

Fresh Sri Lanka floods kill 13

AFP, Colombo

Renewed rains in Sri Lanka have flooded a large number of towns and villages and killed at least 13 people, officials said yesterday.

Heavy monsoon downpours have driven some 800,000 people out of their flooded homes and into state-run welfare centres or to stay with friends and relatives on higher ground, officials said.

"The situation in the Eastern, North and North Central Provinces is serious as monsoon rains continue," the Disaster Management Centre said in a statement.

Police said the number of people killed in the latest flood-related incidents had risen to 13 after five people who went missing after a boat accident on Thursday night were later declared dead.



PHOTO : AFP

Cambodian top commanders (R) talk with Thai top commanders during a meeting near the Cambodian and Thai border at Anglong Veng district in Odar Meanchey province, some 450 kilometres northwest of Phnom Penh yesterday. Cambodia's Foreign Minister wrote to the United Nations yesterday, drawing its attention to the "explosive" situation on the border with Thailand, where five people have died, including military personnel, in two days of fighting.

Militants kill four 'spies' in Pakistan Car blast kills three in Khyber

AFP, Peshawar, Pakistan

Militants shot dead four men for alleged spying and dumped their bodies outside a northwestern Pakistani town yesterday, police said.

Police said they found four bullet-riddled bodies with notes from militants in their pockets outside Karak, a northwestern town near the lawless North Waziristan tribal district where Taliban militants are active.

"We found bodies of four men, they had been killed by shooting and notes in their pockets said they were spying for Indian and Jewish intelligence agencies," district police chief Sajid Mohmand told AFP.

"We are trying to ascertain the identities of the dead men," he said, adding that it was the first such incident in Karak.

Meanwhile, a bomb planted in a car exploded yesterday killing three passengers and wounding two pedestrians in a Pakistani tribal area on the border with Afghanistan.

The bomb, which was on a timer, exploded in a moving car at Barqambarkhel village in the lawless Khyber tribal district, they said.

"Three people were killed and two pedestrians were wounded when a time bomb planted in a car exploded," Khyber's top administrative official Shafirullah Khan told AFP.

The wounded were in stable condition, he added.

Washington has branded the tribal belt a global headquarters of Al-Qaeda and wants Pakistan to do more to fight insurgents streaming across its border into Afghanistan.

Downpours pile misery on Australia

AFP, Tully Heads, Australia

Torrential rains and flash floods trapped scores of people in homes and cars following a massive cyclone, piling more misery on Australia yesterday after weeks of record inundations.

As coastal residents pieced together homes and farms destroyed by Severe Tropical Cyclone Yasi, dramatic deluges brought by cyclone activity caused chaos in the state of Victoria, some 2,000 kilometres away.

Authorities urged residents of the small town of Koo Wee Rup, southeast of Melbourne, to evacuate for fear of flash floods, while more than 80 people were rescued from flood-bound houses and vehicles.

"Whether you're near the roads, whether you're near floodwaters, please don't drive through, ride through or play through floodwaters."

Kerala HC nods to Islamic Financial Institution

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The High Court in southern Indian state of Kerala on Thursday dismissed two petitions challenging the setting up of an Islamic Financial Institution on the lines of Islamic Banks with the support of Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC).

Dismissing the petitions by Janata Party leader S Subramanian Swamy and a Hindu outfit, a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice J Chelameswar and Justice Ramachandra Menon said the petitioners could not demonstrate how the government order allowing the setting up of the institution had the effect of directly promoting a particular religion.

With this judgement, the government's decision to set up a financial banking service with the support of KSIDC on the lines of Islamic Banking has received the High Court's nod.

The state justified its stand and contended the investment was commercial in nature and will not offend the secular principles of the Indian Constitution.

The Company Al Barakh Financial Services, which was registered under the Companies Act, assured the Court that funding of financial institution will be in strict adherence to the laws prevailing in the country as well as principles of Shariat.

The petitioners complained that the government's decision was against the secular principles of the Constitution. Swamy's contention was that Art 27 of the Constitution prohibits a state government body, in this case the KSIDC, to engage in ventures like Islamic Banking.

THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER UNREST

Gun fight kills 5

Ceasefire agreed but situation still 'tense'

AFP, Phnom Penh

Thailand and Cambodia yesterday agreed a ceasefire to halt fighting near a disputed temple that left at least five people dead, but border tensions remained high.

Military officials from the two countries confirmed the ceasefire but a Cambodian general told reporters after the negotiations that the "situation right now is still tense".

Cambodia had earlier called fighting near the 11th-century Preah Vihear temple "explosive", while Thailand branded it a violation of territory as both sides blamed the other for sparking the worst violence in more than two years.

