

Taliban vows retaliation

Outrage continues over civilian killing; US won't rush in troops pullout

AFP, Kandahar

Attack on Afghan officials killed at least one yesterday while Taliban vowed revenge over the killing of 16 villagers by a rogue US soldier underlining anger at the massacre.

The attack in southern Kandahar province came hours after hundreds of students chanting "Death to America" took to the streets of Jalalabad, in Afghanistan's first protest against the US army sergeant's killings spree.

Two of Afghan President Hamid Karzai's brothers were in the delegation which came under sustained gunfire, a local reporter at the scene in Panjwayi district told AFP.

Taliban insurgents have vowed revenge for the killings, and the US embassy in Kabul has warned its citizens to be on their guard, mindful of a wave of deadly protests last month over the burning of Qurans at an American military base.

The Taliban, leading a 10-year

insurgency against the foreign troops and Karzai's government, threatened to take revenge against "sick-minded American savages".

The United States and its Nato allies are looking to withdraw their 130,000-odd combat troops from Afghanistan by 2014, although Sunday's massacre in Kandahar risks exacerbating a mood of war-weariness in the West.

In Washington, Obama warned the US public against a hasty drawdown from Afghanistan, after a weekend poll said most Americans believe the war is not worth the cost and want an early withdrawal.

Though he warned against a



precipitous pullout, Obama said in a separate interview with Denver CBS affiliate KCNC that it was "important for us just to make sure that we are not... in Afghanistan longer than we need to be".

The Jalalabad students, echoing a call by the Afghan parliament on Monday, also demanded that the US soldier be tried in public in Afghanistan.

But the United States made clear that the soldier would be subject to US military law -- and that he could face execution if convicted.

Briefing reporters en route to a visit to Kyrgyzstan, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta was asked if the death penalty could apply. "My understanding is in these instances that could be a consideration," he said.

The US army sergeant was on his first tour of duty in Afghanistan after serving three tours in Iraq, according to US officials.

He left his forward operating base in Kandahar province in the pre-dawn darkness Sunday and went on a murderous rampage before turning himself in back at the base, Afghan and American officials say.

He is accused of breaking into village homes and opening fire, killing 16 people including women and children, in an incident that has further imperiled Afghan-US relations as the countries try to craft a post-2014 partnership deal.

US drone strikes kill 15 in Pakistan

DAWN ONLINE

US drone aircraft struck twice in Pakistan's unruly tribal regions along the border with Afghanistan yesterday, killing 15 suspected militants, including two senior commanders of the Pakistani Taliban, security and intelligence officials said.

Maulvi Nazir, one of the most influential militant leaders in the region, was killed along with his eight companions in the first attack.

Seven suspected militants were killed in the second attack later in the day, when a drone fired missiles at a vehicle in the border Waziristan.

The New America Foundation think-tank in Washington says drone strikes have killed between 1,715 and 2,680 people in Pakistan in the past eight years.

WAR CRIMES India seeks to avoid mistrust with Lanka

AGENCIES

With Tamil Nadu MPs insisting that India make its stand clear on the US-sponsored resolution against Sri Lanka in UNHRC, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has said efforts are on to achieve a "forward-looking" outcome which would avoid "deepening confrontation and mistrust."

Meanwhile, Indian Rajya Sabha was adjourned till noon yesterday as opposition parties demanded to know the government's stand on the resolution.

"We are engaged with all parties in an effort to achieve an outcome that is forward-looking and that ensures that rather than deepening confrontation and mistrust between concerned parties a way forward is found on issues related to accountability and reconciliation," Singh told DMK chief M Karunanidhi.

In a letter to the DMK leader, who demanded that India support the US resolution against Colombo for alleged war crimes during voting, Singh said India's objective, as always, remains the achievement of a future for the Tamil community in Sri Lanka marked by equality, dignity, justice and self-respect.

Noting that India had emphasised to Sri Lanka the importance of a genuine process of reconciliation to address grievances of Tamils, he said New Delhi welcomed the report of Sri Lankan Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Committee (LLRC).



Stop construction

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admittedly constructing a residence on the beach, yesterday told the court the then government allocated plots on the beach to five people including him between 2002 and 2004 following execution of separate lease agreements.

