

## Cut down of troops not possible in J&K : Army

PTI, Jammu

A day after the Union Government announced it is considering reducing the strength of security forces deployed in Jammu and Kashmir, the Army yesterday said that the present situation in the state does not allow cut down of troops and the decision should be reconsidered.

"Present situation in Kashmir does not allow cut down of troops and it should be reconsidered," General Officer Commanding in Chief Northern Command (GOC-in-C), said Lt Gen K T Parnaik.

"The situation at present is not conducive for withdrawal of troops," he added.



**Clothing and belongings of victims are seen as Indian police officials stand near the accident spot which caused a stampede at Pullumedu, some 210 km northeast of the southern Indian city of Kochi yesterday. More than 100 Hindu devotees were killed after a road accident triggered a stampede among thousands of pilgrims returning from an Indian religious festival at the hill shrine of Sabarimala.**

PHOTO: AFP

## SRI LANKA FLOOD

# Disease threat for victims

BATTICALOA, Sri Lanka

The threat of disease loomed yesterday over the million-plus victims of floods in Sri Lanka that have left nearly 40 people dead and devastated farmland in the island's rice bowl.

Disaster Management Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said medical units had been rushed to the central and eastern regions, where hundreds of thousands have been forced to take shelter in cramped, state-run relief camps.

"We are very conscious of the fact that there can be water-borne diseases and we brought medical staff from other areas to help out," Amaraweera told AFP. "There are no reports of diarrhoea, but we are taking precautions."

More than one million people were initially displaced in the flooding triggered by

unusually heavy monsoon rains in the past week.

The state Disaster Management Centre said 37 people had been officially confirmed dead, with another 12 still missing.

Several international aid agencies along with the European Union and the governments of India and the US have helped with emergency supplies, officials said.

UN agencies in Colombo said that providing relief for those in the worst-affected areas was a serious challenge, and that they would shortly issue an international appeal for funding.

"A lot of work needs to be done after the water goes down, but first we have to assist people in welfare centres, to make sure they get adequate food, medicines and clean drinking water," UNICEF spokesman Mervyn Fletcher said.

## Taliban torch 16 Nato tankers in Pakistan

AFP, Quetta, Pakistan

Taliban militants in southwestern Pakistan set ablaze 16 vehicles carrying fuel supplies for Nato troops in Afghanistan yesterday, officials said.

The convoy was attacked before dawn outside the town of Dera Murad Jamali, some 400 kilometres (250 miles) southeast of Quetta, the capital of restive Baluchistan province, local administration chief Abdul Fatah Khajjak said.

"The attackers, riding in a car, opened fire on oil tankers parked at a petrol pump waiting for daybreak to resume their journey to Afghanistan," Khajjak said.

Some 16 oil tankers caught fire, but two more parked a distance away were undamaged, he said. A driver's assistant was wounded by the gunfire.

Militants fled after the attack, Khajjak said. A security official confirmed the incident.

Pakistani Taliban spokesman Azam Tariq in a phone call to AFP claimed responsibility for the attack.

"It is in retaliation to drone attacks in tribal areas," Tariq said from an undisclosed location in the Pakistan-Afghanistan border region.

"We will continue to attack NATO supply vehicles and warn those operating them to immediately stop doing it otherwise they may also be targeted," he said.

In 2010 the US doubled missile attacks in Pakistan's tribal areas, which it describes as the global headquarters of Al-Qaeda, with

around 100 drone strikes killing more than 650 people, according to an AFP tally.

Pakistan tacitly cooperates with the bombing campaign, which US officials say has severely weakened Al-Qaeda's leadership, but Islamabad has stalled on launching a ground offensive in North Waziristan, saying its troops are overstretched.

In October, gunmen torched 29 oil tankers also bound for Afghanistan in the remote Mitri area, 180 kilometres (112 miles) southeast of Quetta.

Baluchistan, which borders both Iran and Afghanistan, is torn by Islamist militancy, sectarian violence between majority Sunnis and minority Shiite Muslims, and a separatist insurgency by rebels seeking political autonomy and a greater share of profits from natural resources.

