

## US shooter refuses to sign Pakistan charge sheet

AFP, Lahore

A CIA contractor charged with double murder after shooting dead two men in Pakistan refused to sign a charge sheet in court yesterday and insisted he had diplomatic immunity, lawyers said.

The hearing in the murder case against Raymond Davis took place amid high security in Kot Lakshat jail in Lahore where he is being held, and was adjourned until March 3.

"Davis refused to sign the copy insisting that he be released and claiming that he enjoys immunity," public prosecutor Abdul Samad told AFP.



PHOTO : AFP  
Pakistani firefighters attempt to extinguish burning Nato oil tankers following an attack at a terminal on the outskirts of Peshawar yesterday. Militants in north-western Pakistan blew up at least 11 tankers carrying fuel for Nato troops in neighbouring Afghanistan and shot dead four people, police said.

## Seven killed in Iraqi 'Day of Rage' demos

AFP, Baghdad

Protesters took to the streets across Iraq yesterday to mark a 'Day of Rage', with thousands flooding Baghdad's Tahrir Square as seven protesters died in clashes with police in two northern cities.

Protesters in the capital were forced to walk to the rally site as security forces imposed a vehicle ban, a day after Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki claimed the demonstrations were being organised by Al-Qaeda insurgents and loyalists of deposed dictator Saddam Hussein.

Though most of the protests were largely peaceful, clashes between security forces and demonstrators at rallies in the northern city of Mosul and the town of Hawija left seven dead and dozens wounded, while separate rallies in north and west Iraq left a total of eight others injured.

In the capital, troops and police were deployed in force at Tahrir Square, where around 5,000 demonstrators had gathered,

and security forces erected concrete blast walls to block entrance to Jumhuriyah bridge, which connects the demonstration site to Baghdad's heavily-fortified Green Zone.

Protesters nevertheless managed to overturn two of the walls, with some of them attempting to cross the bridge. Several lines of anti-riot police quickly blocked it off, however.

An Iraqi MP Sabah al-Saadi attempted to meet with a group of the demonstrators but was met with shouts and jeers upon his arrival, with one protester asking, "Why are MPs taking millions of dinars (thousands of dollars) in salary?"

"You have to cut your salary -- we have nothing! Why are you taking so much money when we have no money?"

Yesterday's rally, in keeping with similar protests across the region, has largely been organised on social networking website Facebook by groups such as "Iraqi Revolution of Rage" and "Change, Liberty and a Real Democracy."

## WB okays \$1.2b for Padma

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fund. He said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina herself is monitoring the progress of the project as it has been given the highest priority for connecting a major part of the country.

A high official of the communication ministry told BSS that the construction work of the bridge would start in August this year with a target of finishing the main bridge within the tenure of this government.

Spanning the Padma River, the world's third largest; the 6.1km long bridge will connect nearly 30 million people in the southwest region to the rest of country, enhancing their access to markets and services while accelerating growth in the

country as a whole.

The bridge will reduce distances to Dhaka by about 100km while cutting travel times in half from most areas of the southwest region of the country.

Additionally, the bridge will enhance regional trade and collaboration along the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian railway network systems.

It will also connect the two major sea ports in Bangladesh, and the river training work will help control river erosion and flooding locally.

Given its size, complexity and expected impact on local communities, it includes state of the art safeguards and accountability features. Transparency

has been emphasised throughout every step of its preparation and design.

Furthermore, the project will adhere fully to Bangladesh's Right to Information Act and will include information sharing through the project website, social media, newsletters, and broadcasts on radio and television.

Accountability will also be strengthened through third party monitoring by an independent panel of experts, community-based 'accountability meetings' to review social and resettlement action plans and the appointment of an independent Project Integrity Advisor reporting directly to the prime minister.

The WB has already

financed \$60 million for environmental and social actions to ensure that the lives of families in the construction zone are better. The development of resettlement sites is underway to protect the land, homes, livelihoods and community assets of local residents.

The credit from the International Development Association (IDA), the WB's concessional lending arm, has 40-year maturity, including a 10-year grace period; it carries a service charge of 0.75 percent.

Besides the WB, the Asian Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank and the Japan International Cooperation Agency are funding the project as co-financiers.

## Family now fears social exclusion

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With no response from the victim family, police are too remaining silent about the nine rapists since they arrested 10 persons, including a catholic priest, involved in the arbitration.

The rapists went into hiding taking the advantage of the delay, said villagers.

"I don't want any more problems by filing a fresh case. The villagers have started avoiding us since the arrest of the priest and other tribal leaders," said Serafina's father Cornelius Mardi.

He said, "We want justice and at the same time, a normal life."

Serafina's brother-in-law Jacob Soren said the villagers are holding them responsible for the arrests of the leaders and the priest leaving the rapists at large.

SM Rokun Uddin, superintendent of police in Rajshahi, said they found no one to file a case or willing to be a witness. Even the indigenous leaders declined to help them.

The arrests of the religious and tribal leaders leaving the rapists behind created resentment among

the indigenous community, said Anil Marandi, president of Jatiya Adibashi Parishad.