Appearing before an HC bench as per one of its summons, Oli said one Khandker Asaduzzaman and one Abul Hasnat Abdul Hye are among the four others, who had been allocated plots on the beach.

The LDP chief admitted that he is constructing a three-bedroom residential building for his own use on a five-katha plot without any permission from the authorities concerned.

He added he has no plan

to build any resort on the plot for commercial purpose.

Oli said he has paid money to the government for the plot, praying to the court to direct the government to refund the money in case of cancellation of the lease.

In its order yesterday, the HC said the high-powered committee will investigate whether the government can give any lease of the land on the sea beach to any individual or private company, whether those lease agreements can be cancelled now and whether the damages already caused to the environment due to the allotments of five plots can be replenished.

The HC bench of Justice A H M Shamsuddin

Choudhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim ordered the committee to submit the investigation report by June 30 before it and also fixed July 10 for further order on the issue.

The bench, however, exempted Oli from personal appearance before it in connection with the matter.

The court also issued a rule upon the officials concerned to explain why the government should not be directed to cancel the lease agreements of the land on the beach and to explain why the allocation of the land should not be declared illegal and against public interest.

The secretaries to the ministries of cabinet, land, law, environment, civil aviation and tourism, and

home affairs, the director general of the environment department, and the deputy commissioner and the superintendent of police of Cox's Bazar have been made respondents to the rule.

Based on a report published in The Daily Star with the headline "Oli's castle on beach," the HC on February 22 issued a suomoto rule and summoned the LDP chief before it yesterday to explain his role in constructing the structure on the beach, an ecologically critical area.

The report stated that Oli Ahmed, without any permission from the authorities concerned, is going to build a four-storey structure in the jhau woods on the beach that is a violation of environmental laws.

The site falls in the ecologically critical area (ECA), where any type of construction is prohibited by the Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act, 1995 (Amendment 2010), according to the report.

Supreme Court lawyers Manzill Murshid, Iqbal Kabir Lytton, and Deputy Attorney General ABM Altaf Hossain placed the report to draw the attention of the judges for necessary order that day.

Oli's counsel Moudud Ahmed yesterday told the court the reports published in The Daily Star on February 22 and 23 did not reflect the whole truth upon which the HC issued the rule.

Moudud also said his client had sent a rejoinder to The Daily Star against its two reports on the issue, but the newspaper published a small part of the rejoinder.

Moudud, however, did not place the rejoinder and replies made by The Daily Star before the court.

The court instantly asked The Daily Star correspondent, who was on duty on the court premises, to appear before it for an explanation on the allegations made by Moudud.

The correspondent told the court The Daily Star on March 2 published the rejoinder, which was sent by Oli Ahmed through his attorney, in detail with its reply and clarification.

The Daily Star reports, which were contested by Oli Ahmed, were fully correct, except an editing error.

Instead of saying a four-storey building was being constructed, the report published on February 23 stated a four-storey building had already been constructed, he said.

He added The Daily Star on March 2 said in the reply that "This was an editing error and we stand corrected."

The court asked the correspondent to place an issue of The Daily Star published on March 2 containing the rejoinder and the reply before it later.

Additional Attorney General MK Rahman and Advocate Iqbal Kabir Lytton argued before the court.

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EU had already chalked out a project worth \$100 million to be implemented in Myanmar for the Rohingya refugees intruding in Bangladesh.

The minister said that the EU would also be setting up an office in Myanmar to restore diplomatic ties with the country because of the changing political conditions.

"The delegation assured of extending help in the repatriation of the Rohingyas as the refugees have been causing various economic and social problems in Cox's Bazar areas," Razzaque told the reporters after the meeting.

He said that the delegates also expressed their intent to support the NGOs (non-government organisations) in Cox's Bazar working for the welfare of the refugees.

However, Razzaque urged them to stop the intrusion of Rohingyas in Bangladesh.

"No NGO is allowed to work there without prior approval of the local administration," he informed the delegates, adding that such restrictions were imposed to discourage the influx of the Rohingyas.

Razzaque said the activities of certain foreign NGOs in Bangladesh had also hurt the country's image. The minister said "We are not against the activities of the NGOs. The government has also done many things for Rohingyas on humanitarian grounds but we

should not encourage more of them to come to Bangladesh."

