

**JAN LOKPAL BILL
Hazare warns
3rd agitation**

IANS, Maharashtra
Social crusader Anna Hazare yesterday warned here that he would launch another agitation if the Jan Lokpal bill was not made into a law soon.

Terming the government's draft of the Lokpal Bill as 'misleading', Hazare said that the Jan Lokpal bill must be accepted, failing which he would launch his third round of agitation.

'Don't oppose the Jan Lokpal bill. Those who oppose it must not be allowed to be re-elected,' Hazare said.

Hazare, who Saturday asked people to stage sit-ins outside homes of MPs opposing the Jan Lokpal bill, yesterday clarified that this must be done in a 'peaceful, non-violent manner'.



A girl holds a "no nukes" placard during an anti-nuclear demonstration in Tokyo yesterday 2011.

PHOTO: AFP

**Pak PM calls for
global flood help**

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has called for international help for up to five million people affected by recent monsoon rains.

Floods in Pakistan have killed 138 people in a month and affected up to five million more, according to the National Disaster Management Authority.

But UN said flooding caused by heavy rains killed almost 200 people and destroyed or damaged more than 1 million homes.

Sindh, a flood-prone southern province, was the hardest-hit area with thousands of houses and large areas of crops destroyed.

"International organisations and the world community should focus their attention on the affected people," Gilani said in an address to the nation late Saturday.

"We are sure that international organisations and the world community would sympathetically consider the appeal by the

President of Pakistan and take immediate steps for the rehabilitation of flood-affected people."

President Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday asked the United Nations to issue an international appeal for humanitarian assistance.

Gilani said that recent rains in Sindh were almost two and a half times normal levels, and had inundated an area of 4.1 million acres, including 1.7 million acres of crops.

He said 700,000 houses were damaged across 21 districts, 150,000 people in relief camps needed immediate assistance, and 64,000 livestock had been lost.

The UN children's agency said up to 2.5 million children in southern Pakistan had been affected by the monsoon floods.

UNICEF said many people were still recovering from last year, when the worst floods in Pakistan's history affected 21 million people and killed an estimated 1,750, with the south again taking the brunt of the devastation.

**Nine dead in
China road
accident**

AFP, Beijing

Nine people were killed and over 20 injured when a passenger bus rear-ended a cement truck in eastern China yesterday, in the latest serious road accident to hit the nation, state press reported.

The accident occurred on a highway in Anhui province when the bus rammed into the truck as it headed toward the city of Maanshan, China Central Television said.

Footage showed a badly mangled bus as rescuers attended the injured in what appeared to be rainy weather.

No other details were immediately available. China's roads are among the world's most dangerous, with traffic laws and safety widely flouted.

**Japan marks 6 months
since tsunami**

AFP, Minamisanriku

The people of Japan fell silent in prayer yesterday, six months after an earthquake and tsunami left 20,000 dead or missing and sparked a nuclear crisis on the country's Pacific coast.

At 2:46 pm the eerie wail of warning sirens rang out, marking exactly six months since the 9.0-magnitude quake struck offshore, unleashing towering waves which swallowed ships, sea walls, vehicles and whole communities.

In towns and villages along the devastated coast, mourners gathered to remember the dead, while in Tokyo anti-nuclear rallies were held over the Fukushima crisis -- the worst nuclear accident since the 1986 Chernobyl disaster.

In the town of Minamisanriku, where 900 people were killed and 60 percent of the buildings were destroyed, about 2,000 people dressed in black gathered at a public gymnasium to observe a moment's silence.

The disaster crippled cooling systems and sparked meltdowns at the Fukushima Daiichi plant, some 220 kilometres (138 miles) northeast of Tokyo, forcing tens of thousands to evacuate, still with no idea when they can return home.

A 600-kilometre (375-mile) stretch of the scenic northeast coast was left devastated by the disaster, with 23 million tonnes of debris still in need of disposal -- and 4,100 people yet to be accounted for.

