

Policy shift to Asia is 'real': Panetta

AFP, Perth

The United States yesterday insisted that its much-touted shift to the Asia-Pacific region is for real as US and Australian officials met for annual strategic talks.

US Pentagon chief Leon Panetta told reporters before flying into Perth that the Americans were ready to follow through on a plan to pivot to the Pacific despite crises in the Middle East and fiscal strains at home.

"The rebalance is real. It's going to be long-term," Panetta said.

The United States is expanding military exercises with allies and gradually moving its most advanced ships, weaponry and aircraft to Asia -- including deploying Marines to northern Australia -- as part of a long-term strategy, he said.

But that did not mean having to scale back its military presence in the volatile Middle East, Panetta said. "I feel very comfortable with regards to how we're dealing with threats in the Middle East," he said.

It was possible for the American military "to walk and chew gum at the same

time", said Panetta, in his third trip to Asia since June.

In what could be her final visit Down Under in her current job, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton joined Panetta for the talks with Australian counterparts Bob Carr and Stephen Smith.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard described the two countries as "good mates at every level".

The talks in Perth are expected to focus on regional security and greater American use of Australian military facilities, particularly increased access to a key naval base south of Perth as the Indian Ocean rim region grows in strategic importance.

The talks follow the arrival of about 250 US Marines in northern Australia this year as part of an American "rebalance" towards the Pacific after a decade of ground wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The US military currently has only a limited footprint in longstanding ally Australia, including the Pine Gap Joint Defence Facility spy station near Alice Springs.

Diwali blaze kills 8 in India

AFP, New Delhi

An explosion and fire at a house in northern India killed eight people yesterday, including six members of a family who were making firecrackers for the festival of Diwali, a media report said.

The incident happened in the town of Yaqoobpur in Uttar Pradesh state, the Press Trust of India news agency said, quoting deputy superintendent of police Ashok Kumar Singh.

A loud explosion was heard after the firecrackers caught fire, killing eight on the spot and injuring 12 others, it added.

The crackers were being manufactured illegally ahead of Diwali, the festival of lights when Indians celebrate by letting off fireworks.

Dhaka, Minsk

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involvement of Bangladeshi entrepreneurs.

The ministries, authorities and enterprises concerned from Bangladesh and Belarus would study the possibility of setting up assembly lines for Belarusian tractors and other agricultural machinery, potato and milk processing plants in Bangladesh.

The two countries consented to boost cooperation in education sector to deepen people to people contact. They decided to mutually encourage and maintain direct links between educational institutions.

Bangladesh welcomed the Belarusian offer to establish a multidisciplinary faculty of the highest quality at a university in Bangladesh for training experts and

specialists on various basic, applied and advanced disciplines of science and technology.

Belarus also offered collaboration in agro and industrial manufacturing and science-based initiatives.

The two sides agreed upon encouraging intersectoral dialogues, including involvement of the private sector and other non-governmental actors, for the implementation of the objectives and provisions of the legal instruments signed during the visit.

Regarding cooperation in the international arena, the two premiers reaffirmed their faith in the UN charter and confirmed their willingness towards continued cooperation in the UN and other international organisations.

An eerie evening

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Islam Avenue, to the windows and the roofs. These were young Jamaat-e-Islami and Shibir activists and their supporters. Suddenly, as you watched, you seemed to be living through a nightmare. It couldn't be happening before your very eyes. Yes, over the past four days in seven, Jamaat and Shibir workers had gone on the rampage in other places, other towns of the country. But in Dhaka, the capital?

Yes, it was a nightmare. And it was happening right before you. Panicky vehicle drivers slowed down or screeched to a halt, in the natural fear that if they didn't, their vehicles would be dashed into pieces or go up in flames. Shop owners briskly pulled down their shutters. As the young men marched or ran, you knew they were in little mood to be pacified. There were, initially, no policemen in sight. And then a few of them appeared, batons and rifles drawn, hoping to intimidate the mob into retreating.

The mob was not afraid. One policeman who hit out at a young activist was kicked from behind by another. As he turned to see who was behind him, another activist tried snatching his rifle from his hands. The rifle fell from his hands. As he picked it up, almost keeling over as he did so, a push from another violent young man sent him reeling on the pavement. His attempt to pick himself up was nearly thwarted by a stone thrown at his head. You could feel, from your safe distance, that blood had begun to ooze from that wounded forehead. The policeman looked for refuge. Some people quickly pushed him into a shop.

As if the assault on this policeman were not enough, two others came under attack as well. They could not be seen clearly, for

they were at quite a remove from the vantage point where one could spot them. But that they were under attack was clear. The Jamaat-Shibir activists moved on, driven by a bizarre sort of bravado. They kept coming, but one didn't know from where. The vehicles remained stranded on the road. One kept hoping that police reinforcements would arrive soon, for unless they did, there would be more violence. That mob was baying for blood.