There was a mass influx of Rohingyas to Bangladesh in the 90's. Around 2.4 lakh of them were repatriated but the move was stopped due to non-cooperation by the Myanmar military junta.

Around 28,000 registered Rohingya refugees are staying in two camps in Cox's Bazar while around 4 lakh illegal Rohingyas have dispersed all over Cox's Bazar, Bandarban, Khagrachhari and Rangamati.

"The huge number of Rohingyas is also causing food crisis in the area," said the food minister, adding that the government did everything to repatriate them.

The secret of controlling your anger

DAILYMAIL ONLINE

People who find themselves on the verge of yelling at queue-jumpers or crafty colleagues could be helped by a simple - if slightly odd - exercise.

Right handers should get into the habit of using a computer mouse, stirring a cup of coffee or opening a door with their left hand - and left-handers should do the opposite.

'Training' yourself to use the 'wrong' hand seems to act as practice for other kinds of self control, such as being polite. Just two weeks of the exercises reduce the tendency to act on impulse.

Studies showed people who follow the instruction for two weeks keep a lid on their aggression better.

| Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University Trishal, Mymensingh Invitation for Re-Tender for Works | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. | Ministry/Division | Ministry of Education. | | |
| 2. | Agency | Bangladesh University Grants Commission. | | |
| 3. | Procuring entity name | Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University. | | |
| 4. | Procuring entity code | Not used. | | |
| 5. | Procuring entity district | Mymensingh. | | |
| 6. | Invitation for | Tender for Works (Single Lot). | | |
| 7. | Invitation Ref No. | JKKNIU/P & D/Tender/DPU/W2/2011-12/V-2/182. | | |
| 8. | Date | 08/03/2012. | | |
| KEY INFORMATION | | | | |
| 9. | Procurement method | Open Tendering Method (National). | | |
| FUNDING INFORMATION | | | | |
| 10. | Budget and source of funds | Development Budget, GOB. | | |
| 11. | Development partners (if applicable) | None. | | |
| PARTICULAR INFORMATION | | | | |
| 12. | Project/programme code | 9539. | | |
| 13. | Project/programme name | Development of Public Universities. | | |
| 14. | Tender package No. | W2 (Single Lot). | | |
| 15. | Tender package name | Construction of Library Building. | | |
| 16. | Tender publication date | 11/03/2012. | | |
| 17. | Tender last selling date | 25/03/12. | | |
| 18. | Tender closing date and time | 27/03/2012 at 03.00pm. | | |
| 19. | Tender opening date and time | 27/03/2012 at 04.00pm. | | |
| 20. | Name and address of the office | | | |
| | (a) Selling tender document (principal) | Office of the Director (Planning & Development), Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymensingh. | | |
| | (b) Selling tender document (others) | (i) Engineering Office, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymensingh. (ii) Sonali Bank, University Booth, Trishal, Mymensingh. | | |
| | (c) Receiving tender document (principal) | Engineering Office, 2 nd Floor, Administrative Building, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymensingh up to 3:00pm on 27/03/12. | | |
| | (d) Receiving tender document (others) | (i) 5 th Floor, Auditorium, University Grants Commission, Agergaon, Sher-e-Banglanagar, Dhaka up to 11:00am on 27/03/2012. (ii) Office of the UNO, Trishal, Mymensingh up to 3:00pm on 27/03/12. (iii) Office of the Officer-in-Charge, Trishal Thana, Trishal, Mymensingh up to 3:00pm on 27/03/12. | | |
| | (e) Opening tender document | Conference Room, 2 nd Floor, Administrative Building, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymensingh. | | |
| 21. | Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional) | Pre-tender meeting shall not be held. | | |
| INFORMATION FOR TENDERER | | | | |
| 22. | Eligibility and qualification of tenderer | The tenderer shall have • A minimum of five (5) years of general experience. • A satisfactory completion of similar works of at least Tk 300 (three hundred) lakh under a single contract in government/semi-government/autonomous organization of Bangladesh over a period of 5 (five) years. • The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk. 500.00 (five hundred) lakh over the last 5 (five) years (best three (3) years in the last five (5) years). • The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be Tk. 80 (eighty) lakh. • Satisfy other criteria laid down in the tender data sheet. | | |
| 23. | Brief description of works | Construction of Library Building including civil, electrical, sanitary & plumbing works. | | |
| | Special note | Quantity of works up to 50% may be withheld until revision of PP by appropriate authority. | | |
