

UN compound in Afghanistan set alight in Quran protest

BBC ONLINE

Part of a UN compound in the Afghan city of Kunduz was set alight yesterday amid fresh protests against the burning of the Quran by US soldiers.

Four people were killed and dozens injured in clashes in the city, according to local doctors. Three more people were killed in the southern province of Logar.

More than 20 have died since the protests began on Tuesday.

A group of 500 demonstrators attacked police defending the UN compound with stones, metal sticks and sharp objects, the deputy chief of police in northeastern Kunduz province said.

"Then warning shots were fired. But they refused our warnings," he added.

Eyewitnesses reported gunfire in the



Protesters carrying a wounded compatriot during the protest

city and several buildings being set alight.

The governor's house in Laghman province also came under attack yesterday.

Eyewitnesses reported seeing smoke coming out of one of the building's security towers set alight by demonstrators. Elite Afghan forces then arrived to secure the compound.

Police had detained 17 armed men

from among the demonstrators in Laghman, the provincial governor Mohammad Iqbal Azizi told reporters.

Demonstrations were also reported by police and government officials in Pakhtia, Nangarhar and Sari Pul provinces.

Friday was the deadliest day of unrest so far. At least 12 people were killed across the country as mobs charged at US bases and diplomatic missions.

Earlier on Friday, Nato's Afghanistan commander Gen John Allen had appealed for calm.

"Working together with the Afghan leadership is the only way for us to correct this major error and ensure that it never happens again," he said in a statement.

US President Barack Obama has also apologised for the Quran-burning incident.

WB chief wants to see US leadership

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has said it would open the process to competition.

Zoellick noted however that Americans did not hold top posts at the United Nations, World Trade Organization, regional development banks or International Monetary Fund.

"I want the United States to feel a sense of responsibility to the international system. So in that sense if you get the right American candidate I think that can be good for the United States and the bank."

So far, two people most often mentioned as possible successors are both American: US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and former White House economic adviser and former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers. The State Department has insisted that Clinton would not be taking the job.

Much like in 2011, when Dominique Strauss-Kahn resigned as managing director of the International Monetary Fund, officials from countries such as Brazil and the Philippines said it was time to break the decades-old pattern of putting an American in charge of the World Bank and a European at the IMF.

Agustin Carstens, Mexico's central bank governor, who had made an unsuccessful bid to head up the International Monetary fund last year, said on

Wednesday the World Bank presidency should be open to a wide field of candidates.

BUYING TIME IN EUROPE

Zoellick said the latest Greek bailout totalling 130 billion euros would merely buy time.

"It's too early to know, partly it depends on the actions the Greeks have to take," he said.

"I think that the European Union has dealt with Greece as one element but the core elements are really going to be the success of some of the bigger countries, such as Italy and Spain."

But he said bailouts weren't necessary for these two countries or Portugal.

"Each country's situation is different and you really have three interconnected problems. For some it's the size of the sovereign debt, for some it's the effect on the banking industry, and for some it's their competitiveness," he said adding that "Spain and Italy need time to make the reforms."

"But I do think that all this is harder to accomplish when there is a recession in Europe."

Support from other European nations was also crucial.

"What I've tried to suggest, given the politics of reform in some of the Mediterranean countries, (is that) it will be important for Germany and other leaders in the process to show some

prospects if the reforms are taken and how they will be supported by the other European countries."

Zoellick heads next to China for the release tomorrow of a major economic report by the bank and a Chinese government think tank, looking at economic opportunities and challenges to the year 2030.

GLOBAL ECONOMY, CHINA AND OIL

Zoellick said that prospects for global economic growth this year remain guardedly positive with much hinging on Europe stabilising and China reaching a soft landing, with oil prices a wildcard.

"I have a cautious optimism about the international economy. Our forecasts are that growth might slow down a little bit this year. What I see is that the US economy has got some momentum," he said.

"If Europe is able to continue to stabilise the situation, that's a big if, but that's an important part. And I think China has issues in the real estate sector but my own guess is they are on the process for a soft landing."

"The two big question marks to me are energy prices with the political risk and Europe being able to maintain things."

Brent crude futures settled near a 10-month high above \$125 a barrel on Friday, posting a fifth

straight weekly gain as heightened concerns over tensions with Iran about its nuclear program and cuts in supply sent oil prices up on both sides of the Atlantic.

