

Pakistan not invited to Chicago summit

Says Nato secretary general

DAWN ONLINE

Nato Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen urged Pakistan once again to reopen Nato ground supply routes to Afghanistan, DawnNews reported.

However, Rasmussen also said yesterday that Pakistan had not been invited to the crucial 25th Nato summit to be held in Chicago.

The May 20-21 two-day summit, with over 60 heads of state and governments expected to be in attendance, will be the biggest Nato summit in history.

The Nato chief said Pakistan's name was not in the list of countries invited to the conference. Moreover, countries including Russia, China and India had also not been invited to the event.

Qatar, Morocco, United Arab Emirates and Jordan are among a few of the countries to be attending the conference.



Anders Fogh Rasmussen

All eyes will be on Chicago later this month as crucial developments regarding Afghanistan's future and the role of Nato forces in the region are expected to come out of the conference.

Earlier in April, diplomatic sources had told Dawn that the US hopes Pakistan will reopen supply routes before President Asif Ali Zardari arrives in Chicago to attend the summit.

The US would welcome Pakistan's "potential participation" in the Nato summit, White House deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes had said.

"And obviously, the United States expects Mr Zardari to reopen the supply routes before the summit as it would be too embarrassing for him to attend a Nato meeting while his forces are blocking Nato supply lines," said an official dealing directly with the summit.



Egyptian protesters, holding Egyptian flags, demonstrated in support of the military in Cairo's Hadeya al-Quba district yesterday.

Protests cripple Nepal as peace deadline looms

AFP, Kathmandu

A 48-hour strike brought much of Nepal to a standstill yesterday, two weeks ahead of a deadline for the country to complete its first peacetime constitution.

Protest groups have been making various claims for their rights ahead of a May 27 deadline for parliament to complete its new constitution following the end of a bloody 10-year Maoist insurgency in 2006.

Friday marked the second day of action by the Joint Struggle Committee for National Integrity and Ethnic Harmony, an umbrella grouping of various castes who say proposals to form new federal states along ethnic lines will be divisive.

Pak cabinet to mull reopening Nato supplies

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistani leaders will meet next week to discuss ending a nearly six-month blockade on Nato supplies into Afghanistan, officials said yesterday.

Tuesday's meeting will also debate how and whether to repair relations with the United States in time to attend a key Nato summit later this month.

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani is understood to have confirmed the date for the meeting of the defence committee of the cabinet from London, where he is on an official visit to Britain, the second-largest contributor to the Nato mission in Afghanistan.

Flood kills 28 in Afghanistan

AFP, Kabul

Flash floods swept through four villages in northern Afghanistan, killing 28 people and leaving 20 others missing, officials said yesterday.

"Heavy rains overnight triggered flood waters that broke through four mountainous villages in Ishkamish district of northern Takhar province," Takhar provincial governor, Abdul Jabar Taqwa, told AFP.

"It hit around midnight and it was very powerful," said Taqwa. "We have 28 deaths in Ishkamish district and 20 others are believed to be missing," the governor said.

"It is a big disaster he added," warning that the death toll was likely to rise.

Dozens of houses were washed away and roads blocked, he added. The flood-hit areas are accessible only by air.

Rescuers are trying to reach the area by helicopter, taking food, blankets and tents to the victims.

On Monday, at least 26 people were killed and more than 100 missing after flash floods hit a wedding party and three villages in Sari Pul province.

Afghanistan's harshest winter in 15 years saw unusually heavy snowfalls, and experts predicted melting snow was likely to cause floods in the mountainous north in the spring.

According to IMMAP, a data-analysis and mapping company, 15 percent of Afghanistan's population is at high risk of being affected.

DISPUTED GLACIER Indo-Pak talks in June

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan said yesterday that it would host the next round of talks with India over the disputed Siachen Glacier, dubbed the world's highest battlefield, on June 11-12 in Islamabad.

Troops from India and Pakistan have faced off on the glacier in the mountains of disputed Kashmir since the 1980s but calls for the stand-off to end have been growing after an avalanche on April 7 which buried 140 people at a Pakistani army camp.

"Siachen is part of the dialogue process between India and Pakistan and defence secretary level talks on Siachen will be held on June 11 and 12 in Islamabad," foreign ministry spokesman Moazzam Ahmad Khan told AFP.

Big promise, small pay

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foreign workers in the UAE whose original job contracts are replaced by new ones to deprive them of due wages and facilities. Around 10 lakh Bangladeshis work in that country.

A number of workers, who returned home from the UAE, told this correspondent that about 70 percent of Bangladeshis workers in the UAE are victims of this ill practice.

Contacted over the phone, Bangladesh Consul General in Dubai Abu Zafar said there are "many cases" of substitution of job contracts, but he could not give any figure.

