



Yemeni anti-government protesters shout slogans as they gather in Sanaa yesterday during a protest demanding quick installation of an interim ruling council to replace wounded President Ali Abdullah Saleh. PHOTO: AFP

CLASHES WITH 'QAEDA' Six Yemeni troops killed

AFP, Aden

Six Yemeni soldiers, including two officers, were killed in clashes with al-Qaeda-linked militants near the gunmen-held southern city of Zinjibar overnight, an officer said yesterday. The officer from the 119th Artillery Brigade said army units "fought fierce battles on Sunday night with Ansar al-Sharia (Supporters of Islamic Sharia law) gunmen connected to al-Qaeda." "Six members of the brigade were killed, including Colonel Jamal al-Jaafi, and eight others were wounded," he told AFP, adding that the militants had also suffered casualties. He said that air support had been called in and warplanes hit several areas held by the militants.

ISI's terror links to figure in Indo-Pak talks

Says Indian external affairs minister

PTI, New Delhi

India will raise the issue of terror links of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), as has been revealed by Pakistani-American terrorist David Headley during the Chicago trial, when the Foreign Secretaries of the two countries will meet later this week in Islamabad. External Affairs Minister S M Krishna also said that India will keep pursuing the issue of extradition of Dawood Ibrahim. "Whatever Headley has revealed under oath in court of law in Chicago, would be relevant for India to take up with Pakistan and then try to get Pakistan's response to that....well, that would certainly be taken up with Pakistan," Krishna told reporters in New Delhi. Indicating that terror will be the central point of the forthcoming talks, he said, "This



S M Krishna

menace has to be dealt with firmly and transparently, for the common good of India and Pakistan, as well as, the region beyond." On whether India will raise the issue of extradition of Dawood during the talks, he said, "We have asked for his extradition so that he could be brought to justice on this country. We will keep pursuing that." Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao will be travelling to Islamabad to hold talks with her Pakistani counterpart Salman Bashir on June 23-24 during which they will also take stock of the progress made in key areas of security, trade and commerce and water. On the outcome of talks at various levels, Krishna said, "We have had a useful exchange of views and have gained a better understanding of each other's positions. We have always approached our discussions in an open and constructive spirit."

Govt for dropping case

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heard arguments from prosecution and defence lawyers, but did not pass any order. Deputy Tax Commissioner of National Board of Revenue (NBR) Golam Kabir sued the law-maker on November 18 in 2007 for dodging income tax amounting to Tk 45.41 lakh during fiscal years 1996-97 through 2006-07. Habibur Rahman Mollah, director of Habib Food & Allied Industries Ltd, had concealed information about income of Tk

1,92,71,060 in his tax returns and also provided false information about the expenditure of the company, mentioned Kabir in his complaint. After hearing the case, the then Judge Mohammad Azizul Haque of Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka issued an arrest warrant against the accused. The AL leader secured bail from the High Court in 2007 and filed a writ petition challenging the legality of the case. The HC then stayed the proceedings of the case. Last year the HC vacated

its stay order clearing the way for his trial. The home ministry on July 7 last year decided to recommend dropping the case and in a letter asked the metropolitan public prosecutor to take initiative in this regard. Metropolitan Public Prosecutor Abdullah Abu on August 8 last year asked Special Public Prosecutor Kabir Hossain to take necessary steps. On instructions of the authorities concerned, a petition has been filed for withdrawal of the case, Kabir told The Daily Star.

But he refused to make any comment whether the government has any jurisdiction to suggest withdrawal of a tax evasion case without realising the tax amount mentioned in the case. Contacted, Abdullah Abu said if anyone is charged with tax evasion, he or she can appeal to the NBR for withdrawal of the case after paying all the taxes. "I don't remember whether I recommended the home ministry withdraw the case as I deal with a huge number of cases," he added.

Govt nod to amendments No strong proof

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If anyone doesn't bring back home actual dues or repays more than the actual debt to a foreign country, it will also be considered as money laundering. The proposed amendment also includes several provisions to make the stockmarket and non-governmental organisations accountable. It would be a predicate offence to insider trading and market manipulation by using price sensitive information, before it is made public in the stockmarket. It also proposes bringing under supervision a number of sectors where suspicious transactions may take place. They include stock dealer, stock broker, portfolio manager, merchant banker, security custodian, assets manager, non-profit organisations, real estate agent, cooperative society, lawyers and accountants. They would have to report to the Bangladesh Bank's Financial

Intelligence Unit, if any suspicious transactions take place through them. They would need to keep a record of customer information for at least five years. It suggests increasing the penalty for money laundering to a minimum of four years from six months and a maximum of 12 years from seven years. The fine would also be almost doubled. The first anti-money laundering act was enacted in 2002, and amended in 2009. Bangladesh recently made a pledge to follow the guidelines of the Financial Action Task Force, an international organisation to combat money laundering and terrorist financing. A national coordination committee headed by the finance minister was formed last year to bring amendment to the law. The draft amendment was finalised with technical assistance of the US Department of Justice following the committee's recommendations.