The crude oil price spike has prompted speculation the International Energy Agency may again call for the release of oil stocks, or the US may release strategic petroleum reserves.

Zoellick said oil prices remain a concern, though the World Bank is only an observer in any decision to release strategic oil stocks.

"Not my call," he said, adding that "I don't think one should rush into that but the reason that the strategic reserve was created was for use in emergency situations."

Climate change

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get hold of the funds due to its poor financial management. The country must notice the direction the world is moving towards," he said.

Prof Nishat was speaking at a discussion on "Climate change, natural disaster, environmental management and food security" on the concluding day of a two-day international symposium styled "Science for Society" at Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council in the capital.

Supported by Japan Embassy here, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Alumni Association organised the event to mark the 40th anniversary of Japan-Bangladesh diplomatic relations. About 300 researchers from the two countries took part in the symposium.

Prof Nishat, also the vice-chancellor of Brac University, said food security in Bangladesh would come under a serious threat if the sea level rises to a dangerous point. The ecosystem and biodiversity will undergo major changes, as they will not be able to accli-

RMCH interns go on strike

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No doctor had attended the patient since he was admitted to the hospital on Friday around 11:00pm, alleged the relatives, adding that as Asad's condition deteriorated in the morning the intern administered him the injections.

The intern, however, fled when Asad's agitated relatives and party men started to show up at the hospital. Following this all the interns gathered in front of the RMCH director's office demanding security.

Meanwhile, deceased's wife Halima Begum made a verbal complaint to the RMCH director about her husband's death due to wrong treatment. The director also sat with the interns.

Physician Mahbubur Rahman of medicine

department said Asad was admitted to the hospital in a critical condition and doctors could not save his life. He denied talking any details.

RMCH Director Brig Gen Muhammad Moinuddin also refused to talk on the incident.

After Asad's relative took his body home, the interns gathered at Charu Mama's canteen inside the hospital premises and tried to form a human chain. But police did not let it happen.

Security had been intensified in and around the hospital after the death of the patient. No journalists were let enter the hospital since morning.

The interns stopped working since 10:00am, said Rokonuddin, an assistant commissioner of

Rajshahi Metropolitan Police.

In the afternoon, through an unsigned press release the interns said they had started observing the strike from 3:00pm to realise a four-point demand.

They wanted constant police deployment at three entrances and in front of admission wards, repair of ECG machine and telephone connections, supplies of emergency medicines, and visits to the wards in the evenings by an assistant professor or a doctor of the similar status.

While leaving the hospital in the evening, the RMCH director told reporters that he did not know why the interns went on strike. "We had talks and there was no situation for calling the strike," he added.

20 illegal structures

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entrance of a mazar [enshrined tomb], two rooms for the imam of a mosque and the caretaker of the mazar, warehouses and a water tank.

The twenty-katha land was then handed over to the DU estate manager.

"We requested the university authorities to build a wall separating the mazar from the Shaheed Minar compound so that the sanctity of the Shaheed Minar was not violated," said Mohammad Al Amin, executive magistrate of Dhaka district administration and leader of the drive.

A vested group was exploiting the place for its own interest, he added.

In response to a writ petition filed by Prof Muntasir

Mamun, a teacher of Dhaka University, the High Court on Wednesday directed the authorities concerned to remove all illegal structures, excluding the tomb, from the land in 48 hours.

The petition said the vested quarter which had occupied the land for a mazar was planning to build a high-rise. Some employees of Dhaka Medical College were also abusing the place.

Magistrate Al Amin yesterday told The Daily Star the authorities had not demolished a mosque adjacent to the grave as the High Court did not give any specific directive on the matter considering public emotion.

"We talked to the petitioner's counsel Manzill

Murshid about the matter and will bring it to the court's notice."

A caretaker of the grave, Abdul Mannan, said the district administration officials had verbally asked that the mosque be removed within 24 hours.

About the mazar, some locals present at the spot said it was the grave of a fourth class employee of Dhaka Medical College. In the 1990's, a group turned the grave into a shrine and grabbed the land belonging to the Shaheed Minar.

The place even became a drug spot and a place for people to meet their prisoner relatives sent for treatment to the medical college hospital from jail, they added.

