

CONTEMPT CASE  
Pak PM's  
verdict due  
tomorrow

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's Supreme Court will announce its verdict tomorrow in a contempt of court case against Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani, his lawyer said yesterday.

Gilani was charged with contempt by the country's highest court in February for refusing to write to the Swiss authorities to ask them to re-open corruption cases against President Asif Ali Zardari.

Gilani is Pakistan's first sitting premier ever to face criminal charges and if he is given a jail sentence he could be disqualified from office.

Gilani insists that Zardari has full immunity. If convicted Gilani could face maximum punishment of six months in prison.

Era of wars with India over  
Pakistan says ready to resolve all issues with New Delhi

PTI, Islamabad

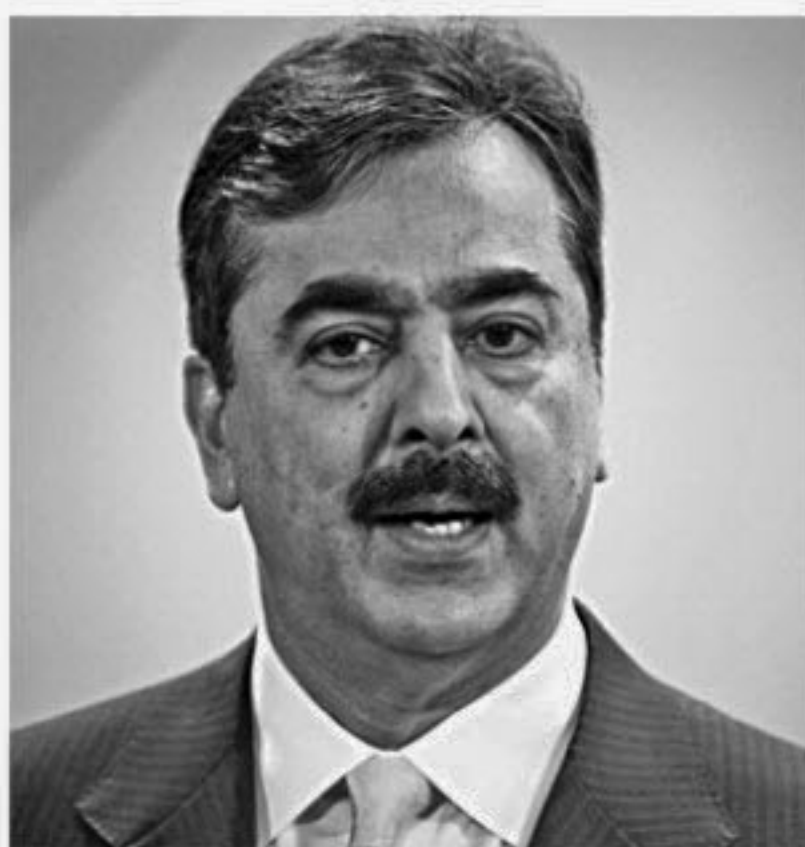
The era of wars has ended and Pakistan is prepared to resolve all outstanding issues with India, including the Kashmir dispute and terrorism, through talks, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said on Monday.

"The era of wars has ended. We are ready to sit and resolve all core issues: whether it is Kashmir, Sir Creek, Siachen, water or terrorism? at the negotiating table," Gilani said while addressing a conference on the role of NGOs in the development of Pakistan.

Instead of trying to resolve issues through force, the government has adopted a policy of progress and negotiations, he said.

A hand of friendship has been extended to Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, he added.

Noting that people had been talking of the need to withdraw troops from Siachen following an avalanche that hit a Pakistan army camp and buried 138 people, Gilani said Islamabad is ready



for talks with New Delhi on all core issues.

The premier contended that the basic causes of terrorism and extremism were illiteracy and poverty.

India and Pakistan resumed their peace process last year after a gap of over two years in the aftermath of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, which were blamed on the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba. Since then, the two

sides have taken several steps to normalise relations, especially in the field of trade.

Terming as "very positive" and "encouraging" recent efforts by India and Pakistan to normalise their relations, UN chief Ban Ki-moon yesterday hoped the two neighbours will continue the dialogue process and play a greater role for peace, security and harmony in the region.

"India and Pakistan are very important countries not only in the region but in world politics. They both have a great role to play for peace, security and harmony in the region," Ban said in an interview.

The UN chief, who will leave for a three-day visit to India on Wednesday, welcomed the "very positive movement" between the two countries to improve trade ties.

Ban was also appreciative of Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari's private visit to India earlier this month and his meeting with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

Blast at Pak  
rail station  
kills two

AFP, Lahore

A bomb exploded near a luxury train waiting lounge at the main railway station in the eastern Pakistan city of Lahore yesterday, killing at least two people, police said.

