



PHOTO: AFP

Smoke billows up from the UN headquarters after protesters attacked the compound in Mazar-i-Sharif on Friday.

# Ten killed in Afghanistan Koran burning protests

## UN Security Council holds special meeting on killed staffs

AFP, Kandahar

Ten people died in Afghanistan yesterday in new protests against a Koran burning in the US, a day after seven UN staff were killed.

The fresh protests began in the centre of the main southern city of Kandahar and spread as police clashed with crowds marching towards the UN offices and provincial administration headquarters, witnesses said.

Police had fired into the air to try to deter thousands of protesters heading towards the buildings, an AFP reporter at the scene said.

The provincial authorities said the protesters damaged government and private buildings and torched vehicles.

Daud Farhad, a doctor, told AFP the death toll had risen to 10 and about 83 others were injured. Provincial authorities had earlier given a toll of nine dead and 73 injured.

The 15-nation UN Security Council held a special meeting on the incident, calling on the Afghan government to step up protection for UN workers.

Meanwhile, the US pastor, whose burning of a Koran sparked deadly violence in Afghanistan, has called for "immediate" US and UN action against its perpetrators, saying the whole religion of Islam must be held accountable.

"Islam is not a religion of peace," Pastor Terry Jones said in a statement.

"The time has come to hold Islam accountable," he added.

"Death to America" and "Death to Karzai" chanted the demonstrators. "They have insulted our Koran," shouted one.

The administration said 16 people, seven of them armed, had been arrested.

The protest came a day after seven UN foreign staff -- three Europeans and four Nepalese guards -- were killed during similar demonstrations in the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the Mazar-i-Sharif violence.

US President Barack Obama condemned the attack while UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said it was "an outrageous and cowardly attack".

Karzai telephoned Ban yesterday to express his sorrow over the incident, the president's office said.

## Withdraw hartal

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component of the four-party alliance led by BNP, called the countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal in protest against the proposed national women development policy which it says goes against tenets of the Quran.

In a statement yesterday, the FBCCI said the government has already clarified that the policy has nothing against the Quran and Sunnah.

"Calling hartal on the issue is illogical as there is nothing fishy in it, and the government's explanation has been accepted by all," said the country's apex trade body.

Meanwhile, BNP is yet to announce whether it supports tomorrow's hartal.

Addressing a press conference yesterday, Senior Joint Secretary General of BNP Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir however said his party has always supported movements against actions which harm religious tenets.

But he did not make it clear if the main opposition party supports the hartal called by its ally -- the IOJ faction led by Mufti fazlul Haque Amini.

On March 7, the cabinet

approved the women development policy incorporating provisions of equal rights for women and men in "almost all sectors" including health, education, poverty alleviation and development. It is considered fulfilment of an election pledge of the ruling Awami League.

In a statement at the press conference held at the BNP chief's Gulshan office, Fakhru mentioned that in its election manifesto, the present government pledged that it would not do anything against the Quran and Sunnah but there have been allegations of violation of this pledge in the women development policy.

"As a party with firm belief in religious freedom and norms, BNP as per its policy has always been supporting movements against actions which go against religious tenets," he said.

The government should explain clearly whether any provision of the women development policy goes against the religious norms of majority people of the country, the statement said.

The government did not discuss with the opposition parties and Islamic scholars while formulating this policy, he said.

## AL sees bad days ahead

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deterioration of law and order in district level, slow pace of development activities combined with power, gas and water crises have worried us," said AL presidium member Obaidul Quader.

"The party will have to pay heavily in the next general elections if we fail to address the problems. Already more than two years in office have passed and a tough time is waiting ahead," he added.

Citing that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is sincerely trying to deal with the problems, he said a coordinator to supervise the implementation of her and the government's directives needs to be there.

PM's Adviser Gowher Rizvi

hopes that the development activities funded by Japan would not be affected.

Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, minister for expatriate welfare and labour and manpower, has recently said the government is concerned about the employment of the Libya returnees. They would be given priority in overseas recruitment and provided with loans from expatriate welfare bank.

Earlier Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said employment opportunities would be created for those returned from the troubled Libya.

Mahabubul Alam Hanif, AL joint general secretary, said the government would be able to partially resolve the power

crisis within this year by adding 2,000MW of electricity to the national grid.

On price-hike of essentials, he said the government would try its best to keep the prices within the commoners' reach by supplying more rice through open market sale (OMS) and ration cards. It is also trying to maintain law and order in the country.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, also a member of AL presidium, gave assurance that the government is not sitting idle and that it is addressing one problem after another. She also focused on the government's success in bringing back Bangladeshi workers from Libya.

## Going gets tough in Bahrain too

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In the wake of the political chaos in the kingdom, the Philippine government has stopped sending workers there.

Bangladesh has not taken that decision yet, but asked the recruiting agencies to be cautious in sending workers to Bahrain, said Zafar Ahmed Khan, secretary of expatriates' welfare and overseas employment.

However, as the new recruitment goes on, many of those already in the Gulf country are not getting their pay or lost their job, as businesses run thin, said Ibrahim. There are around 1.5 lakh

Bangladeshis in Bahrain. Most of them work in small companies. Only a several thousand work in big construction firms and a few hundred work as professionals.

"The big companies are continuing their business but many small firms stopped operation," Ibrahim told The Daily Star last week.

