

**Pakistan grenade attack wounds 25**

AFP, Peshawar

A grenade attack wounded 25 people, including women and children, at a Shiite parade yesterday on the eve of their holiest day of Ashura in Pakistan's city of Peshawar, officials said.

The attack took place in one of the main squares in the northwestern city, which runs into Pakistan's lawless tribal belt -- branded by Washington the global headquarters of Al-Qaeda and a stronghold of Taliban networks.

"Twenty-five injured were brought to our hospital. There are women and children among them. One child is in a serious condition," said Abdul Hamid Afridi, head of the city's Lady Reading Hospital.

"It was a grenade attack," Peshawar administration chief Mohammad Siraj told AFP, adding that police had failed to arrest the culprit.

Police initially said 11 people were wounded as the procession ended.

A suicide bomber blew himself up at a Shiite religious procession in Chabhar in neighbouring Iran on Wednesday, killing 33 people and wounding 83 in an attack claimed by Sunni rebel group Jundallah.

Iran said the attack originated from a Jundallah (Army of God) base in Pakistan, where more than 4,000 people have died in outbreaks of sectarian violence between the groups since the late 1980s.

Ashura is one of the high points of the Shiite calendar, when large crowds of worshippers gather in Shiite areas of Pakistan.

Last year Pakistan's main Taliban faction claimed responsibility for a suicide attack that killed 43 people at a Shiite parade in Karachi on Ashura, in one of the deadliest single sectarian-linked attacks in the country.



Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao (L) and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (R) shake hands after their meeting in New Delhi yesterday.

**India, China will write brighter chapter in history**

Says Krishna

PTI

Hoping to write a "brighter chapter" in history jointly with China, India yesterday said the two countries have maturity and wisdom to deal with any differences as they realise the importance of mutual sensitivity to each other's core concerns.

External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna said the two countries do not see any contradiction in each other's rise and understand the importance to leverage growth and development through mutual cooperation.

"Both of us have an abiding commitment to the Panchsheel principles that we jointly initiated, and realise the importance of mutual sensitivity to each other's core concerns and interests," Mr. Krishna said at a function organised by the ICWA

where Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao delivered a lecture.

"As inheritors of ancient civilisations, the modern nation-states of India and China have the maturity and wisdom to deal with any differences through dialogue and diplomacy," the External Affairs Minister said.

Noting that Mr. Wen's visit shows a commitment to forge stronger political trust, maturely address differences, Mr. Krishna said he was confident that both countries will be able to jointly write an even "brighter chapter" in the history in years ahead.

"His visit to India symbolises the rendezvous between 1.3 billion Chinese people and 1.1 billion Indians. It will set the terms of engagement between the two fastest growing economies in the world,"

he said.

Showering praise on Mr. Wen for his efforts in improving ties with India, Mr. Krishna said he presided over a period of unprecedented intensification of bilateral ties, personally steering the relations from strength to strength.

"It was during his previous visit in April, 2005 that India and China established a Strategic and Cooperative Partnership for Peace and Prosperity," he said.

Crediting sagacity and shared vision of Mr. Wen and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for improving ties, Mr. Krishna said how India and China interact with each other, and jointly with the rest of the world, is a topic of immense contemporary importance.

**Bombs kill 2 Iraqis on way to religious ceremony**

AP, Baghdad

Bombs hidden in trash cans exploded near a group of pilgrims in a town north of Baghdad, killing two people yesterday as millions of Shiites headed to ceremonies to mark a day of mourning.

Police said four blasts struck the procession in the town of Dujail, located some 50 (80 kilometers) miles north of Baghdad. Six people were also wounded in the attack, police and hospital officials said.

Two more bombs were discovered and disarmed before they exploded, said a local police official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the media.

Earlier, a roadside bomb wounded three pilgrims in the downtown Baghdad neighborhood of Karradah, police said.

Shiite pilgrims from across Iraq are headed to the holy Shiite city of Karbala for Ashoura, which marks the seventh century death of Imam Hussein in a killing that sealed Islam's historic Sunni-Shiite split.

Provincial spokesman Saeed Mohammed Saeed estimated that three million Shiites are expected to converge on Karbala, south of Baghdad, by the time Ashoura peaks on Friday morning after a night-long ritual of prayers, speeches and self-flagellation.

