Deadly clashes, gunfire rattle Syria protest hubs

City

19 civilians killed

AFP, Damascus

Syrian security forces and unidentified gunmen killed at least 19 civilians yesterday, including an eight-year-old boy," as authorities continued to chased regime opponents and the government announced plans for a new elections law after weeks of prodemocracy protests.

Sniper fire killed 13 people, including the youngster, in the village of Al-Harra, near the protest centre of Daraa, south of the capital Damascus, the head of the National Organisation for Human Rights in Syria, Ammar Qurabi.

Tank fire killed five people in the Baba Amr district on the outskirts of the central industrial city of Homs. Another civilian died in Jassem, near Daraa, Qurabi added.

Two Syrian soldiers were also killed yesterday in clashes with "terrorists", state news agency SANA reported.

EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said the bloc will look at fresh sanctions this week against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime after already homing in on his inner

In the face of the persistent violence the UN agency for Palestinian refugees suspended operations for 50,000 people in central and southern Syria, while UN chief Ban Ki-moon called for an Observatory for Human Rights. end to "excessive force."

The deadly confrontations occurred as troops and security forces "arrested dozens of wanted men and seized large quantities of weapons and ammunition in the Bab Amr neighbourhood of Homs" and in Daraa.

shelling and automatic weapons fire

Syrian army crackdown

Major crackdowns by the security forces



had rocked Homs, a central industrial city that is Syria's third largest and has been the target of a security operation since Monday.

The army also kept up its sweep of the flashpoint Mediterranean town of Banias, scouting for "protest organisers yet to be arrested," said Rami Abdul Rahman of the London-based Syrian

He said 270 individuals released after the arrest campaign had "signed an agreement to stop demonstrating" and that many of them had been "struck violently and insulted" by security forces.

For almost two months, protests Earlier, a human rights activist said have railed against Assad's regime, while troops and security forces have brutally repressed the uprising, leploying tanks to several protest hubs and making mass arrests. Between 600 and 700 people have

been killed and at least 8,000 arrested since the start of the protest movement n mid-March, human rights groups The government said it formed a commission to draft within two weeks

hat meets "international criteria," SANA reported. "Our goal is to draw up an electoral law that is similar to the best laws across the world," said Deputy Justice

1 new law to govern general elections

Minister Najm al-Ahmad. Protesters are demanding free elections, the release of political prisoners, constitutional changes that would strip the ruling Baath party of its hegemony over Syria as well as new media and political parties laws.



Palestinians shout slogans during a rally to support the political unity deal between the Hamas movement, which rules in the Gaza Strip, and its West Bank rival party Fatah yesterday in Gaza City. PHOTO: AFF

Iraq PM calls for national dialogue over US troops

AFP, Baghdad

Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki called for a dialogue yesterday with rival blocs to gauge whether or not US troops currently in Iraq should stay beyond a year-end deadline for their withdrawal.

Maliki's remarks come as US officials press Baghdad to decide within weeks if it wants a longer-term American military presence, with radical Shiite cleric warning any extension would lead his feared Mahdi Army to return to the streets.

"The decision about the US withdrawal is a huge national task, so I will call all the blocs'

leaders to have a dialogue to say whether they want to keep the forces or not," Maliki told a news conference in Baghdad.

"After that, the government will decide on keeping them, or making them leave."

Maliki has previously alluded to the domestic political difficulties he would have in securing parliamentary approval for an extension for US forces, crucially from Sadr and his supporters.

In a statement read to loyalists in Baghdad on April 9, Sadr warned, "If the Americans don't leave Iraq on time, we will increase the resistance and restart the activities of the Mahdi Army."

BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY Indian SC refuses to reopen case

AFP, New Delhi

India's Supreme Court turned down yesterday a government demand to hand harsher sentences to seven men convicted for their role in the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy.

The accident, blamed on Union Carbide, a US chemical group that ran the plant, killed thousands instantly and tens of thousands more from its lingering effects over the following years, according to the official figures.

The accused were sentenced to two years in prison by a state court, causing outrage and anger among survivors in Bhopal, a city in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. The executives were granted bail after their convictions.

"The curative petition is based on a plea that is wrong and fallacious," a five-judge bench in the top court said, adding that "no satisfactory explanation" had been given for filing the review after so

The charges of negligence were framed in 1996 after an order from the Supreme Court.

'Super Sherpa' completes 21st Everest ascent

AFP, Kathmandu

A 51-year-old Nepalese climber scaled Mount Everest for the 21st time yesterday, extending his own record for the number of successful summits on the world's highest mountain, a spokesman said. Apa Sherpa reached the peak

at 9:15am local time yesterday

Procurement method

Budget and source of funds

Project/programme code

Project/programme name

Tender package No.