Most supplies and equipment required by foreign troops in Afghanistan are shipped through Pakistan, although US troops increasingly use alternative routes through central Asia.

Pakistan shut its main northwestern border crossing to NATO supply vehicles on September 30 for 11 days after a cross-border Nato helicopter assault killed two Pakistani soldiers.

Scores of Nato supply vehicles were destroyed in gun and arson attacks while the border crossing was shut, with Taliban militants determined to disrupt the route and avenge US drone strikes in Pakistan's tribal belt.

## School buses in city

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Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain inaugurated the first phase of the school bus services at Mirpur Bangla High School.

Though the bus service was formally inaugurated yesterday with 14 buses in the fleet, the students will be able to avail of the service from today.

A long-cherished expectation of both parents and their school-going children comes true through the introduction of school buses.

The buses will ply from Mirpur-12 to Azimpur with nearly 33 stoppages from where students and guardians will board the buses.

Students of the schools on Mirpur-Azimpur route and their guardians will get the service from 6:00am to 9:00am and 11:00am to 3:00pm. The buses will be available after every 10-minute.

The maximum bus fare from Mirpur to Azimpur has been fixed at Tk 18 and minimum at Tk 5 (Azimpur-Science-Lab) with Tk 1.50 for per km distance. Students can buy ticket for six months in advance at Tk 1,400.

Many schools have already collected tickets in advance to avail of the services.

Authorities hope this would help ease off traffic jam in the sprawling capital, particularly around the city schools and adjacent streets, as movement of private cars carrying the children will be reduced significantly.

"It's just beginning. We want to see how it minimises the traffic congestion. If it goes well, we'll make the fleet 100 plus buses," BRTC Chairman Major (ret) MM Iqbal told UNB over phone.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police has been

asked to give priority to the school buses to cross the traffic signals quickly to reach their schools.

On November 11, 2009, the education ministry and school and college authorities in the capital agreed in principle to introduce the bus service for students of certain schools in a bid to ease off traffic jam.

Principals and head teachers of schools and colleges agreed that private cars carrying students are contributing to traffic jam around certain good schools and colleges in the capital.

The meeting had suggested that the school authorities could make arrangement with the BRTC to introduce bus service for certain schools.

