Nepal jeep plunge kills 14

AFP, Kathmandu

At least 14 pilgrims were killed when a jeep carrying them to a sacred Hindu site in southern Nepal swerved off a highway and fell 330 feet into a stream below, police yesterday said.

The jeep was taking the devotees to Ridi, a pilgrimage town in Palpa district, 120 kilometres west of Kathmandu, late Friday when the driver lost control, Nepal Police spokesman Rajendra Singh Bhandari told AFP.

"Locals came to know about the accident in the morning and informed the police. The death toll is likely to rise as the police rescue team is searching for bodies," he said.

Ridi, which lies at the confluence of the Ridi Khola and Kali Gandaki rivers, is visited by thousands of Hindus who bathe, worship at temples and cremate their dead.



City

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh interacts with displaced Muslim villagers at a relief camp in Butgaon village in Assam state's Kokrajhar district yesterday.

'Time for healing' after Assam riots: Indian PM

Announces Rs 300 crore relief for victims

AFP, Guwahati

India's prime minister yesterday told victims of deadly ethnic riots in the remote northeast it was "a time for healing" and promised a "proper inquiry" into the causes of the violence.

Manmohan Singh's assurances came as police reported five more bodies had been recovered following clashes in Assam between indigenous Bodo tribes and Muslim settlers over long-running land disputes, pushing the death toll to 50.

"I have come here to share your sorrow and pain," Singh told residents of a crowded relief camp in the worst-affected Kokrajhar district who fled their homes to escape the fighting.

"This is a time for healing," said Singh, who represents Assam in the upper house of the Indian parliament, announcing a three billion rupee (\$54 million) relief package for the region.

The state government said calm had returned but at least 400,000 people were languishing in the relief camps following the fighting which erupted eight days ago.

"The ethnic conflict which has occurred

is unacceptable and must come to a stop," Singh said.

"We must address the causes of the conflict. If the conflict was instigated, the guilty must be punished," said Singh, promising "a

proper inquiry into the tragic incidents". Rival groups from both sides had attacked villages, beating people to death with sticks and burning down homes.

The chief minister of far-flung Assam state, Tarun Gogoi, said the focus of government efforts now has shifted to providing relief to those in the camps while the national government has dispatched medi-

The chief minister described the violence as the worst crisis his government has faced.

cal teams to aid victims.

At least 3,000 extra soldiers and paramilitary personnel are patrolling the region.

The international rights group Human Rights Watch said tensions had been building for more than two months between the Bodo and Muslim communities, which have clashed in the past over access to land and resources.

Tunisia finance minister quits

AFP, Tunis

Tunisian Finance Minister Houcine Dimassi has resigned following a disagreement with the policies of the government led by Islamist Prime Minister Hamadi Jebali, an official said on Friday.

In his letter, a copy of which was seen by AFP, Dimassi said he was standing down over differences with the government on its economic, monetary and social policies.

Concretely, Dimassi complained of excessive spending. These "excesses" are aimed at "gaining the sympathies of certain social groups ahead of

Venezuela's Kenya envoy killed

AFP, Nairobi

Venezuela's envoy to Kenya was found strangled at her Nairobi home on Friday, police said.

"Police can confirm that the diplomat was strangled to death this morning, and the body is still lying at the house as we investigate circumstances leading to the death," Nairobi police chief Anthony Kibuchi said.

Police has made arrests in connection with the case. Kibuchi said two embassy employees were being questioned over the death of 57-year-old Olga Fonseca Gimenez, the Venezuelan charge d'affaires and acting ambassador.

In Caracas, Venezuela's Foreign Ministry said that it "trusts" the Kenyan authorities "to clarify and establish responsibilities for the death" of Fonseca,

JFK Airport top germ spreader

AFP, New York

New York's John F Kennedy Airport is a teeming hub for international flight -- and globe-trotting germs, a new study says.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology paper published this week named JFK as the top of a list of "super-spreaders" in contagious diseases.

Next in the list came Los Angeles International, Honolulu, San Francisco, Newark Liberty, Chicago

O'Hare and Washington Dulles, MIT said. Top germ hub status doesn't actually mean the

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in an interview with Al Jazeera English, a Qatar-based news channel, on Friday.

After sectarian clashes erupted in Myanmar's Rakhine state in June, thousands of Rohingyas, an Islamic minority group in Myanmar, tried to flee across the border. But Bangladesh turned them away, citing its inability to take in any more refugees.

Hasina said the Rohingya issue was entirely of Myanmar's own making, so the international community and the media should put pressure on the Myanmar government, not on Bangladesh.

She also said things were now improving and no refugees were coming in.

About Al Jazeera's observation that Bangladeshi guards forced people to return to danger, she said the guards treated the refugeseekers well. They gave them food, medicine and money before sending them back to their land.

