

Indian police
kill six Maoists

AFP, Patna

Indian security forces killed six suspected Maoist guerrillas in a gunfight in the eastern state of Bihar during a search of forests used as a rebel hide-out, police said yesterday.

The clash marked the latest violence in an escalating fight between security forces and the Maoists, who are active across a swathe of northern and eastern India.

"Six Maoists were killed on Saturday in the Banka district by security forces, and one Maoist has been arrested," senior police officer Rajyavardhan Sharma told AFP.

Violence by Maoist rebels in India rose in 2010, leaving a record 1,169 people dead, federal government figures show.



PHOTO: AFP

Policemen are shouting at after advising a group of people to move on who had gathered in a street in Shanghai yesterday. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao pledged to tackle public concerns such as inflation, runaway growth, and corruption in an apparent bid to defuse a call for weekly rallies in 13 Chinese cities as similar issues touched off political convulsions in the Middle East and North Africa.

Blasts kill 10 Afghans
at dog fight: officials

AFP, Arghandab

Two bomb explosions tore through a crowd of villagers watching a dog fight in the southern Afghan province of Kandahar yesterday, killing 10 people, officials said.

The double bombing in Arghandab district targeted villagers and a police vehicle, killing eight civilians and two police, Afghan interior ministry spokesman Zemarai Bashary told AFP.

The violence follows a deadly Taliban-led campaign of blasts and suicide attacks that have rocked Afghanistan this month and killed more than 100 people, mostly civilians.

"There have been two bomb blasts, one at the middle of a gathering and the other on the side of the road nearby. Eight civilians have been killed, two cops have been killed," the spokesman said.

He said a dozen civilians and five police were wounded.

Shah Mohammad, the district chief of Arghandab, said the attack was aimed at villagers watching a dog fight.

"People had gathered to watch dog fighting. Two explosions, from planted bombs, happened. Eight people, all civilians, have been killed," he told AFP.

An AFP reporter at the site saw human

flesh scattered across the area and several barking dogs leashed to nearby electricity poles.

"I can see flesh all around me. There are pieces of clothes, shoes and hats scattered all around. I can see a dead dog just next to me," the reporter said.

Dog fighting is popular in southern Afghanistan, but the Taliban banned it as un-Islamic and yesterday's bombing was the latest attack to target people watching it.

In February 2008 a suicide bombing killed more than 100 people gathered at a dog fight.

Also in the south, a NATO soldier was killed in a roadside bomb blast, the alliance's force said without giving further details.

The western province of Herat a separate bomb explosion killed a 13-year-old boy and wounded a man, said Noor Khan Nikzad, a police spokesman. The device targeted a police vehicle, he said.

Recent bomb attacks have targeted densely packed civilian areas.

On February 20 nearly 40 people were killed in a gun and suicide attack by at least four Taliban militants on a bank in the eastern city of Jalalabad. That attack was the deadliest to hit the country since June last year.

Hashem family

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warrants against the accused. However, Selim Mohammad Jahangir, Tejgaon division deputy commissioner, said they could not arrest Hashem, a former BNP lawmaker, as no warrant order was issued against him.

Sub-Inspector Nizam ul Huq of Sher-e-Banglanagar Police Station, said the former BNP lawmaker came to the police station yesterday evening and left the place after sometime.

Of the 10 accused, Hashem's wife Sultana Hashem and five sons Aziz al Kaiser, Aziz al Mahmud, Aziz Masud, Shawkat Aziz and Ashfaque Aziz are directors of the beverage company. His other son Rubel Aziz is the incumbent managing director of the company.

Two other accused are Accounts Officer Mozammel Haque and General Manager (finance and accounts) Peyer Ahmed. The court also directed the officer-in-charge (OC) of Gulshan Police Station to submit a report by March 16 on execution of arrest warrants against Hashem and his family members, and the OC of Motijheel Police Station to submit a report by the same date on execution of arrest warrants against Mozammel and Peyer Ahmed.

