

DELHI BLAST Govt hits back at critics

Toll climbs to 13; 4 more detained from UP, Kashmir

AFP, New Delhi

India's under-fire home minister hit back yesterday against a string of attacks against high-profile targets.

"I do not think anyone can accuse this government of not doing enough," P Chidambaram told reporters two days after a bomb ripped through a crowd outside New Delhi's High Court, killing 13 people.

The government -- and Chidambaram in particular -- has borne the brunt of public anger over India's apparent inability to prevent bombings in its cities, despite an overhaul of domestic security following the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

A day after the Delhi court blast, the front page of one national newspaper carried a large photo of the home minister under the one-word headline: "Clueless".

Chidambaram argued that India's sheer size, coupled with decades of "accumulated neglect" of internal security, meant that building sufficient counter-terror capacity would inevitably take time.

Experts say Indian security agencies, and in particular the police, suffer from underfunding, a lack of training and poor intelligence gathering.

Briefing reporters on the investigation into Wednesday's attack, Chidambaram said that police in Indian Kashmir had detained a man suspected of sending an email claiming responsibility for the court bombing.

The death toll from Wednesday's bomb blast at New Delhi's High Court has risen to 13 after a man died of his injuries in hospital and police detained 7 more in connection with the attack, police said yesterday.

Four more people are reportedly in a critical condition. Police in Indian Kashmir said yesterday they had detained five people as they investigate an email claiming responsibility for the blast.

Two people were detained in Uttar Pradesh yesterday. One person was detained in Varanasi and another in Bela village on the outskirts of Balrampur district, essentially on account of their resemblance with the sketch of suspects released by Delhi Police, said a top police officer.

Federal investigators have yet to confirm whether the email was indeed from HuJI. Another claim of responsibility, apparently from a home-grown militant outfit called Indian Mujahideen, was sent to media on Thursday.

The United States describes HuJI as a terrorist group with links to al-Qaeda, and it has been accused of carrying out attacks in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Obama unveils \$447b jobs plan

AFP, Washington

US President Barack Obama Thursday unveiled a \$447 billion jobs plan which he said would "jolt" the stalled economy at an "urgent" time for a nation facing a deep economic and political crisis.

"I am sending this Congress a plan that you should pass right away. It's called the American Jobs Act," Obama told lawmakers, as senior officials said the plan, a mix of tax cuts and spending, would total \$447 billion.

Obama delivered the plan in a rare joint session of Congress, seeking to repair public trust in his economic management, to slice into 9.1 percent unemployment and to revive his own political fortunes.

Obama challenged Republicans to halt a "political circus" and immediately pass a bigger than expected \$447 billion jobs plan he said would jolt the "stalled" economy.

"The people of this country work



meet ours," Obama said.

"The question is whether, in the face of an ongoing national crisis, we can stop the political circus and actually do something to help the economy."

Obama said the initiative, called the American Jobs Act, would put people back to work and more money in the pockets of those who are working.

"It will create more jobs for construction workers, more jobs for teachers, more jobs for veterans, and more jobs for the long-term unemployed," he said.

The centrepiece of the plan is a deeper than expected \$240 billion payroll tax cut for employers and employees meant to keep money in the pockets of those most in need, and most likely to spend extra cash to spur demand.

Hopes for renewed economic demand also got a boost on Thursday when Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank was ready to employ various tools to provide an additional monetary stimulus.

But prospects for Obama's plan are uncertain, given blanket Republican opposition to new spending not balanced by steep budget cuts and a deeply polarized political climate already agitated by the coming election.

The plan will be paid for in future years, through deficit reductions, a factor that could spark opposition from some Republicans who may demand cuts in government programs to balance the new spending.

FLOOD-HIT PAKISTAN Authorities appeal for food

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan on Thursday asked the United Nations to issue an international appeal for humanitarian assistance for up to five million people affected by the recent monsoon rains, an official said.

"President Asif Zardari talked to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon by telephone today and requested him to issue an international appeal for assistance to the flood-affected people," presidential spokesman Farhatullah Babar told AFP.

