S Korea rejects

nuclear talks

N Korea

Congress

FROM PAGE 20

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) leader LK Advani yesterday asked the prime minister to quit "forthwith", and said he had lost the right to govern after what the leaked cable exposed.

"The NDA says this government has no moral right to continue, and it should quit," the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader told journalists.

Leader of the Opposition Sushma Swaraj said the newspaper expose has "shamed" Indian democracy. The WikiLeaks cable says

Nachiketa Kapur, a political aide to Congress leader Satish Sharma, told the US Embassy's political counsellor that four MPs from Ajit Singh's party Rashtriya Lok Dal were paid Rs 10 crore (about 2.5 million dollars) each by Congress party.

Sharma, a close associate of Congress party chief Sonia Gandhi, however, told television news channels yesterday he did not have an aide named Nachiketa Kapur.

The cable is dated July 17, 2008 and was sent by US Charge d'Affaires Steven White, who said the embassy's political counsellor visited Congress leader Satish Sharma at his home.

The cable also says Sharma's aide showed the US embassy employee two chests containing cash, and said the party had between Rs 50-60 crore to buy votes from different MPs.

The prime minister won the confidence vote after Left parties had withdrawn support opposing the Indo-US nuclear deal in July 2008, and Mulayam Singh Yadav-led Samajwadi Party had at that time bailed out the Manmohan Singh government in the parliamentary trial of strength.

The July 2008 vote, which came close to toppling Singh, has long been the subject of corruption claims. Three opposition BJP MPs waved wads of money in parliament, which they claimed the government was using to try to bribe them.

A Lok Sabha committee was set up to examine their allegations but it found that there was no evidence of BJP's claims.

Reacting to the WikiLeaks disclosures, senior opposition leader Arun Jaitley of BJP said, "The government survived on the strength of political sin".

Jahan Moni

and was sailing at six to

ROM PAGE 20

seven nautical miles per hour, said Capt Golam Mostafa, marine superintendent of Brave Royal Ship Management Limited. He said the usual speed of

the ship is 12 nautical miles per hour. But it is moving slowly as it was idle for over three months, which caused some technical faults.

"If everything goes well, the ship would reach the Salalah port on Friday night," he hoped.

A hired tugboat with three armed security guards of a private company was sent to help the ship pass the pirateinfested zone safely, Mostafa said. Medicines, food, drinking water, clothes and 10 tonnes of fuel were also sent on the tugboat.

On Tuesday, a French naval ship provided some medicines, food and drinking water, and escorted MV Jahan Moni for some dis-

Meanwhile, the owning company, SR Shipping Limited, arranged some lakh Bangladeshis work. phone cards for the crew to

towards Salalah amidst

published in a national daily.

by the parishad's General

Secretary Rana Dasgupta

and the forum's General

Secretary Sanjeeb Drong,

A joint statement, signed

"Until Wednesday, some talk to their relatives. Engine Cadet Shahrian Rabbi of the ship called his mother Bilkis Rahman yesterday night. Rabbi told his mother

that the ship was heading Muhammad Ibrahim.

> ies owned by the Bangladeshis have started reopening. So there is now no problem in buying food, he told The Daily Star yesterday afternoon.

while two are still receiving

said they were stunned and worried at the propaganda being spread against Santu

England win

Bopara b Russell

Tredwell run out

Bresnan not out

Swann b Russell

Extras: (b-1, lb-4,

192, 8-216, 9-238.

w-15, nb-2)

Total: (All out

in 48.4 overs)

Bowler

Roach

Benn

Russell

Sammy

Bishoo

Pollard

WESTINDIES

Wright c Russell b Bishoo 44

Tremlett c Thomas b Roach 3

Fall of wickets: 1-48, 2-79, 3-

121, 4-134, 5-134, 6-151, 7-

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Smith st Prior b Tredwell 10

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R W

34

0 49

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0 37

If Bangladesh win, England can still go through if India beat West Indies on Sunday in the final match of Group B.

win would see them into the last eight.