Rescue official Kiramat Ali described it as a "huge blast" and said 35 wounded had been taken to hospital.

Pakistan suffers frequent attacks blamed on Taliban and al-Qaeda-linked militants, who are most active in the lawless tribal belt in the northwest of the country on the border with Afghanistan.

The explosion was the first attack in Lahore, regarded as Pakistan's cultural capital, since a bomb at a Sunni Muslim shrine in February 2011 which killed two people.

Britain refuses to  
extradite Musharraf

ANI, Islamabad

The British government has made it clear to the Pakistani authorities that it would not hand over former President Pervez Musharraf to them.

As per British government, it does not extradite individuals to countries where the death penalty is enforced; rather, it processes such requests as per its judicial system before giving out any decision.

The refusal comes after a formal letter was sent through the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to the Interpol with respect to a Red Notice stating that Musharraf was required within Pakistan in connection with the Benazir Bhutto murder probe.

According to The News International, Britain has hugely dampened such extradition calls in the past. An Interpol Red Notice is considered an international arrest warrant, as by itself Interpol does not have the authority to issue arrest warrants, as this authority usually lies in the hands of sovereign member states.

Britain has stated that a number of individuals, including Musharraf, belonging to different countries, have been living within the United Kingdom (all wanted by their respective governments), and would be handed over to their respective countries until they defy the law of the UK.



Pervez Musharraf

## Many raids

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yesterday told The Daily Star that they have raided different places in and outside the capital but could make no mentionable breakthrough.

State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku, however, claimed to have made some "progress" in the search.

He was talking to reporters at the home ministry yesterday after a meeting with Home Minister Shahara Khatun, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Hassan Mahmud Khandaker and Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Benazir Ahmed.

"The IGP and DMP commissioner has updated us on the progress of the investigation," he said without disclosing anything about the progress.

Former lawmaker Ilias

Ali, 51, along with his driver Ansar Ali went traceless on his way to home late on April 17. His car was found abandoned near Amtoli in Banani.

Meanwhile on Monday night, members of the Rab conducted two futile raids in two houses in the capital. They, however, kept the names of the house owners a secret.

Earlier, Rab had claimed to have conducted a raid in Pubail of Gazipur district on Saturday taking Ilias Ali's wife Tahsina Rushdi Luna along. But Luna denied the Rab claim.

Since Ilias went missing, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been describing the incident as a drama while the main opposition BNP has been accusing the government of abducting their leader.

## Boy's costly trip

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They entered into Bangladesh through Chilmari border point in Kushtia on April 15 last year to visit their relatives in Daulatpur, according to Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).

That day, members of Chilmari BGB arrested the three and sent them to Kushtia jail.

A month later, on May 15, 2011, Kushtia district and sessions judge's court awarded them two months' jail.

Five days later, Kushtia Jailer Omar Faruq informed the Inspector General of Police (Prisons) of the matter. The IGP-prisons forwarded information to the Ministry of Home, from where it was sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The foreign ministry contacted the Indian authorities to verify whether the boy and his grandparents were their nationals. India responded in positive.

The confirming of proceedings took a year.

On April 15 this year, the home ministry directed the Kushtia jail authorities to take necessary steps on the issue.

"We wrote to BGB 35-rifles battalion in Chuadanga about the instructions on April 18," said the Kushtia jailer.

The next day BGB contacted the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at Nadia in West Bengal and BSF agreed to sit in a meeting on April 29.

"We are hopeful that BSF will take the boy and his grandparents back during the meeting," said Sultan Ahmed, commanding officer of BGB 35-rifles battalion.

## 8,000 sued

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On the second consecutive day of BNP-sponsored countrywide hartal, two activists of Jubo Dal, a pro-BNP youth body, were killed and at least 50 others, including 10 policemen, injured in clashes at Bishwanath upazila.

Rapid Action Battalion and police conducted an overnight raid until early hours of yesterday at different parts of the upazila and arrested 42 persons in two cases.

Dev Dulal, a sub-inspector of Bishwanath Police Station, filed a case Monday night against 5,000 people, including 100 identified BNP leaders and activists, for attacking policemen during the hartal hours.

Kamal Hossain, Bishwanath upazila nirbahi officer, filed another case that night against 3,000 unidentified people under the Speedy Trial Tribunal Act with the same police station.

On the third hartal day yesterday, no violence took place in Bishwanath or any

other places of Sylhet district. The situation was, however, tense in and around the upazila. Most of the male population had deserted the area, anticipating massive police action.

