

# Pak defiant as US halts \$800m aid

AFP, Islamabad  
The Pakistani military was defiant yesterday after Washington said it would suspend \$800 million worth of security aid, saying it was capable of fighting Islamists without US assistance.  
"The army in the past as well as at present, has conducted successful military operations using its own resources without any external support whatsoever," military spokesman Major General Athar Abbas told AFP.  
Abbas said the military had not been officially informed of the decision to suspend aid.  
US President Barack Obama's chief of staff, William Daley, confirmed in a television interview on Sunday that the United States has decided to withhold almost a third of its annual \$2.7 billion security assistance to Islamabad.  
Relations between the key allies in the war on Al-Qaeda drastically worsened after US commandos killed Osama bin Laden in Pakistan in May, humiliating the Pakistani military and opening it to allegations of complicity or incompetence.  
Abbas referred AFP to an extraordinary

statement issued by army chief of staff General Ashfaq Kayani on June 9 as part of the bin Laden fallout, which recommended that US military aid be redirected towards civilians.  
The US move was welcomed by Pakistan's neighbour and rival India.  
"It is not desirable that this region had to be heavily armed by the US," External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna said according to the PTI news agency, adding that the spending would upset the regional power balance.  
The suspended aid includes about \$300 million to reimburse Pakistan for some of the costs of deploying more than 100,000 soldiers along the Afghan border, according to the New York Times.  
Pakistan says it has 140,000 soldiers in the northwest, more than the 99,000 American troops in Afghanistan, fighting a local Taliban insurgency.  
The United States has long called on Pakistan to do more to crack down on militants, such as the Al-Qaeda-linked Haqqani network, who use its soil to attack within Afghanistan, but the army says its troops are too over-stretched.



PHOTO: AFP  
A Bosnian Muslim woman cries near one of the 613 coffins before a mass burial ceremony at the Srebrenica Memorial Cemetery in Potocari yesterday. Tens of thousands of people yesterday commemorated the 16th anniversary of the moment the UN-protected enclave fell to Bosnian Serb troops. The remains of 613 people will be buried alongside the 4,524 victims of the massacre already interred in the vast cemetery which faces the former UN army base.

# Egypt protest enters day 4

REUTERS, Cairo  
More than 2,000 Egyptians braved sweltering heat yesterday for a fourth day of protests aimed at pressing Egypt's military rulers to enact swifter reforms and speed up the prosecution of Hosni Mubarak and his allies.  
The protesters have halted traffic through Cairo's Tahrir Square, a major thoroughfare and the heart of the protest movement that brought down Mubarak on February 11. Tents where some have camped stand on traffic islands in the square.  
In Egypt's second biggest city of Alexandria, about 100 protesters were also camped in one of the city's main squares.  
Anger has been driven by what protesters say is the ruling military council's failure to deliver on promises. One of the main demands is a swift trial for those who killed protesters.

# India hails US suspending aid to Pakistan

PTI, New Delhi  
India yesterday welcomed the United States' decision to suspend \$ 800 million military aid to Pakistan, saying a heavy presence of arms would have disturbed the equilibrium in the region.  
"With reference to the special circumstances between India and Pakistan and how India has consistently taken the view that it is not desirable that this region had to be heavily armed by the US which will upset the equilibrium in the region itself. To that extent India welcomes this step," External Affairs Minister S M Krishna told reporters here.

# Indian Union Cabinet reshuffle today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi  
Indian Premier Manmohan Singh will undertake a reshuffle of his Council of Ministers today inducting some new faces and possibly dropping a few ministers.  
Tinaamool Congress Chief Whip in Lok Sabha Sudip Bandhopadhyay is likely to be inducted as a junior minister while his party colleague and Minister of State for Health Dinesh Trivedi is tipped to be promoted to cabinet rank and shifted to Railway Ministry.  
The Railway portfolio became vacant since Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee resigned and took over as Chief Minister of West Bengal.  
The reshuffle exercise was fine tuned at a meeting the PM and Congress President Sonia Gandhi had yesterday morning.  
The reshuffle may not cover the ministers of Finance, Home, Defence and External Affairs.  
With Uttar Pradesh set to go to assembly

polls next year, Minister of State for Steel with independent charge Beni Prasad Verma is likely to be promoted as a cabinet Minister while Raj Babbar, a lawmaker from Agra, may find a berth.  
Those speculated for promotion junior to full cabinet ministers include Jyotiraditya Scindia, junior minister of Telecom.  
The resignation of Textiles Minister Dayanidhi Maran of DMK in the wake of his being named in 2G telecom spectrum allocation scam and the resignation offer by Corporate Affairs Minister Murlidhar Deora has lent urgency to the reshuffle.  
Another DMK representative A Raja quit as Telecom Minister in connection with 2G scam in November. Those who may make the exit include Minister for Development of North East Region B K Handique whose place may be taken by Pabansingh Ghatowar, MP from Dibrugarh in Assam.