Russell, caught on 39 at long-on by Trott only to be awarded a six after the diving fielder just glanced the boundary marker, saw his 46-ball innings end when he was lbw to World Cup debutant Tredwell.

The spinner was named man-of-the-match for his four for 48 to spark the climatic slump.

Sarwan turn Swann (three for 36) straight to Ian Bell at short leg.

diving Chris Tremlett off Swann to leave West Indies 223 for nine. West Indies had seen fit-

again opener Chris Gayle (43) make a typically rapid start as their fifty came up inside five overs. But Tredwell took his first

one-day international wicket when, fifth ball, he had Gayle, pushing halfforward, lbw to end a 21ball innings featuring a six and eight fours.

fourth ODI, then had Devon Smith stumped by wicketkeeper Prior as he took two wickets for nine runs in eight balls.

Darren Bravo edging to England captain Andrew Strauss at first slip. Darren Sammy, the West

Indies skipper, struck several sixes off Tredwell before playing onto Ravi Bopara for 41 off 29 balls.

Bopara, West Indies were 118 for five. Swann had the bighitting Kieron Pollard

Indies were six down. Earlier, Luke Wright kept England's hopes alive with 44 after they'd slumped to

Trott (47) was the only other England batsman who made more than Strauss's 31 in an innings where debutant leg-spinner Davendra Bishoo took three wickets and Russell claimed

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Cup Group B match between England and the West Indies at the Chidamabaram Stadium on Thursday:

ENGLAND

Strauss c Gayle b Russell 31

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police (GRP) recovered the bodies of Jahirul Islam, 35, a rent-a-car trader and in Gazipur.

Mymensingh-bound Balaka Express hit him arround 11:30am. He died on the

Jahirul's elder brother Gias Uddin told The Daily Star that his brother was going to Shahjalal International Airport.

Khulna-bound Chitra the spot.

Mahmudur

publishing a report on April 21 under the headline "Chamber manei sarkar er pakkhe stay" meaning "Chamber bench means stay order in favour of the government".

On June 1, 2010 the gov-

Mahmudur was arrested on June 2, 2010 and on the following a petition.

defamation, fraud and other criminal charges, but he was granted bail in all those.

him for "writing the truth". "The government used all possible means of torture and even tried to kill me during the remand," he said, adding, "I will continue to

country."

veteran politician.

Esha prayers.

more in that area, Ibrahim politician. said, adding, "Except for In the wake of such events being relocated. They are

Zohr and Asr prayers.

ter and son from abroad.

BNP leaders and activists across the country wore black badges in the party offices yesterday. Party flags were lowered at half-mast as part of the five-day programme to mourn Delwar's death.

Repatriation at stake

FROM PAGE 1 Chauzy said.

High-ups of IOM and the UNHCR, which jointly run a cell at the Choucha camp, will meet the donors in Geneva today, said the IOM spokesperson.

"If we do not get any

funds soon, we shall either have to drastically reduce the operation or temporarily suspendit," Chauzy said. International aid workers, volunteers and Tunisian

officials have expressed

surprise at Bangladesh

government's role in the repatriation. They are working relentlessly to manage the Choucha camp of 17,000 stranded workers, including 7,000 Bangladeshis.

we heard Bangladesh is diverting Biman aircraft to pick up its people. In reality, there is not a word from anyone about this," said an UNHCR official in Choucha. IOM officials at the

previous day, orders had

gone out from the regime to

the army on the need for

action against the Bangalee

political leadership. General

Yahya Khan instructed

General Tikka Khan to pre-

of such an order, on March

General Khadim Hussain

Raja and General Rao

Farman Ali prepared the

blueprint of what would

soon come to be known as

Operation Searchlight.

