# INTERNATIONAL

# Violence breaks out in Myanmar after polls

AFP, Yangon

Deadly clashes erupted yesterday between Myanmar government troops and ethnic minority rebels, prompting an exodus across the border in the wake of an election that the junta's proxies looked sure to win.

At least three civilians were killed when heavy weapons fire hit the town of Myawaddy in Karen State, an official in the military-ruled country said. There was no information on any troop casualties on either side.

Clashes were also reported further south near Myanmar's Three Pagodas Pass.

Zipporah Sein, the Thailand-based general secretary of the Karen National Union (KNU), said there had been fighting

Awlaqi calls

for killing

AFP, Sanaa

Americans

US-Yemeni radical cleric

Anwar al-Awlaqi has called for

the killing of Americans "with-

out hesitation," in a video

message posted on Jihadi

websites, US monitoring group

killing Americans," Awlaqi said

in the 23-minute video, SITE

"It's either us or you,"

SITE said on Monday.

edict)," he added.

Americans.

political scene.

between government forces and Democratic Karen Buddhist Army (DKBA) troops in the two areas.

"I don't think the DKBA will surrender,"

About 10,000 people fled across the frontier to neighbouring Thailand, including many women and children, said Samart Loyfah, the governor of Thailand's Tak province on the border.

A simmering civil war has wracked parts of the country, including Karen State, since independence in 1948 and observers say the junta's determination to crush ethnic minority rebels appears to have strengthened.

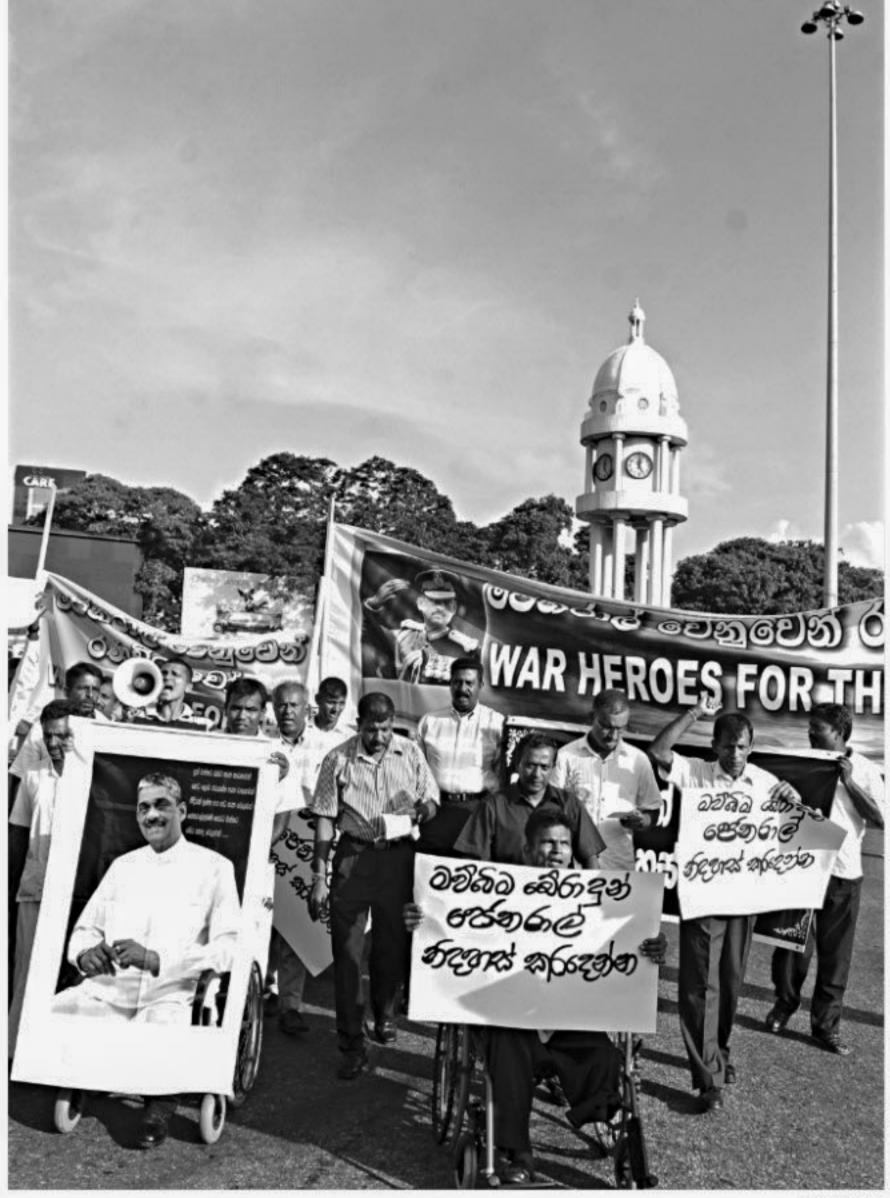
One resident in Myawaddy reported numerous explosions and general panic.

