



BS Yeddyurappa

Scandal-hit Karnataka CM to resign

AFP, Bangalore

The chief minister of a southern Indian state who is accused of being at the centre of a \$3.6-billion mining fraud will resign on Sunday, he said yesterday.

BS Yeddyurappa, 68, head of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Karnataka state, announced he would quit in an official statement after national party chiefs demanded he step down.

"As per the decision taken by the senior leaders of the party and the parliamentary board in New Delhi, I will resign from the chief minister's post," Yeddyurappa said in the statement.

A report into corrupt mining practices by the Karnataka state ombudsman named him in the scandal.

More than 40 killed in south Yemen violence

AFP, Aden

At least 42 people have died in violence near Yemen's southern city of Zinjibar, most of which has fallen under the control of suspected al-Qaeda militants, military and local sources said yesterday.

Eleven people including top officers were killed in fierce clashes between the army and militants in Dofas, a village 15 kilometres south of Abyan's provincial capital of Zinjibar, they said.

"Al-Qaeda elements stationed in Dofas attacked army units there using machine-guns on Friday, killing two officers and four soldiers, and wounding nine others," a military official in the village told AFP.

Medics at a military hospital in the southern port city of Aden confirmed the casualty

toll.

A local official in Dofas said five members of the Islamist network were also killed and four wounded in the attack.

Also on Friday, an air raid and clashes with militants left 29 tribesmen killed and dozens wounded in eastern Zinjibar, tribal sources said, adding that several others went missing.

Twelve of the tribesmen were killed and 20 others wounded in clashes with the militants, a top security official in the area told AFP.

Later yesterday, tribal sources said 17 other bodies were retrieved from the rubble of the building targeted by three air raids, accusing the army of having carried out a "massacre" which cost the lives of 29 tribesmen.

17 killed in Vietnam shoe factory fire

AFP, Hanoi

Seventeen factory workers were killed and 21 seriously injured after they became trapped in a burning Vietnamese shoe workshop that did not have a fire escape, local police said yesterday.

The fire is believed to have been started by welding equipment on Friday afternoon at the unlicensed business in the northern city of Haiphong, the head of the police in An Lao district, Phan Xuan Lai, told AFP.

Ten of the victims were women, including two younger sisters of the Vietnamese woman who owned the workshop.

HORN OF AFRICA FAMINE

US president urges global response

Drought a conspiracy by infidels: Rebels

AFP, Washington

US President Barack Obama Friday called for an "international response" to the devastating famine in the Horn of Africa after meeting with the leaders of four French-speaking African nations.

Millions are in danger of starvation due to a prolonged drought in the Horn of Africa, and Obama regretted that the famine was still not gaining enough attention in the United States.

"We discussed how we can partner together to avert the looming humanitarian crisis in Eastern Africa. I think it hasn't got as much attention here in the United States as it deserves," Obama said.

He added that the famine in East Africa, where nearly half of Somalia's 10 million people are in need of relief assistance, "is going to require an international response and Africa will have to be a partner to make

sure that tens of thousands of people don't starve to death."

For Somalia's al-Qaeda-linked rebels, however, the drought devastating parts of the country is being exploited by external enemies, claiming that local Muslims were adequately addressing the crisis.

The Al-Shabab insurgents have expelled several foreign aid groups from regions under their control since 2009 and reiterated recently that the ban was still in force after the United Nations declared famine in two regions they rule.

In a speech to the rebel radio, Rage said local traders and other residents have been the main providers of help to the drought-hit population and that "God did not make them need an outside enemy or non-Muslims, the people in the country fed them very well."

"We need Muslim people to be aware that the external enemy especially non-Muslims have been thinking of a new strategy.

Fat more dangerous for South Asians

AFP, Washington

Weight gain can be more dangerous for South Asians than for Caucasians because the fat clings to organs like the liver instead of the skin, said a study published Thursday.

The main difference between Caucasians and South Asians comes down to how much space there is to store fat in the body and where it holes up, said Sonia Anand, lead author of the study in the public access journal PLoS One.