Corruption unabated

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"On August 21, the Cabinet Purchase Committee considered another 19 projects worth \$122 million, approving all but two despite allegations of serious irregularities involving all the projects," it said. The committee on July 17, 2006 had rejected the home ministry's proposal for giving the contract to German bidder Giesecke and Devrient Gmbd.

The committee was especially critical of the identity card component, which it said had not been authorised by the Prime Minister's Office.

The purchase committee also criticised the home ministry for failing to prepare the legal and institutional framework for a national identity card programme, for not using international experts to evaluate the tender submissions, and for entrusting such a large undertaking to a single contractor.

It sent back the project to the home ministry with instructions to re-tender a revised project for the machine readable passports and visa only. In early August that year, the ministry reportedly instructed officials to prepare a new tender.

The project was revived on instructions from the PMO, according to reports. On August 15, the then state minister for home affairs Lutfozzaman Babar confirmed in an interview with The Daily Star that the Cabinet Division had instructed him to resubmit the project to the purchase committee.

The dispatch said the project was not considered at the committee meeting on August 21, but was expected to be considered at its next meeting.

Other questionable procurements that were under consideration or approved included telecom, sanitation and transportation infrastructure projects, a dozen land deals, retroactive payments for unsolicited maintenance services at government power plants, and several power sector proposals, the cable said.

"These join recent allegations of government support for syndicates involved in price manipulation of basic commodities, including rice

and sugar, anecdotal reports of an increase in the value of bribes paid to police, magistrates and other government officials throughout the bureaucracy, and a breaking scandal involving false beneficial owner stock accounts opened to evade rules governing subscriptions to initial public offerings."

Butenis wrote it was widely believed that the prime minister's two sons, as well as relatives of other senior ministers, were directly involved in promoting such questionable deals in exchange for significant "commissions".

In at least two tenders for police radio equipment, an apparent victory by US bidder Motorola was overturned following a direct intervention from Tarique Rahman to Babar on behalf of Tarique's brother Arafat Rahman Koko, who was working on behalf of Singapore Technologies, according to the cable.

Singapore Technologies would also have a significant role in the project on machine readable passports and national identity cards, according to embassy sources, the dispatch said.

"The present level of grand corruption was unprecedented and significantly greater than corruption at the end of the previous Awami League government," Iftekhar Zaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), told an US embassy officer on August 23, 2006.

Butenis cited that BNP cancelled many contracts issued in the waning days of the previous government -- officially because of corruption concerns though often for political reasons.

"If elected, Awami League will probably take similar action against late-term BNP deals, both to demonstrate its own anti-corruption credentials and to create fresh opportunities to garner "commissions" from re-tendered contracts," the cable read.

"For this reason, the BNP's inability to close last-minute deals in the power and energy sectors may be the one silver-lining in the otherwise dark cloud of corruption hanging over the BNP's final months in office."

Veteran rights activist jailed in China

AFP, Beijing

Chinese veteran rights activist and doctor Wang Lihong was sentenced yesterday to nine months in jail for "creating a disturbance", as part of what campaigners say is a broad crackdown on dissent.

The 55-year-old, a veteran of China's 1989 pro-democracy movement in Tiananmen Square, plans to appeal the sentence in the next 10 days, her lawyer Han Yicun told AFP.

Wang was arrested in April, after online calls for Arab-style protests spooked authorities, prompting a widespread clampdown on dissent.



Anti-North Korea activists release huge balloons carrying anti-Pyongyang leaflets near the heavily fortified border yesterday to mark an anniversary of North Korea's founding. The Korean letters on the balloons read "Down with dictator Kim Jong-Il".