Under this euphemistically

used term, the military

tsunami, has risen above

people are still missing,

Andrew told reporters in

Vienna that the situation at

Fukushima had not deterio-

ably stable at the moment

compared to yesterday," he

foreign capitals have

about radiation leaking from

the plant, severely damaged

by a magnitude 9.0 earth-

quake and tsunami a week

Vienna-based International

Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

was due back in his homeland

later on Friday with an inter-

earlier complaining about a

lack of information from

Even if Tepco manages to

connect the power, it is not

clear the pumps will work as

they may have been damaged

by the natural disaster or

subsequent explosions. Work

has been slowed by the need

to frequently monitor radia-

tion levels to protect workers.

to criticize Japan's govern-

ment, but Washington's

actions indicated a divide

with its close ally about the

perilousness of the world's

worst nuclear accident since

the Chernobyl disaster in

Mr Andrew said reactor 4

which was inactive but being

used to store spent fuel rods,

streets of the capital - includ-

pools of reactors 5 and 6.

WATERCANNON

US officials took pains not

Washington and other

"We could say it's reason-

rated, but could yet do so.

Police say about 9,500

IAEA official Graham

5,400.

said.

age tanks.

crisis.

1986.

reports BBC.

Against the background

pare for action.

Djerba airport said four are quiet now," Jan-de-Wilde Bangladeshi officials were said. there to oversee the repatriation and maintain liaison with migrant workers.

city

But in reality, these officials keep aloof from the angry workers, who were badly treated by the Bangladeshi Embassy in Libya, said an IOM official at the airport. "We heard about a secre-

tary of the expatriates' welfare ministry from Bangladesh visiting the camp but he never talked to any aid worker," said Jumbe Omari, the IOM spokesperson in Choucha. Jan-de-Wilde, senior adviser to the IOM in

Choucha, said there is a grave resentment among the stranded Bangladeshis over "From the very beginning the treatment they got from their own government. "The government of

Bangladesh once talked about sending Biman aircraft to pick up its nationals. It has not happened. They

"As far as we are concerned, we are suspending the operation from Saturday, if there is no response from the donors by Friday," he

the ongoing Libyan crisis, the IOM has been running operation in four border areas in three countries --Egypt-Libya border of Saloum, Tunisia-Libya border of Ras Jdir and Niger-Libya border of Dirkou.

The organisation has directly financed repatriation of over 15,000 people from different countries and also paid for air tickets of nearly 3,000 people since February. The IOM initially started

the programme with \$27 million it received from developed countries. With this fund, it also gave cash to migrant workers, who were sent back home.

between North Korean officials and visiting prepared to begin its harsh open calls were being made

Russian envoy Alexei Borodavkin, was seen as a diplomatic concession as international efforts intensified to resume the stalled six-nation talks.

ently functional uranium enrichment plant to visiting US experts. The North said it was a

hand Pyongyang a second route to making atomic bombs in addition to its existing plutonium stockpile. Russia, along with Washington and Tokyo, has

peaceful energy project, but

experts said the facility could

nium programme. But China, the North's

strong ally, said the uranium program should be handled at the six-party forum.

3 more bodies

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Three bodies were recovered on that day, and were subsequently brought back home. Eleven Bangladeshis

US operators to retrofit Mark 1 plants in the 1980s to were missing since. The latest three bodies strengthen the containment "We shared that with our

Wednesday. can't tell you if they did indeed Another nine bodies of Bangladeshis are in the mortuary of the General

> Hospital of Hania, said the ministry.

tions in accordance with Japanese regulatory requirehome so far. Of them, 21,788 were Questions are also being asked about another aspect of

flights. A foreign ministry press They are placed outside release said the number of

the protection of the contain-These pools are now the source of intense anxiety in Fukushima, because pumps Only 40 Bangladeshis designed to circulate and top up the water that cools the

day, the release added.

their salary soon.

signed by SC Registrar M Ashraful Islam. The lower courts con-

release an accused until confirmation that the HC order is genuine. The telephone numbers

trar-6 are 7171481 and 01715-058268. The assistant registrar-11 can be reached at 9562941, 9562942, 9562944 and 9567304 with extension No. 2320 and at mobile No. 01714-263326.