"People are running here and there --it's desperate. We could be killed at anytime, this is very scary," he said.

The violence came a day after an elec-tion that was strongly criticised by Western governments because of widespread complaints of intimidation and the detention of democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi.

Pro-democracyparties which participated in the poll complained Monday of "cheating" at polling booths, saying it had dimmed their earlierhopes of winning seats.

"It's very different from our expectation because of foul play," said Than Nyein, chairman of the National Democratic Force, created by former members of Suu Kyi's party, which boycotted the vote and



A group of disabled soldiers protest in Colombo yesterday, demanding the release of former Army Chief Sarath Fonseka. He is currently in jail serving a 30-month sentence for adopting

Gaza blockade 'unacceptable' Says top German diplomat

AFP, Gaza City

The Israeli blockade on the Gaza Strip only serves to strengthen extremists, Germany's top diplomat said yesterday, urging Israel to allow exports from the impoverished territory.

"It is not acceptable to blockade 1.5 million people in Gaza," German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle told reporters on a brief visit to the Hamas-run coastal strip.

The blockade "strengthens the radicals and weakens the moderates and the opposite is what we should be doing," he said of the measure, which has been eased by Israel in recent months but still remains in place.

"It is important that imports and exports are allowed through again," he said, stressing that this was also the position of the European Union.

## West dismisses election

AFP, Bangkok

The West has denounced army-ruled Myanmar's first election in 20 years, but state media in key ally China hailed the polls as a sign of progress yesterday and most other Asian nations remained silent.

Led by US President Barack Obama, numerous countries decried the vote as neither free nor fair and called for the release of political prisoners including democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi, who was sidelined in the ballot.

While China had yet to make any official "Do not consult anyone in comment, the state-run Global Times newspaper said Beijing supported "Myanmar's plan to transform its political system, but knows it will not happen overnight".

"Killing the devil does not China has long helped economically dysneed any fatwa (religious functional Myanmar to keep afloat through trade ties, arms sales, and by shielding it from UN sanctions over rights abuses as a vetowielding member of the UN Security Council. Awlaqi said, addressing

In its editorial, titled "Myanmar's election a

step forward," the Global Times said Monday that countries neighbouring Myanmar should be forming their own views, "not following the West blindly".

In Thailand, as thousands of refugees poured over the border from Myanmar after postelection violence broke out between regime troops and rebels, a government spokesman said the kingdom had "no official reaction" to

"We are waiting for the official results," said PanitanWattanayagorn.

Aside from the Philippines -- which described the vote as "non-inclusive" -- other nations in the 10-country Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), which has Myanmar as a member, also failed to react strongly to the election.

"This is more than a Burma issue, it is an Asean credibility issue," said Ron Hoffmann, the Canadian Ambassador in Thailand, adding that Myanmar's neighbours were chiefly interested in stability and influence in the country.

# Italian govt faces collapse: Experts

**NEWS** ANALYSIS

Italy's government faces collapse after a call by speaker of parliament Gianfranco Fini for his arch-rival Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi to resign and negotiate a new coalition, experts said yesterday.

After Fini's scathing attack on Sunday on his coalition partner and one-time ally, experts agreed that while Berlusconi was not likely to resign, Fini's move would ultimately bring down the government and could trigger elections.

"A political chapter that has now lasted more than 15 years is ending in dramatic fashion," Corriere Della Sera said in an editorial, referring to the early 1990s when media tycoon Berlusconi burst onto the

"The rupture appears irreversible," the editorial said.

Ministry/Division

EOI Ref. No.

