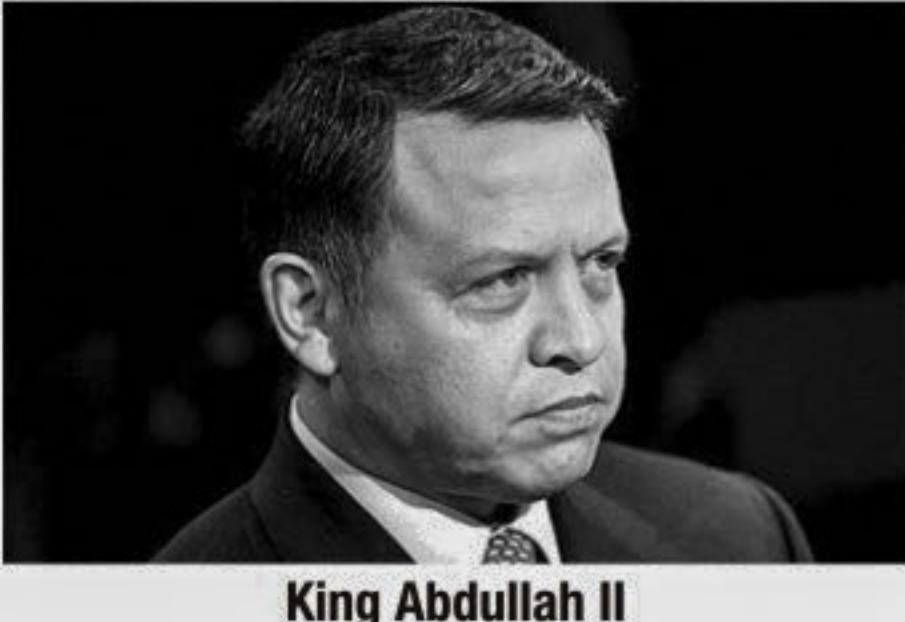


Jordan king's motorcade 'attacked' in southern city



King Abdullah II

AFP, Amman

Jordanian youths yesterday attacked King Abdullah II's motorcade with stones as he visited the southern city of Tafleeh, a security official said, but the government immediately denied the incident.

"Part of the king's motorcade was attacked with stones and empty bottles by a group of men in their 20s and 30s after the king's car entered Tafleeh," the official said.

"Nobody was hurt and the motorcade changed its route."

He added, without elaborating, that police "tackled the infiltrators and made arrests."

A palace source confirmed that members of the Royal Guard who accompanied the king were not hurt.

But government spokesman Taher Adwan denied the incident had taken place, telling AFP that "the motorcade of his majesty the king was not attacked."

The state-run Petra news agency quoted Adwan as saying that the "visit to Tafleeh was successful."

"All that happened was a quarrel between police and people who wanted to greet the king," who ordered several multi-million-dollar development projects in the city, Adwan said.

People in Tafleeh, 179 kilometres (111 miles) south of Amman, have been protesting for several weeks to demand reforms and effective measures to fight corruption.

They intercepted the motorcade of Prime Minister Maafur Bakhit in May and tried to prevent him from visiting the city.

In his first televised address since pro-reform protests started in January in Jordan, the king on Sunday vowed to enhance political and socio-economic reform and promised a new electoral law that would lead to parliamentary government.



A Pakistani man removes dead sheep at the scene of a roadside bomb blast in Quetta yesterday. A bomb attached to a bicycle, parked on a roadside in cantonment area, exploded wounding two passersby in the Quaidabad neighbourhood of Quetta, officials said.

PHOTO: AFP

Bomb destroys 7 Nato tankers in Pakistan

AFP, Peshawar

At least seven tankers carrying fuel for Nato troops in Afghanistan were gutted yesterday when a bomb planted in one of the vehicles exploded at a terminal in Pakistan, officials said.

"A bomb fitted with a timer blew up an oil tanker. It triggered fire that engulfed six more tankers," local administration official Shahar Yar Khan told AFP. There were no reports of any casualties, he added.

Another official in the area said more than 30 fuel tankers were parked at a terminal in the Torkham border area of the troubled Khyber tribal region.

Britain, Bill Gates boost child vaccine funding

AFP, London



Bill Gates

Britain and Bill Gates joined forces yesterday to pledge more than half of the \$3.7 billion sought to vaccinate nearly 250 million children against preventable diseases.

Prime Minister David Cameron told a donors' conference in London that Britain would contribute a further £814 million (\$1.3 billion, 920 million euros) to GAVI (Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation), an aid group backed by the Microsoft tycoon.

Cameron said the extra funds would help treat 80 million children against pneumonia and diarrhoea, and save 1.4 million lives.

Gates followed Cameron's pledge by saying his charitable foundation would commit an additional one billion dollars

over five years.

It is expected that by the end of the one-day summit donations should exceed the \$3.7 billion target.