# WAR CRIMES TRIAL Uganda charges rebel commander

AFP, Gulu  
Uganda opened its first war crimes trial yesterday, charging a commander of the Lord's Resistance Army rebellion blamed for brutal civilian murders during a 20-year war in the north of the country.  
Thomas Kwoyelo was charged before the International Crimes Division court in the northern town of Gulu with 53 counts of wilful killing, hostage taking, destruction of property and causing injury.  
The 39-year-old Kwoyelo denied the charges arising from his role as a "colonel" under the command of the LRA supremo Joseph Kony.

# RISE IN IRAQ VIOLENCE US Defence Secy blames Iran

ALJAZEERA ONLINE  
US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta has said that his country will act "unilaterally" to confront what he said were Iranian threats to US interests in Iraq.  
Speaking during his first visit to Baghdad since taking office on July 1, Panetta said yesterday that the US was "very concerned about Iran and the weapons they are providing to extremists here in Iraq".  
He blamed weapon supplies from Iran for the increase in violence in June, the deadliest month for US troops in Iraq in two years.  
"In June we lost a hell of a lot of Americans as a result of those attacks. And we cannot just simply stand back and allow this to continue to happen," he said.  
Panetta said Washington's first effort would be to press the Iraqi government and military to go after the Shia groups he said were responsible for the attacks.  
"Secondly, to do what we have to do uni-



Leon Panetta

laterally, to be able to go after those threats as well, and we're doing that," he said, referring to the right of US forces to defend themselves on Iraqi soil.  
"And thirdly, to bring pressure on Iran to not engage in this kind of behaviour."  
"Because, very frankly, they need to know that our first responsibility is to protect those that are defending our country. And that is something we are going to do."  
Underscoring US concerns over independent armed groups, three rockets landed in Baghdad's Green Zone after Panetta's arrival, Iraqi police told the AP news agency.  
US troop uncertainty  
Panetta is holding closed-door meetings with Iraqi officials during his visit and is expected to press them for a decision on whether they will allow US troops to remain in the country past an official withdrawal deadline at the end of the year.

## BPDB's International Tender Notice

"বিদ্যুৎ সাশ্রয়ী বাতি ব্যবহার করুন"

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource/Power Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board.
3	Procuring entity name	Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Khulna.
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Fire Bricks, Tiles, Refractory & Mortar for Khulna Power Station, BPDB, Khulna.
7	Invitation for tenders Ref. No.	Pur-413/2011
8	Date	06.07.2011
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
9	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
10	Budget and source of funds	BPDB's Revenue Budget.
11	Development partners applicable	(if Not applicable.)
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14	Tender package No.	20(FY 2010-11)
15	Tender name	Procurement of Fire Bricks, Tiles, Refractory & Mortar for Khulna Power Station, BPDB, Khulna.
16	Tender publication date	06.07.2011
17	Tender selling date	23.08.2011 during office hours.
18	Tender closing date and time	24.08.2011 at 11:00am.
19	Tender opening date and time	24.08.2011 at 11:30am.
20	Name & address of the office	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
	Selling tender document (principal)	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
	Selling tender document (other)	Not applicable.
	Receiving tender document	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
	Opening tender document	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	N/A.
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
22	Eligibility of tenderer	As per tender document.
23	Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of Fire Bricks, Tiles, Refractory & Mortar for Khulna Power Station, BPDB, Khulna.
24	Brief description of related services	N/A.
25	Price of tender document (BDT)	BDT 5,000.00 (five thousand) as a Pay Order (non-refundable) of any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
26	Lot	Identification of lot
		Location
		Tender security amount in USD or BDT
		Validity of shipment
	-	Procurement of Fire Bricks, Tiles, Refractory & Mortar
		Khulna Power Station, BPDB, Khulna
		USD 10,000.00 or BDT 7,00,000.00
		120 days from the date of opening of L/C
27	Validity of tender and tender security	120 (one hundred twenty) days and 148 (one hundred forty-eight) days respectively from the date of opening of tender.
28	Name of official inviting tender	Abul Basar Khan.
29	Designation of official inviting tender	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
30	Address of official inviting tender	WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
31	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: +88 02 7126144 & 9550532, Fax: +88 02 7126151
32	Special instruction	Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected, and returned unopened to the tenderer. The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender, to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders, at any time prior to contract award.

