

# No power transfer in Yemen without Saleh

Wounded president to appear in media

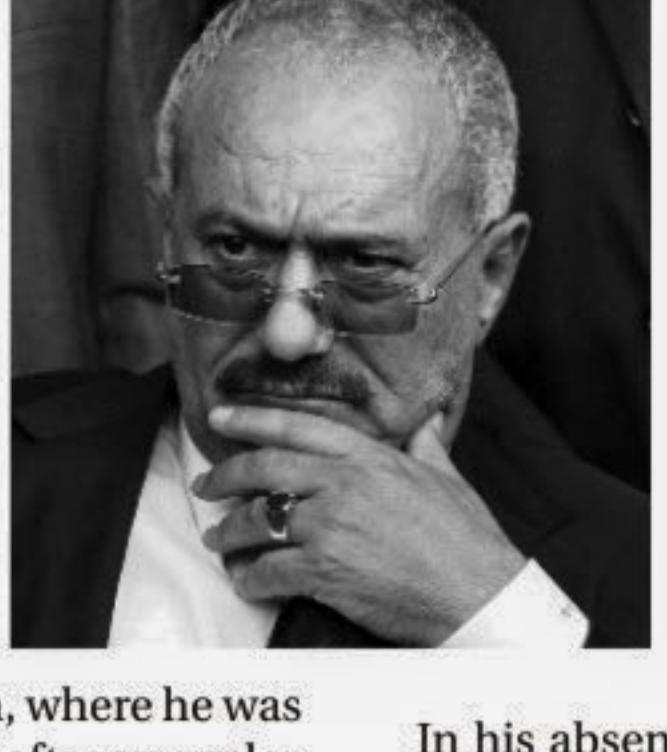
AGENCIES, Sanaa

Yemen's deputy information minister yesterday ruled out any transfer of power in Yemen so long as wounded President Ali Abdullah Saleh remains hospitalised in Saudi Arabia.

"Our moral values do not allow us to discuss a transfer of power as the president lies on his sick bed" in Riyadh, where he was flown on June 4 for treatment after an explosion at his palace compound in Sanaa, Abd al-Jabbar told AFP.

Meanwhile, the wounded President will make a media appearance within 48 hours, his media secretary said yesterday.

"The president will appear within the next 48 hours despite our fear that the burns on his features and on different parts of his body will be an obstacle, given that his



appearance will not be as the media expects it," said Ahmed al-Sufi in a statement.

Saleh, 69, who has faced nearly six months of protests against his 33-year-long autocratic rule, has not appeared in public since the attack that killed 11 people and wounded 124 others, among them senior officials.

In his absence, Vice President Abdurrahman Mansur Hadi has come under pressure from the parliamentary opposition and the West to assume power, while street protesters demand he form an interim ruling council.

Hadi, who under the constitution replaces Saleh in his absence, "is working hard to normalise the situation in Yemen and to gather all parties in Yemen for dialogue," said the deputy minister.

FUEL PRICE HIKE  
Pranab to urge state CMs to cut taxes

PTI, New Delhi

Amid widespread protests over the hike in prices of cooking gas and diesel, Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee will soon write to State Chief Ministers to reduce state levies on at least LPG to reduce the impact of the price hike on the common people.

While raising the prices of diesel, LPG and kerosene, the central government also decided to slash duties, which would result in a revenue loss of Rs 49,000 crore per annum.

In order to partly neutralise the impact of the price hike, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee yesterday decided to withdraw sales tax on cooking gas. The decision would reduce the price of a cylinder of LPG by Rs 16.

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IANS, New Delhi

As India and Pakistan restored peace talks over pending issues including Kashmir, veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader LK Advani yesterday slammed the country's first political family of late prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru whose, he says, 'lack of courage' led to the Kashmir issue remaining unresolved.

In the latest entry on his blog, <http://blog.lkadvani.in>, the BJP leader also slammed late chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah whose ambition to be the leader of independent Kashmir also contributed to the issue.

Advani said neither the government of Nehru in New Delhi nor the government of Abdullah in Srinagar believed that Jammu and Kashmir needed to be fully integrated into the Indian union.

"In the case of Nehruji, it was a matter of lack of courage, firmness and foresight,"



Advani said.

He said that Article 370, which gives a special status to Jammu and Kashmir in the Indian constitution, had 'emboldened' secessionist forces in the state to carry out their 'poisonous propaganda.'

"Our countrymen should know that the Kashmir problem is Nehru family's special 'gift' to the nation," he wrote in a sarcastic vein.

"Nehruji's blunder was totally avoidable. The consequences of this 'gift' are Pakistan's export of cross-border terrorism and religious extremism, thousands of lives of our security personnel and civilians and tens of thousands of crores of rupees spent on military and paramilitary defence."

Advani wrote that India had lost two opportunities to settle the issue once and for all with Pakistan -- one in the 1947 war when Nehru ruled the country and the other in the 1971 Bangladesh war when Nehru's daughter Indira Gandhi was at the helm.