Many of the pilgrims march on foot to Karbala, and are frequently targeted by Sunni insurgents who seek to reignite sectarian violence in Iraq.

**Thai officials worried about crown prince**

AFP, London

Top palace officials in Thailand expressed concerns about the prospect of the crown prince becoming king, a leaked US diplomatic cable showed.

Three influential Thai figures, including two senior advisers to revered King Bhumibol Adulyadej, "had quite negative comments about Crown Prince (Maha) Vajiralongkorn," said the January 2010 memo from the US embassy in Bangkok.

Two of them, while asserting that the crown prince would become king, "implied the country would be better off if other arrangements could be made," according to the cable, published by British daily The Guardian, which obtained the confidential document from the WikiLeaks whistleblower website.

It cited concerns about his private life and suspected links to fugitive ex-premier Thaksin Shinawatra, who remains hugely popular with many rural poor but is seen by the establishment as corrupt and a threat to the monarchy.

King Bhumibol, the world's longest reigning monarch, widely revered as a demi-god by many Thais, has been hospitalised since September 2009.

The 83-year-old has no official political role but is seen as a unifying figure in a country that has been frequently riven by political violence, particularly since the 2006 military coup which ousted Thaksin from office.

Any discussion of the royal family is an extremely sensitive topic in Thailand, where the palace has been silent over the organisation of the king's succession.

Anxiety over the king's health sent Thailand's stock market plunging in October 2009.

"On the two most difficult and sensitive issues of the day in Thailand -- Thaksin and the monarchy -- the Thai elite appear as unsure about the future as any other sector of society," the cables said. "The stakes are significant for all sides, and resolution of the political divide and royal succession could still be far over the horizon."

Just weeks after the memo was sent Thaksin's red-shirted supporters staged mass opposition protests in Bangkok, sparking violence that left more than 90 people dead in a series of clashes between demonstrators and armed troops.

General Prem Tinsulanonda, a former premier who is head of the privy council of advisers to the palace, was "clearly no fan" of the crown prince, Bhumibol's only son, the US cable said.

"When Ambassador (Eric John) asked where the Crown Prince was currently, in Thailand or Europe, Prem replied dismissively: 'You know his social life, how he is,'" it added.

**বাংলাদেশ ডায়াবেটিক সমিতি**  
**DIABETIC ASSOCIATION OF BANGLADESH**

Memo No: BADAS/Project/HVAC/10/02  
 Date: 14 December 2010

**CORRIGENDUM FOR TENDER**

This is to notify for all concerned that Tender No: BADAS/Project/HVAC/10/01 dated 21 November, 2010 for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Central Air-conditioning System for Liver Transplantation Services at 5<sup>th</sup> floor of Car-parking Building in BIRDEM Complex, Shahbag, Dhaka is amended as below:-

Serial No.	Particulars	To be Read (Revised)	Instead of (Existing)
06	Date and Time for Selling Tender Document.	During 8-30 AM to 4-00 PM (On all working days) from December 20, 2010 to January 09, 2011.	During 8-30 AM to 4-00 PM (On all working days) from December 01, 2010 to December 26, 2010.
07	Last Date and Time for Submission of Tenders.	On or before January 10, 2011 within 12-00 hours (Noon).	On or before December 27, 2010 within 12-00 hours (Noon).
08	Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional).	On December 28, 2010. At 11-00 hours (Morning).	On December 15, 2010. At 11-00 hours (Morning).
09	Date and Time for opening of Tender.	At 12-30 hours (Noon) of January 10, 2011.	At 12-30 hours (Noon) of December 27, 2010.

All other terms & conditions of the Tender shall remain unchanged

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**Sudan blocking aid workers**  
 Says UN HR chief

AP, Geneva

The UN's human rights chief tells The Associated Press that Sudan is blocking aid workers from entering the country ahead of next month's referendum on independence for the south.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights says almost 1,000 visas for humanitarian staff appear to be deliberately held up by the government in Khartoum. An official at Sudan's mission in Geneva, Naima Lazaar, says the claim of a visa holdup is "baseless."

Navi Pillay said in an interview yesterday that human rights observers and aid workers need to be in place before Jan. 9 to prepare for possible unrest if the vote ends up splitting Africa's largest country in two.

