

# Pakistan, US discuss future intel sharing framework

AFP, Islamabad

CIA chief Leon Panetta held talks with top Pakistani military and intelligence officials and discussed ways to strengthen future intelligence sharing, the Pakistani military said.

The talks were held Friday amid a crisis in relations after the unilateral US raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

The difficult relationship between the two countries - allies in the "war on terror" - has come under severe strain since US commandos swooped on the al-Qaeda chief's compound in the city of Abbottabad, home to a military academy.

Panetta's visit to Islamabad came as the United States said it had nearly completed a drawdown in military personnel from Pakistan as demanded by Islamabad after relations plummeted over the May 2 killing of bin Laden.

Panetta called on army chief General Ashfaq Kayani. "Both sides discussed the framework for future intelligence sharing," the military said in a statement on Friday after the meeting.

The CIA chief also discussed the security situation with Kayani and Lieutenant General Ahmad Shuja Pasha, the director general of Pakistan's powerful Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency, according a Pakistani security official.

The official confirmed that issues arising from the bin



Leon Panetta

Laden operation, which was carried out without informing Islamabad, were also discussed.

A spokesman from the US embassy in Islamabad declined to comment.

Vice Admiral Michael LeFever, US defence representative in Pakistan, made the announcement about the troop drawdown in a statement released by the embassy, but left the door open to future security assistance.

The United States confirmed on May 25 that it had begun pulling some American troops out of Pakistan after the Pakistani military asked for a scaling back.

Pakistan faces mounting American pressure to open a ground offensive against insurgents in its lawless tribal region.

The Washington Post reported Friday that US intelligence officials had twice handed Islamabad tips about insurgent bomb-making factories in the area, only to find them abandoned before Pakistani troops arrived.

The vacated factories in North and South Waziristan have led US officials to question whether the information had been mistakenly leaked in recent weeks or whether the insurgents had been directly warned by the ISI, the report said.

## Blasts kill 20 in Afghan towns

Last May the deadliest since 2007

AFP, Kabul

A series of bombs and explosions killed 20 people in Afghanistan's southern and eastern flashpoints yesterday, among them at least eight children and four women, government officials said.

The attacks came as the UN said that May was the deadliest month for civilians in Afghanistan since at least 2007, with 368 deaths and 593 injuries of documented.

In yesterday's deadliest incident, a vehicle hit a mine in Arghandab district of the southern province of Kandahar.

"Today at 10:00am, 15 civilians were killed, including eight children, four women and three men," the ministry said.

The interior ministry said six civilians, including a woman and two children, were wounded by mortar bombs fired at a district police headquarters in the eastern province of Kunar.

In the eastern province of Khost, a suicide bomber yesterday killed three people including the commander of a provincial Afghan police rapid reaction force and wounded 12 others, officials said.

Two policemen were also killed and nine wounded when two successive blasts hit the eastern province of Laghman, in the border with Pakistan.

## India pushes Sri Lanka on Tamil rights

APP, Colombo

India yesterday asked Sri Lanka to address the grievances of the island's Tamil minority two years after the Tamil Tiger separatist rebels were finally defeated, reports said.

Three top Indian officials held closed-door talks with President Mahinda Rajapakse during an overnight visit to Sri Lanka and urged a renewed effort to heal the island's deep ethnic divisions, the Press Trust of India reported.

"The quicker the Sri Lankan government can come to a political arrangement (with Tamils) the better," India's National Security Adviser Shivshankar Menon told Colombo-based Indian reporters after the talks.

Sri Lankan forces crushed the Tamil Tiger rebels in a massive military offensive that ended in May 2009.

## Karzai calls on Pakistan to eradicate militants

AFP, Islamabad

Afghan President Hamid Karzai called on Pakistan to eradicate militant sanctuaries at "detailed" talks yesterday about a peace process with the Taliban that inaugurated a joint peace commission.

"The facts are so bare and the wound is so clear and hurting that it requires both of us to work diligently and extremely aggressively and effectively to curb terrorism and radicalism in the region," Karzai said.

In another effort to improve ties, a transit trade agreement between the countries signed last year, is due to come into effect on Sunday, Islamabad said.

## Palin received death threats after 2008 nomination

AFP, Los Angeles



Sarah Palin

by the state of Alaska. In the weeks and months after she was catapulted onto the national political stage, she received a number of death threats, the emails reveal.

"She doesn't belong to the NRA (National Rifle Association) to support the right of each citizen to have weapons in an aim of self-defence, but just to support the right of every Southern white citizen to shoot all non-white people legally!" wrote a sender identified as Dominique Villacruz.

"Sarah Palin MUST BE KILLED," said the email, highlighted by the Los Angeles Times.

In another message dated September 12, a resident in Antwerp, Belgium, also called for Palin to be shot, saying that "only on that moment justice will be accomplished," the LA Times said.

