

# Pak PM relieved of contempt charges

PTI, Islamabad

Pakistan's Supreme Court yesterday withdrew a contempt notice issued to Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf earlier this year after he failed to approach Swiss authorities to revive graft cases against President Asif Ali Zardari.

A five-judge bench headed by Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali retracted the contempt notice after law minister Farooq Naek presented a receipt that showed the Swiss authorities had received the government's recent letter for the revival of the graft cases on November 9.

During the hearing, Naek requested the court to dismiss the case as the government's letter, written by the attorney general, had been sent to the Swiss attorney general in Geneva.

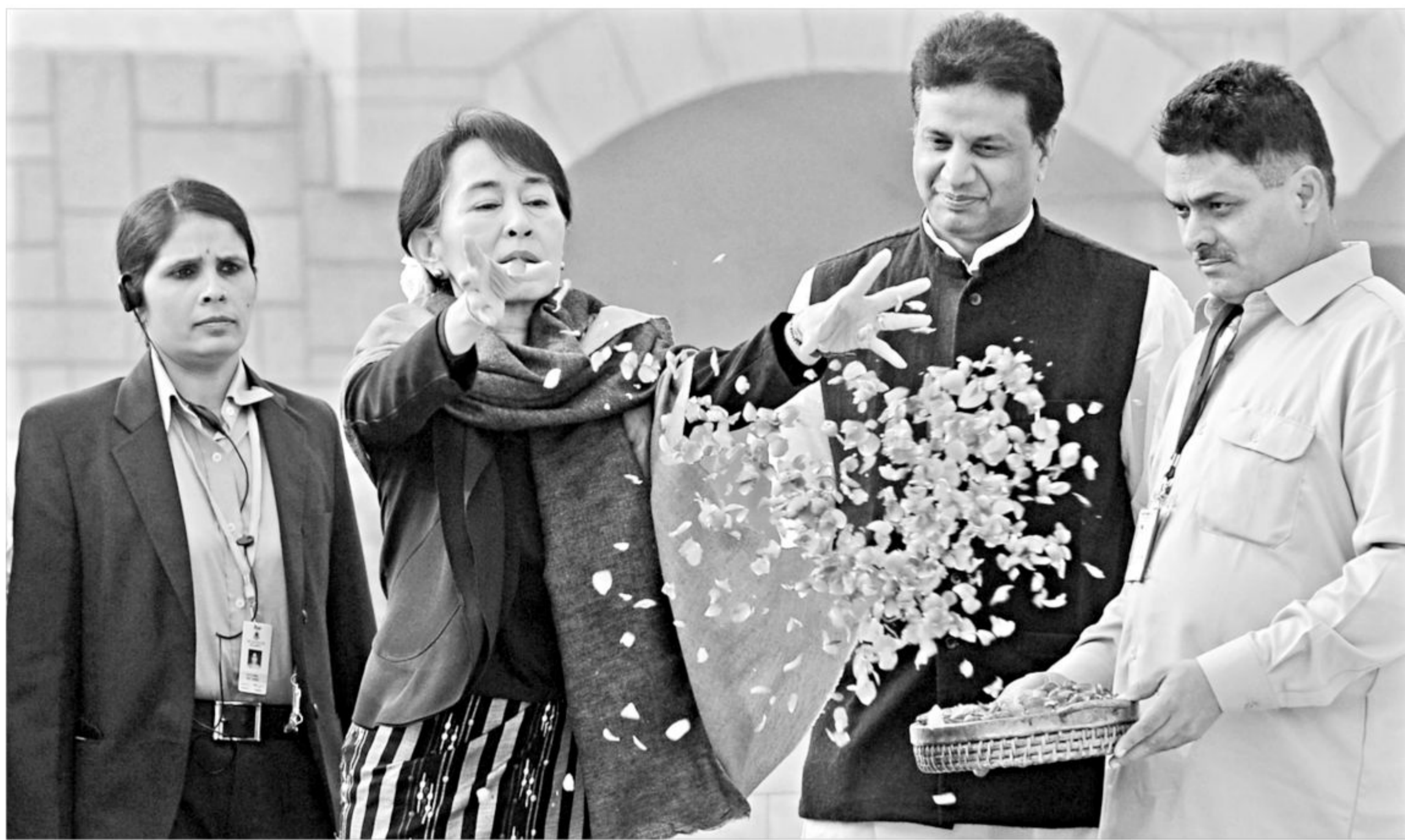
Justice Jamali acknowledged that the government had complied with the court's directives of writing to Swiss authorities for reopening the graft cases.

Talking to journalists after the hearing, Naek said the court's decision was a victory for justice and democracy.

