

## Zardari in Myanmar to meet Suu Kyi

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's under-fire President Asif Ali Zardari arrived in Myanmar yesterday for two days of talks and a meeting with veteran democracy advocate Aung San Suu Kyi.

The visit comes with Zardari under enormous pressure from the courts trying to re-open corruption cases against him in Switzerland and an investigation into allegations that his government sought the US help to curb the military.

He will hold talks with Myanmar President Thein Sein on upgrading relations, promoting economic and trade cooperation, and make a special visit to Yangon to meet Nobel Peace laureate Suu Kyi, his office said.

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Leaders of Kuki Revolutionary Army give their weapons to P Chidambaram, India's Union home minister, right, and Tarun Gogoi, Chief minister of Assam, during the arms laying down ceremony in Guwahati, the capital of Assam yesterday. About 700 tribal militants representing nine separatist groups surrendered, include the Kuki Revolutionary Army, the Hmar People's Convention, the Birs Commando Force, and the Adivasi Cobra Militant of Assam.

PHOTO: AFP

## Rushdie scraps India lit-fest video address

AFP, Jaipur

A planned video address by British author Salman Rushdie to an Indian literary festival was scrapped yesterday because of security fears, organisers said.

Muslim groups in the city of Jaipur had called for police to ban the video link over the protracted row about alleged blasphemy in Rushdie's 1988 novel "The Satanic Verses".

Sanjoy Roy, the producer of the Jaipur Literature Festival, said police had warned that Muslim activists in the crowd were planning to disrupt the event.

Rushdie last week withdrew from making a personal appearance at the festival after assassination threat.

## Gaddafi loyalists take back Bani Walid

AFP, Bani Walid

Diehard supporters of Muammar Gaddafi seized control on Monday of Bani Walid, a one-time bastion of the slain dictator, Libyan officials told AFP, claims denied by the interior minister.

The assault on a base of former rebels who helped oust Gaddafi, which killed five people, would mark the first major offensive launched by his loyalists since the "liberation" of Libya on October 23, shortly after the fall of Bani Walid.

"The loyalists of Gaddafi took control of the entire city of Bani Walid," said M'barek al-Fotmani, a former member of the ruling National Transitional Council (NTC) in the desert oasis, 170 kilometres south of Tripoli.

Fotmani said the daylight attack on the base of former rebels killed "five thuwars (anti-Gaddafi revolutionaries) including a commander." Around 30 former rebels were also wounded, he said from inside the base.

But Libyan Interior Minister Fawzi Abdelali insisted the fighting was caused by

"internal problems" that he said had no connection with Gaddafi loyalists, while confirming the five deaths.

Meanwhile, Libya's interim government met yesterday to discuss the deadly clashes in the former regime's bastion of Bani Walid as sources said calm returned to the town.

Monday's attack follows an outburst of opposition to the ruling National Transitional Council in the eastern city of Benghazi last week that prompted its chairman, Mustafa Abdel Jalil, to warn of possible "civil war" in post-conflict Libya.

Bani Walid was one of the last pro-Gaddafi bastions to fall in the bloody uprising against the former dictator's rule.

Its capture was followed days later by the fall of the longtime strongman's hometown Sirte in a battle which also led to his killing and marked the "liberation" of Libya.

Crowds of protesters in Benghazi -- the city which first rebelled against Gaddafi last year -- had earlier thrown home-made grenades at and stormed the NTC office before setting it ablaze, witnesses said.

## Saleh seeks exile in Oman

REUTERS, Muscat

Yemen's outgoing President Ali Abdullah Saleh is seeking exile in neighbouring Oman, but the sultanate is reluctant to host him for fear of hurting its relations with any future Yemeni government, diplomats said yesterday.

Saleh left Sanaa on Sunday and headed to the United States for medical treatment following a brief stopover in Oman, though he said in a parting speech he would return to Yemen.

A foreign diplomat in Muscat said Saleh has sought permission to reside there. An Omani government source declined to confirm or deny receiving such a request, but said Oman would be reluctant to grant it in case this might harm future relations with Yemen.

The United States said the departure of Saleh would help to quell the tensions and ensure peaceful power transfer in Yemen.

## Suspected adviser held

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Lt Col Ziaul Ahsan, director of the Rab intelligence wing, said the battalion arrested cardiac surgeon Dr Golam Haider Rasul, 45, a doctor of United Hospital, from his residence in Uttara Sector-3 around 1:30am, and large numbers of leaflets and books of the banned organisation were recovered from his house.

"Haider, who got his MBBS degree from Dhaka Medical College, was maintaining close connections with fugitive Hizb-ut-Tahrir leaders Mawlana Mamunur Rashid, principal of a madrasa in the capital's Mohammadpur, and Dr Towfiq Elahi, a teacher of a prominent private university," said Lt Col Ziaul.

He said Haider is also one of the major donors for Hizb-ut-Tahrir. Haider's wife and father are also doctors, he added. "During our preliminary interrogation, Haider admitted that he believes in Hizb-ut-Tahrir's politics," said the Rab's intelligence director, adding, "His father, Dr Golam Rasul, said he himself also supports the organisation."

