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Association of Southeast Asian Nation (Asean) foreign ministers and its Secretary General Surin Pitsuwan posing for a group photo during the Asean Foreign Ministerial Meeting (AMM) retreat on Indonesia's Lombok island yesterday.

Lift sanctions on Myanmar

Ethnic groups, Asean call on Western nations

AFP, Yangon

Politicians within and outside Myanmar yesterday called on Western nations to lift sanctions against the country, whose new parliament is preparing to convene for the first time this month.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) called for the lifting of the punitive measures enforced by the United States and European countries, echoing a joint declaration by major ethnic political parties in Myanmar.

The ethnic groups' statement said sanctions "are causing many difficulties in the important areas of trade, investment and modern technologies for the development of ethnic regions".

"We ethnic parties together request that the United States and European countries lift sanctions," the parties said of the mea-

asures imposed by the West in response to the junta's poor human rights record.

The declaration was signed by the Shan Nationalities Development Party (SNDP), the Rakhine Nationalities Development Party, the Chin National Party, the All Mon Region Democracy Party and the Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party.

All five groups won seats in Myanmar's controversial elections in November, with the largest ethnic winner being the SNDP, which will take a total of 57 seats when parliament and regional legislatures convene on January 31.

The government-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party claimed an overwhelming majority in the polls, winning 882 out of around 1,160 seats amid allegations of fraud and intimidation, plus the exclusion of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

Pakistan to impose curfew in Karachi

PTI, Islamabad

A partial curfew will be imposed in parts of Pakistan's financial hub of Karachi to facilitate operations aimed at ending a surge in ethnic and political violence that has claimed nearly 30 lives, Interior Minister Rehman Malik said yesterday.

Malik said a "semi-curfew" would be imposed in parts of Karachi to facilitate operations against those involved in a spate of targeted killings.

He was speaking to reporters at the Karachi airport after chairing a series of meetings to finalise a plan of action to end violence in the southern port city.

Tehran opens nuclear plant to foreign envoys

AFP, Tehran

Foreign envoys toured yesterday a nuclear plant where Iran is enriching uranium in defiance of UN sanctions, a day after Tehran vowed to push ahead "very strongly" with the sensitive work.

The Islamic republic organised the rare visit in a bid to garner support for its contentious atomic drive ahead of key talks with six world powers in Istanbul next week.

The diplomats, among them representatives of some member states of the UN atomic watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), saw Iran's heavy water facility at Arak on Saturday as part of the tour.

New Afghan parliament to open on Jan 23

AFP, Kabul

Afghan President Hamid Karzai plans to open his war-battered nation's parliament on January 23, one of his ministers said yesterday, after months of uncertainty due to disputes over election results.

"The president will inaugurate the parliament on January 23," Homayoun Azimi, Karzai's minister for parliamentary affairs, told AFP.

Azizi did not give details but a Karzai spokesman, Siamak Herawi, separately told AFP that the inauguration date had been delayed for three days due to a foreign visit by Karzai.

Iran fuel ban targets Nato but hurts Afghans: Experts

AFP, Kabul

Iran's ban on fuel tankers crossing into Afghanistan over claims they are supplying Nato troops is snaring ordinary Afghans in a complex power game as winter living costs rise, experts say.

Some 2,000 trucks are stranded on the Iranian-Afghan border, Afghanistan's commerce ministry says, in a standoff which has run since early December, heaping more misery on civilians in the war-torn, impoverished country.

Behind it all is Iran's desire to strike out at the international community over its disputed nuclear weapons programme and at Afghanistan over efforts to make peace with the Taliban, according to some analysts.

Nato insists it does not use fuel which has passed through Iran and that the operations of its troops in Afghanistan are not being affected.

But that is cold comfort to ordinary Afghans who, with the first snows of winter on the ground, face paying 40 percent more for fuel than before, plus extra for other day-to-day essentials.

UN appeals for Sri Lanka flood aid

ALJAZEERA ONLINE

The United Nations has appealed for emergency aid for Sri Lanka where at least 38 people have died and dozens more have gone missing due to floods.

The move comes days after flooding disrupted the livelihoods of many in the eastern region where vast rice fields, ready for harvest, are now under water.

Neil Buhne, the UN resident and humanitarian coordinator, said in a statement released on Friday that the UN will issue an appeal in the coming days for money to help replant the fields and compensate people affected.

"I urge donors to generously support priority needs such as mosquito nets, clean water and food," he said.

Nearly 390,000 remain homeless and 3,744 houses have been totally destroyed, he said.

Widespread flooding and displacement are common in Sri Lanka, where a south-

western monsoon batters the island between May and September, and a north eastern monsoon runs from December to February.

