

## US expresses 'solidarity' with India

Mumbai attacks anniversary today

AFP, Washington

Two years after the 2008 Mumbai attacks killed 166 people, the United States stands "in solidarity" with India, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said.

"As the people of the United States gather with family to celebrate Thanksgiving, we pause to remember the horrific attack on innocent men, women and children that occurred in Mumbai two years ago," Clinton said in a statement late Wednesday.

"Now, as then, the American people stand in solidarity with the people of India and honour those who lost their lives."

During a visit to India earlier this month, US President Barack Obama shared with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh the results of a probe that found US intelligence did not pass on warnings about David Headley, an American who played a key role in the attacks.

The president stayed in the Taj Mahal Palace hotel in Mumbai, which became the focus of the assault by 10 Islamist militants, and met survivors and victims' relatives, hailing their courage and pledging to stand with India to fight terrorism.

"President Obama's recent visit to India underscored our nations' shared belief in liberty, democracy and mutual respect for all people," Clinton said.



PHOTO: AFP

A boy does a somersault as he jumps into the sea in front of hotel Taj that bore the brunt of terror attacks in 2008. Inset, Visitors light candles in Mumbai a day before the anniversary of the attacks.

## 26/11 justice elusive

### INDIA-PAKISTAN TALKS ON ICE

IANs, New Delhi

Two years after the worst terror attack on Indian soil, the perpetrators of 26/11 remain sheltered behind a wall of subterfuge in Pakistan, only serving to freeze bilateral ties.

Voices calling for coercive action by India are growing even as some experts say more needs to be done to ramp up internal security.

Since 10 Pakistani terrorists attacked Mumbai Nov 26-28, killing 166 people, New Delhi has given Islamabad 11 dossiers detailing evidence against the perpetrators, including Hafiz Saeed, the founder of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and the suspected 26/11 mastermind.

But every new dossier has elicited fresh queries from Pakistan, delaying the trial of the seven Pakistanis arrested by Islamabad for their alleged role in the Mumbai strikes. And Saeed continues to remain a free man, spouting virulent anti-India propaganda.

In May, a special anti-terror court pro-

nounced capital punishment for Ajmal Amir Kasab, the lone gunman caught alive in the Mumbai attack. But the process of sending Kasab to the gallows can take a long time as he has appealed against the death sentence.

The trial of the seven detained by Pakistan, including LeT operative Zarrar Shah, has also proceeded at a 'glacial pace' in the words of Indian Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao.

"26/11 happened because there was the involvement of Pakistani state agencies in it. We have only tried diplomatic pressure on Pakistan. Clearly, that has not worked," Satish Chandra, a former deputy national security adviser and a former high commissioner to Pakistan, told IANS.

"It's time to take coercive action to make it painful for Pakistan to persist in that course," he said grimly, adding India needed to step up its internal security infrastructure.

Ajai Sahni, a counter-terrorist expert, is scathingly critical of the so-called upgrade in internal security since 26/11.

## Another major corruption scam hits India

REUTERS, New Delhi/Mumbai

India's reputation as a place to do business took another hit after the scandal-tainted government charged top public sector bankers of accepting bribes worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

The federal Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday arrested five officials from state-run listed companies, including the chief executive of LIC Housing Finance, for taking bribes to facilitate large corporate loans.

Three senior executives from a listed private company were also arrested on charges of handing out the bribes.

The banking scandal is one of the biggest to taint India, potentially harming the image of Asia's third-largest economy as destination for foreign investors, especially as it comes a few days after Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has had to defend his government in another graft scandal involving telecoms licenses sold at rock-bottom prices.

"The message is not good, both for the market also for the economy," said DH Pai Panandiker, head of private think tank RPG Foundation.

"All these things create a very bad image about the country and it's kind of loss of faith in the system," he said.

The scandals are unlikely to deter investors from India, one of the four key BRIC emerging markets in the world and a hot investment destination, analysts say.

Investors are keen to tap into a country with a population of 1.2 billion. Economic growth is forecast at 8.5 percent in 2010-11, and then between 9 and 10 percent every year after that, levels rivalled only by China.

India was ranked 87th in Transparency International's 2010 ranking of nations based on the perceived level of corruption. India lies behind rival China, which is in 78th place.

Shares in companies affected fell sharply since the scandal broke, underperforming the Mumbai stock index.

"The gratifications are huge, more than thousands of crores (hundreds of millions of dollars)," CBI Joint Director P Kandaswamy told reporters on Wednesday.

The Delhi government, however, sought to play down the scandal, saying it was an isolated incident.

"It is an insignificant amount... it is individual personal greed, it is not systematic failure," R Gopalan, secretary for financial services told NDTV broadcaster late on Wednesday.

Officials contacted by Reuters, and who asked to remain anonymous, said the government was not planning a special meeting to discuss the bribery case and would leave it to the CBI to handle.

The CBI said those arrested included senior officials at state-run Central Bank of India, Punjab National Bank and Bank of India -- all major banks with operations across the country.

The executives in custody, and their institutions, have yet to comment on the charges.

Life Insurance Corp of India (LIC), the parent company of LIC Housing Finance, was the only firm involved in the scandal to speak out, saying it was looking into the need to tighten internal operational systems, its chairman told CNBC TV18 on Thursday.

