

Sri Lanka flood victims vent anger

BBC ONLINE

Victims of flooding in Sri Lanka have besieged a government office in the east of the country, accusing officials of holding back relief supplies.

Windows were smashed as more than 1,000 people surrounded the office in a village in eastern Batticaloa district.

Flood victims have told the BBC that some local politicians have been giving food and other aid to their supporters rather than the most needy.

Improvement in the weather has allowed many displaced to start returning home.

Flood victims barricaded staff in the government office in Ariyampathy yesterday after finding aid inside that had not been distributed.



PHOTO: AFP
WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange (L) is given two CDs by former Swiss banker Rudolf Elmer (R) following a press conference in London yesterday. Swiss whistleblower Rudolf Elmer handed over to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange two CDs containing data of around 2,000 bank clients who may have been evading taxes, according to an interview published Sunday.

Vietnam's communists vote on new leaders

AFP, Hanoi

Vietnam's ruling communists met yesterday to pick new leaders, who are expected to oversee a drive to modernise the economy while refusing to abandon the country's authoritarian political system.

The secretive congress aims to map out the country's direction for the next five years in the face of mounting economic challenges including rising inflation and a weakening currency.

Nearly 1,400 delegates voted for an elite Central Committee, which party sources say has taken on an increasingly important role as the communists pursue more internal debate.

LATEST LEAKS Turkey allowed US 'extraordinary rendition'

AFP, Berlin

The US secret services used Turkey as a base to transport "terrorism" suspects as part of its extraordinary rendition programme, German daily Die Welt reported yesterday citing a WikiLeaks cable.

Some 24 CIA flights landed at Incirlik airport in southern Turkey between 2002 and 2006 with the knowledge of the Turkish military, according to a cable from the US embassy in Ankara dated June 8, 2006, the paper said.

"The Turkish military has since 2002 allowed us to use Incirlik as a refuelling stop for prisoner transport flights from 'Operation Fundamental Justice', but revoked permission in February this year," said the cable, referring to the rendition programme.

Die Welt published excerpts from the cable in German. On June 14, 2006, a spokesman for Turkey's foreign ministry, Namik Tan, told reporters: "The Turkish government and state never played a part (in the secret transfers) ... and never will."

Turkey had just been named in a Council of Europe report listing it among 14 European countries that colluded in or tolerated the covert transporting of prisoners.

WikiLeaks has obtained some 250,000 US diplomatic cables and handed them to five major news organisations: the New York Times, Der Spiegel, the Guardian, El Pais and Le Monde.

To date, 2,444 have been published on the whistleblowing website but the Ankara cable is not yet among them.

Die Welt said it had secured access to the complete cable dump, in cooperation with Norwegian daily Aftenposten, which is also putting them out independently.

US intelligence services used secret rendition flights in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks to transfer "war on terror" suspects to third countries for interrogation, where many said they were imprisoned and tortured.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

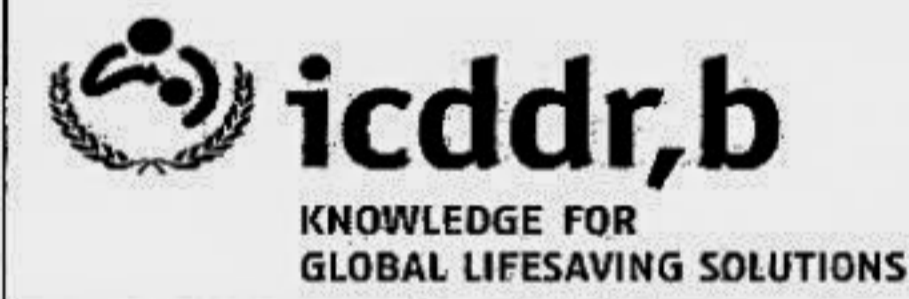
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NOTICE

Dhaka
16th January 2011
Under the direction by an order Dt. 10th January 2011 in the Company matter No. 65 of 2008 passed by the Honorable High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh presided by his lordship Mr. Justice Mamnoon Rahman, to call and hold an Extra Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the shareholders of SPECTRA CONVENTION CENTRE LIMITED and SPECTRA CATERING LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of SPECTRA CONVENTION CENTRE LIMITED and SPECTRA CATERING LIMITED Dhaka will be held jointly on 09/02/2011 at the registered office of both the companies, at House No. 19, Road No. 07, Gulshan - 1, Dhaka-1212 at 3.00 P.M. to transact the following agenda:

AGENDA
To consider and pass the proper special resolutions in respect of the following subjects as laid down herein and under the direction by an order Dt. 10th January 2011 in the Company matter No. 65 of 2008 passed by the Honorable High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh presided by his lordship Mr. Justice Mamnoon Rahman, to call and hold an Extra Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the shareholders of SPECTRA CONVENTION CENTRE LIMITED and SPECTRA CATERING LIMITED.

- Subject:**
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c) Proposal and acceptance regarding number of shares to be issued by the transferee company - Spectra Convention Centre Limited against total value of assets of Spectra Catering Limited in favour of shareholders of Spectra Catering Limited.
d) Reconfirmation of "scheme of Amalgamation" signed by both the companies earlier.
e) Proposal and acceptance by both the companies regarding all registered title instruments in respect of the immovable assets of the transferor company i.e Spectra Catering Limited be treated as the title instruments of Spectra Convention Centre Limited after sanction of scheme of Amalgamation with modification or without modification.
f) Proposal of Spectra Catering Limited and acceptance of Spectra Convention Centre Limited regarding provisional accounts of Spectra Catering Limited up to 31st January 2011 as part and parcel of accounts of Spectra Convention Centre Limited.
g) Proposal and acceptance of both the companies for a prayer to the honorable court, seeking a direction upon the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and firms not to issue any certificate of incorporation in the name of Meghna Engineering Works Limited in favour of any other person or party.
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Minibus bomb kills 18 in NW Pakistan

AFP, Peshawar

A timed bomb blast in a minibus that killed 18 people in Pakistan's northwest yesterday targeted a Shiite Muslim leader accused of sectarian killings in the area, police told AFP.

The deadly blast in Jawarza, near the restive town of Hangu, killed 16 passengers travelling in the explosives-laden minibus and two people in a pick-up truck nearby.

Another eight people were hospitalised with injuries, four of them in critical condition, said senior police officer Masood Khan Afridi.

The target of the bombing was apparently Shiite leader Kamil Ali Shah, who Afridi said was blamed for the killings of four Sunni Muslims in Hangu district in September.

Jyoti Basu's first death anniversary observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Late Marxist leader Jyoti Basu was remembered on his first death anniversary yesterday.

Former Indian Parliament Speaker Somnath Chatterjee paying rich tributes after garlanding Basu's portrait said the former West Bengal Chief Minister's absence is deeply felt at a time when politics in the state Bengal has turned bloody.

"The spurt in political violence and hostility are occurring daily in the state. Had Jyoti basu been alive today, this situation would not have developed," Chatterjee said after visiting Indira Bhavan in Salt Lake locality of Kolkata where Basu had lived yesterday.

Chatterjee recounted the days when an ailing Basu, three years before his death, had invited Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee to discuss burning issues, particularly after the Nandigram violence.

"It was at Basu's instance that the opposition leader came to his residence for discussing serious political issues. At this juncture, Jyoti Basu's absence is deeply felt," Chatterjee, who has been expelled from CPI(M) for 'anti-party activities'.

A 'Jyoti Basu Centre for Social Studies and Research' will be set up at Rajarhat renamed Jyoti Basunagar on the outskirts of Kolkata.



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12. Special Instructions	: Pubali Bank Limited reserves the right to reject any/all tender(s) prior to acceptance. Tenderers must produce necessary papers along with tender.

Sd/-
(Mohammad Ali)
General Manager & CTO

GRAFT SCANDAL Mumbai tower to be torn down

BBC ONLINE

India's environment ministry has ordered the demolition of a block of flats in Mumbai that has been at the centre of a corruption scandal.

It said the Adarsh Society building must be demolished within three months for breaching coastal protection laws.

The 31-storey block was originally planned as a six-storey housing project for war widows.

But flats were sold to politicians and military officers, allegedly at prices far below the market rate.

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