And then a platoon of policemen appeared, with more following them in jeeps. They got down right where their colleague had taken the bruising and beating, sent him and the other injured policemen off to hospital in whatever vehicles were on hand, got together in separate lines and slowly moved forward in riot-preparedness formation. They soon went out of sight. And then they marched back, sending what probably were the remnants of the mob running for cover.

It was an unreal day. Reports soon came in of a young Jubo League activist pushed down to the ground, within the Farmgate area, and readied for a slitting of his throat. He escaped with his life, but not before he had been grievously wounded on the head and arms. When last reports came in, he was fighting for life in a hospital.

As evening descended and an eerie calm returned to the streets, one could not help recalling the viciousness with which an earlier generation of fanatically driven young men had pounced upon a nation struggling to be free of colonial rule. The thought was saddening. In the imagination, you wondered if such violence could be handled purposefully, if democracy could put such dark elements to flight -- for all time.

Be careful

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with some observations.

The three-member tribunal headed by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir with members Justice Obaidul Hassan and Judge M Shahinur Islam said top post holders in the government should behave with more restraint and be careful in making comments on a sub-judice matter.

The tribunal expected that "responsible persons" should in future show prudence by restraining themselves from setting imaginary time limit for disposal of a sub-judice matter "in the interest of upholding independence of the tribunal and fair justice".

Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah filed a contempt of court petition on August 5 against Sajeda, deputy leader of the House. His party colleague Muhammad Kamaruzzaman filed the other contempt petition against Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury on August 29 for allegedly making a statement discourteous to the tribunal.

One or two of those charged with committing war crimes should be hanged to prevent them from taking advantage of the loopholes in the legal process, reported Daily

Amar Desh on July 28 quoting Sajeda as telling a publically.

Those who would give testimony in favour of war criminals would be identified and a resistance movement would be organised against them, a report of Daily Naya Diganta on August 8 quoted Matia as saying in another public programme.

During hearing, the defence said their statements in public rallies constituted a "clear obstruction of the process and interference in the administration of justice".

But counsels of Matia and Sajeda said the reports, on the basis of which the defence brought the contempt charges, did not publish their clients' speeches "fully and properly".

On November 7, the tribunal fixed yesterday to determine whether it will initiate contempt of court proceedings against the ruling party leaders.

Passing the order on the petition against Matia, Justice Obaidul Hassan said the court accepted Sajeda's explanation that the alleged comment was not the outcome of her own thoughts and she merely echoed the public emotion without any intention to cause prejudice to the defence case.

"We are inclined to

observe that the right to freedom of speech as guaranteed in our constitution is not absolute and unfettered and it is to be exercised with some restrictions and caution," Justice Hassan added.

"We expect that a responsible person holding significant government portfolio should be restrained and careful in making any such comments on a sub-judice matter to get rid of general public baffle," Justice Hassan observed.

Passing an order on the petition against Sajeda, Judge M Shahinur Islam said the court agreed that the alleged comment did not appear to be of such nature which may tend to prejudice the accused's case and as such the application, in the strict sense, did not come within the ambit of section 11 (4) of the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973.

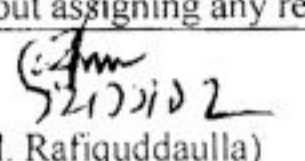
"Despite that, a responsible person holding dignified and significant position in parliament is not expected to make such a comment even in the name of echoing public opinion or perception," said the judge.

"With the above observations, the application is disposed of instead of initiating further proceedings," said both the orders.

**ASHUGANJ POWER STATION COMPANY LIMITED**
(An enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)
Ashuganj, B.Baria-3402, Bangladesh.

"Invitation For International Tender"