Tender package name

Tender publication date

Tender last selling date

Tender sale closing date and time

-Selling tender document (principal)

-Selling tender document (others)

Brief description of goods or works

Brief description of related services

services for six months

Designation of official inviting tender

Contact details of official inviting tender

Signature of the official inviting tender.

Address of official inviting tender

Name of official inviting tender

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Tender dropping date and time

Name & address of the office

-Receiving tender document

-Opening tender document

Place/date/time of

pre-tender meeting

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

Eligibility of tenderer

Development partners (if applicable)

FUNDING INFORMATION

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

Apa Sherpa morning. The climber, dubbed the "Super Sherpa" for the apparent ease with which he climbs the mountain, dedicated his latest expedition to the impact of climate change on the

His success comes after tragedy earlier this week when 82-year-old former Nepalese foreign minister Shailendra Kumar Upadhyaya died in his attempt to become the oldest person to climb the mountain. Around 3,000 people have

made it to the top of Everest since Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first to conquer the 8,848-metre peak in 1953.

Multiple Lots

His first expedition to the top of the moun tain was more than 20 years ago in 1990.

Taskforce wants time

FROM PAGE 1 after the 12th meeting of the National Taskforce on Rivers yesterday.

The work for setting up the boundary pillars is going on. A nine-member team headed by Land Minister Rezaul Karim Hira would take decisions about the areas where land disputes exist, Khan said.

The taskforce decided to frame strict laws by reforming the existing laws to protect the navigability of the rivers including Buriganga, Turag and Balu around Dhaka city and their normal flow as well as take action against the river encroachers.

To this end, deputy commissioners of Dhaka, Narayanganj, Gazipur and Munshiganj would submit proposals for reformation of the laws to the next meeting of the taskforce.

sent to the Law Ministry after review. The shipping minister

said there is a provision of only six-month jail for the river encroachers in the existing law, while the amount of fine is very small. "Besides paying a huge amount of fine, the encroachers would have to

bear all costs of eviction

drive if they do not shift their

stipulated time of getting notice," he said. He said observation teams to be led by magistrates would be sent twice every month to check dumping of industrial and human waste at 138 points of the rivers in Dhaka,

Narayanganj and Tongi areas. "The team would realise fines on the spot from the

persons and organisations Later, the draft law will be responsible for river pollution," he said.

> Monitoring teams would be pressed to free the canals of Dhaka city from the grabbers, Khan added.

> Mentioning that there are illegal encroachments by some religious institutions on the river banks around Dhaka city, he said, adding that a decision would be taken to this end after discussions with the religious leaders on May 17.

establishments within the Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan presided over the meeting while Water Resources Minister Ramesh Chandra Sen, State Minister for Land Mostafizur Rahman, lawmakers Aslamul Haque, AKM Mozammel Haque and deputy commissioners of Dhaka, Gazipur and Narayanganj were also present.



CREDIT OF STOCK DIVIDEND -2010

This is for Information of all valued Shareholders of Reliance Insurance Limited that 35% Stock Dividend for the year 2010 as approved in the company's 23rd AGM held on 30th April, 2011 have already been credited to the respective BO Accounts of the shareholders through Central Depository System on May 11, 2011.

The shareholders who have not yet furnished their BO account numbers to the company are requested to furnish their BO A/C number immediately for distribution of their bonus shares. Amount against Fractional Stock Dividend Warrants will be distributed soon.

May 12, 2011

(M. Sabir Ahmed ACA, FCS) Company Secretary

Jan-Mar 2011

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(105,890,290)

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Managing Director & CEO

(154,500,000)

176,400,000

Jan-Mar 2010

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(190,078,435)

182,526,661

(305,598,429)

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(8,369,731)

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(151,785,159)

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Jan-Mar 2010

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131,558,083

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Invitation for Tenders

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADES							
	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Information.					
	Agency	Information Commission.					
	Procuring entity name	Information Commission.					
	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.					
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Procuring entity district Dhaka. Tender Goods Invitation for No. TKK/Admin-77/2011-879. Invitation Ref No. 08.05.2011. Date KEY INFORMATION

NCT

Government Revenue Budget Not applicable

5977. Supply and Installation of Local Area Network (LAN) at IC premises & related services.

Supply and Installation of Local Area Network (LAN) at IC premises & related services.

Date 09.05.2011. 24.05.2011.