Sellaih Rasiah, a community leader in the eastern district of Ampara, said villagers affected by the devastating 2004 tsunami have lost most of their belongings and would again have to start anew.

The government has estimated the flood losses at \$500 million.

A situation report published by the United Nations has advised residents and aid workers in Sri Lanka to keep alert for undetected mines that may have shifted during floods. So far, there have not been any reported mine casualties in the eastern regions in recent times.

"Floods and receding waters may unearth mines and explosive remnants of war and carry explosives from contaminated areas into areas thought to be safe," the UN report said.

Tortured man dies

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Star before his death that he was tortured by the Indian border guards.

Border Guard Bangladesh sources said BSF personnel of Malda of West Bengal caught Shahjahan when he trespassed on Indian territory with his relatives at Masudpur in Shibganj around 5:00am Saturday. The BSF personnel took him to their camp, the sources said. After two hours of torture, the BSF left him at Shingnagar near Masudpur, they added.

Hearing him groaning, locals informed BGB, formerly BDR, of the matter. Then BGB personnel rescued him from the spot with the help of locals around noon Saturday.

He was taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital around 3:00pm where he succumbed to his injuries at 1:00am yesterday, said Commanding Officer of 39 Rifles Battalion Lt Col Abu Bakar Abu.

The relatives took the body to his Shingnagar home from where the police sent it to Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy, said Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Shibganj Police Station.

The body bore several injury marks, mother of the victim Rushnara Khatun, 70, said.

Before his death, Shahjahan told The Daily Star correspondent that he was going to India to travel. But BSF men caught him and beat him up with iron rods and sticks from 5:00am to 7:00am. "They brutally tortured me for at least two hours," he said.

Lt Col Abu Bakar Abu said they sent a letter to their BSF counterparts protesting the torture and killing of Shahjahan. They also asked them for holding a flag meeting in this regard.

There were media reports that BSF of Padmar Char camp in Malda caught cattle trader Saidur Rahman when he was trying to cross Monohorpur border of Shibganj upazila on September 5, 2010. BSF cut off the tendons of his hands and legs and threw him into the Padma river. He later died at RMCH.

On August 31, 2010, it was reported in the media that BSF troops of Nimitita camp caught Nurul Haque, 30, of Shahapara in Shibganj upazila, tortured him and threw him into the Padma. Locals rescued him from the river.