India removed from WHO list of polio nations

AP, New Delhi

India yesterday marked a major success in its battle against polio by being removed from the World Health Organisation's list of countries plagued by the crippling disease.

Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad said the WHO removed India from the list after the country passed one year without registering any new cases.

The milestone is a major victory in the global effort to eradicate polio and leaves only three countries with endemic polio Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan. India must pass another two years without new cases to be declared polio-free.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh praised some 230,000 volunteers who traveled across India to vaccinate children and said India's success against polio "shows that teamwork pays."

"This gives us hope that we can finally eradicate polio not only from India but from the face of the entire mother Earth," he said at a New Delhi conference on polio.

He said more work was needed to ensure every Indian child "has equal access to the best immunisation" as well as to other factors for warding off disease including better sanitation, education, safe drinking water and nutritious food.

"We need to educate our children and our mothers on the importance of hygiene and nutrition to overall good health and longevity," Singh said.

Prof Lutful Hassan, of Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding at Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, said temperature rise would seriously harm soil fertility and thus agricultural production.

Mahmud Hasan Tuhin, a research assistant of IWFM, Abul Hossain Molla, a researcher of Department of Bioenvironmental Science at Bangladesh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University in Gazipur, and SM Shahinul Islam of Institute of Biological Sciences at Rajshahi University, among others, also spoke at yesterday's symposium.

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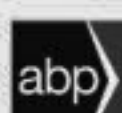
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Invitation for Corporate Agreement for Cement and MS Rod Supply

Procuring Entity	BRAC
Source of Fund	Own Fund
Tender Package No.	BPD-C&M/Cement/01-12
IFT Reference no. and date	IFT/BRAC/BPD-C&M/12-03
Tender Name	'Invitation for Corporate Agreement for Cement & MS Rod Supply'
Item (s)	Cement & MS Rod
Price of the Tender documents	Free, also the Document is available at: www.brac.net/procurement
Tender Security	Nil
Tender documents Available	BRAC Procurement Department, BRAC Center, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212.
Date and time of collecting documents	Feb 26 - March 14, 2012 between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Tender dropping place, date & time	BRAC Procurement Department, Ground Floor, BRAC Center, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212. March 15, 2012 between 10:00 am to 2:30 pm.
Tender opening place, date & time	Staff Café (4th floor) BRAC Center. March 15, 2012 at 3:00 pm

BRAC Procurement Department, BRAC Centre, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212, Phone: 9881265, Ext. 3034/3037/3033

Urea Fertilizer Factory Limited
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation)

RE-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 Jobs	To Carry 1085 M. Ton Sulphuric Acid from T.S.P Complex Ltd. Ctg to UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi Through Covered Van.
5) Invitation Ref. & date	UFFL/PUR-2.001/2011-2012/660 dated: 18-02-2012.
Key Information	
6) Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
Funding Information	
7) Budget and source of Fund	UFFL's own source
Particular Information	
8) Tender Last selling date	Date 05-03-2012
9) Tender closing date and time	Date 06-03-2012 Time: 11:00AM
10) Tender opening date and time	Date 06-03-2012 Time: 11:10 AM
11) 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, 6 Agrabad C/A, Chittagong 2) General Manager (A&F), UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi
Receiving Tender Documents	1) In the Tender Box of Local Purchase Office, Administration Bhaban, Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi.
Opening Tender Documents	General Manager (Commercial), Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi (in presence of the bidders or their authorized agents who would wish to be present).
Information for Tender	
12) Eligibility of Tender	Necessary papers to be submit complying the conditions mentioned in the Tender Documents.
13) Brief Description of Jobs	To Carry 1085 M. Ton Sulphuric Acid from T.S.P Complex Ltd. Ctg to UFFL Stor, Ghorasal, Narsingdi Through Covered Van.
14) Price of Tender Document	Tk. 2,000/- Per set. (Non-refundable)
15) Lot no. Identification Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk.) Completion Time/Delivery Schedule.
N/A 01(One) UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi	Tk. 80,000/- As per terms of Tender schedule
Procuring Entity Details	
16) Name of official Inviting Tender	Md. Abdus Salam Khan.
17) Designation of official Inviting Tender	Managing Director.
18) Address of official Inviting Tender	Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi.
19) Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone No: 880-038994-85076, 88058 Fax No: 880-2-9352550, E-mail No: uffl42@yahoo.com
20) 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 (C&M)
For managing Director

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