

## Palestinian dies after protest in Jerusalem

REUTERS, Jerusalem

A Palestinian teenager who was shot during protests in Jerusalem died yesterday, hospital officials said, and Israeli police, expecting further demonstrations, deployed heavily in the streets.

Tensions are high in East Jerusalem as Palestinians prepare to mourn on Sunday the creation of Israel in 1948, which they call the "nakba," or catastrophe, when hundreds of thousands of Palestinians fled or were forced to leave their homes.

Dozens of Palestinians who later took part in the youth's funeral procession clashed with Israeli police, and a number of them were arrested, said police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld.

The 17-year-old had been brought to the hospital on Friday with a gun shot wound, but it was unclear who had shot him and police were investigating, Rosenfeld said.

## US dashes Libyan rebel's hopes of recognition

'You can't kill me', says Gaddafi to Nato

BBC ONLINE

The US has stopped short of recognising Libya's National Transitional Council as the country's legitimate government.

The statement comes after the first visit to the White House by a senior member of the rebel council, which is pushing for international support.

Earlier, Col Muammar Gaddafi taunted Nato troops in an audio message on state TV, saying he was in a place where they "cannot reach" him.

State media says 11 Muslim clerics have been killed in a Nato air strike.

Mahmoud Jibril, deputy leader of the Benghazi-based National Transitional Council (NTC), met officials at the White House on Friday, including National Security Adviser Tom Donilon.

In a statement, the White House said Mr Donilon had told Mr Jibril that the US viewed the council as "a legitimate and credible interlocutor of the Libyan people".

The US and Britain have not recognised the NTC as the true government of Libya - in contrast to France, Italy and Qatar.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said on Thursday that such a step would be "pre-mature".

The US has said it is up to the Libyans to decide their government, not foreign powers.

There was some encouragement on Friday, however, for rebel hopes of accessing seized Libyan regime assets.

Carney said the US was working with Congress to unblock some of the more than \$30bn (£18.5bn) in frozen funds, so it could be used to aid the rebels.

Six large blasts - believed to have been Nato air strikes - were heard in the Libyan capital Tripoli late on Friday and early yesterday morning.

They followed Libyan state TV's broadcast of an audio message by Col Gaddafi, pouring scorn on the alliance.

The Libyan leader thanked those outside Libya who had "expressed deep and strong concern, enthusiasm and love for me by carrying out all these contacts to enquire about my safety after hearing about the crusader, cowardly and treacherous missile attack".

"I say to the crusader cowards that I live in a place that you cannot reach and kill me in it because I live in the hearts of the millions," he added.

"Immortality is for the martyrs, and death, infamy and disgrace are for the treacherous agents and their cowardly masters."

Italy's foreign minister said earlier on Friday that Col Gaddafi had probably been wounded in Thursday's air strike on his Bab al-Aziziya compound and had fled Tripoli.



A man grieves as mourners take part in the funeral of people killed on Friday, during a Nato air strike on the eastern city of Brega, at the Martyr's cemetery in Tripoli yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Armed civilians wound 15 Yemeni protesters

6 troops killed in revenge attack

AFP, Sanaa

Armed civilians opened fire on anti-government demonstrators in Yemen's second-largest city Tazeh yesterday, wounding 15 of them, medics and witnesses said.

Tension simmered in Yemen as Gulf Cooperation Council chief Abdullah al-Zayani is expected to arrive in Sanaa, in a new attempt to convince rivals there to sign a Gulf-brokered plan that would see President Ali Abdullah Saleh out of office within 30 days, informed sources told AFP.

The GCC plan, from which Qatar pulled out from on Thursday, proposes the formation of a government of national unity, Saleh transferring power to his vice president and an end to the deadly protests.

The president would submit his resignation to parliament within 30 days, to be followed two months later by a presidential election. He and his top aides would be granted immunity from prosecution.

Tens of thousands had joined the protest march along the city's main thoroughfare which came a day after a defiant Saleh rebuffed a call from his longtime US ally to agree to step down "now," the witnesses said.

## Left in India left worried

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The Left's ouster from power in West Bengal and Kerala came two years after their worst performance in the parliamentary polls in May 2009 when their tally of seats reduced drastically.

The concern is whether the Left is becoming increasingly irrelevant in Indian politics.

The Left's defeat in Kerala was not entirely unexpected as the southern state is always known as a "pendulum" state, where the voters never brought a single political party or alliance back to power after one term. Power in Kerala has always swung between the Congress-led alliance and the Left Front.

