

Indian FM asks SL navy to stop shooting

PTI, Chennai

Voicing concern over alleged attacks on Tamil Nadu fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy, Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee yesterday asked the defence force of that country not to open fire on the Indian fishermen but apprehend them if they had done something wrong.

"There is no point in shooting them (Indian fishermen)," he told reporters after meeting Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M Karunanidhi at his residence here to discuss the issue.

Mukherjee asked the Sri Lankan Navy to desist from opening fire on Indian fishermen and said if they (the Indian fishermen) had done something wrong, they should be apprehended and due procedures followed.



Thai 'Red Shirt' anti-government protesters wave clappers during a rally in Bangkok's upscale shopping district yesterday. Thousands of anti-government protesters gathered in Bangkok calling for the release of their leaders who were jailed after their protest in April and May 2010, which saw more than 90 people killed in clashes with troops. The protesters also demanded the government to step down and to organise early elections.

Thousand 'Red shirts' rally in Thailand

'Yellow shirts' to rally tomorrow

REUTERS, Bangkok

About 30,000 anti-government "red shirts" rallied in Thailand's capital yesterday in another show of strength that heralds a rocky run-up to an election due this year.

It was the second big rally this month by the United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship (UDD) and serves as a reminder of the polarisation that has plagued Southeast Asia's second-largest economy for the past five years.

The mostly rural and urban working-class "red shirts" marched from the upmarket shopping district they effectively closed for much of April and May last year to Democracy Monument in the city's old quarter.

The protests last year were halted by a military crackdown. In all, 91 people were killed, and many UDD leaders remain in detention, one of the reasons for the latest protests.

"We will stay until midnight and will meet again on Feb 13 Our rally will get bigger and bigger until the government releases our

leaders," said Jatuporn Prompan, who managed to stay out of prison because of his status as a lawmaker.

Some protesters said they were also there to show their support for former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted by the military in 2006 and now lives in exile to avoid a jail term handed down for corruption.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva has promised an election sometime this year, perhaps in the first half, although that timeframe may not appeal to his coalition partners or his powerful backers in the military and royalist establishment.

Analysts say the regrouping of the UDD and the zero tolerance shown by the authorities threaten instability and economic damage if political tensions again spill over into violence.

"Despite efforts to contain the situation, Thailand's political crisis will continue in 2011," risk consultancy IHS Global Insight said in a client note, adding there was a "high likelihood of further political instability, even if Abhisit manages to win the polls".

US drones 'kill seven militants'

Thousands protest in Pakistan

AFP, Peshawar, Pakistan

Two US drone strikes targeting vehicles in Pakistan's lawless tribal district of North Waziristan yesterday killed at least seven militants, officials said.

Both attacks took place in Datta Khel, some 40 kilometres (25 miles) west of North Waziristan's main town of Miranshah and is frequently a location for the strikes.

Two missiles were fired on a vehicle seconds after it was parked outside a house in Datta Khel, officials said.

Later, more than 10,000 Islamists held an anti-US protest in Pakistan's northwestern city of Peshawar yesterday calling for an immediate stop to American drone attacks in tribal areas, police said.

The activists from the country's largest fundamentalist Islamic party Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) blocked a main road and staged a six-hour sit-in in front of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provincial parliament.

The demonstrators chanted anti-US slogans and carried banners and placards reading "Death for America", "Stop drone attacks in Pakistan" and "No to American interference in Pakistan".

One banner read: "Listen Obama, do not kill innocent Muslims".

"Why is the government silent on US drone attacks? These attacks are against Pakistan's interests," the JI chief Syed Munawar Hasan told the gathering.

A police officer at the scene put the number of protesters at over 10,000, as did an intelligence official.

EU diplomats to focus on Binayak Sen's appeal

AFP, New Delhi

European diplomats intend to observe the appeal hearing of an Indian doctor sentenced to life in prison on charges of helping Maoist insurgents, the German embassy in Delhi said yesterday.

A statement on the embassy website expressed concern for the doctor, Binayak Sen, adding that the EU would send representatives of "Delhi-based missions of Belgium, Germany, France, Hungary, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the EU" to observe the appeal.

The hearing is expected to be held in Bilaspur in the insurgency-riven state of Chhattisgarh on Monday, where Sen, a pediatrician and activist, was arrested in 2007 on charges of waging war against India.

JS body for action

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forest ministry also asked the ministry officials to take measures to prevent such accidents.