Date (dd/mn/yyyy)

KEY INFORMATION

Name of Procuring Entity

Procuring Entity Code

**Procuring Entity District** 

Procurement Sub-Method

10 Budget and Source of funds

14 EOI Closing Date and time

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11 Development Partner (if applicable)

12 Project/Program Code (if applicable)

13 Project/Program Name (if applicable)

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

15 Brief Description of the Assignment

16 Experience, Resources & Delivery

18 Association with foreign firms is

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

21 Name of the Official Inviting EOI

23 Address of the Official Inviting EOI

22 Designation of the Official Inviting EOI

24 Contact Details of the Official inviting EOI

The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or rejects all EOI's

Capacity Required

17 Other Details

19 Ref. No.

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**FUNDING INFORMATION** 

Expression of Interest for Selection of

Agency

Franco Pavoncello, a professor of political science at John Cabot University in Rome, said: "There will definitely be a crisis

"It remains to be seen how it will end up," he told AFP.

"There will either be a new Berlusconi government or early elections but I think that this government cannot last until its mandate runs out in 2013."

A decisive day for the government could come on Tuesday, experts said, as parliament re-opens after a recess and Italian Economy Minister Giulio Tremonti hosts talks with the main leaders of the current centre-right coalition.

Experts say the timing of any move by Fini to finish off the government remains uncertain but they are agreed it is now a question of when, and not if.

Corriere della Sera warned that it was "the duty and responsibility of the leaders in conflict to avoid their drama becoming a drama for Italy -- a country in crisis that

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR SERVICES (FIRM)

Ministry of Finance

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Non-Profit Institution

Social Development Foundation (SDF)

Consulting Firm (Time-based)

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Consultant's Qualifications (CQ)

Flood Restoration and Recovery Assistance Program

analyzing the data and preparing a final analytical report.

research, surveys and impact evaluation of social issues.

research in rural community and poverty.

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Encouraged

Location

Different Flood affected

MD. Golam Faruque

Districts in Bangladesh

Project Director

The consultant will design and carry out a study using a sample of the

impact assessment in the Disaster Management Fund (DMF)

distributed villages. This will include familiarizing themselves with

the project, identifying a sampling methodology, identifying the appropriate data and information collection tools, visiting villages,

PKSF effices and Partner Organization (PO) offices to collect data,

1. The consultant (firm) should have a proven track record of at least

five years experience in conducting impact study from similar nature

project in social development and rural poverty issues and having

excellent analytical skills and adequate experience in conducting field

2. Familiarity with rural economy, community development and

participatory methodology would be desirable. The firm should have

a team of specialist having well conversant with the sampling

technique and have a strong and proven orientation towards applied

a) The Consultant Firm shall be selected in accordance with PPA/2006

b) Expression of Interests (EOI) in three sets [One original + Two

duplicate] shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the

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seriously risks plunging into chaos." Economic experts have in recent months

cautioned against political instability in Italy, which is under pressure on international financial markets because of its high public debt levels and low rates of growth.

The general consensus among experts is that Fini is trying to push Berlusconi into formally resigning and then forming a new ruling coalition in which Fini's political movement, Future and Freedom, will have greater clout.

The scenario envisaged by Fini is a centre-right coalition dominated by Berlusconi's People of Freedom party and his own movement that could exclude the Northern League party and include the centrist UDC party, experts said.

But while Berlusconi has hinted at the possibility of a new "legislative pact" with Fini, Berlusconi loyalists have said that Fini's rebellion has gone too far and that Italy will have to hold elections to resolve the standoff.

## Republicans flex muscle, Obama promises 'corrections'

wrong procedure in military procurement during the time he headed the Army's tender board.

AFP, Washington

Flexing their new-found political muscle, US Republicans have promised a string of investigations into Barack Obama's administration as the president vowed to make some "corrections."

By seizing the House of Representatives in last Tuesday's mid-term elections, Republicans gained the chairmanship of powerful House committees that can seek to embarrass the president by calling top aides to testify in public.

"I'm going to go after a lot of things and I'm going to do a lot of investigating," Representative Darrell Issa, who is set to take control of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, told "Fox News Sunday."

Former presidents Bill Clinton and George W Bush faced epic showdowns with the House committees after crushing mid-term defeats in 1994 and 2006 respectively.

Issa said it was possible he would probe allegations that the White House offered to give Democratic Representative Joe Sestak an doing substantively," Mitch McConnell, the administration post if he stayed out of a Senate leading Republican in the Senate, told CBS's statement, after annual secuprimary race.