Abul Basar Khan  
Director  
Directorate of Purchase  
BPDB, Dhaka

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# Obese British man in court fights for surgery

AFP, London  
A British man weighing 22 stone (139 kilograms, 306 pounds) launched a court appeal yesterday against a decision to refuse him state-funded obesity surgery because he is not fat enough.  
Tom Condliff, 62, says he needs stomach surgery to save his life, but the state-run National Health Service refuses to fund a laparoscopic gastric bypass operation.  
The High Court refused to quash the decision in April, and Condliff took his fight yesterday to the Court of Appeal, in what is expected to be a two-day hearing.  
The former policeman became obese due to drugs he takes to treat long-term diabetes. He takes 28 different drugs and uses breathing masks and inhalers.  
In April, the court heard that his body

mass index, at more than 40, was below the threshold of 50 at which his local health authority in Staffordshire, central England, would pay for surgery.  
In that hearing, the judge said Condliff had tried non-surgical ways to lose weight but had failed, adding that everyone agreed surgery was "clinically appropriate" for him.  
However, the judge ruled the NHS had not breached the article of the European Convention on Human Rights under which Condliff had lodged his claim.  
Britain has the highest obesity level in Europe, with 24.5 percent of adults classed as obese, according to a study released in December by the European Commission and the OECD. The European Union average is 14 percent.

# War crime charges

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Hossain Sayedee.  
Ghulam Arief Tipoo, chief prosecutor of the International Crimes Tribunal, placed the charges before the tribunal through its registrar.  
According to the chief prosecutor, the offences committed by Sayedee during the 1971 Liberation War include war crimes and genocide, and crimes against humanity including confinement, torture and rape.  
The three-member tribunal headed by Justice Nizamul Huq fixed July 14 for hearing. Upon hearing, the court will decide whether it will take the charges into cognisance.  
The tribunal directed the jail authorities to produce the detained Jamaat leader before it on that day.  
On the same day, it will hear Sayedee's bail petition in connection with the same charges.  
During yesterday's hearing, Ghulam Arief told the tribunal that the prosecutors have prepared the charges against Sayedee based on the investigation report made by the agency probing the crimes against humanity and war crimes.  
He told reporters on the Old High Court Building premises that they have brought almost all the allegations of offences against Sayedee under section 3(2) of the International Crimes Tribunal Act.  
Offences including war crimes and genocide, and crimes against humanity and peace such as murder, abduction, confinement, torture and rape fall under the section.  
On May 31, investigators handed over the final probe report against Sayedee to the prosecution.

# Three die in China coal mine rescue

AFP, Beijing  
Three rescuers died as they tried to help workers trapped in a colliery in eastern China, local authorities said yesterday, as 21 people remained stuck in another mine in the same region.  
The three rescue workers were trying to reach miners trapped in a colliery in Shandong province's Zaozhuang city after a fire broke out underground on Wednesday evening, according to the local government.  
One of the rescuers collapsed underground due to the extreme heat, then two other relief workers tried to save him but they too fell and lost consciousness, it said in a statement.  
Other rescuers came up behind them and carried them to the surface, but the three had died, it added.  
According to the last official tally on Friday, 28 people were trapped underground.  
The news comes as 21 workers remain trapped underground in another mine in Shandong, after water flooded an iron ore pit in Weifang city on Sunday, local authorities said.

## The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI)

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### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MULTISTORIED COMMERCIAL BUILDING

1.	Name of procuring entity	The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI)
2.	Invitation for	Construction of a multistoried commercial building at 25, Shahid Nazrul Islam Sarak, Hatkhola, Dhaka-1203 subject to limitations imposed by RAJUK/Civil Aviation Authority through the services of a local well experienced consulting firm. The short-list of consulting firm will be made based on evaluation of expression of interest received from the interested firms and then the Request of Proposals (RFPs) will be issued to the short-list firms.
3.	Invitation ref. no.	FBCCI/GOB-FBCCI/NB/56
4.	Date	July 12, 2011
5.	Procurement method	Open tendering method
6.	Budget and source of fund	GOB/FBCCI
7.	Project name	FBCCI Bhaban
8.	Last date of submission of EOI	31 July 2011 at 12:00 Noon.
9.	Opening date and time of the Proposal	31 July 2011 at 3:00 p.m.
10.	Name and address of office for submission of proposal	Office of the Project Coordinator FBCCI, Federation Bhaban 60, Motijheel C.A., Dhaka.
11.	Eligibility of firms/companies	Eligible consulting firms/companies to express their interest in providing the services. The EOI shall be submitted in firm/company's letterhead pad and must include information regarding their qualification and experience (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.) to perform the above services.
12.	Brief description of works	The consultancy services include preparation of estimate, schedule of works, tender document, detailed architectural drawings and modeling as per FBCCI's requirement, civil structural design and drawings including sub-soil investigation, electrical and sanitary/plumbing design drawing. The design is to be prepared following Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC) and other relevant international codes. The services will also include supervision of all civil, electrical, sanitary/plumbing and all other relevant utility works.
13.	Submission of EOI	The EOI shall be submitted in sealed envelopes.
14.	Name of official inviting EOI	Mir Shahabuddin Mohammad
15.	Designation of official inviting EOI	Secretary General
	Address and/or contact details of official inviting EOI	Office of the Secretary General, FBCCI Federation Bhaban, 60, Motijheel C.A., Dhaka-1000.

- Firms/companies can correct, replace or withdraw their proposal within the last date of submission of EOI.
- The consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out by the FBCCI.
- FBCCI reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals.