



East Asia Summit
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US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (3rd R) joins foreign ministers for a group photo prior to attending the East Asia Summit Plenary Session on the sidelines of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) ministerial meetings in Nusa Dua on Indonesia's resort island of Bali yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

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China, US spar over South China Sea

AFP, Nusa Dua

China warned the United States yesterday not to interfere in territorial disputes with its Asian neighbours over the South China Sea, during talks with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Hillary said ahead of a meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on the Indonesian island of Bali that Washington welcomed a deal between China and Southeast Asia on guidelines meant to reduce tension in the strategic sea.

"I want to commend China and Asean for working so closely together to include implementation guidelines for the declaration of conduct in the South China Sea," she told reporters.

But in a meeting characterised by both sides as positive, Yang reminded Clinton that China's territorial claims in the South China Sea or anywhere else were none of Washington's concern.

"The Chinese side raised its own concerns, which is that it is important to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of China," Chinese delegation spokesman Liu Weiming told reporters, summarising Yang's comments to Hillary.

Liu said Yang and Clinton specifically discussed the South China Sea, a potentially resource-rich waterway stretching from China's southern coast deep into Southeast Asia.

But in a note of conciliation, he said the United States seemed to understand the "sensitivity of these issues" and the two sides had "agreed to further promote dialogue and mutual understanding".

A US official travelling with Hillary said the tone of the meeting was "productive" and "professional". The Chinese side showed a "clear determination that they want to ease anxieties," he added.

The bilateral talks came a day ahead of the Asean Regional Forum, Asia's main security dialogue involving Southeast Asian nations as well as China, Japan, the United States, Russia and the Koreans.

In their bilateral meeting, Clinton pressed Yang about recent tensions with littoral states such as Vietnam and the Philippines and asked for assurances about freedom of navigation in the vital trade route, the US official said.

China lays historical claim to the South China Sea in its entirety, while the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan also have overlapping claims to islands and maritime territory in the area.

The Philippines and Vietnam have expressed anger in recent months over what they call China's increasingly aggressive actions in the area, such as harassment of fishermen and oil exploration vessels.

Korean nuke envoys hold rare talks

AFP, Nusa Dua

Nuclear envoys from North and South Korea held rare talks in Indonesia yesterday, offering fresh hope for stalled six-nation efforts aimed at curbing Pyongyang's atomic programme.

The meeting between South Korea's Wi Sung-Lac and his counterpart, Ri Yong-Ho, was the first-ever North-South meeting on nuclear issues outside the six-party format, a foreign ministry spokeswoman in Seoul told AFP.

Wi sounded an optimistic tone after emerging from the nearly two hours of talks at a five-star resort on Indonesia's Bali island.

"I had a very constructive and useful conversation with my counterpart," Wi told reporters in English.

India to have new anti-graft law this year

AFP, New Delhi

A long-awaited anti-corruption bill aimed at tackling endemic graft in India will be introduced in the next session of the parliament beginning August 1, a top minister said yesterday.

Kapil Sibal, the telecom minister who has overseen the drafting of the new legislation, said the so-called Lokpal bill was ready after changes suggested by other political parties were incorporated.

"The government is committed to placing it in the monsoon session of the parliament. The prime minister had made a promise and we will ensure that it is delivered," Sibal told reporters.

"Changes have been made to reflect the concern of other parties. We are hopeful that the bill given to the parliament will be passed with unanimity," he added.

Sibal said he and other ministers were against bringing the prime minister under the purview of the independent ombudsman who will be created by the law and will have powers to investigate corruption.

PAK ETHNO POLITICAL VIOLENCE

Clashes kill 11 in Karachi

AFP, Karachi

At least 11 people were killed and 15 others were wounded in a fresh wave of violence in Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city, officials said yesterday.

Last week Pakistan ordered hundreds of extra paramilitary policemen onto the streets of the Arabian Sea port to try to quell the violence.

Political and ethnic violence in Karachi is blamed on supporters of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM), based among the Urdu-speaking majority, and the rival Awami National Party (ANP), which represents based migrant Pashtuns from the northwest.

"At least 11 people were killed and 15 others were wounded since last night," home ministry official Sharafuddin Memon told AFP, but declined to comment whether they were ethnically-motivated killings.

Local police officials confirmed the death toll but did not give details.

The MQM last month quit the coalitions led by the main ruling Pakistan People's Party (PPP) that govern the country and the southern province of Sindh, of which Karachi is the capital. The ANP remains part of both coalitions.

The previous wave of violence erupted after provincial minister Zulfiqar Mirza, from the PPP, criticised the MQM and its exiled leader Altaf Hussain.

Mirza later apologised for remarks that he said were his "personal opinion" and from London, Hussain asked his supporters to "end their peaceful protest and go back to their homes".

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan says 490 people were killed in targeted killings in Karachi in the first half of the year, compared to 748 for the whole of 2010, which was the worst since 1995.

Australia, Malaysia to sign asylum deal

AFP, Sydney

Australia and Malaysia are set to finalise a deal next week under which hundreds of asylum seekers will be sent to the Asian country in exchange for thousands of refugees, an official said yesterday.

The pact has come under heavy criticism because Malaysia is not a signatory to the United Nations convention on refugees, raising questions about the treatment of the 800 asylum seekers it has agreed to accept.

But Canberra, which is battling to reduce the numbers of boatpeople arriving on its shores, hopes the policy will hurt people smugglers and stop asylum seekers from making the long and dangerous sea journey to Australia.

A Malaysian Home Ministry official confirmed the two countries would put pen to paper next week. Asked whether they would sign the agreement in Kuala Lumpur on Monday, he replied: "Yes".

The source could not immediately give further details, and other officials familiar with the agreement, which involves Australia taking 4,000 of Malaysia's registered refugees, could not be reached.

Afghan blast kills five

AFP, Mazar-i-sharif

Five civilians were killed yesterday when their vehicle hit a mine in northern Afghanistan, where a Taliban insurgency has increasingly encroached in recent years, police said.

The device exploded Faryab province's Qaysar district, police spokesman Sayed Massoud Yaqoubi told AFP.

"Five civilians were killed as their vehicle was hit by a roadside mine in the Shakh area of Qaysar district," Yaqoubi said.

The spokesman accused the Taliban for the attack.

The militant group was not immediately reachable for comment.

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Ulfa talks to begin soon

Says Assam CM
OUR CORRESPONDENT,
New Delhi

The first round of peace talks between Indian government and insurgent group Ulfa will be held soon, Assam state Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi said yesterday.

The Indian government has given the green signal to Assam government to work out modalities to facilitate the parleys and "the talks will be held soon but I cannot give a date now," Gogoi told reporters in Guwahati.

So far only preliminary rounds of talks between Ulfa and interlocutor had been held here. "But now direct talks will start. They will be held at different levels", he added.

ULFA pro-talk faction chairman Arabinda Rajkhowa had introductory talks with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Union Home Minister P Chidambaram in February.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

S/N:	Invitation for Tender Reference Tender	Nomenclature of Tender
01	Invitation Reference No: Ibrahim Cardiac/SC/07/July/2011; Date: 23 July, 2011.	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning & Handing over of 01 (one) piece of Brand New Cardiac Reader with related facilities (latest generation) for Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute (Ibrahim Cardiac)
01(b)	Invitation Reference No: Ibrahim Cardiac/SC/08/July/2011; Date: 23 July, 2011.	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning & Handing over of 01 (one) piece of Brand New Blood Gas with Electrolyte Analyzer with related facilities (latest generation) for Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute (Ibrahim Cardiac)

Other Information:

02.	Procurement Method	: Open Tendering Method (OTM)
03.	Source of Fund	: Ibrahim Cardiac Own Fund
04.	Name & Address of the Office Scelling Tender Documents	: Cash Counter (3rd Floor), Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute, 122 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka.
05.	Date of Selling tender documents	: Tender documents are available from 28 July 2011 to 20 August, 2011 on all working days (9.30 am - 3.30 pm)
06.	Tender Closing Date	: 21 August, 2011 at 11.00 AM
07.	Tender Opening Date	: 21 August, 2011 at 12.00 Noon (In presence of the tenderers or their authorized agent, if there be any)
08.	Tender Dropping Place	: Corporate Office (5 th Floor) 122, Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute, Shahbag, Dhaka.
09.	Tender Opening Place	: Conference Room of Corporate Office (5 th Floor), Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute, 122 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka.
10.	Name, Designation & Address of Official Inviting Tender	: Prof. M. A. Rashid CEO, Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute
11.	Eligibility of tender: (i) The tenderers should be manufacturer or their authorized supplier/distributor or dealer of the brand. (ii) Tenderers shall have a minimum Two (02) years of specific experience in the supply of similar equipment in Bangladesh or in any country of Asia. (iii) Tenderers shall submit price quotation either for individual Invitation Reference of Tender or all Invitation Reference of Tender and prices quoted shall be for 100% of the items and quantities specified for each Invitation Reference of Tender. (iv) Up-to-date legal documents like trade license, TIN, VAT, Income Tax & Bank Solvency Certificate (v) Other require eligibility and conditions of the tenderers are stipulated in the tender sheet and tender documents.	
12.	Price of tender document in respect of individual Invitation Reference of Tender as mentioned in Serial No. 01	: 01(a): Tk. 3,000.00 (Three Thousand), Non-Refundable 01(b): Tk. 3,000.00 (Three Thousand), Non-Refundable
13.	Tender Security	: 2% (two) of quoted amount in favor of Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute in the form of Payment Order/Demand Draft from any schedule bank.
14.	Time for completion of the work	: Three (03) months from the date of confirmed order.
15.	Special Condition: c) If the tender is not possible to receive and open on the schedule date for unavoidable events, then the same will be received and opened on the next working days at the same time. d) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all without assigning any reason thereof.	

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