

India declares \$500 m credit line for LDCs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India yesterday announced a fresh 500 million dollars credit line for developmental projects in Least Developed Countries and establishment of a special fund of five million dollars for them.

External Affairs Minister S M Krishna said "the number of Least Developed Countries has almost doubled from 25 in 1970 to 48 in 2011. Only three countries have so far graduated out of their LDC status.

"It is time that we take up the cause of the LDCs on a war-footing and work together. Without the progress of these countries, there can be no equitable global growth and prosperity," he said while inaugurating a ministerial conference of LDCs.



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Indian Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao (L), Foreign Minister of Turkey Ahmet Davutoglu (2R), Nepalese counterpart Gangalal Tuladhar (C) and Indian External Affairs Minister SM Krishna (R) light a ceremonial lamp to inaugurate the India-Least Developed Countries (LDC) Ministerial Conference in New Delhi yesterday. The two-day conference will be held in cooperation with the UN Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

Sri Lanka frees 136 Indian fishermen

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan authorities, under diplomatic pressure from neighbouring India, released 136 Indian fishermen yesterday without pressing poaching charges, officials said.

"The fishermen were given over to the Indian coastguard at the maritime border," navy spokesman Kosala Warnakulasuriya said of the detainees, who were arrested in two batches earlier this week.

The sudden move by Sri Lanka to free the 136 came after New Delhi conveyed its "deep concern" over their arrests, for allegedly straying into the island's waters. The detentions on Tuesday and Wednesday had raised tensions between the two countries.

India last month accused the Sri Lankan navy of gunning down two Indian fishermen.

Nepal's new PM urges political consensus

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's new prime minister yesterday urged political parties to put aside their differences for the sake of the country, in his first national address since he took office two weeks ago.

Jhalanath Khanal, whose election as prime minister ended a seven-month leadership vacuum, said there was "no alternative" to consensus if the country was to make progress after years of instability and a long civil war.

"We are committed to completing the peace process and drafting a new constitution, but achieving those tasks will not be as easy as running a regular government," he said in a speech broadcast live on national television.

"So I now urge the political parties and the whole nation to show patience... there is no alternative to consensus if we are to fulfil our responsibilities."

Nepal is still struggling to recover from the impact of a decade-long conflict between Maoist rebels and the state that

ended in 2006 and led to the abolition of the country's 240-year-old monarchy.

Attempts to draft a new national constitution and complete a peace process that involves integrating 19,000 former Maoist soldiers into the state security forces have foundered amid fierce disagreements between political leaders.

The Maoists, who hold the highest number of seats in parliament after winning 2008 elections, backed Khanal to be prime minister, but are now threatening not to join his government in a row over ministerial portfolios.

In his address, the 60-year-old leader said cooperation with the Maoists was vital and also invited the centrist Nepali Congress party to join his government.

"We must be firmly united if we are to pass a new constitution," he added ahead of a May 28 deadline for parliament to approve the new charter, which has not yet been drafted.

"If we fail to fulfil our responsibilities at this crucial time, the country will pay a high price in the future."

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Please send application with only CV, a photograph and two referees. Although Practical Action, Bangladesh is an equal opportunity employer and skilled women candidate are encouraged to apply. Its salary structure is consistent with other similar international non-government organization. The application should be sent to the following address by 10 March 2011.

The Head of Human Resource, Practical Action, Bangladesh, House # 12/B, Road # 4, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205. Only short listed candidates will be called for interview.

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Ulfa talks a 'good beginning'
Says Indian PM

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday said the discussion with the leadership of insurgents group ULFA here recently was a 'good beginning' and has given him hope for the future of Assam and the Northeast.

"I was happy to meet representatives of the ULFA recently in New Delhi. The discussion was a good beginning and has given me hope for Assam and North East", the Prime Minister said.

Singh said he firmly believed that dialogue was the only method for fostering greater understanding and resolving vexed social, political and economic problems.

This was the first time that Ulfa had held talks with Indian government since it had launched the insurgency.