"Christian and non-Christian tribal people have become divided as the Christians are blaming the non-Christians for their role behind the arrests of the leaders. But the bottom line is we want justice," he said.

He informed that both the groups will sit in a meeting on Kakonhat Degree College premises Saturday to decide how they can help the authorities to ensure justice to the victim family.

Meanwhile, the victim family alleged that police and the court were aware of the out-of-court settlement during the trial of the rape case but did not provide necessary support to avoid the community pressure.

Before being arrested, Father Bernard Tudu and community leader Biswanath Tudu informed that they gave police a copy of the settlement.

The Rajshahi SP denied the claim.

However, Sayeda Morjina Khatun, public prosecutor of Women and Child Repression Prevention

Tribunal-1 that tried the rape case, said the victim's father informed her about the settlement.

"We know it [settlement] was illegal, but the father of the victim was certain of not to continue with the legal process on plea of peace in the community," she said.

Similar statement came from Dil Sitara Begum Chuni, president of Rajshahi divisional chapter of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association that provided legal support to the victim.

The families of the rapists and a few villagers of Amtulipara of Godagari said the rapists' families managed Tk 3 lakh to compensate the victim's family and some others to settle the rape incident outside court.

Selim Reza, an activist of Association for Community Development was also present at the settlement.

He told The Daily Star, "We protested the settlement and managed a safe shelter for the victim to continue her education alongside legal procedures. But her family forced her going back home."

## Maoists free abducted Indian official

AFP, Bhubaneswar

Maoist rebels in the eastern Indian state of Orissa have freed a government official they abducted eight days ago, after striking a controversial deal with the state authorities.

District administrator R Veneel Krishna "has been released and is on his way home", Orissa Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik confirmed to reporters late Thursday.

The release was delayed after the rebels insisted that five Maoists due to have been freed in exchange for Krishna should first be handed over to them.

A number of commentators have criticised the Orissa government for bargaining with the Maoists in the first place, arguing that it would only encourage more abductions in the future.

However, Patnaik insisted that the government had not "bowed down" to the rebels' demands.

## Myanmar jails five dissidents

AFP, Yangon

A court in military-ruled Myanmar sentenced five men to up to 11 years in prison for offences including associating with overseas dissident groups, a lawyer said yesterday.

They were initially arrested as suspects in a series of explosions at a water festival in Yangon in April 2010 that left 10 people dead.

But they were charged with other offences after the authorities failed to find evidence linking them to the attack, said lawyer Kyaw Hoe, who was in court as an observer for Tuesday's verdict.



PHOTO : AFP  
Myanmar's democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi (R) talks with Guy Ryder, Deputy Director General of International Labour Organisation at her house in Yangon yesterday. Ryder is on a four day visit to discuss possible uplift of sanctions on Burma.

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১.	প্রধান হিসাবরক্ষক	১	বাণিজ্যে ২য় শ্রেণীর স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রী, তৎসহ সরকারী, আধা-সরকারী, স্বায়তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠান বা সিভিলিয়ান ব্যাংকসমূহে হিসাব বিভাগের দায়িত্বপূর্ণ পদে ৯ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা, অলাভজনক গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠানের কাজে অভিজ্ঞ ব্যক্তি অগ্রগণ্য। প্রার্থীকে কম্পিউটার জ্ঞান ও একাউন্টিং সফটওয়্যারে প্রশিক্ষণপ্রাপ্ত হতে হবে। আবেদনকারীর বয়স অনূর্ধ্ব ৪০ বছর। তবে ব্যতিক্রমধর্মী সফলতামূলক রেকর্ডধারী অভ্যন্তরীণ প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে এসব যোগ্যতা শিথিলযোগ্য।	জাতীয় বেতন স্কেল-২০০৯ টাকা ১৮,৫০০-৮০০-২৯,৭০০/- এবং তৎসহ বিধি অনুযায়ী প্রদেয় অন্যান্য সকল ভাতা। সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যক্তির বিশেষ মেধার স্বীকৃতি স্বরূপ তাকে সিলেকশন কমিটির সুপারিশের ভিত্তিতে উচ্চতর প্রারম্ভিক বেতন প্রদান করা যেতে পারে।
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## China activists charged over 'Jasmine' call

AFP, Beijing

Police have levelled subversion charges against several top activists who urged Middle East-style protests in China, in what appears to be a severe crackdown on dissent, rights groups said yesterday.

More than 100 activists have been subjected to interrogation, house arrest and other restrictions or have "disappeared" since calls for "Jasmine rallies" in China first surfaced last week, the Chinese Human Rights Defenders said.

Police are now beginning to file charges against those rounded up, CHR director Renee Xia said in a statement.

"The numbers point to a bad situation that is only getting worse," Xia said.

"In the matter of a few days, we have seen more cases of prominent lawyers subjected to prolonged disappearances, more criminal charges that may carry lengthy prison sentences for activists, more home raids, and a heavier reliance on extra-legal measures."