32 Taliban killed in Afghanistan

AFP, Heart

Thirty-two Taliban fighters have been killed and 25 wounded in the last 24 hours, during an operation in the western Afghanistan province of Badghi, the Afghan army said yesterday.

"The operation was intensified last night and since then there are over 57 Taliban fighters killed, wounded and captured," army commander General Shahzada -- who goes by one name -- said.

"Unfortunately, four Afghan army soldiers have been killed and three others wounded during the operation since last night".

There are around 130,000 Nato-led international troops fighting the near decade-long Taliban insurgency.

# Diabetes rate in adults doubles since 1980: study

AFP, London

The number of adults with diabetes worldwide has more than doubled since 1980, with almost 350 million now affected, according to a new study published in The Lancet medical journal.

Scientists from Imperial College London and Harvard University analysed blood sugar data of 2.7 million people aged 25 and over across the world and used the results

to estimate diabetes prevalence.

The number of adults with diabetes more than doubled from 153 million in 1980 to 347 million in 2008, according to the research published Saturday.

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## Sumon sent

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Investigation Officer of DB Police Bahauddin Faruki demanded the fresh remand saying that it was necessary for proper investigation of the case.

Rumana Manzur, an assistant professor of the International Relations department of Dhaka University, lost her eyesight as Sumon pushed his fingers into the eyes at his father-in-law's residence at capital's Dhanmondi on June 5. Sumon also gnawed Rumana's nose, cheek, lips, throat and head.

Rumana is now undergoing treatment at capital's LabAid Hospital. Earlier, on June 14, she was taken to India for better treatment of her eyes. But the eye specialists of Sankara Nethralaya in Chennai could not come up with any help.

Arrested on June 15 in a case filed for severely assaulting his wife, Sumon had been interrogated for six days during remands approved by courts in four phases.

Rumana's father Manzur Hossain said doctors are now giving Rumana treatment to avoid infection in her eyes and to recover from other injuries.

Bikalpdhara Bangladesh President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury in a press release yesterday protested the torture on Rumana. He demanded exemplary punishment to torturer Sumon and hoped quick recovery of Rumana.

## My MPs

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claimed [about AL lawmakers] is probably not right."

The prime minister stood up immediately and said lawmakers of his (Rabbi) party do not dare to discuss with their party chief (HM Ershad). It does not happen to AL lawmakers.

"I visit different areas outside [the capital] sometimes so that lawmakers can discuss different issues with me with an open mind," said Hasina.

During the budget discussion, Fazle Rabbi also said lawmakers are facing various problems in their constituencies. "They do not have office, office assistant and adequate funds to run their offices in their constituencies. So, they face difficulties in serving people of their constituencies."

In response, the premier said all MPs are given funds for their offices.

"But what can I do if they [MPs] pocket the money instead of spending it for their office purposes," a smiling Hasina said.

The JP lawmaker alleged that the ministers and secretaries concerned are not accountable for failure to utilise the funds allocated in the development budget.

He said that towards the end of a fiscal year, different ministries spend money just as people do so during the Eid and the Puja. Officials of ministries then get an opportunity of looting public money, he alleged.

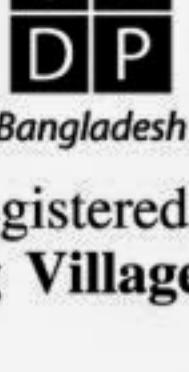
He urged the prime minister to look into this.

Fazle Rabbi also said the finance minister has failed to make a division-wise budget although he had promised to do so earlier.



A Thai soldier signs his name before casting his vote as part of advance voting for the upcoming July 3 general election at a polling station in Thailand's restive southern province of Narathiwat yesterday. The upcoming election is pivotal to the future of a nation still deeply divided five years after a military coup which unleashed a bloody political crisis.

PHOTO: AFP



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

### Hiring Consulting Firm to Conduct Impact of Base Line Survey

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#### PROMOTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING IN THE CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS (CHT)



United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested, registered, and well qualified organizations for "Conducting impact Baseline study of Activating Village Court Project in Bangladesh".

All interested firms may collect the bidding Documents (RFP) by applying to the below email Address: [javed.noman@undp.org](mailto:javed.noman@undp.org)

Submission of Proposal: The envelopes should state "Conducting impact Baseline study of Activating Village Court Project in Bangladesh" and should be addressed to the UNDP Procurement Unit, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.

The deadline for submission of Proposal is 13 July, 2011, 12:30 PM.



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The Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility (CHTDF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh, seeks quotations for following Request for Quotations (RFQ).

1. Printing and Binding of Modules for Learning Session on Integrated Farm Management Farmer Field School for CEP Cluster
2. Printing of Gender Poster and Flip Calendar 2011
3. Printing of Flip Calendars for Health Cluster 2011
4. Printing of Posters for Health Cluster 2011
5. Printing of CHSW Training Guide Book for Health Cluster 2011

The RFQs along with the detail specification for the work can be downloaded from the UNDP website [http://www.undp.org.bd/proc\\_more.php](http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_more.php)

The deadline for submission of quotations is 05th July 2011, 4:30 pm (local time)

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Please mention the name of the position on top of envelop and cover letter.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview.

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