Sestak won the primary against senator Arlen Specter, the White House's preferred candidate, and ended up narrowly losing to Republican nominee Pat Toomey.

Other targets of the committee probes could be Obama's health care reforms, the Justice Department's failure to probe alleged voter intimidation by the New Black Panther Party.

The White House has yet to say how it plans to respond, but Obama, on a 10-day trip through Asia, offered his most candid appraisal yet of the crushing poll losses. "People are frustrated," the president told a

meeting with Indian students in Mumbai. "It requires me to make some mid-course corrections and adjustments."

As Obama played defense, leading Republicans took to the Sunday morning talk shows to attack the president over big spending, plans to increase taxes for the rich, and health care reforms they portray as a government takeover.

"The American people simply did not like what the president and this Congress were "Face the Nation."

### US, Australia sign space surveillance deal

AFP, Melbourne

Australia and the United States vesterday signed an agreement to cooperate in surveillance of space, possibly expanding the reach of a US military network tracking satellites and space

The US military increasingly relies on satellites for navigation, targeting, secure communications and intelligence gathering, and strategists worry about the potential for collisions, as well as China's investments in space defence technology.

"Australia and the United States shared a deep concern about the increasingly interdependent, congested, and contested nature of outer space," the two sides said in a rity talks.



## ঢাকা পাওয়ার ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানি লিমিটেড DHAKA POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD

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Memo No:- DPDC/CS-5/Appointment/2010/615

Date: 07/11/10

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd (DPDC), entrusted with the responsibility of operation, maintenance and development of the power system network within the geographical area of DPDC, invites applications from the energetic and promising citizen of Bangladesh for immediate appointment to the following post on contract basis for initially a period of maximum three (3) years, may be extended by another two (2) years, but renewal is subjected to satisfactory performance against specific yearly targets to be set by the Board, during which the age limit will not exceed 60 years.

## Director (Technical)- 01 post

The Director (Technical) is the Chief Technical Officer of the Company reporting to the Board through Managing Director. It is a strategic level post. The incumbent shall act as a member of the management Team of the Company to assist the Managing Director for overall coordination of company's management, planning, design, development and preparation of project profiles for the electrical network system. The incumbent shall be responsible for ensuring compliances of laws, rules and regulations for good governance, including development of setup, systems and legal functions of the organization. He/She is also responsible for the technical studies, engineering, construction, supervision, operation and maintenance of all the facilities of the company and shall assist the Managing Director in negotiating project financing issues with development partners and listing the company in the stock exchange(s), etc.

#### Required Qualification:

Candidates must be Graduate in Electrical/Electrical & Electronics/ Electro-mechanical/Mechanical Engineering with at least twenty (20) years of experience as Assistant Engineer to upward posts (starting career not below as Assistant Engineer ) and progressively in higher capacities, in a large Public Power Utility Organization working in multidisciplinary environment, including experience of working at least 4th position of the organization. The candidate should be fluent in spoken and written Bangla and English languages, and should be capable of working in challenging situations.

#### Age Limit:

Age should preferably be between forty five (45) and fifty seven (57) years as on 30/11/2010.

### Remuneration/Compensation Package:

Basic salary per month Taka eighty thousand (80,000.00) only plus house rent (if proper accommodation could not be made available) Taka forty thousand (40,000.00) per month, two festival bonuses in year, contributory provident fund, group insurance, and other fringe benefits as per applicable rules of the company. Expenses at actual medical services of self, spouse, dependent children(s) and dependent parents will be reimbursed up to a maximum limit of three (3) month basic salary per annum, and full time transport with driver will be provided. Income tax shall have to be paid by the employee. This remuneration/compensation package will be subjected to adjustment in the pay structure of the company.

Only the short listed candidates will be called for interviews. Interested Candidate may apply along with complete CV, two (2) passport size recent photographs, attested photocopies of all educational and experience certificates, attested copy of National Identity Card and the first eight (8) pages of the passport (if available or should be submitted after selection), should reach the Chairman of the DPDC board at the above address on or before 30/11/ 2010 (Tuesday) within the office hour.

In service candidates should submit applications through proper channel within the stipulated date & time.

Company Secretary, DPDC Email: CS@dpdc.org

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