She says her own request for a visit to Sudan earlier this month was ignored by the government.

**GUNSHOT ALLEGATIONS**  
**Nepal's ex-crown prince charged**

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's former crown prince was charged yesterday with disturbing the peace, the state prosecutor said, after a late-night drunken argument in which he allegedly fired his gun in the air.

Paras Shah, 38, was arrested on Tuesday after arguing with fellow guests at an upmarket resort about the role of the deposed monarchy.

The home ministry had said he would be charged with illegal possession of a firearm, but he will now face the lesser charge of disturbing the peace.

If found guilty, he faces a maximum penalty of two years in jail and a 10,000-rupee (140-dollar) fine.

One of the guests involved in Saturday night's dispute, Rubel Chaudhary, the Bangladeshi son-in-law of Nepal's deputy prime minister, said Shah threatened to kill him and his family.

**Re-tender Notice for Construction of TB & Immunology Labs at Level-8 of Hospital Building ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212**

1	Agency	ICDDR,B		
2	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Director, ICDDR,B		
3	Procuring Entity District	Mohakhali, Dhaka.		
4	Invitation for	Works		
5	Invitation Ref. No. & Date	ICDDR,B/P&M/10/25 (RT) Date : December 16, 2010		
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
7	Budget and Source of Funds	ICDDR,B / GOB		
8	Project / Program Name	Construction of TB & Immunology Labs at Level 8 of Hospital Building ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212		
9	Tender Package Name	Construction of TB & Immunology Labs at Level - 8 of Hospital Building ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212		
10	Tender Publication Date	December 16, 2010		
11	Tender Last Selling Date	January 02, 2011		
12	Tender Closing Date and Time	January 03, 2011	Time: 2:30 PM	
13	Tender Opening Date and Time	January 03, 2011	Time: 3:00 PM	
14	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address		
	- Selling Tender Document	Treasury Unit, Cash Counter-2, Ground Floor, IPH Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka between 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM		
	- Receiving Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.		
	- Opening Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.		
15	Pre-tender meeting	Pre-Tender meeting will be held on December 27, 2010 at 10:00AM in Finance Conference room, IPH Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.		
16	Eligibility of Tenderer	Reputed construction firms enlisted in Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous organization having following qualifications : (i) The Tenderer shall have minimum 5 (five) years of general experience on building construction works including civil, sanitary, electrical & electro-mechanical works. (ii) Tenderers having experience in successful completion of at least 1 (one) number building works of Tk. 40 (forty) lac in single work order comprising of civil, sanitary & electrical works within the last 5 (five) years. Evidence regarding successful completion of works in the form of Work order/award and Completion Certificate must be submitted signed by the appropriate authority. (iii) Minimum tender capacity Tk. 50 (fifty) lac. (iv) The tenderers shall have a minimum average annual construction works turnover during last 5 (five) years at least Tk. 50 (fifty) lac. (v) The tenderer shall have sanctioned credit line facilities/liquid asset at least Tk. 20 (twenty) lac. (vi) Tenderer must have qualified & experienced Technical Personnel Civil, Electrical & Mechanical and essential equipment as stipulated in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS) in the Tender Documents. (vii) Tenderers are required to submit price quotation correspond to 100% of the required items and quantities.		
17	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand) only		
18	Sl. No.	Description	Location	Tender Security Amount (TK)
	1	Construction of TB & Immunology labs at level 8 of Hospital Building.	ICDDR,B, 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.	Tk. 1 (one) lac only in the form of Pay Order, Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee in favour of ICDDR,B, Dhaka from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh.
19	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Kamruzzaman		
20	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Sr. Manager, P & M		
21	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Procurement & Materials Unit, Finance Department, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.		
22	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel: 8860523-32, Ext: 3732	Fax: 8811686	e-mail: zaman@icddr.org Web : www.icddr.org
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
24	<b>Special Instruction :</b> (a) All activities in connection with the said procurement of Works will be guided as per rule of "The Public Procurement Rules 2008". (b) Tender Invitation notice may also be seen from CPTU web site : <a href="http://www.cptu.gov.bd">www.cptu.gov.bd</a> (c) If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and same place.			

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