| 24. | Tender document price | Cash Tk. 1,000/- (one thousand). | | |
| | Identification of lot | Location | Tender security amount in Taka | Completion time (months) |
| 25. | Single lot of Construction of Library Building | JKKNIU Compound at Trishal, Mymensingh | Tk. 12,50,000.00 (twelve lakh fifty thousand) only | 18 (eighteen) months from the start date |
| PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS | | | | |
| 26. | Name of official inviting tender | Eng. Md. Hafizur Rahman. | | |
| 27. | Designation of official inviting tender | Director (Planning & Development). | | |
| 28. | Address of official inviting tender | Department of Planning & Development, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymensingh. | | |
| 29. | Contact details of official inviting tender | Telephone: 09032-56273 Electronic-mail address: hafjr@yahoo.com Facsimile: 09032-56270 | | |
| 30. | The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. | | | |
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| DHAKA STOCK EXCHANGE LIMITED Request for Proposal (RFP) Notice | | |
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| Appointment of Project Consultant for "Implementing Structured Network Infrastructure and Datacenter for DSE Tower at Nikunja, Dhaka" | | |
| Intended participants are requested to submit an offer in a sealed envelope as defined in the RFP document which contains the description and specification of jobs/services. Brief description of services is as follows: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Consultant will analyze the requirement, develop a design, provide documents (complete RFP and Bill of Material: BOM) to select partner(s) for Implementing Structured Network Infrastructure and Datacenter for DSE Tower (14 stored building with 3 basements) at Nikunja, Dhaka.Additionally the Consultant will look-after the project during implementation and a certain period after implementation, also arrange visit the similar site for DSE personnel to enhance the experiences and better understanding of the project. | | |
| Interested company can collect the RFP document from below mentioned office. Participants can directly discuss with the mentioned officials for any clarification or information during office hour. | | |
| # | Information | Details |
| 1. | Invitation for | Appointment of Project Consultant for "Implementing Structured Network Infrastructure and Datacenter for DSE Tower at Nikunja, Dhaka" |
| 2. | Procuring entity Name | Chief Executive Officer, Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited. |
| 3. | Name and address of the office selling / receiving of RFP | Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd. Stock Exchange Building. Ground Floor, 9/F Mitijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. |
| 4. | Project site | Plot # 46, Road # 21, Nikunja (North) Dhaka |
| 5. | RFP selling date (start) | From 10:00 am on 14th March 2012 |
| 6. | Last date of RFP selling | Up to 5:00 pm on 22nd March 2012 |
| 7. | Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Meeting (date/time/place) | At 10:30 am on 1st April 2012. Place: Dhaka Stock Exchange office premises. |
| 8. | Last date of submission of proposal | 22nd April 2012, on or before 5:00 pm. |
| 9. | Document opening | No public opening |
| 10. | Price of the RFP Document | Tk. 2,000/- (Tk. Two thousand only) non-refundable, in the form of Pay order in favour of 'Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited'. |
| 11. | Eligibility | 1. Local Datacenter Solution or Network Solution Provider having good reputation of designing, configuring and installing high-end IT services. 2. Minimum 3 (three) years of specific experience in Datacenter, Network Solution, IT Infrastructure Development Consultancy and/or Implementation / Commissioning for large multistoried building. 3. Any third party Company(s), Local or Foreign, can be involved by the bidder. DSE will keep contact with the confronting bidder only. DSE encourages the Participant to involve individual Specialist Company in each sector of the whole project. |
| 12. | Bid-Security amount | RFP/Bid document NEED NOT ANY BID SECURITY. |
| 13. | Contact Person for queries, explanation, etc. | A. Md. Tariqul Islam, AGM. ICT (09564601, 7175705-9, ext:148) B. Gazi Makhdum Hossain, Manager (09564601, 7175705-9, ext:150) |
| 14. | Special Instruction | DSE authority reserves the right to accept or reject partially or wholly of any or all the proposal, without assigning any reason. E-mail or open document will be instantly rejected. |
| Shaikh Mohammadullah, MBA (IBA), FCS General Manager (Admin) & Secretary DHAKA STOCK EXCHANGE LTD. | | |