**US drone
kills four in
Pakistan**

AFP, Peshawar

A US drone strike killed at least four militants yesterday in a restive Pakistani tribal area, security officials said.

The unmanned aircraft fired two missiles, hitting a vehicle and a house in the Hisokhel village of lawless North Waziristan tribal district, security officials told AFP.

"A US drone fired two missiles on a vehicle in Hisokhel village and at least four militants were killed," a Pakistani security official said.

The identities of the militants killed in the attack, which took place some 30 kilometres east of Miranshah, the main town of North Waziristan, were not immediately clear, he said.

**Truck bomb wounds 77
US troops in Afghanistan**

REUTERS, Kabul

A suicide bomber driving a truck of firewood attacked a Nato base in central Afghanistan, killing four civilians and injuring 77 foreign troops a day ahead of the tenth anniversary of the Sept 11 attacks, Nato and Afghan officials said yesterday.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for Saturday's bombing, which came hours after the insurgent group slammed the United States for dragging Afghanistan into war following the attacks in the United States.

An 8-year-old boy was among those killed in the bombing at a Nato combat outpost in Wardak province, about 50 km south of the capital Kabul, the governor's office said in a statement. Fourteen civilians were also wounded.

None of the injuries to Afghans or foreigners were life-threatening, Nato-led International Security Assistance Force said in a separate statement about the

attack in Sayed Abad district of Wardak.

In a statement emailed to media, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said the truck used in the attack was packed with 9 tonnes of explosives and more than 100 foreign troops were killed or wounded.

Doctor Muslim, the governor of Sayed Abad district, said the blast had also badly damaged the buildings that house the district government, and his cook was among the dead.

"The blast was so powerful that it knocked me down from my bike," said Khan Mohammad, a farmer who was passing by at the time of the attack.

The windows and doors of more than 100 shops and houses were damaged in the explosion, the governor's office said.

"A big cloud of smoke rose to the sky and foreign troops' helicopters were landing and taking off in the base for more than five hours after the blast," said Abdul Karim, a shopkeeper.

**Japan PM
apologises
after minister
quits**

AFP, Tokyo

Japan's new prime minister apologised yesterday after one of his ministers was forced to quit for describing the no-go zone around the disaster-hit Fukushima nuclear power plant as a "town of death".

Yoshihiko Noda came under heavy fire after Yoshio Hachiro stepped down late Saturday.

"I profoundly apologise to the people of Fukushima for the incident which has hurt their hearts so much," the premier told reporters yesterday as the country marked six months after the multiple disaster.

**'Corrupt' Indian official's
house turned into school**

BBC ONLINE

The house of a senior Indian civil servant on trial for corruption has been turned into a school for slum children.

Shiv Shankar Verma had his property in the Bihar state capital, Patna, confiscated under new state laws.

Verma denies amassing wealth disproportionate to his income.

It is thought to be the first time such a law has been used in this way in India, which has been hit by a series of corruption scandals.

The school opened on Thursday to the delight of about 100 children,

mainly from the Dalit (formerly untouchable) community.

Verma's three-storey house in the Rukunpura area of Patna was seized on Sunday as part of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's drive against corruption in Bihar, one of India's poorest states.

The civil servant is charged with accumulating more than \$335,000 in illegal wealth.

"The palatial house is now a government primary school," said a senior government official, Anjani Kumar Singh.

Most of the pupils at Primary School Rukunpura are from the

Musahar (rat catcher) community. They were visibly excited at their new premises.

"Our previous school building was dilapidated and stinking from every corner... this one is quite new and well-maintained. We'll enjoy coming here every day to study," said Amit Kumar who is in his third year at primary school.

Under the Bihar Special Courts Act 2009, the state government is empowered to confiscate the property of any official charged with corruption - even while the trial is under way and a conviction has yet to be secured.

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- Consultant for Development of a New UP Tax Schedule, 2011 (Re-advertisement).

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**Only nationals of this country are eligible to apply.
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