Cameron said: "Today we come together because we have the chance to save another four million lives in four years.

"Frankly, the idea of children dying from pneumonia and diarrhoea should be absolutely unthinkable in 2011."

"But for many parents in the developing world it is a devastating reality."

The pledges have gone a long way towards making up the \$3.7-billion funding shortfall as GAVI aims to immunise 243 million more children and avert four million deaths by 2015.

Strong 6.2-quake rattles Indonesia

AFP, Jakarta

A strong 6.2-magnitude earthquake struck off Indonesia's Sulawesi island yesterday, geologists said, but there were no immediate reports of damage or tsunami warnings issued.

The undersea quake struck at a relatively shallow depth of 13 kilometres (eight miles) around 211 kms east of Manado on Sulawesi at 10:31 pm (1431 GMT), the US Geological Survey said.

There was no warning or advisory posted on the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center website.

I n d o n e s i a ' s Meteorological Service measured the quake at 6.9-magnitude but said it was unlikely to cause a tsunami.

Shortcomings, weaknesses led to poll debacle

Says India's CPI(M) General Secy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The Communist Party of India (Marxist), has wrapped up its introspection over its fall from power in West Bengal and Kerala states acknowledging "shortcomings and mistakes" but ruling out change of leadership.

The CPI(M)'s stock-taking exercise at the meeting of its Politbureau and central committee ended on Sunday analysing the results of the April-May Assembly elections across five States and much of the time was devoted to ascertaining why the people of West Bengal headed to Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee's call for "porbari" and ignore former chief minister

Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee's appeal for "prottabartan".

Addressing the media after the meetings, CPI(M) General Secretary Prakash Karat made it clear that the Left's ouster from power in West Bengal was the culmination of "accumulation of negative factors" over 34 years of its uninterrupted rule in the state "Notwithstanding the achievements of the successive Left Front governments since 1977, the prolonged rule for 34 years led to accumulation of negative factors and people voted for a change," Karat said.

Interestingly, senior leaders of CPI(M)'s ally Revolutionary Socialist Party said reports from district-level rank and file showed that the Left Front's base in rural areas had eroded considerably due to the perception of CPI(M) as a party "far removed



Prakash Karat

from Left ideology'.

The CPI(M) central committee also admitted "mistakes with regard to (farmland acquisition) in Singur and Nandigram proved costly for the party in West Bengal." Bhattacharjee too had during election campaign conceded having made administrative and political mistakes in the process.

Karat said the need of the hour was not change of leadership but "course correction" but did not specify what the correction CPI(M) plans to undertake. Whether it means ideological course correction or something else is likely to be finalized at its Congress to be held next April.

Clearly, CPI(M) has to resolve all debates within the party if it hopes to stage a comeback not only in West Bengal and Kerala but also reclaim its earlier status as an influential political force at the national level.

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(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি প্রতিষ্ঠান)

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Meanwhile, doctors have confirmed that Rumana's left eye has been completely damaged.

"Doctors are now trying to save the other eye," said Manjur, a retired army officer.

Rumana, teacher of international relations department, was doing Master of Science (MS) in Colombia University, Canada, on Fulbright Scholarship, her fathersaid.

Rumana claimed her husband Syed Hasan Sumon frequently assaulted her during their 10-year conjugal

life. He beat her up several times on her return from Canada on May 12.

The man was furious when she decided to continue her study in Canada. "But I tolerated all sorts of torture considering the future of my only daughter," she said.

Before fleeing, Sumon had threatened Rumana with throwing acid or shooting her if she takes legal action, she said.

Sumon, a graduate from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), has been living at his father-in-law's house since

he never engaged himself in any kind of job or business, the teacheradded.

However, Rumana's family members have demanded

More talks ahead

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trade deficit and enhanced security cooperation will be among issues that are to come up in Krishna's deliberations with Bangladeshi top leaders.

Diplomatic sources said Krishna's visit is likely to be followed by those of Indian Water Resources Minister Salman Khursheed and Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram in the next two months.

Indian Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao, who visited Dhaka on June 6-7 to attend a Foreign Secretary-level consultation, announced that Manmohan Singh's trip to Bangladesh will take place well before the end of the year.

While other diplomatic sources said Singh will most probably visit Bangladesh in September, after the monsoon session of Indian Parliament.

Dhaka and Delhi will witness a flurry of diplomatic movements to prepare the groundwork for Singh's visit. There will also be counter visits from Bangladesh side, with foreign ministry officials.

Manmohan Singh last visited Dhaka to participate in the SAARC summit in 2005 and is yet to reciprocate a bilateral visit with Prime Minister Hasina's trip to Delhi in January, 2010. Singh's upcoming visit would be his maiden visit to Bangladesh since his visit to Hasina and that the countries must move faster.

Diplomatic sources said there is a feeling in Dhaka and New Delhi that not much substantive has been done to sustain the momentum in relations generated by that visit of Hasina and that the countries must move faster.

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