Urea Fertilizer Factory Limited

(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation)

Tender Notice

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1) Ministry/Division	Ministry of Industries		
2) Agency	Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC)		
3) Procuring entity Name	Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi (UFFL)		
4) Description of work Goods	Tender No & Date	Price of Tender documents (Non-refundable)	Tender Security
To purchase spare parts for Swing Machine	UFFL/SP-141/10-11/158 Date: 4-9-2011	Tk. 300/=	Tk. 15,000/=

Key Information

5) Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
Funding Information	
6) Budget and source of Fund	UFFL's own source
Particular Information	
7) Tender Last selling date	Date 18-09-2011
8) Tender closing date and time	Date 19-09-2011 Time: 11.00AM
9) Tender opening date and time	Date 19-09-2011 Time 11.10AM
10) Name and Address of the Officer(s)	
Selling Tender Documents (Principal)	Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (6th floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka
Selling Tender Documents (others)	1) Sr. General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, A Agrabad C/A, Chittagong 2) General Manager (A&F), UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi
Receiving Tender Documents	1) Manager (com), Local Purchase office, Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Ghorasal, Narsingdi.
Opening Tender Documents	Manager (Commercial), Local Purchase, Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi (In presence of the bidders or their authorized agents who would wish to be present).

Information for Tender

15) Eligibility of Tender	Necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the Tender Documents.
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Procuring Entity Details

18) Name of official Inviting Tender	Md. Abdus Salam Khan.
19) Designation of official Inviting Tender	Managing Director
20) Address of official Inviting Tender	Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi.
21) Contract Details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone No: 880-038994-85076, 88058 Fax No: 880-2-9352550, E-mail No: uffl42@yahoo.com
22) Special Instruction: (1) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason thereof. (2) Due to unavoidable circumstance in the tender will not be received/opened in the date & time the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time.	

Mohiuddin Ahmed
Manager (Commercial)
For managing Director

সূত্র: ইউএফসিআই/ঢাকা-০৭/০৯/১০০৮

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Date: September 7, 2011

NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION of Cloign Date for Submission of Bids for "Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of extension of existing Aminbazar and Meghnaghat 230 KV Substations on Turnkey Basis" [Contract No: PGCB/MEGH-AMIN/SS/1]

Ref: Memo No: 01/PGCB/Sec(Design)/2011/4359, Dated: 2 August, 2011.

The closing date for submission of Bids for the above work has been extended from **September 18, 2011 at 11:00 am Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) to October 9, 2011 at 11:00 am BST.**

All other terms and conditions for the above Bidding Document shall remain unaltered.
(Md. Ashraf Hossain)
Company Secretary

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CORRIGENDUM FOR THE BIDS OF "Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Barisal-Bhola-Borhanuddin 230kV Double Circuit Transmission Line on Turnkey Basis | Contract No.: PGCB/SC/TL/2011/03"

Ref: Memo No.:01/PGCB/Sec-Design/2011/3622, dated: July 27, 2011.

1. Clause No. 3

(i) The text "230kV" in clause 3(i) is replaced by "220kV".

(ii) The following text is added at the end of the Clause No. 3(i)

"or

The Bidder must have the project execution experiences as Contractor including design, supply, delivery, foundation, erection, stringing & commissioning to demonstrate their capability in at least two (02) projects one (01) of which should be minimum double circuit overhead transmission line of 220kV or higher voltage and with route length of minimum 100km and other one of 132kv with minimum 15km route length within last fifteen (15) years of which the 220 kV or higher voltage overhead transmission line shall be in successful operation for minimum of three (03) years as on the date of opening of bid proposals."

(iii) The following text is added at the end of the Clause No. 3(ii)(a):

"or

The partner in charge must have the project execution experiences as Contractor including design, supply, delivery, foundation, erection, stringing & commissioning to demonstrate their capability in at least one (01) project which should be minimum double circuit overhead transmission line of 220kV or higher voltage and with route length of minimum 100km which shall be in successful operation for minimum of three (03) years as on the date of opening of bid proposals.

(iv) Clause No. 3(ii)(b) is replaced by following text:

"In addition to requirement mentioned in clause 3(ii)(a), for Joint Venture bidder, any partner (including partner in-charge) must have successfully completed at least one (01) Contract for design, supply, delivery, foundation, erection, stringing & commissioning of at least 15km 132 kV or higher voltage overhead transmission line on tower as contractor within the last fifteen (15) years as on the date of opening of technical proposals."

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