"Haider is an adviser level leader of the banned organisation, and plays a key role among its policy makers in Bangladesh," Lt Col Ziaul said. Talking to The Daily Star,

Commander M Sohail of Rab's legal and media wing said, "We are trying to find out whether there are more Hizb-ut-Tahrir men in that hospital."

Sources said Haider was arrested following a recent press conference by Bangladesh Army in which it disclosed that there had been an attempt to overthrow the elected democratic government and that Hizb-ut-Tahrir had a link with the attempt.

Lt Col Ziaul said, "There is a long list of top ranking leaders of the banned outfit who are skilled professionals like doctors, engineers, teachers, and successful businessmen."

"Different other militant organisations like Harkatul-Jihad Bangladesh, Hizb-ut-Tawhid, Allahar Dal, Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh, and Lashkar-e-Taiba have links with Hizb-ut-Tahrir which is also patronised by some mainstream anti-government political parties," said Ziaul.

In separate drives last week, Rab and police arrested at least 15 Hizb-ut-Tahrir leaders and activists including another doctor, and an IT expert of the Local Government Engineering Department. More than 500 Hizb-ut-Tahrir leaders and activists have been arrested since the organisation was banned in 2009.

## MPs unhappy at foreign ministry role

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incidents from recurring, meeting sources said.

Meanwhile, State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku yesterday asked Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) personnel to intensify vigilance and maintain peace to avert any untoward incidents in the border areas.

The minister made the comment before reporters following a meeting of the National Committee on preventing smuggling at the home ministry.

Asked to comment on the recent killing and torture of Bangladeshis by BSF, the state minister said, "BGB

personnel have been kept on high alert. The director general of BGB has been asked to maintain peace at any cost in the border areas."

"India has apologised for the recent incidents of torture and killing, and has taken legal action accordingly," he added.

Contacted by The Daily Star, BGB chief Maj Gen Anwar Hossain said that against the backdrop of some recent incidents, the force had intensified vigilance along the border so that no Bangladeshis could cross the zero line illegally.

He, however, said the BGB men had not been kept in a state of alert.

After the video footage of a Bangladeshi national being assaulted by BSF men at a spot near the India-Bangladesh border was aired, sector commander level meetings were held between BGB and BSF, the BGB chief said.

In the meetings, India termed the recent incident of torture unexpected, but did not apologise, a source at BGB said.

### JS BODY ON FOREIGN MINISTRY

At yesterday's meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on foreign ministry, committee chief Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali told reporters the number of

killing incidents in border areas had declined in comparison with figures during the five-year period of BNP-Jamaat alliance government in 2001-2006.

He also said that the government had been handling the border related incidents 'properly'.

An opposition lawmaker clearly did not concur with this view. "But I told the meeting that the foreign ministry had not been projecting the killing and torture incidents by BSF before India properly," BNP lawmaker Mahub Uddin Khokon, a member of the committee, said.

## Rights commission

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thrashing of the Bangladeshi man by BSF men.

"The commission has observed that the contents of press reports, if true, raise a serious issue of a violation of the human rights of the victim," the NHRC said in a statement issued last night.

The BSF has suspended eight of its personnel in connection with the incident and ordered a probe.

The Hindu, in its editorial yesterday wrote, "Not surprisingly, the telltale video has caused widespread outrage in Bangladesh. A remark by Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee that the incident must not be hyped, echoed by a Bangladeshi minister, seems only to have provoked more anger and fuelled opposition allegations against the Sheikh Hasina government for being 'pro-India'."

The daily also noted, "....New Delhi needs to guard against becoming an unwitting cause for political instability in its eastern neighbour. Anti-India sentiment has been high in Bangladesh since the killing of three of its nationals by the BSF in two separate incidents on the border last month."

It pointed out that though a March 2011 agreement between the two countries not to use firearms in dealing with illegal activities on the border has brought down the number of such incidents, "the video is evidence that the guards feel free to use other forms of violence. It underlines the fact that such bilateral agreements on the management of their complex boundary are worth nothing

unless accompanied by a change in the mindset of those responsible for it on the ground."

Titled "Brutality on the border", the editorial read, "The distressing 11.56 minute footage, circulated through YouTube, is quite evidently a trophy video, the guards happy to pose as they strip their victim, tie his hands and feet, and beat him mercilessly while discussing among themselves other severe options of dealing with him. The man was a suspected rustler -- the border is notorious for cattle smuggling -- and it has been alleged by rights activists in Bangladesh that the guards were punishing him for not paying them a bribe."

"The guards appear to have such an entrenched sense of impunity that the thought of being found out and punished does not seem to cross their minds as they participate in the abuse."

"The BSF has suspended the eight guards involved in the distressing episode and ordered an investigation. While it may be convenient for the paramilitary to treat this as an isolated incident of rogue personnel, the inquiry needs to focus on the overall climate of impunity that makes such incidents possible."

"The BSF must also reflect if there is something missing in the training of its recruits that some of them are capable of such brutality. This is important because their conduct not only brings disrepute to the organisation but also risks jeopardising India's relations with an important neighbour."