Two crushed under trains

Two people were run over by trains and killed at Kuril Biswa Road level crossing area in the city Wednesday night and yesterday. Government Railway

Humayun Kabir, 28, a worker of a plastic factory Sub-inspector Nazrul Islam of GRP Kamalapur quoting locals said when Jahirul was crossing the rail lines at Kuril Biswa Road,

Express hit Humayun Kabir when he was walking along the rail line in Joar Sahara area on Wednesday around 8:00pm. Kabir also died on

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The SC convicted him for

ernment cancelled the declaration of the Amar Desh citing that it has no authorised publisher. However, on July 18, the SC in an order cleared the way for publishing the newspa-

same day the SC issued a contempt of court rule against him and four others 40 cases on corruption,

After stepping out of jail, Mahmudur alleged that the government only harassed

write for the welfare of the

Columnist Farhad Mazhar, President of Jatiya Ganotantrik Party (Jagpa) Shafiul Alam Pradhan, human rights activist Adilur Rahman and Amar Desh Director Prof Tasnim Alam were among others present during his release.

where thousands of party leaders and activists gathered to pay respects to the

The 78-year-old ailing BNP leader died at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in

to the party's central office at Nayapaltan around 5:00pm. BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia paid her last respects to the late leader by covering his coffin with a party flag and placing wreaths on it. Later, his body was taken to his residence at Armanitola where a namaz-

Delwar's body will be placed at the Central Shaheed Minar at 9:00am today for people to pay their tribute to the seasoned

His second namaz-ejanaza will be held at the High Court at 10:00am today followed by another one at the South Plaza of the National Parliament an hour

> health. The head of the IAEA, Yukiya Amano, is en route to Tokyo to be briefed by Delwar will be laid to rest Japanese officials. Despite assurances, the

> > ing its popular Ginza retail district - remain unusually empty, with many people continuing to stay at home or reports AFP. leaving the capital. Japan's military CH-47 Chinook helicopters began

Operation Searchlight

action against the for Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Bangalees. The result would to go for an outright declarabe genocide on a scale tion of independence. Meanwhile, on March 18 unprecedented in modern Mujib rejected the commis-But of this there was, at sion of enquiry set up by the

the time, not an iota of martial administrator, zone knowledge among the B(TikkaKhan) to 'go into the Bangalees, although circumstances which led to with which the strength of parts of East Pakistan the Pakistani forces in their between March 2 and March restive eastern province was 9.' He stated that the people being augmented. On the of Bangladesh would not streets, Bangalee militancy cooperate with such a comincreased inexorably and mission.

said there were 32 Mark 1

installations in the world, in

The US Nuclear Regulatory

Commission (NRC) ordered

customers overseas ... but 1

the BWR Mark 1 containment

and implemented modifica-

immersed rods failed in the

Radiological Protection and

Nuclear Safety (IRSN), said

the location of the fuel-rod

pools outside the contain-

ment vessel was common to

many nuclear reactors

COOLING POOL RANDRY?

The top US nuclear regulator

said the cooling pool for spent

Gregory Jaczko, head of the

US Nuclear Regulatory

Commission, told a congres-

sional hearing that radiation

levels around the cooling pool

including in France."

Reuters reports.

power plant.

said in Washington.

"We understand that all of

vessel, he said.

retrofit," he said.

spentfuelrods.

ment vessel.

quake.

Japan steps up efforts Fukushima, 220km from Tokyo, at 0948 local time (0048 GMT), officials said. The aircraft dumped four

> order to minimise the crews' high radiation levels.

The BBC's Chris Hogg in Tokyo says the helicopters can carry an enormous amount of water but given the high winds it is difficult to know whether it has been dropped accurately.

attempts were not very successful, with most of the water falling outside the target buildings.

Later military lorries on the ground joined in with water cannon, dousing reactor 3.

TV reported.