The committee members will also visit the beach of Sitakunda, where most of the ship-breaking yards are, in mid-February and then make recommendations to the ministry on how to prevent accidents.

"We will also visit the spot at Chittagong to have a first-hand experience and to discuss with all stakeholders especially the workers on how to avoid such accidents at the ship-scrapping yards," Abdul Momin Talukder, chief of the committee, told The Daily Star.

"All members of the committee at the meeting were very vocal against repeated accidents at the ship-scrapping yards causing deaths to many workers. We asked officials concerned to take punitive measures against people behind such accidents," said Talukder, also a BNP lawmaker.

The meeting held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban also asked the ministry officials to make sure yard owners take all kinds of precautionary and safety measures to avoid accidents. In the last 16 months, at least 24 workers were killed, mostly due to explosions and coming in contact with toxic materials, in ships while 17 others were maimed in 14 accidents in 14 shipyards.

Bangladeshi shipyards scrap nearly 100 ships a year on the Sitakunda beach.

3 suspects arrested

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At a press briefing held at DB headquarters yesterday, DB officials said they were examining the video footage from an ATM booth of BRAC Bank, Moghdapara branch from where money was withdrawn using the ATM card of Milton.

The double murder took place following a dispute over lending Tk 1.65 lakh, claimed DB officials quoting the suspects. At the briefing, Deputy Commissioner (DB-North) Mahabubur Rahman said Milton had borrowed Tk 1.65 lakh from suspected prime killer Sujan of Banglamotor several months ago, but Milton was yet to return the money.

"On that fateful morning, Sujan and his two cohorts bought rope, two knives and a sickle from Karwanbazar and went to Milton's flat. As Sujan was well known in the family, Milton's mother opened the door," DC Mahabub said quoting the killers.

The killers strangled Brigania Rozario and then slaughtered Milton. Before killing Milton, they snatched away BRAC Bank ATM card of Milton and forcibly got the password of the ATM card, DC Mahabubur Rahman said.

During investigation, the detectives came to know that Tk 40,000 was withdrawn from Moghdapara ATM booth of BRAC Bank after the killing of Milton.

From video footage of the ATM booth, the DB police identified Sujan as one of killers and arrested him from Kamrangchhar. Following his statement, the DB police raided different parts of the capital and arrested Azim from Eskaton area and Manik from Kathalagan area.

Baghdad hit by fresh car blasts

BBC ONLINE

A series of car bombings across Baghdad has killed at least four people and wounded a number of others, Iraqi officials say.

One attack targeted a police patrol, another bomb went off near a hotel and a third is reported to have been aimed at a bus carrying Iranian pilgrims.

Last week, more than 150 people were killed in a wave of bombings in several Iraqi cities.

The targets of those attacks were security forces and Shia pilgrims.

Overall, violence in Iraq has fallen sharply since the height of the sectarian killings of 2006-07.

Egypt blames Palestinian group for church blast

Militant group denies

REUTERS, Cairo

Egypt's interior minister said yesterday the government had proof that the Army of Islam, a Palestinian group linked to al Qaeda, was behind the New Year's Day bombing of a church that killed 23 people.

Officials had suspected an al Qaeda-inspired bomber was behind the blast that ripped through a crowd outside the church in the city of Alexandria, prompting protests by Christians that the state had not done enough to protect them.

The Army of Islam considers leaders of al Qaeda as spiritual mentors and endorses its ideology, though it has never admitted direct links to the group.

An Iraq-based al Qaeda group had called for attacks on Egypt's Christians, who make up one tenth of the population, before the church bombing.

Meanwhile, a Palestinian group denied Egyptian allegations yesterday that it was behind the New Year's Day bomb attack on a church that killed 23 people.

INVITATION TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 06 NOS OF FURNACE OIL TANK, CAPACITY 5000 M.TON(EACH)

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from reputed engineering contractors for Construction of 06 Nos of Furnace Oil Tank, Capacity 5000 M.Ton (Each) in East Patenga, Chittagong, under the following terms and conditions:

01. Invitation for Tender Ref. & Date : MJFL-FOTT-10 24.01.2011
02. Description of Works : Construction of 06 Nos of Furnace Oil Tank Having Capacity of 5000M.Ton Each With Piping & Auxiliaries in the existing site of the MJLL Plant in East Patenga, Chittagong.
03. Budget and Source of Funds : Company's own source
04. Eligibility of Tenderer : Reputed engineering contractor with substantial experience, minimum five (5) years, in tank construction. Prospective Tenderer shall submit Completion Certificates for at least three (3) similar contracts completed during the last three (3) years at any Government sector, Autonomous Body, Corporation or Private sector organization. Prospective Tenderer must have Trade License, VAT registration, and TIN.
05. Tender Security : Tk 15,00,000 (Taka Fifteen Lacs Only) in the form of Bank Guarantee.
06. Price of Tender Document : Tk 5,000 (Taka Five Thousand Only) per set by pay order only payable to **Mobil Jamuna Fuels Limited** (non-refundable)
07. Availability of Tender Document : From 24.01.2011 to 31.01.2011
08. Location of Tender Selling, Submission, and Opening : Mobei House, CWS (C) 9, Gulshan 1, Dhaka 1212
09. Closing Time & Date of Tender : 11:00 AM (BST) on 15.02.2011
10. Pre-Bid Meeting Date & Location : 11:00 AM (BST) on 08.02.2011 at MJLL, East Patenga, Chittagong. Interested attendees must purchase tender document and confirm booking by 06.02.2011 in order to be allowed entry into the premises.
11. Special Instructions : MJFL reserves the right to accept or reject in part or whole of any or all Tenders.

Note: If for any unavoidable reason or circumstance, the receipt and opening of tender cannot be held on stipulated date, the same shall be held on the next working day at the same time.

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Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the eligible Tenderers as defined in the tender documents of the under mentioned works as per terms & conditions stated below.

1. Procuring Entity	Pubali Bank Limited, Establishment Division (Engineering Department), Head Office, 26, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.
2. Tender Name	Decoration work of proposed premises of Kishoregonj Branch, Kishoregonj.
3. Time for completion of the work	20 (Twenty) Calendar days.
4. Eligibility of Tenderers	i) Minimum Work experience of 3(Three) years in building decoration/renovation ii) The tenderer must have experience during 3(Three) years in completion of work(s) in same nature costing minimum Tk. 10.00(Ten) Lac. iii) Having valid trade license, up to date Income Tax clearance certificate and VAT registration certificate. iv) Must be financially solvent.
5. Price of Tender Document	Tk. 800.00(Tk. Eight hundred) only non-refundable.
6. Amount of Tender Security	2.5% of total bid amount in the form of Payment Order favoring Pubali Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
7. Name and address of the office from where tender documents will be obtained & to be dropped	Pubali Bank Limited, Establishment Division (12 th floor), 26, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka -1000.
8. Last date & time for selling tender documents	Up to 6.00 PM (BST) on 02.02.2011
9. Last date & time for tender submission	Up to 11.00 AM (BST) on 09.02.2011
10. Date and time for tender opening	At 11.15 AM (BST) on 09.02.2011 in presence of bidder (if any)
11. Special Instructions	Tender document to be submitted in envelope. Pubali Bank Limited reserves the right to accept partly or fully any quotation or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason whatsoever and is not bound to accept the lowest quotation.

Sk. Golam Mohammad
General Manager

Tender Notice

Sealed Quotations are invited from bonafide manufacturers /dealers/distributors & suppliers for supply the following items of Pan Pacific Sonargaon. The detail Specifications, terms and conditions are mentioned in the Tender Schedule.

Sl. No.	Name of the Items.	Quantity	Schedule Price
01.	Cooling Water Motor Pump (Re-tender)	01 No.	Tk.500
02.	Transformer Oil (3rd-re-tender)	4000 Ltr.	Tk. 500
03.	Chill Water Motor Pump (Re-tender)	01 No.	Tk. 700
04.	Water Drain Line (2nd-re-tender)	01 Lot.	Tk. 1000
05.	Minibus (Re-tender)	01 No.	Tk.3000
06.	Red Carpet (Re-tender)	1200 Sft.	Tk. 500

Interested bidders may obtain tender schedule from the Purchasing Department on submission of a letter on their respective letterhead up to **February 09, 2011** during office hours. The bids will be received up to **02:30 p.m.** on **February 10, 2011** and will be opened on the same day at 03:00 p.m. in presence of the bidders, if any.

Tender must be supported by an Earnest Money amounting to 5% of quoted price in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order from any schedule Bank in favor of Pan Pacific Sonargaon, Dhaka.

Pan Pacific Sonargaon authority reserves the right to accept / reject any tender in part or in full or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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