Date Up to 17:00 hours 24.05.2011 25.05.2011 Up to 13:00 hours Address Admin Section, Information Commission Bangladesh. Not applicable. No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender document

1. Admin Section, Information Commission.

Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka.

Date: 25.05.2011, Time: 15 hours at Info Commission.

Not applicable. Not applicable. Manufacturer/distributor/agent of related equipments. Supply and Installation of Local Area Network (LAN) at IC

Time

premises & related services. Related services for one year including full-time services to be given by two competent persons for uploading and updating information to the IC website and other related services for six months.

Taka 1000.00 only. Price of tender document (Tk) Completion Identification of lot Lot Tender Location No. security time in days/months amount (Tk) **BDT 0.70** Within one Information Supply and Installation of Local Area Network (LAN) at IC premises & lakh Commission month Bangladesh related services Related services for one year including full-time services to be given by two competent persons for uploading and updating information to

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Mohammad Abu Taher

Information Commissioner

The newly appointed chief justice will retire on January 16, 2015.

Muzammel

FROM PAGE 1

Rahman yesterday made the appointment as per article 95(1) of the constitution.

The appointment will come into effect on May 18 this year, as present Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque will retire on May 17.

Justice Muzammel Hossain was born in Kishoreganj in 1948.

He was enrolled as an advocate of the District Court and the High Court (HC) Division of SC in February, 1971 and 1978 respectively.

Later he was elevated to the post of judge of the HC Division on April 27, 1998, and judge of the Appellate Division on July 16, 2009.

During his judgeship period in the Appellate Division, Justice Muzammel delivered a number of landmark judgments including those on the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the 5th and 13th amendments to the constitution.

Muzammel Hossain obtained LLB degree in 1970, MA degree in Journalism in 1971 from University of Dhaka (DU), LLM degree from University of Sheffield, UK in 1977 and Barrister-at-Law from Hon'ble Society of Lincoln's Inn, London, UKin 1980.

He participated in a seminar on Racial Equality in UK in 1976, a conference at UK on "The Courts of the Commonwealth and Judicial Precedent in the Commonwealth" in 1977 and the Saarc Law Conference in Pakistan in 1977.

The senior justice also worked as a law faculty at University of Miadiguri in Nigeria, a professor at City Law College, Dhanmondi Law College and Bhuiyan Academy in Dhaka, and an examiner of both LLB (Hons) and LLM Examinations at DU. He visited many countries

including India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, UAE and UK.

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1ST QUARTER UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MARCH 31, 2011

BALANCE SHEET CASH FLOWS STATEMENT as of March 31, 2011 for the 1st Quarter ended March 31, 2011 As of December 31, 2010 As of March 31, 2011 <u>Taka</u> Taka Cash flows from operating activities 544,581,813 539,777,612 Fixed Assets Collections from turnover & Other Income Payments for cost and expenses Investment (Share, Debentures, 370,361,651 330,361,884 Bond & Mutual Fund) Income-tax paid 18,373,484 18,373,484 **Deferred Tax Assets** VAT paid to Government 888,512,980 933,316,948 Total long-term assets Cash flows from investing activities : Acquisition of fixed assets Sale proceeds of fixed assets **Current Assets** Investment in Shares Inventories (stock of stationeries, postage 6,246,702 Sale proceeds of shares & insurance stamps) 7,678,657 Redeemption of debentures Debtors (including advances, deposits & 576,300,627 Fixed Deposit Opened 699,813,636 prepayments) Fixed Deposit encashed Dividend received Cash & Bank balances 791,885,896 703,258,133 **Total Current Assets** 1,410,750,426 1,374,433,225 Interest received Cash flows from financing activities: Less: Current Liabilities Repayment of Bank Loan Bank loans, overdraft, credits, nterest paid Creditors & accruals Net cash inflows/(outflows) for the year 1,103,873,324 1,092,859,573 Total Current Liabilities 1,103,873,324 1,092,859,573 Opening cash and bank balances Closing cash and bank balances 281,573,652 **Net working capital** 306,877,102 PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT for the 1st Quarter ended March 31, 2011 **Net Assets** 1,240,194,050 1,170,086,632 Jan-Mar 2011 164,534,283 Net premium income

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- March 2010	234,000,000	260,479,726	428,319	379,116,705	1,250,000	133,432,718	1,008,707,46		
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Add: Net R/I Commission earned

Add: Investment & other income

Allocable Mg1. Expenses

Unabliocable Mgt. Expenses

Total Income

Total Expenses

Net profit before tax

Net profit after tax

Provision for income tax

Earnings per share (EPS)