The defeat in Kerala was narrow -- by just three seats. However, the Left's drubbing in West Bengal at the hands of Trinamool Congress came as a shock to many.

Sources in Left parties admitted to having ideological flux in them for long. There is also acknowledgement that the Left has embraced a capi-

talistic and bourgeois setup, which consequently affected it with all its negativities including corruption.

The Left has oscillated between quasi socialism and a grudging acceptance of private capital, reflective of an ideological tug of war and has been ambivalent for long in its relationship with the Congress party.

At the state level in West Bengal, Kerala and Tripura, the Left has taken on Congress as its main rival while at the national level it joined hands with the latter to keep the "communal" BJP at bay.

The Left has oscillated between supporting and opposing Congress at the national level from time to time, and went to the extent of sharing the dais with the BJP and other non-Congress parties before the 1988 parliamentary polls.

Now the question in political circles is: will Mamata emerge triumphant in Tripura where the Left has been in power for the last 18 years at a stretch and is to face fresh elections to the state assembly

by January 2013.

Analysts in Agartala are not entirely ruling out Tripura going the West Bengal way. The worries were palpable when Bijan Dhar, central committee member and Tripura unit general secretary of Communist Party of India (Marxist), told reporters in Agartala that there is a possibility of the wave of change reaching Tripura too.

His remark came after the announcement of the West Bengal poll results on Friday.

"However, we will introspect where we are going wrong and take necessary steps for course correction," Dhar said.

Trinamool Congress in Tripura, like in West Bengal, is keen to fill the place of the opposition left void by the organisational meltdown of Congress party in both the states.

The advantage for the Left in Tripura is that there is no viable alternative to it in the state as Congress has been in doldrums organisationally and lacked good leadership there since the death of Samir Ranjan Barman and Sudhir Ranjan

Majumdar.

Analysts said Mamata was so engrossed with West Bengal that she hardly found time to nurture her party's base in Tripura. Having grabbed power in West Bengal now, she can focus on the north-eastern state.

But Trinamool has a long way to match up to the organisational strength and leadership of CPI(M) in Tripura. The party in the state was earlier headed by an expelled Congress leader Dulal Das, who has been replaced by a retired professor.

Trinamool Congress had unsuccessfully contested a few assembly seats in the elections in 2008 and then in local civic body polls.

However, a couple of dissident CPI(M) state committee members of Tripura were believed to be helping Mamata to strengthen Trinamool Congress in the state.

Securing power in Tripura will help Mamata's ambition for a greater role in national politics of India, said sources in Trinamool Congress.

## Solution in seed research

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Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies Executive Director Dr Atiq Rahman.

Moreover, media personality and agriculture activist Shykh Seraj, Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRR) Director Dr Khairul Bashar, BAU Professor Yahia Khandaker, Additional Agriculture Secretary Anwar Faruque and former director general of Livestock Services Department Abdur Razzaque were among the speakers.

Discussants said production of rice has shot up over the past couple of decades. But excessive dependence on high yielding variety of rice, which requires more inputs such as fertiliser and pesticides, has contributed to soil degradation, and fall in underground water table.

They focused on balanced use of fertiliser and increased production and use of organic fertiliser and pesticide, dissemination of already developed technologies and practices that require less inputs such as water, fertiliser and integrated pest management approaches.

Citing technologies that help cut excessive use of

inputs, Shykh Seraj said Leaf Colour Chart (LCC) is there but its use is not increasing. "Farmers use 50 kilograms of urea in one bigha of land. But it requires only 27 kg if they use LCC," he said.

He also referred to AWD (Alternate Wetting and Drying) method and said excessive use of underground water could be reduced by popularising AWD.

Mahabub Hossain said five lakh tonnes of additional rice every year are required to feed the increasing population.

"The need of the day is shorter maturity crop variety," said Mahabub, also executive director of NGO Brac.

He said per capita consumption of rice in Bangladesh is one of the highest in the world but hoped it might drop with the growth of the economy.

Yahia Khandaker said, "Food behaviour will change in line with the growth of the economy. That is why more importance should be given to other foods."

Jainul Abedin observed that increasing population has created a major concern for sustainability of food

production. Atiq Rahman stressed the need for population management, and warned that crop output might drop eight percent by 2030 due to climate change.

Showkat Ali said, "There is a lack of coordination among agricultural research institutions. There must be some mechanisms to coordinate their activities."

Wais Kabir pointed out that Bangladesh is among the countries most vulnerable to climate change, and suggested that an agro climatological advisory service should be set up to help farmers get weather-related information.

