

# Afghan govt working to stop Nato night raids

Says Karzai

REUTERS, Kabul

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said yesterday his government was pressing to end divisive Nato night raids in negotiations with the United States on a long-term strategic pact, saying some past operations had violated Afghan sovereignty.

The increasingly assertive Afghan leader's admonition came as US and Afghan officials try to agree on a framework for some American troops and advisers to stay in the country beyond a 2014 deadline for most Nato combat forces to withdraw.

Both countries recently agreed to transfer a US-run prison to Afghan authority. The final sticking point is Western military raids on Afghan homes at night, which both infuriate Afghans and damage Karzai's popularity.

"The fight against terrorism in our country has led to some activities which are against our national sovereignty. We are about to solve it entirely," Karzai told a graduation ceremony of Afghan army cadets in the capital, Kabul.

"The issue of prisons, imprisonment and keeping prisoners is over. We are working now to halt night raids in Afghan houses. The security of Afghanistan must be provided by the sons of Afghanistan, according to the constitution," he said.

Afghanistan's constitution requires a judge to approve searches by security forces.

Karzai said his government would "take a



magnifying glass" to the negotiations with the United States to put an end to mounting civilian casualties which he said last week had his government at "the end of the rope" with its main backer.

Afghan officials had presented the Americans with a list of demands in the negotiations and US officials had their own conditions, under-

stood to include the ability to carry out unilateral operations against al Qaeda militants, he said.

"We assure all Afghanistan's security forces - the army, national police and the national directorate of security - that we will lay the foundation for the country's future," he said. "We will take a magnifying glass and check everything carefully, and then we will sign the pact."

Afghanistan, Karzai said, would need about \$4.1 billion a year from the United States and other international backers to fund the 350,000-strong security forces in the decade beyond 2014, with the Afghan government to supply the rest.

The police and army are eventually expected to shrink back to about 230,000 after a "surge" timed to coincide with the Nato drawdown. Karzai also called for the supply of weapons, aircraft and radar.

The United States said on Wednesday it seemed to be on track to sign the partnership agreement with Afghanistan, which will chart their ties, before or during a late May summit.



PHOTO: AFP

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi greets supporters at an electoral campaign rally in Kawhmu, the rural constituency which she contests in the upcoming April 1 by-elections yesterday.

## MDGs at risk

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Environment and Forest Minister Hasan Mahmud said though Bangladesh was missing out on economic growth due to the impact of climate change, developed countries were not releasing their promised aid.

Planning Minister AK Khandker, Health Minister AFM Ruhul Haque, members of the Planning Commission, government officials, experts and representatives of development partners also addressed the programme held at the National Economic Council in Dhaka.

"It's unfortunate that the developed countries have so far failed to provide their promised ODA to us," said AK Khandker.

The developed countries promised to give 0.7 percent of their GDP to the least developed countries (LDCs) to help them achieve the MDGs but they were seriously lagging behind.

The planning minister urged the developed countries to come forward and cooperate with the LDCs in exploiting the potential of international trade and accomplish their obligations as signatories to the MDGs.

Stefan Priesner, UNDP country director, however, blamed Bangladesh's poor implementation capacity as

a major bottleneck for not getting adequate ODA. Lengthy project approval process was another reason he identified for poor foreign assistance.

Despite all the challenges, the MDG progress report hailed Bangladesh for its notable achievements in poverty reduction, schooling, gender parity in education, and infant and maternal mortality rates.

Bangladesh has done remarkably well in containing the spread and fatality of malaria and tuberculosis, and in the area of reforestation and access to drinking water.

However, the country is struggling to address nutrition and to protect wetlands and bio-diversity, adds the report.

## S Sudan invites Bashir to summit

AFP, Khartoum

South Sudan yesterday formally invited its "brother", Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, to a summit in April aimed at resolving outstanding issues which have pushed them to the brink of war.

"We delivered the message to President Bashir and he welcomed it. He expressed his readiness to visit Juba," the South's top negotiator, Pagan Amum, said in a statement to reporters at the cabinet offices in Sudan's capital.

Amum said the South's leader Salva Kiir had invited his "brother president" to the April 3 summit.

## Bangladesh flags

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Bangalee nation collectively made it clear that Bangladesh was on the way.

All across East Pakistan, the flags of Bangladesh were hoisted on homes and public buildings. A Bangladesh flag fluttered on Bangabandhu's residence, where crowds converged in increasingly larger numbers to hear the Awami League chief's pronouncements on developments in the country. The only places where Pakistani flags were found were the cantonment and President's House.

A meeting on economic issues was held on this day between the representatives of President Yahya Khan and an Awami League team. The vehicles carrying the members of the Awami League team to President's House bore Bangladesh flags, a sight which clearly disturbed the junta. The government team was led by MM Ahmed, while the Awami League delegation comprised such individuals as Anisur Rahman, Nurul Islam, Rehman Sobhan and others. Not

much progress appeared to have been made in the talks.

Meanwhile, General Yahya Khan spent the day not at President's House but in the cantonment, where formal preparations for a military strike against the rebellious province were being given final shape. As Dr Kamal Hossain would later report, it subsequently emerged that it was on this day that Yahya Khan and the military leadership decided to exercise the military option against the rebellion in East Pakistan. What would come to be known as Operation Searchlight was formally authorised on this day.

Thus, while the pretence of political negotiations was being carried on by the Yahya Khan regime, the junta was in fact rushing its plans through to bring the civil disobedience movement to an end, through violence and mayhem.

By the evening of March 23, the feeling that the negotiations were on their way to failure began to seep into the public consciousness.

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#### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) for a

#### Photovoltaic Components and Systems Testing Laboratory in Bangladesh

- On 8 March 2012 on the Daily Star and the Prothom Alo the Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL) published a Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for establishing a **Photovoltaic Components and Systems Testing Laboratory in Bangladesh** under the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development (RERED) Project, funded by the World Bank,
- The date for submission of the EOI has been extended till **10 April 2012**.

Following submission of EOI, short-listed entities will be requested to submit detailed Request for Proposal (RfP) for establishing the proposed laboratory within a subsequent period. IDCOL reserves the right to accept or reject any EOI without assigning any reason.



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2.	Request for Proposal for Selection of	Consulting Firm/Individual consultant
3.	Ref No. and Date	RFP/SCI/PROTEEVA/2012/003 dated 22 March, 2012
4.	Procurement Method	Open Bid
5.	Budget and Source of funds	PROTEEVA funded by USAID
6.	Program	Promoting Talent through Early Education (PROTEEVA)
7.	Scope of Work & ToR Collection Time & Place	From 25 March till 02 April, 2012, between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Reception desk, Save the Children, House No.CWN (A) 35, Road No. 43, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh
8.	Bid/Proposal Dropping Date, Time and Place	Sealed bid should be dropped between 03-08 April 2012 between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Bid/Proposal dropping box kept at the address above.
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