Rab, police and members of Border Guard Bangladesh kept a vigil to avert any untoward incident.

The local administration Monday night announced a ban on gathering in the upazila until 6:00pm yesterday. Shops, offices, restaurants and medicine stores remained closed all day long.

Commanding Officer of BGB-5 battalion Lt Col Shafiul Azam told The Daily Star yesterday that BGB men would not be withdrawn from the upazila and Sylhet town until the situation improved.

Meanwhile, two committees were formed, one by the district administration and the other by police administration, to probe into Monday's incident at Biswanath upazila.

## Lobbying starts

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Sheikh Hasina government from 1996 to 2001, and was asked to resign, Supreme Court Bar Association General Secretary Mamotaz Uddin Mehedy, Kapasia upazila Chairman Motahar Hossain Mollah and Kapasia upazila AL President Azgar Rashid Khan.

Some of the aspirants for nomination also started lobbying with the AL high command immediately after Soheli's resignation.

The upazila AL will hold a meeting on Friday to discuss the resignation of the local lawmaker.

Contacted, Azgar Rashid said they are still confused about whether Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will persuade Soheli Taj remain a lawmaker as she did to retain him as state minister. "We don't know whether she [Hasina] will make him [Soheli] understand and ask him to continue as lawmaker."

Meanwhile, Soheli's resignation has irked most of the leaders in the AL central committee while a small number of leaders have taken it sympathetically since he is the son of the country's first prime minister Tajuddin Ahmad.

Asked about Soheli's resignation, several AL leaders said he has violated the norms and commands of the party by resigning without discussing the matter with anybody.

But some other party leaders said the prime minister should have engaged somebody to talk to Soheli when he resigned as state minister. There was no effort from the government side to retain him in it, they added.

The leaders preferred not to be named.

AL insiders said the prime minister would discuss Soheli's resignation with the party leaders in a day or two and give them necessary instructions.

## Race for Indian presidency gears up

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

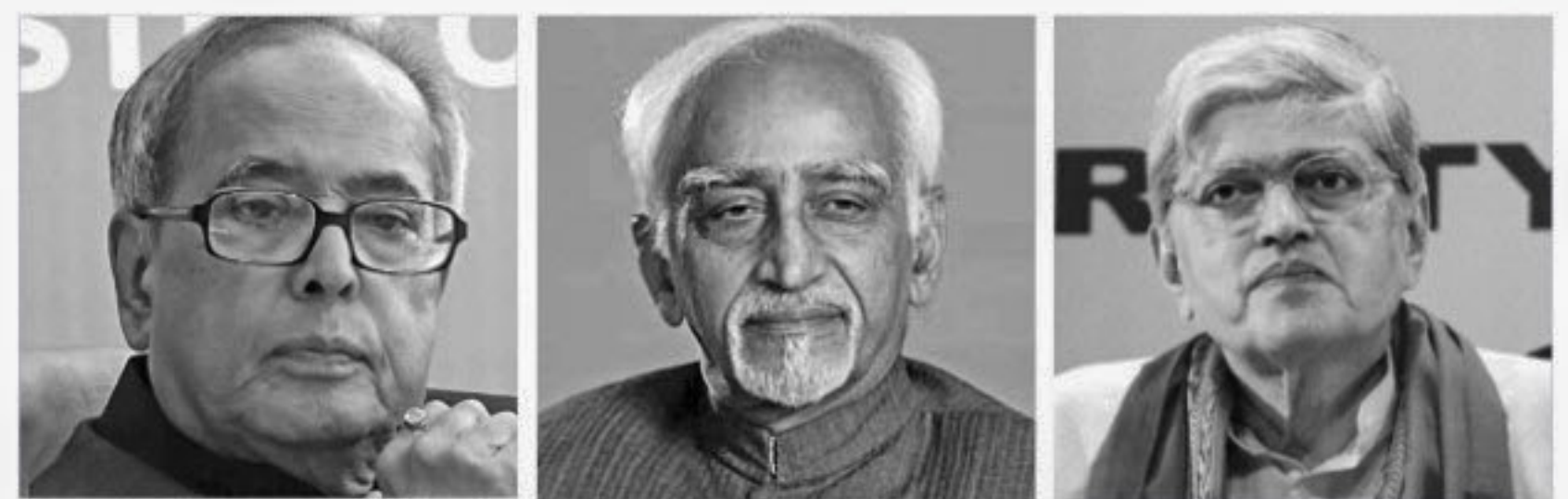
The political exercise has begun to choose who will be India's next president to succeed incumbent Pratibha Patil, the country's first woman head of state who leaves office on July 24.