Anwar Faruque said seed varieties suitable for unfavourable climatic conditions have to be developed. "We must give first priority to research."

Abdur Razzaque said livestock and fisheries are important sectors but they have not received due attention of the policy makers in terms of research. "We should give priority to research on livestock and fisheries."

He suggested engaging the landless farmers in livestock farming. Director of Krishi

Gobeshona Foundation Dr Nurul Islam Bhuiyan said there is a cry from the farmers that production cost should be reduced. An organised community-based or group-based farming, supported by the government and private sector, should be promoted.

"It will help reduce production cost and increase efficiency," he said.

Nurul Islam proposed planned housing in rural areas to reduce loss of arable land due to growing human settlements.

BAU Professor Khondoker M Nasiruddin said, "We must promote the positive things about hybrid crops since without these it will not be possible to achieve food security."

Seeds should be preserved by companies as the farmers don't know how to do that properly, he said.

In his welcome address, Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam said the country has made a huge progress in crop production but soil fertility has come to a limit, which is a major concern.

"Our population is increasing, so is the demand for food which is a big challenge for us," he said.



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### Tender Notice for Fabrication, Supply and Installation of Metal Duct for Central HVAC system for TB and Immunology Lab, level 8 of Hospital Building ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212

1	Agency	ICDDR,B			
2	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Director, ICDDR,B			
3	Procuring Entity District	Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
4	Invitation for	Works			
5	Invitation Ref. No. & Date	ICDDR,B/P&M/11/26 date : May 10, 2011			
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
7	Budget and Source of Funds	ICDDR,B / GOB			
8	Project / Program Name	Fabrication, Supply and Installation of Metal Duct for Central HVAC system for TB and Immunology Lab, level 8 of Hospital Building ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212			
9	Tender Package Name	Fabrication, Supply and Installation of Metal Duct for Central HVAC system for TB and Immunology Lab, level 8 of Hospital Building ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212			
10	Tender Publication Date	May 15, 2011			
11	Tender Last Selling Date	May 29, 2011			
12	Tender Closing Date and Time	May 30, 2011 Time: 2:30 PM			
13	Tender Opening Date and Time	May 30, 2011 Time: 3:00 PM			
	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address			
	- Selling Tender Document	Treasury Unit, Cash Counter-2, Ground Floor, IPH Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka between 10:00 AM to 03:30 PM			
	- Receiving Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
	- Opening Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
14	Pre-tender meeting	Pre-Tender meeting will be held on <b>May 22, 2011 at 11:00AM in Finance Conference room, IPH Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.</b>			
16	Eligibility of Tenderer	Reputed construction firms enlisted in Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous organization having following qualifications : (i) Minimum 7 (seven) years of general experience on the Central HVAC system and duct fabrication works as Prime Contractor. (ii) Minimum specific experience as a Contractor in the Central HVAC system works of at least 3 (three) number contract of similar nature, complexity completed over a period of 5 (five) years. (iii) Satisfactory completion of 2 (two) nos. similar works of at least Tk. 40.00 (forty) lac under single contract over a period of last 5 (five) years. Evidence regarding successful completion of works in the form of <b>Work order/award and Completion Certificate</b> must be submitted signed by the appropriate authority. (iv) Average annual works turnover during last 5 (five) years shall be greater than <b>Tk.40 (forty) lac.</b> (v) The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or unutilized sanctioned credit facilities of the Tenderer shall be <b>Tk. 40.00 (forty) lac.</b> (vi) Tenderers are required to submit price quotation correspond to 100% of the required items and quantities.			
17	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand) only			
18	SL No.	Description	Location	Tender Security Amount (TK)	Completion Time
	1	Fabrication, Supply and Installation of Metal Duct for Central HVAC system for TB and Immunology Lab, level 8 of Hospital Building ICDDR,B, Mohakhali	ICDDR,B, 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.	Tk. 1.00 (one) lac only in the form of Pay Order, Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee in favour of ICDDR,B, Dhaka from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh.	2 (two) months
19	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Kamruzzaman			
20	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Sr. Manager, P & M			
21	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Procurement & Materials Unit, Finance Department, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
22	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel: 8860523-32, Ext: 3732	Fax: 8811686	e-mail: <a href="mailto:zaman@icddr.org">zaman@icddr.org</a> Web : <a href="http://www.icddr.org">www.icddr.org</a>	
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.				
24	<b>Special Instruction :</b> (a) All activities in connection with the said procurement of <b>Works</b> will be guided as per rule of "The Public Procurement Rules 2008". (b) If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and same place.				



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