The emails also demonstrate Palin's deep-seated disgust with the media.



PHOTO: AFP

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani (2nd R, rear) and Afghan President Hamid Karzai (L, rear) attend an agreement signing ceremony by the foreign ministers of the two countries in Islamabad yesterday. The Afghan president called on Pakistan to eradicate militant sanctuaries to restore peace in the region.

## Hartal aims for anarchy

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trying to create anarchy in the name of hartal, reports BSS.

She urged the opposition to place in parliament if they have any proposal or formula regarding the caretaker government.

"We did not make any proposal to scrap the care-

taker government system. The country's Supreme Court has declared the system illegal," the PM said.

She questioned why the opposition leader likes the caretaker government so much, though it had taken her to jail and banished her sons?

Referring to the country's hard-earned democracy, the PM called upon all to remain vigilant so that none can snatch away the people's democratic rights in future.

UNB reports: Ruling AL has urged the opposition BNP to decide through dialogue over the system under which next parliamentary election will be held.

Addressing a press briefing at the AL president's Dhanmondi office yesterday, AL General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam said the system under which the next parliamentary polls would be held has to be settled on the basis of national consensus.

The doors are still open for BNP to take part in working out the issue of caretaker government, he added.

Ashraf also urged the opposition to come to parliament instead of enforcing "illogical" hartal. "Please come to parliament. This is the only place for holding discussions and placing your demands," he said.

Replying to a question about BNP's demand to the government for withdrawal of cases against Khaleda Zia,

the AL general secretary said the opposition leader should come to parliament to place this demand.

He, however, said that the cases which were not filed by the present government cannot be withdrawn. "Law will take its own course."

The AL general secretary regretted that Khaleda Zia is saying no to everything - dialogue with the Election Commission and Electronic Voting.

Labeling the BNP-called hartals as unnecessary, Ashraf said the caretaker government system will not be cancelled on the basis of the report by the parliamentary special committee.

"The committee has only placed its report in parliament for discussion by the lawmakers. The report will be sent to the parliamentary standing committee on Law and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry. It may even be sent to the cabinet."

The AL spokesperson said, "It will take a long time to enact law on the caretaker issue. But BNP has called hartals just after the primary process."

He said the people do not support hartal.

"You can call hartal when you've no other way. But all the ways are open. Why are you causing sufferings to mass people through enforcing hartal?" Ashraf asked the opposition party.

## রাজশাহী কৃষি উন্নয়ন ব্যাংক

প্রধান কার্যালয়, রাজশাহী

সাধারণ সেবা বিভাগ

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১. মুন্ডুলালয়/বিভাগ	১. অর্থ মুন্ডুলালয়।
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৪. ক্রমকর্তার কোড	৪. প্রযোজ্য নাহি।
৫. ক্রমকর্তার জেলা	৫. রাজশাহী।
৬. দরপত্র আহবানের বিষয়	৬. মিত্রসুবিশি পাজেরো জীপ গাড়ি নং-ব-ভড়া-ষ-১১-০০১৫ তে সিডিউল অন্যয়ায় নতুন ইঙ্গিন এসেলু এবং পিয়ার বক্স এসেক্সলীসহ সকল যন্ত্রাংশ সাময়িক এবং মেরামত কার্যাদি সম্পাদনের মাধ্যমে জীপটি সম্পূর্ণরূপে চালুকরণ।
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১০. ক্রম পদ্ধতি	১০. খোলা দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
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১৩. উন্নয়ন অংশদার প্রযোজ্য ক্ষেত্রে	১৩. প্রযোজ্য নাহি।

১৪. প্রযোজ্য প্রযোগাম কোড (প্রযোজ্য ক্ষেত্রে)	১৪. প্রযোজ্য নাহি।
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১৭. দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রক্রিয়ার সংরক্ষণ তারিখ ও সময়	১৭. ২৭-০৬-২০১১ইং তারিখ বিকাল-৮.০০টা পর্যন্ত।
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২০. অফিস-এর নাম ও ঠিকানা:-	২০. রাজশাহী কৃষি উন্নয়ন ব্যাংক, কার্যালয়, রাজশাহী। আমিকো-এলাকা, ঢাকা/গুরুত্বপূর্ণ শাখা, বহুড়া।
২১. দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রক্রিয়ার সময়	২১. রাজশাহী কৃষি উন্নয়ন ব্যাংক, সাধারণ সেবা বিভাগ, প্রধান কার্যালয়, রাজশাহী। জোড়াজোড় কৃষি উন্নয়ন ব্যাংক, সাধারণ সেবা বিভাগ, প্রধান কার্যালয়, রাজশাহী।

২২. প্রযোজ্য সেবার সংক্রিয় বর্ণনা	২২. গাড়ি মেরামতক
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