

14 cops defect to Taliban in Afghanistan

BBC ONLINE An Afghan police commander and 13 junior officers yesterday joined the Taliban in the western Afghan province of Farah, in what correspondents say could be the biggest defection by police. They say the commander, named as Mirwais, was in charge of a 20-man checkpoint when he defected on Sunday. The men are said to have taken heavy weaponry, radios and police vehicles including US-made Humvees. Farah is one of the most insecure areas in the relatively peaceful west. The commander was based in Shewan village in the district of Bala Bulak, which was until recently considered a Taliban stronghold.

No decision to reopen cases against Zardari

Pakistan govt tells SC

PTI, Islamabad A day before the expiry of a deadline set by Pakistan's Supreme Court for reviving graft charges against President Asif Ali Zardari, the government yesterday informed the court that the federal cabinet has made no decision to approach Swiss authorities to reopen the cases. The government conveyed its position to the court through a reply submitted by attorney general Irfan Qadir. A five-judge bench headed by Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa will resume hearing the case today and observers said the government's response could increase tensions between the judiciary and the government. The government's response said the prime minister follows the decisions of the cabinet, which has so far not advised him to write a letter to the Swiss authorities to revive the graft cases against the president.



Asif Ali Zardari

The government further said that the option of initiating contempt of court proceedings against the prime minister for not acting on the apex court's order had ended with the passage of the new Contempt of Court Act. The new law protects top government functionaries from contempt for their executive actions. The government also asked the court to review its order directing the premier to reopen the corruption cases in Switzerland. On July 12, the apex court had directed Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf to comply with its order to revive the corruption cases against Zardari by July 25. It had warned that if the premier failed to act on its directive, the court "may initiate any appropriate action under the constitution and the law". The same case had cost Ashraf's predecessor, Yousef Raza Gilani, his job.

Gunmen kill US civilian in Afghanistan

AFP, Kabul Gunmen believed to be Taliban insurgents have shot dead a US civilian and two of his Afghan colleagues in an area near Kabul which has seen a surge in militant violence in recent months, officials said. The American was driving along the Ghorband valley in Parwan province, north of Kabul, when he was attacked and killed, Afghan officials and the US embassy said. "We can confirm that a US citizen was killed in Parwan Province on Monday," an embassy official told AFP. The spokesman said the victim was a civilian but refused to give further details. A senior official in Parwan province told AFP the man was an electrical engineer who was travelling to a survey project.

PHONE HACKING SCANDAL

UK PM's ex-aide, Brooks charged

AFP, London British prosecutors yesterday charged Prime Minister David Cameron's ex-media chief Andy Coulson and former tabloid editor Rebekah Brooks with phone hacking as the scandal lapped at Downing Street's door. The Crown Prosecution Service announced that eight people, all either current or former employees of Rupert Murdoch's now defunct News of the World tabloid, would face charges of illegal interception of voicemails. The eight will face charges of conspiring to unlawfully intercept the voicemail messages of some 600 people, including Hollywood stars Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie and Jude Law as well as politicians and crime victims. Prosecutors said the other people targeted included England footballer Wayne Rooney and ex-Beatle Paul McCartney. "I have concluded that a prosecution is required in the public interest in relation to each of these eight suspects," senior prosecutor Alison Levitt said in a live televised announcement. The others facing charges include Stuart Kuttner, the News of the World's former managing editor, former news editor Greg Miskiw, former head of news Ian Edmondson, former chief reporter Neville Thurlbeck, and reporter James Weatherup. The last person is private investigator Glenn Mulcaire, who was jailed for phone hacking for six months in 2007.



Andy Coulson



Rebekah Brooks

Australian-born media tycoon Murdoch, 81, was forced to close the News of the World last July amid a storm of revelations that its staff hacked into the voicemail messages of a murdered schoolgirl and a slew of public figures. Coulson, 44, edited the News of the World from 2003 to 2007 and went to become Cameron's spokesman, but resigned in January 2011 after he was questioned over the scandal. He was arrested last year. Brooks, also 44, was editor of the tabloid from 2000 to 2003 and went on to edit The Sun, Murdoch's top-selling British tabloid, before going on to become chief executive of News International, Murdoch's British newspaper group. British police launched an investigation into hacking in January 2011 have so far arrested 24 people under Operation Weeting and 41 under Operation Elveden, a related probe into corrupt payments to public officials.

Gunmen attack Nato trucks in Pakistan

10 killed in US drone attack

AFP, Peshawar Gunmen in Pakistan yesterday attacked trucks bound for Nato in Afghanistan, killing a driver, officials said, in the first such incident since supply lines reopened after a seven-month blockade. Islamabad agreed three weeks ago to allow convoys supplying coalition troops in its wartorn neighbour to pass through its territory once again after halting them in November after a botched US air raid that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack but Pakistani Taliban have threatened to attack Nato trucks and kill their drivers, and right-wing and extremist religious groups have held demonstrations against the resumption of convoys. The convoy attack came a day after a US drone attack on a compound in the northwest killed at least 10 militants, according to officials -- the first drone strike in the Muslim holy fasting month of Ramadan. Pakistan on July 3 decided to reopen overland routes to Nato convoys after US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said sorry for the air strike deaths last November. The crisis was the worst episode in Pakistan's decade-long partnership with Washington in the war in Afghanistan, with both sides still struggling to overcome a breakdown in trust.