The neighbours traded heavy weapons fire in an area around the Hindu temple, which is claimed by both countries, on Friday and each said the other had used mortars, rockets and artillery.

Cambodia has said two of its soldiers and one civilian were killed in Friday's fighting, while Thailand said a villager on its side of the border also died.

A Thai soldier was killed in a brief resumption of hostilities yesterday morning and both sides have reported injured troops.

Reports from the border suggested four captured Thai soldiers were returned following the ceasefire talks.

Thousands of people fled the border area on Friday as villages were evacuated on both sides after fighting between the neighbours erupted for the first time in more than a year when simmering border tensions boiled over.

Television footage showed smoke plumes rising near Preah Vihear, which according to Cambodia suffered "serious" damage in the fighting.

Ties between the neighbours have been strained since the temple was granted UN World Heritage status in July 2008.

The World Court ruled in 1962 that Preah Vihear itself belonged to Cambodia, although its main entrance lies in Thailand and the 4.6-square-kilometre (1.8-square-mile) area around the temple is claimed by both sides.

Assange asks Australian PM to bring him home Makes Facebook fundraising plea

AFP, Cnn Online, Sydney

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has called on Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard to bring him home just days before he faces an extradition hearing related to sexual assault allegations.

Australian-born Assange, on bail in Britain while fighting extradition to Sweden, is due in court in London tomorrow on charges of sexual assault (Monday).

In a video posted on the Sydney Morning Herald website, Assange called on Gillard to support him.

"There has been outrageous and illegal calls to have me and my staff killed, clear cases of incitement to violence. Yet the Australian government has condoned this behaviour by its diplomatic silence," he said.

"Julia Gillard should be taking active steps to bring me home and to protect our people. She should be contacting the US embassy and demanding that it back off."

Meanwhile, lawyers for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange have set up a Facebook page asking for donations to his legal defense fund.

As of Friday afternoon, about \$5,700 had been raised on the site, which featured a picture of Assange with the words, "I need your help. Please give."

On its website, the law firm gave information including a bank account number and sort code, and a PayPal link, so donors can give money directly to the fund.



Queen 'approves' of King's Speech

BBC ONLINE

The Queen has appeared to have given her blessing to the Oscar-nominated film The King's Speech, which portrays her father King George VI.

The BBC's Rajesh Mirchandani said Her Majesty is understood to have had a private screening of the film and is said to have found it moving.

The story details her father's battle against his speech impediment and also shows a young Princess Elizabeth.

Screenwriter David Seidler said the approval was the ultimate honour.

The Queen Mother, who was married to King George VI, once asked the Mr Seidler not to make the film, our correspondent added.

"When her mother asked me 30 years ago to wait, because the memory of these events were still too painful, I understood the intense feelings that were involved," he said.

"And now that the film has been written and made with love, and respect, and admiration, the fact that Her Majesty has recognised this is incredibly and wonderfully gratifying."

Mr Seidler could win an Oscar and a Bafta for his screenplay as the film leads the nominations for both awards.



Queen Elizabeth

'Outlaw' killed

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3:30am, police said. A joint team of police and Rab reached the spot to investigate when the criminals started to open fire at the law enforcers, Jahangir Alam, officer-in-charge of Harinakundo Police Station told The Daily Star.

The police and Rab retaliated triggering it into a 30-minute gunfight.

At one stage, the gang managed to flee the scene leaving bullet-hit Belal on the spot. He was rushed to Harinakundo Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared him dead.

Bazlur Rahman, a constable of Harinakundo Police Station was also injured during the fight. He was admitted to the health complex.

The law enforcers recovered two shutter guns, one bomb, six bullets and Tk 5,341 from Belal's possession.

Belal was the son of late Rafikul Islam of Bashudebpur village in the upazila

Protest over killing sparks fear of unrest in Indian Kashmir

REUTERS, Srinagar, India

Thousands of people protested in Indian Kashmir yesterday against the killing of a student by soldiers, raising fear of a revival of anti-Indian unrest in which more than 100 people were killed last year.

The army said it killed the 22-year-old student, Manzoor Magray, when he walked into an ambush laid by soldiers for separatist militants and tried to run away when challenged.

Indian forces have been fighting a separatist revolt in Kashmir since 1989. The government says nearly 50,000 people have been killed but rights groups say the toll is higher.

Relatives of Magray said the young man had been killed in "cold blood" and about 2,500 people marched in a procession with his body borne aloft, blocking roads in Handwara town, in Kupwara district, witnesses and a Reuters photographer said.