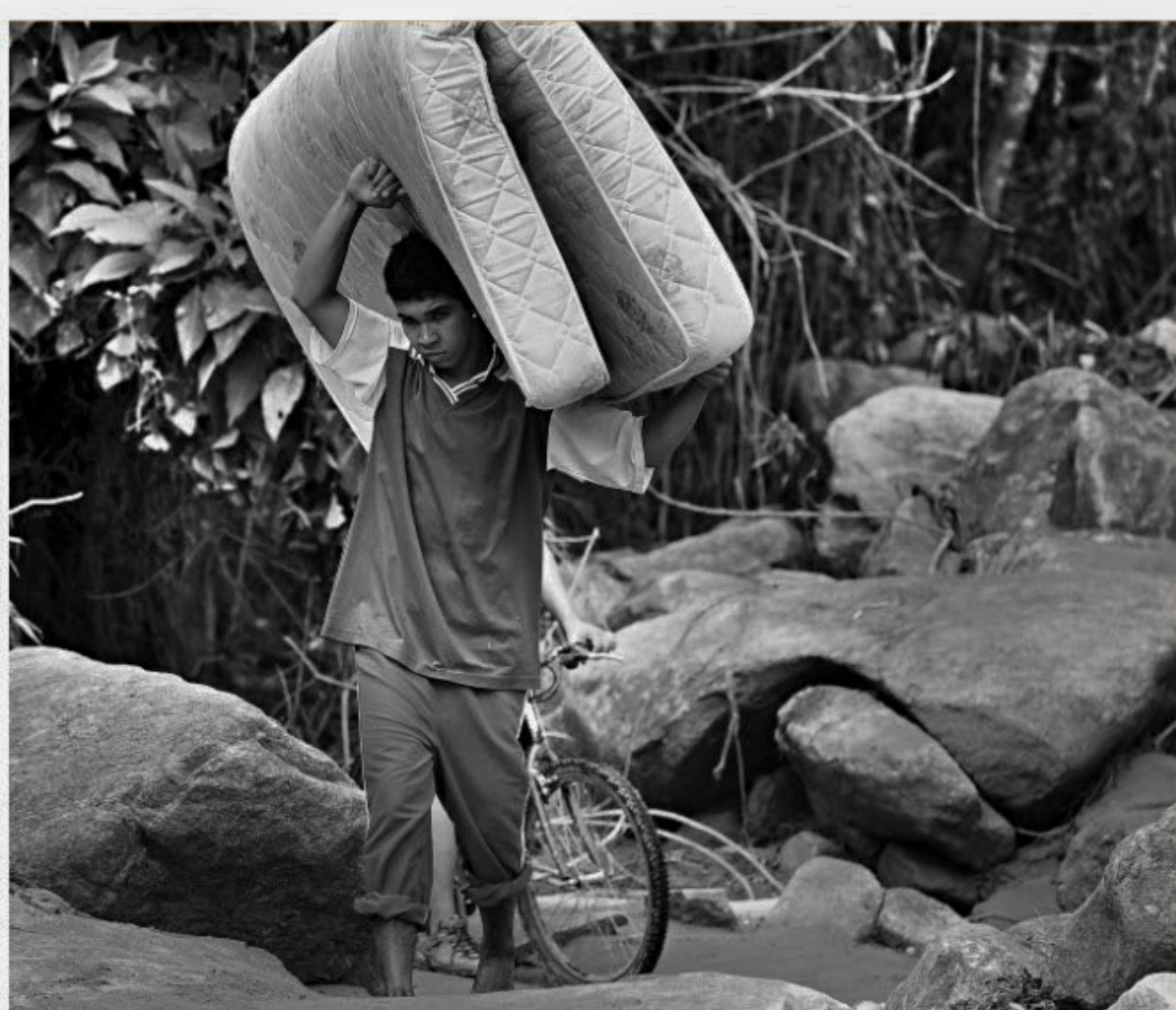


PHOTO: AFP

A young man carries a mattress as he flees Campo Grande neighbourhood, after it was devastated by recent landslides of mud and rocks, in Teresopolis, some 100 km from Rio de Janeiro, yesterday.

Australia flooding shifts south

ALJAZEERA ONLINE

Dozens of towns in Australia's Victoria state in the far south braced for unprecedented river levels days after the flooding crisis peaked in northeastern Queensland.

About 14,000 homes in the second most populous state were hit by a record deluge yesterday as the number of deaths rose to 17 in Queensland amid scenes of destruction.

Homes were swamped to waist height as waters wreaked havoc on rural communities in Australia's southeast, levelling fences and trees and tearing up roads.

Victoria suffered the worst wildfires in Australian history just two years ago in which 173 people died. Parts of the state were now facing a once-in-a-century flooding, with some towns having never experi-

enced such inundation.

Soldiers were helping people evacuate from their homes while desperate sandbagging was under way in a number of towns, where a season's worth of rain had fallen in just one or two days.

"We are facing an unprecedented flood event on the Campaspe river," said Lachlan Quick, an emergency spokesman. "Water volumes of this size have never been seen down this river before."

Four major rivers in Victoria were in full flood, with 43 towns, 3,500 people and 1,400 properties affected. No deaths have been reported so far in the state.

Flooding also swept through the island state of Tasmania, washing away bridges and forcing hundreds of evacuations.

FLOOD IN BRAZIL Death toll tops 610

AFP, Teresopolis

Brazilians yesterday prayed for victims of devastating floods near Rio de Janeiro after the death toll from the natural disaster rose to at least 610 and was predicted to climb again.

Emergency workers in the disaster zone, in the Serrana region just north of Rio, were overwhelmed by the body count. Refrigerator trucks had to be brought in to store corpses.

Workers transporting bodies said they feared the overall death toll could top 1,000 as rescuers reached outlying hamlets.

President Dilma Rousseff declared the three days of mourning, government news agency Agencia Brasil reported. Rio de Janeiro state authorities said their state will observe a full week of mourning starting today.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
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পরীক্ষা নিয়ন্ত্রক (ক্যাডার)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
PROMOTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING IN THE CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS (CHT)

The Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility (CHTDF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh, seeks proposals from interested and well qualified International, National organizations in response to the following RFPs in the CHT.

- RFP for Services by a NGO to strengthen community initiatives to sustain community-based health services in Bandarban district**
- RFP for Services by a NGO to strengthen community initiatives to sustain community-based health services in Khagrachari district**
- RFP for Services by a NGO to strengthen community initiatives to sustain community-based health services in Rangamati district.**

These are three (3) separate Request for Proposals (RFP). Any bidder interested to participate in more than one RFP has to submit separate proposal for each RFP willing to participate, as per the instructions provided in the respective solicitation document.

The RFPs along with the instructions for submission can be downloaded from UNDP website: http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_more.php

All interested organizations are requested to attend a **pre-bid meeting** to be held on **Monday, 24th January, 2011 at 10am** at Conference Room, Building 2, CHTDF, Rajbari Road, Rangamati. Maximum two (2) participants from each organization are allowed.

The deadline for proposal submission is **Monday, 31st January, 2011 04:30 pm (Local Time)**