Prof Anwar made

FROM PAGE 1 colleagues. "Those who were demonstrating had withdrawn their programmes showing respect to court order. I am very much thankful to them." He also pledged reforms in the academic council, the highest decision making body for academic affairs of the university, and holding the long overdue elections to the position of deans and syndicate. Prof Anwar said three other universities -- the Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi universities -- that follow the 1973 order should hold the VC panel elections to uphold the dignity of the university law. On July 20, the JU senate elected the panel amid agitation by a section of teachers in the first-ever VC panel polls during the tenure of the Awami League-led government.

Prof Shariff Enamul Kabir, the immediate-past VC who was forced to resign in May following protests by students and teachers, bagged the highest, 50 votes, in the polls. Incumbent VC Prof Nurul Alam, a physics teacher, 37 votes. On May 17, Prof Shariff stepped down as the vice-chancellor of the university, ending months-long stand-off and unrest on the campus. Soon after his resignation, President Zillur Rahman, also the chancellor of the university, had appointed Dhaka University professor of biochemistry Anwar Hossain as the new VC for JU. Students and teachers alleged that apart from chopping down trees over the last three years, Prof Shariff had leased out university lakes compromising the beauty of the campus. During his tenure, he had appointed over 196 teachers, many of whom were allegedly under-qualified and selected on political consideration. The authorities under his administration

had also allegedly allowed admission of 78 students under the ward-quota who even failed to obtain the pass mark in the 2011-12 session. However, teachers and students started demanding VC Shariff's removal after the murder of English department student Zubair Ahmed by some Chhatra League activists on January 9. Allegations were rife that those who were involved in the murder used to enjoy the VC's blessing. On March 10, a large number of teachers and students joined the agitation. Under the banner Shikkhak Samaj agitating teachers enforced a strike on the campus while students launched a fast-unto-death programme on April 24 demanding resignation of VC Shariff. On May 4, the teachers postponed their demonstration on assurance from the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that she would look into the matter. The day before, the premier had met the pro- and anti-VC factions at her Gono Bhaban residence to end the crisis.

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শর্তাবলী: ক) পরিচালক (মিশন), পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা এর বরাবরে প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব লেটারহেড প্যাডে লিখিত আবেদনের মাধ্যমে সিডিউলের শর্ত মোতাবেক দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। খ) দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সনদ, টিআইএনসহ হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদ, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সী সনদ এবং কাজের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ দাখিল করতে হবে। গ) দরপত্র খোলার নির্দিষ্ট তারিখে কোন কারণে দরপত্র খোলা সম্ভব না হলে তা পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে নির্ধারিত সময়ে খোলা হবে। ঘ) দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য নগদ অর্থে এবং দরপত্র জামানত যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংকে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে অর্ডার আকারে পরিচালক (মিশন), পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে প্রদান করতে হবে। ঙ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়া যেকোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
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India seeks

FROM PAGE 20 ministry proposed the formation of a committee, said the secretary. On April 22, the Indian High Commission in Dhaka sent a letter to the foreign ministry of Bangladesh requesting terrestrial fibre-optic cable communication. A copy of the letter was also sent to the telecom ministry. The high commission requested two fibre-optic cable routes through Bangladesh for voice and data transfer: one from Agartala of Tripura to Cox's Bazar to Chennai via submarine cable and the other from Agartala to Akhaura to Dhaka to Kolkata, according to the letter. A ministry official said there were two ways to support India: Bangladesh could give terrestrial optical fibre link to India or Bangladesh could sell its own bandwidth to India. Responding to a letter of the ministry, the state-owned Bangladesh Telecommunication Company Ltd (BTCL)

informed the telecom ministry that it could provide 30 Gigabits per second (Gbps) bandwidth to India; 20 Gbps through Agartala-Cox's Bazar and 10 Gbps through Agartala-Akhaura-Dhaka-Kolkata. The BTCL also said Bangladesh would have to lay 34-km of optical fibre cable to provide India the bandwidth. An official of Bangladesh Submarine Cable Company Ltd said if Bangladesh sold its own surplus bandwidth to the north-eastern provinces of India, it would create a huge business opportunity for the country. He said the Tripura and Assam governments had been asking to buy bandwidth from Dhaka for the last few years. Currently, Bangladesh uses around 25 Gbps bandwidth, while the submarine cable has been upgraded to 200 Gbps capacity. But BTCL has not yet upgraded Cox's Bazar to Dhaka cable link to make full use of the capacity, said an official.

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Tender for Expression of Interest (EOI) For Selection of International Training Management Firm for Organization of Study Tour Programs

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