*This is the third big Indian corruption scandal in the past few months*

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**MCQ Test ও লিখিত পরীক্ষার বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ICDDR,B invites applications from suitable candidates for the following positions with the Monitoring Evaluation and Internal Audit (ME&IA) Unit under the Executive Director's Division. The appointments will be made on a fixed-term basis for 2 years, which may be extended for further period depending on satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

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**Salary** -Annual Tk.813,620/- inclusive of house rent and conveyance allowances with other admissible benefits.

**Manager, Internal Audit**

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**Manager, Strategic Planning and Monitoring Evaluation**

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## India test-fires nuclear-capable ballistic missile

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

India test-fired a nuclear-capable strategic ballistic missile, with a range of 700 km, during an army training exercise yesterday.

The surface-to-surface Agni-I missile, powered by solid propellants, was test fired from a rail mobile launcher from a launch pad of the range, 100 km off the Orissa coast, defence sources said.

User of the missile -- the Strategic Force Command (SFC) of the Indian Army -- as part of their training exercise, executed the entire launch operation with the logistic support provided by the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), said a DRDO official.

The missile has a highly specialised navigation system that ensures it reaches the target with a high degree of accuracy, he said.

The entire trajectory of the missile was tracked by sophisticated radars and electro-optic telemetry stations located along the Bay of Bengal coast and two ships positioned near the impact point in the downrange area.

AP adds, nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan regularly test missiles, and in some cases give each other advance notice. Ministry spokesman Sitanshu Kar said Pakistan was informed ahead of yesterday's test as part of "standard practice."

The 12-ton missile, developed in India, has an advanced navigation system and can carry payloads of up to 2,200 pounds (1,000 kilograms).

It has been tested several times in the past, including on March 28 at the same Orissa firing range, as part of ongoing army training to improve skills among defense personnel.

New Delhi has said it developed its current crop of missiles -- including the short-range Prithvi missile, the anti-tank Nag missile and the supersonic BrahMos cruise missile -- as a deterrent against neighbours China and Pakistan.

## Suu Kyi to appeal in her party dissolution case

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi will appeal the Supreme Court's refusal to hear her lawsuit against the junta for dissolving her party, her lawyer said yesterday.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner's National League for Democracy (NLD) was disbanded for boycotting the military-ruled country's first election in 20 years in response to rules that seemed designed to bar her from taking part.

Suu Kyi "has said to continue the legal process until it finishes," said her lawyer Nyan Win.

"We will file a special appeal at the Supreme Court in Naypyidaw to hear the case," he told AFP.

The Supreme Court on Monday declined to consider the lawsuit.

Suu Kyi, who co-founded the NLD, had unsuccessfully filed an earlier suit with the Supreme Court aimed at preventing its abolition.

Court verdicts rarely favour opposition activists in Myanmar, one of the world's oldest dictatorships with more than 2,200 political prisoners.

Myanmar's courts also rejected a series of appeals by Suu Kyi against her house arrest before it expired on November 13, resulting in her release after seven straight years of detention.

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### CORRIGENDUM NOTICE-1

**Sub:** Repair of Cracks with epoxy and providing CFRP, Damp Proofing, Mastic Asphalt Wearing Course on the Bridge Deck of Bangabandhu Bridge.

**Ref:** Tender Notice No. 50.146.000.00.080.2010-748, Dated October 13, 2010

The following amendment (as shown in Column-3) is hereby made to the tender for "Repair of Cracks with epoxy and providing CFRP, Damp Proofing, Mastic Asphalt Wearing Course on the Bridge Deck of Bangabandhu Bridge". The applicants are advised to submit their tender document with due consideration of this amendments. This corrigendum notice is a part and parcel of the tender document. The applicants must submit this corrigendum notice along with their tender document duly sealed and signed.

Reference	Replace what	Replace with	Remarks
1	2	3	4
Invitation for tender SI. No. 17: Tender last selling date	November 29, 2010 during office hours, 9.00 to 5.00 hrs.	December 06, 2010 during office hours, 9.00 to 5.00 hrs	Amendment
Invitation for tender SI. No. 18: Tender closing date and time	November 30, 2010 at 12.00 hrs	December 07, 2010 at 12.00 hrs	Amendment
Invitation for tender SI. No. 19: Tender opening date and time	November 30, 2010 at 12.30 hrs	December 07, 2010 at 12.30 hrs	Amendment
Tender Data Sheet ITT Clause 38.1, Page 23 The deadline for submission of tender is	Time & date: November 30, 2010 at 12:00 hrs	Time & date: December 07, 2010 at 12:00 hrs	Amendment
Tender Data Sheet ITT Clause 38.3, Page 23 The deadline for submission of tender is	Time & date: November 30, 2010 at 12:00 hrs	Time & date: December 07, 2010 at 12:00 hrs	Amendment
Tender Data Sheet ITT Clause 38.4, Page 23 The deadline for the hand-delivering of the tender at the primary place is	Time & date: November 30, 2010 at 12:00 hrs	Time & date: December 07, 2010 at 12:00 hrs	Amendment
Tender Data Sheet ITT Clause 44.2, Page 23 The Tender opening	Time & date: November 30, 2010 at 12:30 hrs	Time & Date: December 07, 2010 at 12:30 hrs	Amendment

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