearly 9-year-old war.

Waheed Omar, spokesman for Afghan President Hamid Karzai, told reporters that the new High Council for Peace will guide contacts with Taliban leaders who have reached out directly or through back channels to the highest levels of the government.

"In the past there have been no negotiations between the Afghan government and the Taliban only there were some contacts and some signs from both sides," Omar said, adding that any future contacts, talks or negotiations will be handled through the peace council.

The council comprises Jihadi leaders, former Taliban, former members of the communist regime, civil and religious leaders and representatives of women

and ethnic groups from across the nation. The council will hold its first meeting soon in Kabul, Omar said. He read the names of 69 members, saying two more still must be named to the group, which will choose its own director.

Karzai has long said that he will talk to insurgents if they renounce violence, sever ties to terrorists and embrace the Afghan constitution. Publicly, the Taliban have said they won't negotiate until foreign troops leave Afghanistan, yet there are many indications that backdoor discussions have occurred.

"There are very high-level Taliban leaders who have sought to reach out to the highest levels of the Afghan government and indeed have done that," Gen David Petraeus, the commander of Nato forces in Afghanistan, told reporters on Monday.

Indian govt urges Maoists to free cops

AFP, Raipur

Indian authorities appealed to Maoist rebels yesterday to free four kidnapped policemen as a deadline set by the ultra-leftists for meeting their demands was set to expire.

"I appeal to the Maoists to release the men unharmed," said Raman Singh, chief minister of central Chhattisgarh state, a hotbed of rebel activity.

His appeal came after police said Maoists killed at least three policemen and abducted another four in a clash last Sunday, 525 kilometres (325 miles) south of state capital Raipur.

Posters in a forest area near where the clash took place said the government had until late Tuesday to meet the rebels' demands, which included calling off a massive security offensive codenamed Operation Green Hunt.

The poster also said the rebels wanted the release of several locals from tribal groups who had allegedly been wrongfully arrested on suspicion of being Maoists.

China celebrates Confucius birth for first time

AFP, Beijing

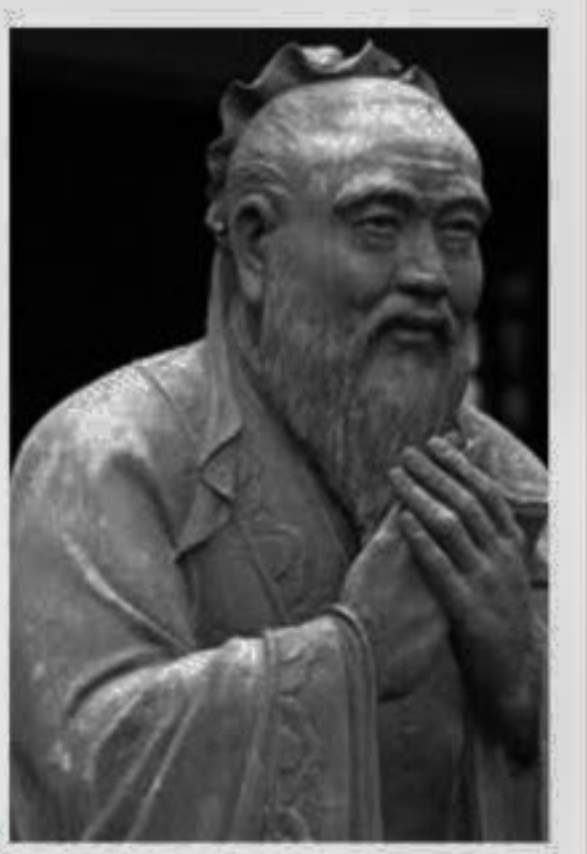
Beijing yesterday celebrated the anniversary of the birth of an ancient philosopher Confucius for the first time since the founding of communist China, in a ceremony that included delegates from Taiwan.

The event took place at the Confucius temple in the city's historic Guozijian quarter in honour of China's most famous philosopher, born in 551 BC, whose influence is on the rise again after being suppressed under Mao Zedong.

Long banned by the communist regime, which considered Confucianism a feudal belief, this tradition was only officially reinstated in the 1990s in Qufu, birthplace of the Chinese thinker -- but never in Beijing.

The ceremony -- placed under high security and closed to the public but not to reporters -- included Chinese officials alongside a delegation from Taiwan, once China's bitter foe, where Confucianism has always been celebrated.

China and Taiwan split in 1949 and Beijing considers the self-ruled island as part of its territory awaiting reunification, by force if necessary. But ties between the two have improved in recent years.



Yemeni army troops take position on Monday in the hills overlooking the southern town of Huta, three days after regaining control of the besieged town from suspected al-Qaeda militants who had been holed up in the Shabwa province area for a week in fighting that sparked a mass exodus of civilians.

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