'DESIGN FLAW' The US-made reactors at Fukushima are coming under close scrutiny as experts point to flaws in their original design and the lack of a safety

in the 1960s and installed in Japan in the 1970s.

of hydrogen gas if the reactor overheated.

Wednesday. Blasts attributed to hydrogen have occurred at four of the Fukushima units, and the

2 and No 3 reactors have

informed observers of the the calling of the army in aid scene noted the regularity of civil power in various

> debate Pyongyang's urathe steel shells surrounding

developing and selling nuclear plant technology

of Greece on March 6.

were found in the Souda Bay of Hania, Crete on

According to latest reports, 25,971 Bangladeshi workers have been brought

brought back under IOM arrangement and 3,287 by the Mark 1 design, namely the their employers while 896 location of cooling tanks by Bangladesh Biman which hold highly radioactive

> Bangladeshi nationals at Al Salloum border in Egypt has reduced to 200 with the majority being repatriated.

tsunami generated in the stranded at Ras Jdir border of Tunisia. In Paris, Olivier Gupta, deputy director general of In Algeria, 189 Bangladeshi nationals are France's Institute for

Bail forgery fuel rods at the complex's

cerned, it added, will not were extremely high, posing deadly risks for workers still toiling in the wreckage of the

"It would be very difficult for emergency workers to get near the reactors. The doses they could experience would potentially be lethal doses in a very short period of time," he

FROM PAGE 1 Prior b Russell to South Africa on Saturday. Trott c Gayle b Bishoo Bell b Roach Morgan c Thomas b Bishoo 7

However, a West Indies

England then saw

Two balls later Kemar Roach was caught by a

Tredwell, in only his

Tredwell then had

And when Devon Thomas also played on to

plumb lbw for 24, despite a desperate review, and West

134 for five.

Bangladeshi not send home the body, as the hospital was first con-

trolled by the demonstrators

The military is not allow-

and then by the military.

ing anyone to enter the hospital on security grounds, Muhammad Ibrahim said. Meanwhile, normalcy is returning among the

Bangladeshi community in

Bahrain after attacks on South Asians since Sunday. The situation improves with the declaration of curfew and military crackdown since Tuesday following a series of demonstrations demanding political reforms in Bahrain where around 1.5

families complained they could not buy water and baby milk, as shops were closed for the last few days. But the shops started opening yesterday," said Restaurants and grocer-

Last Sunday, demonstrators attacked Asian people, mainly Bangladeshis and Pakistanis, in Old Manama when one Pakistani was killed and twenty Bangladeshis were injured. Eighteen Bangladeshis were als. released from hospital,

people are leaving, many are opting to wait and see, the treatment. The protesters in Bahrain newspaper reported.

Gayle lbw b Tredwell Sammy b Bopara Bravo c Strauss b Tredwell Thomas b Bopara Sarwan c Bell b Swann Pollard lbw b Swann Russell lbw b Tredwell Benn run out Roach c Tremlett b Swann Bishoo not out Extras: (lb-8, w-3) Total: (All out in 44.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-58, 2-67, 3-91, 4-113, 5-118, 6-150, 7 222, 8-223, 9-223. Bowler Bresnan Swann Tremlett Tredwell Bopara 22

Tredwell. Narsingdi OC

Result: England won by 18

Man-of-the-match: James

Wright

0 18

FROM PAGE 20 Bhuiyan told newsmen that the action was taken in public interest.

On Tuesday morning, a

gang of armed youths

entered into Narsingdi

Government College and opened fire and attacked the college unit JCD president Billal Hossain Roni. Roni, also general secretary of the college students' union, was killed inside the

union office and another student was bullet-injured at the time. Local JCD enforced a daylong hartal in Narsingdi protesting the killing on the following day. The deceased's brother Abul Fazal filed a

case against 16, mostly JCD leaders and activists, for the murder. After the arrest of accused Rubel on Wednesday, the SP had said that they would be able to nab the rest very