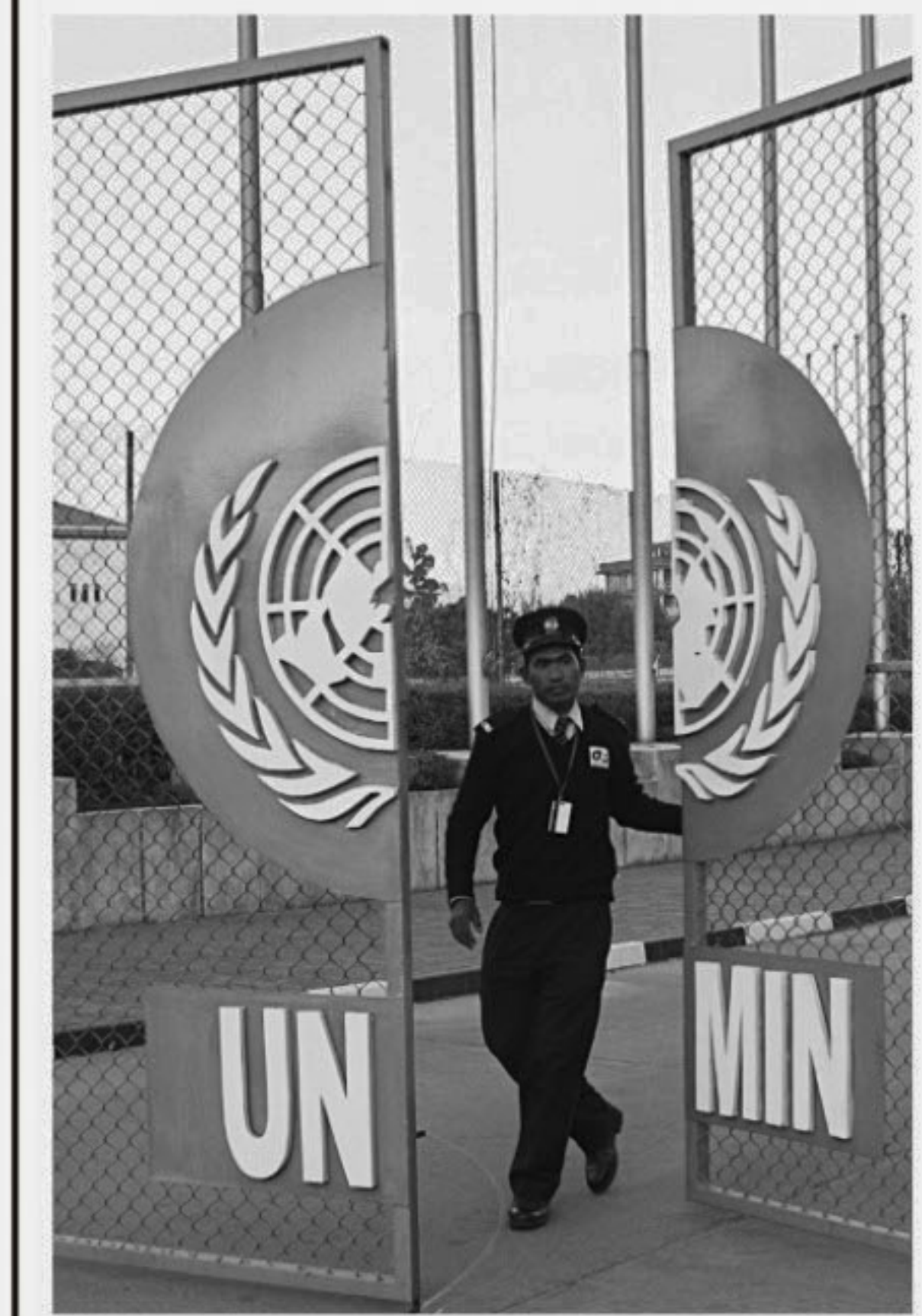
BRTC would run 100 buses on main city streets for school children, and procurement of the 100 CNG-run buses has already been completed.

Earlier, BRTC sent letters to most of the renowned educational institutions seeking their cooperation in introducing the services.

There are around 400 government and non-government schools in the capital. According to the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, more than half of over four lakh registered automobiles plying city roads are private cars.

A survey of Dhaka Urban Transport Projects reads private cars carry only 9 per cent of total commuters but occupy more than 35 per cent of road space.

Communications Secretary Mozammel Haque Khan, Education Secretary Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury and Elias Uddin Mollah were present during the bus service inauguration.



## UN ends Nepal peace mission amid fears of chaos

PTI, Kathmandu

Amid fears of chaos in Nepal, the UN yesterday ended its peace mission as the government and the main Opposition Maoists inked a crucial eleventh-hour deal to monitor the arms and the army of the former rebels and the military.

As Nepal remained in a political deadlock, the UN's blue flag was lowered at the Kathmandu office of the UNMIN, which was established by the world body as a special political mission in 2007 to manage the arms and armed personnel of the Maoists and the Nepal Army.

The UNMIN closure makes the fate of the 19,000 Maoist combatants confined in the cantonments uncertain as there was no clear roadmap regarding the future monitoring, integration and rehabilitation of the former PLA combatants.

## LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
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(SPECIAL STATUTORY JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 03 OF 2011  
IN THE MATTER OF  
ABDULLAH TEXTILE MILLS LIMITED  
PETITIONER  
Versus  
REGISTRAR, JOINT STOCK COMPANIES AND FIRMS  
RESPONDENT

Notice is hereby given to all connected that an application under section 12 read with section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed by the petitioner on 09.01.2011 before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh praying for confirmation of the amendment of object clause of the Memorandum of Association of Abdullah Textile Mills Limited. Mr. Justice Mamnoon Rahman of the said Hon'ble Court was pleased vide its order dated 09.01.2011 to admit the application and fix the hearing on 24.01.2011. Any person interested in the said application may appear on the date fixed for hearing either personally or through his duly authorized advocate. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed charge.