In the complaint, Deputy Tax Commissioner of NBR Ayesha Siddiqua Shelly said the accused concealed information about their incomes of around Tk 597 crore from the company in their tax returns for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2007-08. Moreover, they gave false information about the expenditure of the company.

They deposited the amount in Standard Chartered, Janata, Dhaka, First Security, Mercantile and Prime banks to evade income tax, said the case statement.

Earlier on February 20, the same court cancelled Hashem's bail in another tax evasion case and issued an arrest warrant for going abroad for treatment without the court's permission.

China president addresses
concerns amid protest call

AFP, Beijing

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao pledged yesterday to tackle public concerns such as inflation, runaway growth, and corruption in an apparent bid to defuse a call for weekly rallies in 13 cities as similar issues touched off political convulsions in the Middle East and North Africa.

Answering questions from Internet users in a web chat, Wen addressed a range of top national concerns worrying the government, which has watched as similar issues touched off political convulsions in the Middle East and North Africa.

"The purpose of our economic development is to meet the people's growing material and cultural needs, and make the lives of commoners better and better," Wen said.

He spoke after a mysterious online appeal urged people to come out and press China's one-party communist rulers for government transparency, free

expression and to address other public worries each Sunday at 2:00pm local time.

Citizens have been urged to gather for subtle 'strolling' protests at designated sites in 13 cities, but the appeal made no call for overt political action.

At least 300 hundred uniformed police guarded the entrance to the nominated protest site in central Beijing yesterday, in the Wangfujing shopping street, but there was no sign of demonstrations.

Half an hour after the appointed time, police started clearing the area.

The area is a short walk from heavily policed Tiananmen Square, the scene of huge pro-democracy demonstrations in 1989 that were crushed by the army.

A week ago, a heavy police presence was put in place in several cities including Beijing and Shanghai for the first so-called "Jasmine rally" -- a reference

to the Tunisian "Jasmine" revolution.

Last week's events also appeared lightly attended and free of major incidents.

Wen said the government would respect the people's supervisory rights but he and other officials have made similar comments before and he gave no details.

Wen also said the government would ramp up supplies of housing, crack down on property speculation, ensure output of grains and other key goods, and punish those who hoard goods.

"Rapid price rises have affected the lives of the people and even social stability," he said.

Chinese inflation remained near two-year highs in January at 4.9 percent despite a series of measures taken to dampen price rises, including three interest rate hikes in the past four months.

Afghan probe
accuses Nato
of killing 65
civilians

AFP, Kabul

Afghanistan's government said yesterday that its investigations have found Nato killed 65 civilians, many of them children, during recent operations in a remote north-eastern militant stronghold.

The death toll from several days of operations in Kunar province comprised 21 boys, 19 girls, 10 women and 15 adult males, President Hamid Karzai's office said in a statement quoting an official delegation.

Karzai has now ordered his security chiefs to "discuss the issue" with international forces, his office said, without providing further details.

Iraq PM gives cabinet 100-day ultimatum after demos

AFP, Baghdad

Iraq's prime minister warned his cabinet yesterday to shape up within 100 days or face 'changes' as a third provincial governor stepped down following massive nationwide demonstrations.

Nuri al-Maliki's remarks came as protest organisers called for a fresh set of rallies on Friday, March 4, to mark a year since landmark parliamentary elections that led to nine months of political impasse, with several key ministerial posts still unfilled.

Demonstrations across Iraq in recent weeks, the biggest of which were held last Friday, have railed against poor public services, rampant corruption and high unemployment.

"Mr. Maliki specified a 100-day period after which an assessment of the work of the government and ministries will be carried out to find out the level of their individual success or failure in performing their jobs," a statement from his office said, specifying that the 100-day period began yesterday.

"Changes will be made based on the

assessments."

The statement also specified new measures would be taken to combat corruption, such as forcing ministries to advertise all job openings publicly to fight cronyism.

Maliki ordered ministers to root out corruption in their own ministries before Iraq's anti-graft watchdog got involved, and said they would be held responsible for whatever happened in their departments.