01.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Power Division	
02.	Agency	:	Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd (APSCL)	
03.	Procuring Entity Name	:	Managing Director	
04.	Procuring Entity District	:	Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh	
05.	Invitation for	:	Supply of Admiralty Brass Tube for Lub & Seal oil cooler of Boiler Feed Pump of unit # 1 & 2 of Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd.	
06.	Invitation Ref No	:	Memo No. APSCL/Pro-1/2012/1472	
07.	Date	:	12/11/2012	
08.	Procurement Method	:	International Open Tendering Method.	
09.	Source of Funds	:	APSC'S Own Fund	
10.	Tender Publication Date	:	14/11/2012	
11.	Tender Last Selling Date	:	26/12/2012 during office hour	
12.	Tender Closing Date and Time	:	27/12/2012 at BST 12.00 noon	
13.	Tender Opening Date and Time	:	27/12/2012 at BST 12.15 pm	
14.	Name & Address of the Offices	:		
a.	-Selling Tender Documents.	:	(i) Director (Purchase), Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Bhavan (9 th floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. (ii) Manager (Finance), APSCL, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria.	
b.	Receiving & Opening Tender Documents	:	Office of the Manager (Procurement), APSCL, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria	
15.	Eligibility of Tenderer	:	Renowned Manufacturer/Supplier having similar experience as specified in the Tender Document.	
16.		:		
Sl. No	Name of Item	Price of Tender Documents	Amount of Tender Security	Completion time
a.	Supply of Admiralty Brass Tube for Lub & Seal oil cooler of Boiler Feed Pump of unit # 1 & 2 of Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd	Tk. 1,000/-	US\$ 730.00 or BDT 60,000/-	120 days from the date of L/C opening as described in schedule of requirement.
17.	Name of official Inviting Tender	:	Md. Rafiquddaulla	
18.	Designation of official Inviting Tender	:	Manager (Procurement)	
19.	Address of official Inviting Tender	:	Ashuganj Power Station Co. Ltd. Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.	
20.	Contact details of official Inviting Tender	:	Tel : 0088-08528-74033 Fax : 0088-08528-74044. E-mail: procurement@apscl.com, Website : www.apscl.com	
21.	1. Tender Document should be purchased by interested eligible Tenderer upon payment of non-refundable fee in favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh 2. All Tenderers must be accompanied with a Tender Security in the prescribed format from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh in accordance with instructions to the Tenderers in favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria 3. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.			


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Manager (Procurement)
APSC, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria.

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মাছ চাষের জন্য পুকুর ইজারা প্রদান সংক্রান্ত পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি
সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাংলাদেশ সেতু কর্তৃপক্ষের আওতাধীন বঙ্গবন্ধু সেতুর পূর্ব পাড়ে কতিপয় পুকুর বছর বছর নবায়ন সাপেক্ষে ১লা বৈশাখ ১৪১৯ বাংলা সন হতে ৩ (তিন) বছর তথা ৩০শে চৈত্র, ১৪২১ বাংলা সন পর্যন্ত মাছ চাষের নিমিত্ত ইজারা প্রদান করা হবে। ইজারা গ্রহণে আগ্রহী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। এতদসংক্রান্ত দরপত্রের বিষয়ে নিম্নে উল্লেখিত সময়সূচি অনুযায়ী কার্যক্রম গ্রহণ করা হবেঃ

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Internal probe

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The report by the BBC's Scotland director Ken MacQuarrie found that journalists on the flagship Newsnight programme which broadcast the claims had failed to show the politician's accuser a photograph of McAlpine.

These failings were "unacceptable", MacQuarrie said.

He also highlighted confusion about who had the ultimate responsibility for "final editorial sign-off" on the story, which the BBC had to retract after it was shown.

Newsnight's editorial management structure had been "seriously weakened" because the editor had stepped aside over the decision last year to shelve a story about star BBC presenter Jimmy Savile's abuse of under-age women.

Police now say they believe Savile abused more than 300 victims over a 40-year period. He died last year at the age of 84.

The furore over the politician, coupled with the intense scrutiny over Savile, has left the BBC facing one of the worst crises in its 90-year history and in danger of seeing trust in its journalism seriously eroded.

George Entwistle stepped down as director-general on Saturday after the botched Newsnight report and the BBC's response to the Savile scandal.

On Monday, head of news Helen Boaden and her deputy Stephen Mitchell were asked to stand aside pending an

internal review into the way that the claims against Savile were handled by Newsnight.

Davie, a former PepsiCo executive temporarily handed control of the BBC after just seven years at the organisation, said his job was to restore leadership following Entwistle's sudden resignation.

Davie, who has little journalistic experience, said in an email to staff that he was "determined to give the BBC the clarity and leadership it deserves" until a permanent replacement is found.

The world's largest broadcasting organisation, which marks its 90th birthday today, reportedly wants an outsider for its new director-general who could overhaul an unwieldy management culture.

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II) Minimum seven (7) years experience in corporate business.
III) Minimum ten (10) years experience in interior decoration works.
2) The interested firms for this challenging assignment must apply in their letterhead for obtaining the Terms of Reference (TOR) for technical evaluation.
3) TOR will be issued from the Engineering Department, Fareast Tower (Level – 2), 35, Topkhana Road, Dhaka-1000 during office hours from **13.11.2012 to 21.11.2012**.
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5) EOI including the technical offer will be received in Engineering Department at **11:00 AM on 24.11.2012**. No EOI shall be received after this designated time & date.
6) The financial offer to be asked based on preliminary selection and technically responsive firms through close bidding later on.
7) For any clarification regarding preparation & submission of EOI, the bidder(s) may contact anytime before/after pre-bid meeting with the Project Incharge, Fareast Tower (Level – 2), 35 Topkhana Road, Dhaka, Phone: Cell - 01730052780.
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