were attacking the workers

from the Indian sub-

continent on the perception

that they were occupying

Bahrain people's jobs there,

did not go to that level that

the embassy would suggest

them to leave. The embassy

had earlier held meetings

with the Bangladeshi com-

munity and suggested that

they buy extra food and

ing," he said, adding that a

Bangladeshi family in Old

Manama had been asking

the embassy to relocate

them, having a feeling of

said they were all right, as

the demonstrators were no

some pockets, there is no

anti-government demon-

in Manama, Pakistanis were

gathering at the Pakistan

Club where more than 300

people took shelter,

reported the Gulf Daily News

ment was planning to send a

team to Bahrain yesterday to

assess the situation and

strengthen its contingency

measures should there be a

need to evacuate its nation-

While some western

The Philippines govern-

That family yesterday

"Now things are improv-

remain indoors.

insecurity.

stration now."

yesterday.

Ibrahim said the situation

he said.

Delwar's body FROM PAGE 1

Singapore on Wednesday.

e-janaza was held after the

in Manikganj on Saturday after the arrival of his daugh-

spraying tonnes of seawater

He was accused in around

The body was first taken

Janazas will be also held at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque and at the party's central office after

exposure to radiation. On Wednesday, the helicopters were forced to abort a similar operation amid concerns over

loads before leaving the site in

expressed growing alarm Video footage suggests the

ago that triggered a series of destructive explosions which compromised the nuclear reactors and spent fuel stor-Yukiya Amano, head of the national team of experts after

In the 1970s, criticism amplified that the Mark 1's concrete containment shield which surrounds the reactor vessel, was vulnerable to explosion caused by a buildup

But he said there had been no rise in radiation in Tokyo and that levels remained far below those dangerous to human

A partial meltdown of the fuel rods has occurred in the No 1, 2 and 3 reactors but the information from Fukushima on reactors 3 and 4 at -- while sketchy -- indicates

containment vessels at the No

the reactors themselves have not been breached, say French safety agencies.

Initially police crews had tried to spray the reactor but were forced to withdraw because they would have been exposed to high radiation levels. The military vehicles, unlike those of the police, are built to allow personnel to remain inside, Japan's NHK Japanese authorities on the

> feature that the nuclear industry is only now starting to address. Five of the six reactors at Fukushima No 1 nuclear plant are so-called Mark 1 boiling water reactor (BWR) models, developed by General Electric

was still a "major safety concern" and that water levels The original design "did were also falling in the cooling not take into account the dynamic loads that could be experienced with a loss of coolant," Dale Bridenbaugh, who quit as a GE engineer in 1975 over the alleged problem, told ABC News on

> reportedly been damaged but not apparently ruptured,

offer AFP, Seoul South Korea yesterday rejected an offer from North Korea to discuss its new Against the backdrop of nuclear programme and

> ment talks, saying its neighbour must first show peaceful intentions. Foreign Minister Kim Sung-Hwan said Pyongyang should demonstrate its commitment to denuclearisation "not

return to six-party disarma-

through words, but through action". "This (offer) is insufficient and does not fit the position of the (five) other countries that the right conditions should be cre-

ated," he told reporters. North Korea had said Tuesday it was willing to return to the six-party forum "without any precondition", and to discuss its new uranium enrichment programme and the suspension of nuclear tests. The offer, made at talks

Pyongyang triggered security fears in November when it disclosed an appar-

backed Seoul's call for the UN Security Council to

Michael Tetuan, spokesman for GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy, the current GE unit

to Hania port in Crete Island addition to 23 in the United

units at Fukushima Daiichi also addressed these issues

arrived at Al Salloum yester-Some 5,000 more are

trapped in its southeast city of Ain-Amenas. According to the press release, Chinese construction company CSCEC has evacuated all the Bangladeshi workers from Benghazi, and it will pay

reactor No 4 may have run dry and another was leaking, or phone, read the circular

designated for deputy regis-

FROM PAGE 20 president of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samiti, a 'murderer' and 'terrorist,' which was later

Khaleda

security.

Larma.