Replying to another query, she said her government had expressed its concern to the Myanmar government about how the Rohingyas were treated in Rakhine state. In reply, Myanmar said it was creating a congenial atmosphere, she added.

When Al Jazeera asked if she believed Myanmar's statement, Hasina said, "Yes, why not?"

SUNDAY EXPRESS INTERVIEW

In an interview with the Sunday Express yesterday, Hasina warned of possible terrorist connections among the thousands of Muslim refugees trying to enter her country from Myanmar.

She said her government had passed on concerns about a number of unidentified "incidents" to the authorities in Myanmar where there

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have been clashes between Buddhists and Muslims.

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Rohingyas has angered campaign groups Human RightsWatch and Amnesty. The prime minister told the Sunday Express that the international community

should investigate why so

many were fleeing. She said she was concerned about the activities of Jamaat-e-Islami, an Islamic political party that has a powerbase near the border with Myanmar and which has previously been accused of terror links, alle-

She alleged: "Jamaat-e-Islami is very much involved in terrorist activity, there's no doubt about it and everybody knows that.

gations it denies.

"As for refugees, we have a large number trying to get into our country, which is already over-populated.

"How many can we take in? We don't want any refugees coming to Bangladesh. The international community should try and find out why these refugees want to come." Asked if she was con-

cerned that Jamaat might be encouraging some refugees, the prime minister said: "We have some intelligence reports about it. "My government has talked to our ambassador in

Myanmar and they have informed them about some incidents and our intelligence people and law enforcement agencies are enquiring about it.

"We are trying to find out the reality."

Earlier yesterday, she met Foreign Secretary William Hague at her hotel suite.

In the meeting, the Rohingya crisis was raised alongside other issues, including trade, migration cooperation and climate change.

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China cancels waste project after protests

REUTERS, Qidong

Chinese officials cancelled an industrial waste pipeline project yesterday after antipollution demonstrators occupied a government office in eastern China destroying computers and overturning cars.

The demonstration was the latest in a string of protests sparked by fears of environmental degradation and highlights the social tensions the government in Beijing faces as it approaches a leadership transition this year.

It was also the second cancellation of an industrial project this month, as officials buckle under pressure from protests.

Zhang Guohua, city mayor of the eastern China city of Nantong, said in a statement the city would terminate the planned pipeline that would have emptied wastewater from a Japanese-owned paper factory via the coastal town of Qidong into the sea.

The decision came hours after about 1,000 protesters marched through the city of Qidong, about one hour north of Shanghai, shouting slogans against the pipeline.

US Senate presses Haqqani network terror designation

AFP, Washington

The US Senate unanimously passed a resolution urging the State Department to put the Haqqani network, which operates in Afghanistan and Pakistan, on the US list of terrorist groups.

The late Thursday voted followed the passing of a resolution in the House of Representative last week. It now requires President Barack Obama's signature to enter into force.

The resolution says Secretary of State Hillary Clinton should designate the militant network as a foreign terrorist group.

It gives the State Department 30 days to report on whether it meets the criteria under the law, and if not, to explain why not.

The Obama administration is reportedly reluctant to put the group on the terrorism list while US envoys are trying to negotiate a peace deal with the Taliban that may have included the Haqqani network.

But in pushing for the measure, lawmakers noted that those talks have been halted since last year.

The chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Mike Rogers, called the resolution's passage "a significant development.'

Afghanistan and the network poses the single largest threat for IEDs our soldiers face in that country," he said. "They actively plot and kill US and allied soldiers and

"The Haqqanis are engaged in a reign of terror in

routinely harm innocent Afghan civilian men, women and children in their path," he said.

In June during a trip to Afghanistan, US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta emphasised the key role the Haqqani network has played in numerous attacks and called on Pakistan to take action against it.

Kayani's aide appointed as Pak defence secretary

PTI, Islamabad

Lt Gen (retired) Asif Yasin Malik, a close aide of army chief Gen Ashfaq Pervez Kayani, has been appointed as Pakistan's new defence secretary.

Malik is a former commander of the Peshawarbased XI Corps and did a stint in the Inter-Services Intelligence when the spy agency was headed by Kayani

He replaces top bureaucrat Nargis Sethi, who was given additional charge as defence secretary in January after former premier Yousuf Raza Gilani sacked the previous incumbent, Lt Gen (retired) Khalid Naeem Lodhi, during a standoff with the army.

Malik retired from active service last December and his last sting was as commander of the Peshawar-based corps.

Malik, who has attended training courses in American institutions, is expected to sign a bilateral memorandum of understanding with the US next week to cover the transportation of supplies to foreign forces in Afghanistan.

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