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## Move on to spot corrupt

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speaking at a book launching ceremony at Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) in the capital.

He said the three state organs -- the legislature, judiciary and executive -- are not accountable or superior to each other. They rather complement each other and are accountable to the people as per the constitution.

The parliament, executive and the judiciary are empowered by the people and have no power of their own, said Khairul Haque.

On January 4, Suranjit

Sengupta, chief of a parliamentary panel, in a press conference at Parliament Media Centre said the Jatiya Sangsad is sovereign and everything including the judiciary is accountable to it.

The CJ yesterday said, "The judiciary never claims to be superior to any other state organs and it shows accountability through its judgements and by explaining the reason behind the judgements."

"We are accountable only to the Almighty and the people, Justice Khairul observed. The CJ yesterday

launched the book "Towards a Justice Delivery System for Children in Bangladesh" by Justice M Imman Ali.

He emphasised for improving the condition of children as the future depends on them.

The nation has to give special attention to children, said Khairul Haque, adding that the cases related to children can be dealt with priority.

Present at the programme, Law Minister Shafigue Ahmed said the government is seriously thinking about enacting a law with a provision so that

no child is sent to jail.

The cases against or for children should be settled outside the court through compromise, he said.

Justice M Imman Ali, Carel de Rooy, UNICEF representative to Bangladesh, and Rose Anne Papavero, chief of its child protection section, also spoke at the programme.

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## Three US soldiers killed in Iraq

AFP, Baghdad

Three American soldiers were killed and one was wounded in two separate incidents in central and northern Iraq yesterday, the US army said.

The deadliest incident saw two soldiers killed and the one wounded "while conducting operations in northern Iraq," a statement said, without giving further details.

Major Rob Phillips, a US army spokesman, said the incident occurred in the northern city of Mosul, where an Iraqi army officer earlier said two Iraqi soldiers opened fire on their American counterparts at a training centre.

Neither Phillips nor the Iraqi officer linked those deaths to that shooting.

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## Request for Proposal (RFP)

**Commercial Loan for Delivery Financing of two Boeing 777-300ER aircraft**  
Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd. (Biman) has entered into an agreement with the Boeing Company (Boeing) for the purchase of two Boeing 777-300ER aircraft with deliveries in October 2011 and November 2011. Biman seeks offers from reputed financial institutions for delivery payment financing under a commercial loan.

2. Delivery financing for senior loan (first charge) of the aircraft net price will be arranged as provided under the separate RFP titled as "Senior Loan for Delivery Financing of two Boeing 777-300ER aircraft". The remaining amount of the net aircraft price will be financed either in the form of a subordinated loan with a second charge or purely commercial loan. Such a loan will be supported by a guarantee to be provided by the government of Bangladesh.
3. Basic requirements are mentioned below:

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| Purpose of financing          | Term loan to finance for a portion of the net aircraft delivery price. |
| Estimated amount of financing | Aggregate amount of financing will be a maximum of USD 80 million.     |
| Term of guaranteed loan       | Up to 12 years from respective aircraft delivery dates.                |
| Currency of financing         | US dollars.                                                            |

4. Detailed information is available in the RFP schedule, which may be viewed at Biman's website: [www.biman-airlines.com](http://www.biman-airlines.com). For further information or query, Controller of Accounts, Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd. may be contacted at Telephone: +8802-8917392, Cell: 88-01197000734, E-mail: [controller@bdbiman.com](mailto:controller@bdbiman.com) during the office hours.
5. Proposals/offers are to be submitted to Controller of Accounts, Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd., Head Office, Balaka, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh latest by 1400 hours BST (0800 hours UTC) on 03 March 2011 through courier service or E-mail to [finance777@bdbiman.com](mailto:finance777@bdbiman.com). The proposal(s)/offer(s) will be opened on the same day immediately after the closing time. No proposal/offer will be accepted after the scheduled time and date.
6. Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal/offer without assigning any reason.

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