Anti-India sentiment runs deep in Muslim-majority Kashmir and killings by the security forces often spark protests.

More than 100 people were killed in anti-Indian unrest last year that began as a protest over the killing of a 17-year-old student.

Last year's unrest eased off after official promises of a political solution of grievances in the Himalayan region.

Renewed strife would put the central government under further pressure as it tries to fend off opposition attacks over corruption and public anger over high inflation.

Dress code for lady reporters Plan Iran MPs

AFP, Tehran

Iran's conservative-dominated plans to implement a new dress code for woman journalists who cover its proceedings, the ILNA news agency reported yesterday.

"Some woman reporters do not dress appropriately for the atmosphere of the parliament," conservative MP Fatemeh Rahbar told ILNA.

"It has been provisioned to prepare clothes with regard to the reporters' taste and by observing Islamic codes," she added.

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০১। দরখাস্ত গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ২২/০২/২০১১।

০২। মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তান প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়সসীমা ৩২ (বত্রিশ) বৎসর পর্যন্ত শিথিলযোগ্য (উপযুক্ত সনদপত্র দরখাস্তের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে)।

০৩। উল্লেখিত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন বিভাগীয় প্রার্থীদের বেলায় বয়স শিথিলযোগ্য।

০৪। চাকুরীরত প্রার্থীদেরকে স্ব-স্ব নিয়োগ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে দরখাস্ত প্রেরণ করতে হবে।

০৫। কোটা সংক্রান্ত সরকারি নীতিমালা অনুসরণ করা হবে।

০৬। প্রার্থী প্রার্থীদেরকে নির্ধারিত ছকে (আবেদনপত্রের ফরমে) জীবনবৃত্তান্ত, সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার সত্যায়িত সনদপত্র, মার্কশিট/ট্রান্সক্রিপ্ট, সম্পত্তি তোলা ৩ (তিন) কপি পাসপোর্ট আকারের সত্যায়িত ছবি, স্ব-স্ব স্থায়ী ঠিকানার সম্বন্ধে ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ চেয়ারম্যান/পৌরসভার মেয়র/ওয়ার্ড কমিশনার কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত জাতীয়তা সনদপত্রের কপি (বিবাহিতা মহিলা প্রার্থীকে স্বামীর স্থায়ী ঠিকানার অনুকূলে ইস্যুকৃত জাতীয়তা সনদপত্রের কপি দাখিল করতে হবে), ভোটার আইডি কার্ডের ফটোকপি এবং ঢাকা ওয়াসার অনুকূলে ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা মাত্র মূল্যমানের অফেরতযোগ্য পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট (পোস্টাল অর্ডার গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়) সহ দরখাস্ত ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক, ঢাকা ওয়াসা, ওয়াসা ভবন, ৯৮, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫ এই ঠিকানায় আগামী ২২/০২/২০১১ তারিখের মধ্যে পৌছাতে হবে। দরখাস্ত গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ বা তৎপূর্বে অফিস চলাকালে সংশ্লিষ্ট কার্যালয়ে না পৌঁছালে কোন দরখাস্ত গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। নামের উপর প্রার্থীর পদের নাম অবশ্যই স্পষ্টভাবে উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

০৭। প্রার্থীদের লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে। মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার মূল্য সার্টিফিকেট প্রদর্শন করতে হবে।

০৮। মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তানদের ক্ষেত্রে সর্বশেষ সরকারি বিধি মোতাবেক তাদের দরখাস্তের সাথে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত কপি দাখিল করতে হবে।

০৯। উপজাতি প্রার্থীদেরকে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি আবেদনপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।

১০। শিক্ষা জীবনে তৃতীয় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।

১১। অসম্পূর্ণ/ভুল তথ্য সম্বলিত দরখাস্ত কোন প্রকার যোগাযোগ ব্যতিরেকেই বাতিল করা হবে।

১২। কোনরূপ তদবির প্রার্থীর অযোগ্যতা বলে গণ্য হবে।

১৩। ঢাকা ওয়াসার ওয়েবসাইট হতে আবেদনপত্রের ফরম ডাউনলোড করা যাবে। আবেদনপত্রের ফরম কাওরান বাজারস্থ ওয়াসা ভবনের ৩য় তলায় অবস্থিত প্রশাসন বিভাগ-১ হতে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে (ফটোকপি গ্রহণযোগ্য)।

১৪। নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত সকল ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন এবং নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে উল্লেখিত পদসংখ্যা হ্রাস/বৃদ্ধি বা এ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি যে কোন সময় বাতিলের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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