Among the names doing the rounds in political circles and the media are those of Ansari, Indian Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee, former president A P J Abdul Kalam and Gopal Krishna Gandhi, grandson of India's Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi.

Kalam, one of the pioneers of India's missile programme, was elected the president in 2002 when BJP-led NDA was in power and he was succeeded by Pratibha Patil.

However, with the vice-president's post also falling vacant by August when the tenure of incumbent Md Hamid Ansari ends, the move will involve give-and-take between the two major political alliances.

The ball for the race to the Rashtrapati Bhavan was set rolling



Pranab Mukherjee

Hanif Ansari

Gopal Krishna Gandhi

when Mulayam Singh Yadav-led Samajwadi Party's leader Kironmoy Nanda met West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee last week discussing the possibility of a consensus for presidential candidate.

That effort was taken forward by Nationalist Congress Party President and India's Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar who talked Monday about evolving a consensus on presidential candidate and his UPA ally Congress, heading India's ruling coalition, agreeing that the selection should be done through "consultation and

consensus." Given the fractious nature of India's coalition politics, neither ruling Congress-led United Progressive Alliance nor main opposition BJP-led National Democratic Alliance has majority of its own to push through its own candidate for the top constitutional post.

Members of both Houses of Parliament and Legislative Assemblies in states elect Indian President.

Neither of the two major alliances has so far initiated any formal discussion for a consensus candidate.

## Go after rail land grabbers

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prime minister about these malpractices and seek her guidelines to recover the grabbed land and stop ill practices in the railway," he told them at his secretariat office.

Obaidul was made communications minister in December last year after Syed Abul Hossain's removal from the ministry in the wake of graft allegation against the latter. Last week, Obaidul was temporarily given additional charges of the railway ministry after

Suranjit Sengupta stepped down as rail minister amid the railwaygate scandal.

"I have specific information of fuel and iron being sold from Pahartali. Find out those who are selling the diesel of Tk 61 at Tk 25 a litre from Pahartali workshop in Chittagong and take punitive action against them," he told the secretary and the DG.

Later, the minister told The Daily Star at his office, "I'll go for action against the grabbers no matter who they are."

In the last few years, a number of moves to recover

railway land failed in the face of intervention by some influential quarters. In some cases, the railway had been able to evict the grabbers but the land was grabbed soon again.

In another development, the railway ministry has decided not to cancel the recruitment of 1,400 people, who got jobs in the railway over the last few months.

"If we cancel the recruitment, they will go to the court against the step," said a senior official of the railway ministry.

The fresh recruitment of

5,000 people will also go ahead, he added.

Last year, the rail authorities planned to recruit 7,200 class-III and class-IV employees. Of them, some 1,400 have already been recruited.

The recruitment process was suspended following the recovery of Tk 70 lakh from the microbus of former rail minister Suranjit Sengupta's aide Omar Faruq.

The money is said to be part of the bribe taken from railway job seekers.

UNHCR  
VACANCY NOTICE

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Representation Office in Bangladesh is seeking applications from Bangladeshi Nationals for the post of **Associate WASH Officer**, National Professional (NOB level) position no. 10018609 in UNHCR Sub Office Cox's Bazar.

## Nature of Responsibilities:

Under the direct supervision of the Senior Field Coordinator and the overall supervision of the Head of Sub office the incumbent will be responsible for the delivery on the design and construction aspects of the WASH Programme at the refugee camps and host communities including (but not limited to) planning and supervision of the activities to be implemented and to ensure that the agreed minimum standards and sound financial management of these activities are met. The incumbent will be responsible for provision of technical expert support and advice in addition to important role in strategic planning on activities within the areas of water, sanitation, hygiene and related technical sectors as an integral part of UNHCR regular and special High Commissioner's programmes.

## Qualifications Required:

- University Degree in Water/Civil Engineering, Hydrology, Water Resources Development or related technical field;
- Minimum 4 years of solid and progressively responsible functions in water/sanitary engineering or related field in developing countries dealing with large scale WASH activities.
- Working knowledge of Chittagonian dialect and of another UN language.

More vacancy details is available in the separate advertisement on bdjobs.com web site.

Starting remuneration is at the **NOB level**. Expected starting date is **1st June 2012**.

Interested candidates meeting the above requirements are requested to submit their applications with complete bio-data/CV and recent passport size photographs to Admin/Programme Officer, UNHCR, Road No-90, House No. NE(N)-8, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212. Sealed envelopes with applications should be marked as "Application for the post of Associate WASH Officer". Closing date for receipt of applications is **15 May 2012**.

Men and women are equally encouraged to apply. Only short listed candidates will be contacted. Any form of persuasion will lead to disqualification of the applicant.

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