## NEWS IN brief

### 'Indian PM makes Twitter debut

BBC ONLINE

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday started a Twitter account in an effort to inform people about the work done by his office, aides say.

Singh's account, @PMOIndia, which refers to the prime minister's office, will be handled by his communications team.

Within hours of opening the account late on Monday, Mr Singh had tweeted three times and gained 6,000 followers.

Singh has often been criticised for being inaccessible to the media.

He rarely gives interviews to journalists in India. They did not rule out the possibility of Singh sending out personal tweets under his own signature.

### 'Anthrax' threat for Israel missions

AFP, Jerusalem

Envelopes containing white powder initially feared to be anthrax arrived at six Israeli diplomatic missions in Europe and the US, Israeli media reported yesterday.

According to reports, embassies in The Hague, Brussels and London and consulates in New York, Houston and Boston on Monday received envelopes with the word "anthrax" on them, containing what turned out to be harmless white powder.

The Israeli foreign ministry would not comment on the reports.

Anthrax is a potentially lethal bacterium that exists naturally in the soil and can also occur among cattle. It is also, more notoriously, a potential bioterror weapon.

### 'Lankan jail riot injures 28

BBC ONLINE

At least 28 people have been injured in clashes between guards and rioting inmates at a prison in Sri Lanka's capital, Colombo, police say.

Guards opened fire - most of the injured are inmates with bullet wounds. Unconfirmed reports say three are dead.

Prisoners are reported to have set fire to a kitchen and an administrative building at Welikada (Magazine) jail.

Reports say they want better food and conditions. Police say inmates are angry at moves to curb drug smuggling.

A local resident told the Associated Press there had been disturbances at the prison for several days.

Police spokesman Ajith Rohana said 24 prisoners and four guards had been hurt in yesterday's violence.

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### Invitation for Tender

1. Ministry/Division	:	-
2. Agency	:	-
3. Procuring Entity Name	:	Bangladesh Development Bank Limited (BDDBL)
4. Procuring Entity Code	:	Not applicable
5. Procuring Entity District	:	Dhaka, Bangladesh
6. Invitation for	:	Tender for procurement of latest model brand new Cars

**KEY INFORMATION**

7. Procurement Method	:	Open Tendering Method
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

8. Budget and Source of Fund	:	BDDBL's own fund
9. Development Partners (If and)	:	Not applicable

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

10. Tender Package No.	:	N.A
11. Tender Package Name	:	-
12. Tender Last Selling Date	:	09/02/2012
13. Tender Closing Date and Time	:	12/02/2012, 2.30PM
14. Tender Opening Date and Time	:	12/02/2012, 3.00PM
15. Name & Address of the Offices(s)	:	Bangladesh Development Bank Limited (BDDBL) -Selling Tender Document (Principal): Establishment & Common Service Department (Level-9), HO, Dhaka -Receiving Tender Document: Establishment & Common Service Department (Level-9), HO, Dhaka -Opening Tender Document: Establishment & Common Service Department (Level-9), HO, Dhaka
16. Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	:	Not applicable

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERERS**

17. Eligibility of Tender	:	Well reputed & financially solvent Tenderers (authorized agents/distributors) having office establishment, repairing/service workshop, manpower, logistic support, stock position, good performance, qualification & past experience of supplying brand new & good quality vehicles in Govt. sector and various reputed organization within assigned time.
18. Brief Description of Goods or Works	:	Vehicle is to be latest model, modern, international standard, good quality, brand new, fitting with modern amenities, electronic fuel injection (EFI/equivalent) engine with detail specifications (supported by original catalogue/brochure).
19. Brief Description of Related Services	:	-
20. Price of Tender Document	:	TK. 1000.00
21. Identification	:	Location: Tender Security money Amount (TK.) in the form of PO or DD or Bank Guarantee 4 No. of 1500 C.C. (+10) 7 seated Dual Air Cooler latest model brand new Cars BDDBL Bhaban 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka TK. 3.50 Lac From ready stock or within 30 days from the date of work order

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

22. Name of Official Inviting Tender	:	Mohammad Mostahaque
23. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	:	Assistant General Manager
24. Address of Official Inviting Tender	:	Establishment & Common Service Department (Level-9), Bangladesh Development Bank Ltd. (BDDBL), Head Office, 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka
25. Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	:	Telephone No. 9555455, Fax No. 9557622
26. The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all or any tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	:	

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সিদ্ধিরগঞ্জ ৩৩/১১ কেভি উপকেন্দ্র এবং সারুলিয়া ৩৩/১১ কেভি উপকেন্দ্রের পাওয়ার ট্রান্সফরমার, সার্কিট ব্রেকার, ইনভোল্টার বাস, সিটি, পিটি প্রভৃতি মেরামত ও সংরক্ষণ কাজের জন্য যথাক্রমে আগামী ২৭/০১/১২ইং তারিখ শুক্রবার ও ২৮/০১/১২ইং তারিখ শনিবার প্রতিদিন সকাল ০৯ঃ০০ ঘটিকা হইতে বিকাল ০৫ঃ০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিম্ন বর্ণিত এলাকাসমূহে বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহ বন্ধ থাকিবে।

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