His call came after a cabinet meeting dedicated to massive protests on Friday that saw thousands of Iraqis take to the streets to rail against poor public services, rampant graft and high unemployment.

It came on the same day the governor of Babil province, south of Baghdad, stepped down, the third such resignation this month, all from members of Maliki's State of Law coalition.

"I have decided to resign because of weak public services and technical problems that have prevented us from completing projects like the construction of roads and bridges," said Salman al-Zargani.

Blast wounds
eight in
Yangon

AFP, Yangon

Eight people were injured, one seriously, yesterday by an explosive device believed to have been detonated accidentally in Myanmar's commercial hub Yangon, an official said.

The evening blast happened in the north of the city when a 26-year-old man accidentally set off the device he was carrying in his bag at a street stall, he said.

"Altogether eight people including the bomber were injured. A three-year-old girl and a 13-year-old boy were among those injured," the official told AFP.

Mass arrests at Malaysia
anti-discrimination rally

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysian police yesterday arrested more than 100 Indian activists as they tried to hold an anti-government rally over alleged discrimination against their ethnic minority.

Members from the Human Rights Party organisation were to have gathered at the iconic Petronas Twin Towers for the 'anti-racism rally', but it was aborted after 109 people were held, including the group's leader.

Multiracial Malaysia was hit by deadly

race riots in 1969 and race relations remain often fragile, with religion and language still sensitive issues. The arrests are among the biggest such incidents in recent years.

The 109, including eight women, were picked up at various locations around Kuala Lumpur as they tried to march to the Twin Towers, which had been cordoned off and where at least 10 police trucks and water cannon vehicles were on standby.

Police were also seen telling ethnic Indians, suspected to be demonstrators, to leave the vicinity.

Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd.	
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation)	
TENDER NOTICE	
Government of the peoples Republic of Bangladesh	
1) Ministry/Division	Ministry of Industries
2) Agency	Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC)
3) Procuring entity Name	Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd. Ghorasal, Narsingdi (UFFL)
4) Description of Goods	To purchase 03 Sets Window Type Air Cooler
5) Invitation Ref. & Date	UFFL/L-74/10-11/406 Date- 26-2-2011
Key Information	
6) Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
Funding Information	
7) Budget and source of fund	Own source of UFFL
Particular Information	
8) Tender Last selling date	Date- 14-3-2011(During Office hour)
9) Tender closing date and time	Date- 15-3-2011 Time: 11-00 A.M.
10) Tender opening Date and Time	Date- 15-3-2011 Time: 11-10 A.M.
11) Name and Address of the Officer's	
Selling Tender Documents(Principal)	Controller of Accounts, BCIC Bhaban (6th floor), 30-31, Dilukha C/A, Dhaka
Selling Tender Documents (Others)	1) Sr. General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, 6 Agraabadi C/A, Chittagong. 2) General Manager (A&F), UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi.
Receiving Tender Documents	1) Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi. Administration Bhaban, Local Purchase office.
Opening Tender Documents	General Manager (Commercial), Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi. (In presence of the bidders or their authorized agents who would wish to be present).
Information for Tender	
12) Eligibility of Tender	Necessary papers to be submitted complying with the conditions mentioned in the Tender Documents.
13) Brief Description of goods	Window Type Air Cooler, Electro-Mechanical control system (Complete set)
14) Price of Tender Documents	Tk. 2,00/- Per set (Non-refundable)
15) Lot no. Identification	Location
N/A	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)
01(One)	UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi
	Tk. 4,500/-
Completion Time/Delivery Schedule	
As per terms of Tender schedule	
Procuring Entity Details	
16) Name of official Inviting Tender	Md. Salauddin
17) Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Managing Director
18) Address of Official Inviting Tender	Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi.
19) Contract Details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone No. 880-038994-85076; 88058 Fax No. 880-2-9352550, E-mail No; ufl42@yahoo.com
20) Special Instruction:	(1) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason thereof. (2) Due to unavoidable circumstance in the tender will not be received/opened in the date & time the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time.

DEPARTMENT OF POPULATION SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF DHAKAADMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT
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