Meanwhile, in August 2010, the then labour counsellor at Bangladesh embassy in Abu Dhabi M o h a m m a d Moniruzzaman told local daily The National that 60 to 70 out of every 100 job contracts with

Bangladeshis were substituted. The same is the case with less skilled workers of other countries.

Returnee workers said many of the victims of contract substitution quit their legal jobs, go for other jobs on daily basis and work for longer periods every day to earn a little more. But they are often arrested, kept in jail and deported to their countries.

And Shakil is no exception to this. Giving up his original job, he took other jobs and used to work even for 15 hours a day. But he could never earn enough to improve his lot.

While travelling by a bus in October last year, five Bangladeshis including Shakil were arrested for having no work permits. They were jailed for two months and then deported in December.

Abul Bashar, another returnee from Dubai, said

the workers whose job contracts are substituted can somehow survive working elsewhere but they cannot earn much to change their fate.

Asked, Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Secretary Dr Zafar Ahmed Khan said Bangladesh has already proposed to the UAE authorities computerised verification of original job contracts for preserving those. The Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET) will also have online access to it, he added.

"Once the system is in place, any substituted job contract can be challenged when one complains about it," Zafar said.

BMET Director Nurul Islam said such verification system could improve things.

He mentioned that manpower recruiting agencies

usually hand over to workers the documents of their job contracts a day or two before they leave for their destinations. Sometimes, workers cannot even read those or understand their meaning.

Nurul Islam said the recruiting agencies must ensure that the workers are fully informed of the terms and conditions of their jobs including wages and other facilities well ahead of their leaving for abroad. And, the workers must have three copies of job contract papers so that they can leave one copy back home and keep two copies with them abroad.

He went on, "If they are forced to sign a new contract and submit documents of their original ones, they should have copies of those with them so that they can prove in court substitution of their contracts."

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১১. দি পার্বলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট রুলস-২০০৮ মোতাবেক টেন্ডার দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
১২. কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক কার্যসূচীর জন্য নির্বাচিত টেন্ডারদাতাদের কাছাকাছের পূর্বে টেন্ডারের জামানত হিসাবে ৮০,০০০/- ফেরতবেগ্য ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক গ্যারান্টি কর পরিদর্শন পরিদপ্তর, ভূইয়া ম্যানশান (৭ম ও ৮ম তলা) ৭৪, কাকরাইল, ঢাকা বরাবরে দাখিল করিতে হবে।
১৩. টেন্ডার দাখিল ও খোলার দিন যদি সরকার কর্তৃক ছুটির দিন ঘোষণা করা হয়, সেই ক্ষেত্রে পরবর্তী কর্মদিবস টেন্ডার দাখিল ও খোলার তারিখ হিসাবে গণ্য হইবে। টেন্ডার খোলার সময় টেন্ডারদাতা/প্রতিনিধি উপস্থিত থাকিতে পারিবেন।
১৪. টেন্ডার সিডিউল উল্লিখিত শর্তাবলী স্বাযথভাবে পালন করিতে হইবে।
১৫. হালনাগাদ টিআইএন সার্টিফিকেট, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন ও ট্রেড লাইসেন্স এর হটকোপি দাখিল করিতে হবে।
১৬. আয়কর পরিশোধের প্রত্যয়পত্র দাখিল করিতে হবে।
১৭. গাড়ী সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে বিধি মোতাবেক ভ্যাট, ট্যাক্সসহ আনুসঙ্গিক ব্যয় বহন করিতে হইবে।
১৮. কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন টেন্ডার গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বদা দর গ্রহণে বাধ্য নহে।

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to celebrate the Children's Day public holiday on May 5, 3011 as there will be one child," said Hiroshi Yoshida, an economics professor at Tohoku University.

"But 100 seconds later there will be no children left," he said. "The overall trend is towards extinction, which started in 1975 when Japan's fertility rate fell below two."

Yoshida said he created the population clock to encourage "urgent" discussion of the issue.

Another study released earlier this year showed Japan's population is expected to shrink to a third of its current 127.7 million over the next century.

Government projections show the birth rate will hit just 1.35 children per woman within 50 years, well below the replacement rate.

Meanwhile, life expectancy -- already one of the highest in the world -- is expected to rise from 86.39 years in 2010 to 90.93 years in 2060 for women and from 79.64 years to 84.19 years for men.

More than 20 percent of Japan's people are aged 65 or over, one of the highest proportions of elderly in the world.

Japan has very little immigration and any suggestion of opening the borders to young workers who could help plug the population gap provokes strong reactions among the public.

The greying population is a headache for policymakers who are faced with trying to ensure an ever-dwindling pool of workers can pay for a growing number of pensioners.

But for some Japanese companies the inverting of the traditional ageing pyramid provides commercial opportunities.

Unicharm said Friday that sales of its adult diapers had "slightly surpassed" those for babies in the financial year to March, for the first time since the company moved into the seniors market.

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