



PHOTO: AFP

Indian Muslim school girls hold special prayers to commemorate Japan's earthquake and tsunami victims in Hyderabad yesterday.

China extends reach in S Asia with Nepal aid deal

AFP, Kathmandu

China's army chief wrapped up a high level visit to Nepal yesterday, signing a new aid deal with Kathmandu's military that further cements ties between the two neighbours.

General Chen Bingde, chief of the general staff of China's People's Liberation Army, arrived in Kathmandu on Wednesday for the first visit by a high-level Chinese military delegation in 10 years.

The 70-year-old signed two agreements with his Nepalese counterpart, General Chhatraman Singh Gurung, in which he announced 1.4 billion rupees (19 million dollars) worth of aid to the Nepalese army for infrastructure development.

Due to its strategic location, Nepal is often caught between Asia's two giants,

India and China.

"The purpose of my visit is to strengthen friendship and cooperation between Nepal and China," Chen told reporters.

"This cooperation is not only conducive for our people but also for the world peace and the Asia Pacific region."

Chen, who led a 15-member delegation including the top security official from neighbouring Tibet, held talks with Nepal's President Ram Baran Yadav, Prime minister Jhulanath Khanal and Defence Minister Bishnu Paudel.

Analysts say while India has traditionally been the influential player in Nepal, China is making inroads in the Himalayan nation that is recovering after the end in 2006 of a decade-long civil war which killed 16,000 people.

"The Nepalese army is seen as the only strong state institution. This is why the Chinese are keen on investing in it," Sudheer Sharma, editor of Nepalese newspaper Kantipur told AFP.

"The former monarchy until its end in 2008 acted as an ally for the Chinese. With the monarchy gone, they are in a lookout for a trustworthy ally and Nepalese army could well be the one," he added.

China has also expanded its links with India's other neighbours, to the alarm of policymakers in New Delhi who see the moves as encroachment on their immediate sphere of influence in South Asia.

Beijing has historic ties with Pakistan, but has also begun building major infrastructure projects in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Talks on

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"Don't ruin our effort by digging too much into it," Muhith advised them.

The minister was talking to the media after a meeting with visiting Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck at Sonargaon Hotel in the city.

His comments came a day after the finance ministry denied press reports that Muhith ruled out any initiative by the prime minister to resolve the dispute centring the Nobel laureate and his Grameen Bank.

The reports were not accurate, the ministry said in a statement, adding the finance minister actually sought an honourable solution to Prof Yunus issue from the beginning, and still he sticks to it.

Meanwhile, demands for a compromise between the Nobel laureate and the government are growing louder.

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Sk. Golam Mohammad
General Manager

Yemen forces clash before Friday protest

REUTERS, Sanaa

Presidential guards loyal to Ali Abdullah Saleh clashed with army units backing opposition groups demanding the Yemeni president's ouster yesterday, highlighting growing tensions in the Arabian Peninsula state.

The clashes in the coastal town of Mukalla wounded one and followed the defection this week of top generals, diplomats and tribal chiefs to the side of democracy protesters who have been camped out in the capital Sanaa for some six weeks.

Army units and presidential guards -- a force headed by Saleh's son Ahmed -- had also clashed earlier this week in Mukalla, leaving one dead on each side.

Western countries and neighboring oil giant Saudi Arabia are worried about a power vacuum if Saleh goes that could embolden al Qaeda, which has entrenched itself in the mountainous state.

"We've had a good working relationship with President Saleh. He's been an important ally in the counter-terrorism arena," US Defence Secretary Robert Gates said Wednesday. "I think we will basically just continue to watch the situation. We haven't done any post-Saleh planning," he said.

The country of 23 million faces challenges of poverty, water supply, dwindling oil reserves and lack of central government control. Northern Shi'ites have taken up arms against Saleh, and southerners dream of a separate state.

Syria willing to meet people's wishes More than 100 killed

AFP, Beirut

Syria will make "important decisions" to meet the wishes of the population, Buthaina Shaaban, media advisor to President Bashar al-Assad, announced yesterday.

"Syria will witness important decisions to fulfil the aspirations of its people," Shaaban told reporters in Damascus. "The people will participate in decisions and in decision-making," she added.

The announcement comes as Syria is hit by unprecedented protests against the regime of President Bashar al-Assad, whose Baath party has ruled Syria for 40 years.

The protests, which began earlier this month in the capital Damascus, have mainly been centred in the southern city of Daraa.

More than 100 people were killed by police gunfire in Syria's southern protest city of Daraa on Wednesday, human rights activists and witnesses said yesterday.

Tribunal for protecting

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humane and sound, he said. The three-member tribunal headed by Justice Nizamul Haque was formed on March 25 last year for holding the trial of crimes against humanity.

In a written statement, Shahinur said the tribunal will start the trial after the prosecutor submits formal charges against the accused.

There is a rule for allowing the accused reasonable time for making preparation to defend themselves, the

registrar said, adding that there is no scope to make any comment on when the trial will start.

Shahinur said it is undesirable that any print or electronic media should dish out any misleading information about the tribunal's proceedings.

Six accused, including five top Jamaat leaders, are now in prison in connection with war crimes charges, and investigation against them is underway, the statement said.

BSF killed

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Giving the yearly statistics of killing of Bangladeshi nationals by the BSF, Sahara Khatun in a scripted reply informed the House that 67 Bangladeshis were killed and 80 others were injured in 2009 and 60 were killed and 87 others were injured in 2010.

She added that nine Bangladeshi nationals were killed and three others injured by the BSF as of March 14, 2011.

The home minister claimed due to government measures, killing of Bangladeshi citizens by BSF has been reduced.

"The Indian side has assured us that they will take necessary measures to stop killing of innocent people in the border areas," she said.

She also informed the House that the Indian government has already supplied non-lethal weapons [rubber bullets] to BSF on experimental basis.

UNICEF Vacancy Announcement

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Applications with CV and a filled-in P-11 form should be sent to the Chief, Human Resources Section, UNICEF-Bangladesh, Sheraton Annex, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000. Please mark on the envelope the post applied for. **Only short-listed candidates will be called for written test/interview. Any attempt to unduly influence UNICEF's selection process will lead to automatic disqualification of the applicant.**

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***This is the partial amendment to the previous advertisement no. 28/11 published on March 18, 2011.**

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