For the last few days, the Bangladesh mission in Manama has been receiving around 10 complaints every day that companies are not paying the workers, he said.

The Bangladesh embassy will soon talk to the employers

about the non-payment. If that does not work, embassy officials will go to Bahrain's labour ministry to seek redress.

The undocumented workers, who mostly work as day labourers, are facing the worst situation, as nobody is hiring them amid the political turmoil.

Against this backdrop, many want to come home. The Bangladesh ambassador in Bahrain talked with the Bahrain's prime minister who assured him of allowing the undocumented workers to return without any punishment, Ibrahim said.



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Only qualified stress counselors will be invited to participate in the possible subsequent contracting exercise as and when required. Nothing in this EOI shall be taken to form a binding legal Contract.

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Interested candidates are requested to submit their CVs together with a recently taken passport size photograph before closure of business on **Sunday, 17 April 2011 (5 p.m. Bangladesh time)**. All the CVs should be addressed to the following address.

**UNDP Bangladesh**  
**Human Resources Unit**  
**IDB Bhaban (12<sup>th</sup> Floor)**  
**E/8-A Begum Rokeya Sharani, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

## Dhoni's gift

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trophy in front of his home town crowd at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

But India fans hoping Tendulkar would reach the landmark in the World Cup final against Sri Lanka on Saturday were stunned when he fell for just 18.

It had happened before: after being in sublime form to take India to the final in the 2003 edition, and faced with an even more daunting chase than the one confronting him yesterday, Tendulkar was caught and bowled by paceman Glenn McGrath for just four in a match India lost by a colossal 125 runs.

Tendulkar had said before the World Cup started that it was the only thing missing from his career, and Indian players vowed that they would do their utmost to win the trophy for the icon.

Yesterday, as he was leaving the field with his head bowed, he crossed paths with the incoming batsman, captain MS Dhoni, a man who in many ways is set to inherit the mantle of the most celebrated cricketer in the land from Tendulkar. Dhoni would have seen the man that his generation idolised returning dejected, ruing another missed opportunity, and perhaps something stirred in him.

The Indian captain had not scored a single fifty in the entirety of this tournament, but yesterday he was in the 'zone' that great batsmen like Brian Lara and Tendulkar talk about. With Gautam Gambhir, and later Yuvraj Singh, he played a consummate captain's innings, one which Tendulkar himself would have been proud of, and the rest will now be consigned to the annals of history.



### Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited

Office of the Director Procurement  
Telephone Revenue Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

## International Tender Notice

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Post and Telecommunications.		
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited.		
3.	Procuring entity name	Managing Director, Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited.		
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.		
5.	Invitation for	Tender	Goods	Single Lot
6.	Invitation Ref No.	No. DP/F-7/IT/2010-2011/2.		
7.	Date	31-03-2011.		
8.	Procurement method	International Competitive Tender (ICT).		
9.	Budget and source of fund	BTCL's own fund.		
10.	Development partner	Not applicable.		
11.	Tender package No.	1 (one).		
12.	Tender package name	"Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of V5.2 interface at some exchanges in Bangladesh on turn-key basis."		
13.	Tender publication date	01-04-2011.		
14.	Tender last selling date	18-05-2011.		
15.	Tender closing date and time	19-05-2011 at 11-00 hrs (BST).		
16.	Tender opening date and time	19-05-2011 at 11-10 hrs (BST).		
17.	Eligibility of tenderer	All eligible bidders.		
18.	Name and address of the office	Address(s)		
	Selling tender documents	Office of the Director Procurement, Telephone Revenue Bhaban (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.		
	Receiving tender document	Office of the Director Procurement, Telephone Revenue Bhaban (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor), Room No. 318, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.		
	Opening tender document	Office of the Director Procurement, Telephone Revenue Bhaban (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor), Room No. 318, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.		
19.	Brief description of goods or works	"Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of V5.2 interface at some exchanges in Bangladesh on turn-key basis."		
20.	Brief description of related services	Related Installation, Testing and Commissioning Services.		
21.	Tender document price	Tk. 20,000/- (twenty thousand) only (non-refundable).		
22.	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)
	01	Lot-1	Dhaka & Rajshahi	Tk. 8,75,000/- (eight lakh seventy-five thousand) or USD 12,500.00 (US dollar twelve thousand five hundred) only.
	02	Lot-2	Sylhet	Tk. 45,000/- (forty-five thousand) or USD 650.00 (US dollar six hundred fifty).
	03	Lot-3	Chittagong	Tk. 45,000/- (forty-five thousand) or USD 650.00 (US dollar six hundred fifty).
	04	Lot-4	All over Bangladesh	Tk. 1,25,000/- (one lakh twenty-five thousand) or USD 1,750.00 (US dollar one thousand seven hundred fifty).
	Place, date & time of pre-bid meeting		N/A.	
23.	Name of official inviting tender	Md Abu Bakar Siddique.		
24.	Designation of official inviting tender	Asst. Director (Foreign Procurement).		
25.	Address of official inviting tender	Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Telephone Revenue Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room No. 319.		
26.	Contact details of official inviting tender	880-2-8150600	880-2-8150511	ddclpct@btcl.net.bd http://www.btcl.gov.bd
27.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
28.	NB: This tender notice is also available at <a href="http://www.cptu.gov.bd">http://www.cptu.gov.bd</a> websites.			

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