Defence lawyer Aminul Islam said his client was implicated in the case with political motivation. Prosecutor Mosharraf Hossain Kajol, however, refuted the claim. He said, "The charges were brought after proper investigation." The court was adjourned until July 5 following a chaotic situation in the courtroom. A defence lawyer Hakim Khan was physically assaulted by a clerk of the prosecution when the lawyer went to use a washroom. The irate defence lawyers demanded punishment of the clerk. Though the court told them it was an administrative matter and was out of its jurisdiction, the chaos continued unabated. At one stage the court adjourned the day's proceedings around 3:40pm. The court, set up at Bakshi Bazar in the capital, heard discharge pleas of 168 BDR jawans, the former BNP law-maker and main accused of the case Touhidul Alam, deputy assistant director of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR). A total of 1,285 witnesses submitted depositions and 569 accused BDR jawans gave

confessional statements in the court. Aminul said only three witnesses in their depositions claimed that they had seen Pintu asking BDR jawans to flee after the mutiny at then BDR [now Border Guard Bangladesh] Pikhana headquarters on February 25-26 in 2009. He said BDR members met barrister Sheikh Fazel Moot Taposh before the mutiny and informed him of their demands. "They [mutineers] called on ruling Awami League leader Sheikh Selim in his house. Besides, they talked to Home Minister Shahara Khatun over the cellphone." The AL leaders were well aware of the mutiny but did not take any step, he added. The court around 3:40pm adjourned the proceedings until July 5. In July last year, the CID pressed charges against 824 jawans and 23 civilians for murder, arson, looting, hiding of bodies and sedition in the case. A total of 74 people including 57 army officers were killed during the 2009 BDR carnage.

Cabinet okays JS body proposals

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advisers, and making provision for highest punishment for unconstitutional takeover of state power. The committee also proposed to keep Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim (in the name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful) in the preamble of the constitution and Islam as the state religion. It, however, recommends secularism remain a key issue in the constitution, ensuring equal rights also for the Hindus, Buddhists, Christians and people of other religions. Keeping the provision of religion-based political parties is another major recommendation. Planning Minister AK Khandaker opposed keeping Islam as state religion and Bismillah in the constitution terming them contra-

dictory to secularism, one of the basic principles of 1972 constitution, meeting sources told The Daily Star. In response, Sheikh Hasina, also the ruling Awami League chief, said the amendments have been proposed "in view of the reality" through discussion with cross sections of people, political parties and professionals, and securitisation. As the minister tried to debate further on the issue, the prime minister said reality has changed enough in last 38 years since 1972. "Why didn't you [AK Khandaker] oppose making Islam the state religion when you were minister in Ershad cabinet?" a minister quoted the premier as saying. "I know everything you [ministers] did. You even did

not go to see the body of Bangabandhu after he was assassinated in 1975." Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury defended keeping Bismillah and Islam as the state religion in the charter. The committee suggested inclusion of the historic March 7 address of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his March 26 proclamation of independence in the charter, giving him constitutional acknowledgement as father of the nation and displaying his portraits at government and other offices, instead of the prime minister's or the president's. The draft bill advocates for identifying the citizens of the country as Bangladeshis and the nation as Bangalee.

Punish errant

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zones around the capital city in violation of the master plan, environment laws, they said in a written statement. Architect Iqbal Habib, member secretary of Bapa, said only 26 housing projects have Rajuk approval but more than 100 projects were on display at the fair. Contacted during the fair, Rajuk Chairman Nurul Huda said they needed a copy of the court orders to take legal action against those. However, IAB President Mubasshar Hussein said Rajuk does not need a court judgment to stop display and sale of illegal projects. It is Rajuk's regulatory job, he added. The HC on June 8 declared 77 private housing projects in and around Dhaka illegal and directed the government to demolish those.

PM annoyed

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committee meeting," AL Presidium Member Obaidul Quader told The Daily Star yesterday. Another source said the prime minister has issued warning to both Shamim and Kobori so that they do not engage in further brawl. "Action must be taken for violating organisational discipline as the incident is very embarrassing for both the government and the party," Quader said, adding, the government's many achievements have been tainted by such activities. He said if the ruling party men are engaged in brawl in presence of people, there would be serious reaction among all quarters and the opposition would take its benefit. Kobori met the prime minister on Sunday in the parliament and informed her about what had happened at a meeting on Saturday. "She [PM] listened to me and asked me to be patient saying she is looking into the matter," said Kobori, adding, she also informed the matter to Ashraf, who assured her of action against Shamim Osman. On Saturday, former AL lawmaker Shamim Osman reportedly traded abusive language with Kobori during the meeting at the deputy commissioner's office of Naryanganj.

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7. Quantity	1,00,000 (One lac) MT.
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9. Selling place of tender document	a) General Manager(A&F),UFFL b) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, Dhaka. c) Baghabari Buffer Godown Office.
10. Tender receiving place	a) Admin Building of UFFL, Gorashal, Narsingdi b) Marketing Division, BCIC Bhaban, BCIC, Dhaka.
11. Last date of tender selling	04-07-2011
12. Tender closing date & time	05-07-2011, At 11.00 a.m.
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