"South Asians have less space to store fat below the skin than white Caucasians," said Anand, a professor of medicine and epidemiology at McMaster University.

"Their excess fat, therefore, overflows to ectopic compartments, in the abdomen and liver where it may affect function."

When extra fats clings to the organs, it can cause high glucose and lipid levels, which are risk factors for heart disease.

That means South Asians with a

weight and height ratio, or body mass index (BMI), that would be considered in the healthy range for Caucasians may merit screening for conditions like diabetes and coronary artery disease.

South Asians tended to have lower HDL (or good) cholesterol, higher total body fat but lower levels of abdominal fat, fatter livers and less lean muscle mass than Caucasians of similar age, height and weight.

UN adds Pakistani Taliban to sanctions list

REUTERS, United Nations

The United Nations on Friday slapped sanctions on the Pakistani Taliban -- thought to be behind last year's failed bombing attempt on New York's Times Square -- for having links with al-Qaeda.

The UN Security Council said its sanctions committee dealing with al-Qaeda had imposed an assets freeze as well as a travel ban and arms embargo on the Pakistani group, also known by its Urdu name of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, or TTP.

A council statement said the committee, which maintains a list of sanctioned groups and individuals, had also imposed the same measures on the Caucasus Emirate organization, an Islamist insurgent group based in Russia's North Caucasus.

Founded in 2007 as a merger of some dozen groups, the TTP is based in tribal areas along Pakistan's border with Afghanistan and is led by Hakimullah Mehsud, who is already on the sanctions list.

In Pakistan, the TTP has claimed responsibility for a string of attacks including a 2009 strike on a police academy in Lahore that killed eight cadets and an assault on a Karachi naval base two months ago. It also claimed it carried out a suicide attack that killed seven CIA employees at a US base in Afghanistan in December, 2009.

Both the TTP and the Caucasus Emirate are on the US list of foreign terrorist organizations.

Security Council diplomats said the designation of the TTP on the UN sanctions list had been supported by Pakistan's government.

The Security Council formerly kept a joint sanctions list for al-Qaeda and the Afghan Taliban but recently split them into two and took 14 names off the Afghan Taliban list in what envoys said was a bid to entice the group into peace talks.

Nurses left to conduct

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Police later brought the situation under control and held seven including Dr Shamima, Dr Shahidullah and nurse Kaniz Fatema of the hospital.

Four of the detainees were released upon interrogation, while Shamima and two others got out on bail after they were produced before a Sirajganj court in the afternoon.

Though Dr Shamima was repeatedly called and informed of Soma's condition between 10:00pm and 11:00pm on Friday, she refused to come to the hospital. Instead, she allowed nurses to conduct the delivery, Soma's family said.

The baby was borne around 12:30am yesterday. Contacted, Shamima said she did not go to the hospital immediately after the first call as the patient's condition was fine at the time of admission.

She attended the patient around 2:45am as she came to know over the phone that Soma's condition was deteriorating. But she failed to check the bleeding.

Chandan's elder brother Pradip Saha filed a case against Shamima and nurses Kaniz Fatema and

Azmira Parvin with Sirajganj Sadar Police Station for neglect of duty.

Azmira went into hiding after the case was filed.



PHOTO: AFP

A relative of one of seven Philippine marines killed by Abu Sayyaf militant extremists in a major clash on July 28 cries upon the return of the bodies to the Philippine Air Force headquarters in Manila yesterday. Extremists killed them and wounding 27 others in the clash on the remote southern island of Jolo, according to the armed forces.

Tender Notice-Interior Decoration & Furniture Works

SEALED TENDERS are hereby invited by Prime Bank Limited from the reputed and eligible Interior Contractor(s)/Architectural & Engineering firms who should have at least five years experience and have completed the similar nature of work of any scheduled bank with minimum exposure of Tk. 40 (Forty) Lacs in a single work order and also should have valid Registration Certificate, updated VAT & Tax certificate, Trade License, TIN certificate.

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