The government, he said, had implemented every directive of the apex court.

The government's letter to the Swiss authorities makes it clear that the graft cases can be revived with the condition that the President enjoys immunity under the Constitution and Pakistani and international laws.

The Supreme Court and the government recently came to an agreement on the contents of the letter to be sent to the Swiss authorities after months of sparring.



Chairperson of The National League for Democracy of Myanmar Aung San Suu Kyi stands with officials as she sprinkles rose petals while paying tribute at Rajghat, the Memorial to Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

# US soldier could face death penalty

AFP, Washington

Prosecutors called Tuesday for a US soldier accused of killing 16 Afghan villagers to face a full court-martial and even death.

But the family of Sergeant Robert Bales insisted he was innocent until proven guilty, calling him "courageous and honorable," while his lawyer raised questions about the role of alcohol, drugs and stress in the tragedy.

Wrapping up their case in the pre-trial hearing, prosecutors lashed the "heinous and despicable" alleged massacre in March, details of which were given during an eight-day hearing at a military base south of Seattle.

Bales faces 16 counts of murder, six of attempted murder, seven of assault, two of using drugs and one of drinking alcohol. Seventeen of the 22 victims were women or children and almost all were shot in the head.

The 39-year-old allegedly left his base in the Panjwayi district of southern Kandahar province on the night of March 11 to commit the killings, which included nine children. He allegedly set several of their bodies on fire.

# Suu Kyi seeks India's support

AFP, New Delhi

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday urged the people of India to help her country secure democracy as she paid her first visit for 25 years.

"We have not yet achieved the goal of democracy," Suu Kyi, who was released from military house arrest in 2010, said during a speech in New Delhi.

"We are still trying, and we hope that in this last and most difficult phase the people of India will stand by us."

Suu Kyi also expressed her sadness that India, which was previously one of her strongest supporters, changed tack in the 1990s and began to engage with Myanmar's junta at a time when it was a pariah in the West.

"I have been asked whether I was disappointed that India had not stood staunchly by us throughout the years of our struggle for democracy," she said.

"I was saddened to feel that... India had drawn away from us during our very difficult days."

"Disappointment is not something we can indulge in," she added in a veiled criticism of the Indian government as she delivered a lecture in memory of the country's first post-independence prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

The Nobel peace prize winner had earlier held talks with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who hailed her "indomitable courage".

"Our good wishes are with you as indeed with your struggle for

democracy," Singh said in comments reported by the Press Trust of India news agency.

Singh had invited Suu Kyi to New Delhi when he visited Myanmar in May to try to boost trade and counter the influence of regional rival China.

India shares a 1,640 kilometre (1,020 mile) border with its north-eastern neighbour Myanmar, and the two former British colonies have a long shared history.

Suu Kyi's father General Aung San -- regarded as Myanmar's independence hero -- was a personal friend of Nehru.

Singh's government is keen to rebuild ties with Suu Kyi, who led her party to a landslide victory in parliamentary by-elections in April.

Her release, last year's end to military rule and the prospect of nationwide elections in 2015 have enabled Myanmar to establish links with the West and US President Barack Obama is due to visit next week.

During the four-day trip, Suu Kyi is also due to visit parliament and inspect rural development projects.

On Friday she will visit the Lady Shri Ram college in New Delhi, where she graduated with a degree in politics in the 1960s when her mother served as ambassador to India.

Suu Kyi last visited India in 1987 when she travelled to Simla to join her husband Michael Aris, who was studying in the picturesque hill station.

MYANMAR VISIT

# Obama set to discuss

## Rohingya issue

AFP, Perth, Australia

President Barack Obama will discuss the deadly sectarian violence in Myanmar's Rakhine state during his historic visit to the country, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said yesterday.

She will accompany Obama next week when he makes the first visit to Myanmar by a sitting US president, during which he will meet both President Thein Sein and opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

Hillary said unrest between Rohingya Muslims and Buddhists in the western state of Rakhine would "of course" feature in Obama's talks.

The clashes in that region have so far claimed 180 lives and forced more than 110,000, mainly Rohingya, into makeshift camps.

"We've condemned that violence, we've called for calm and a meaningful dialogue to address the legitimate needs that are at the base of these underlying issues," said Hillary.

"And certainly we expect the Burmese authorities to ensure the security and safety of all of the people in the area and to act expeditiously both to stop violence and investigate it, and bring those responsible to justice."

The United Nations human rights chief Navi Pillay last week warned that the conflict in Rakhine could stall the country's reform-drive and called on Myanmar to allow the Rohingya to become citizens.

# 'UN failed to protect victims'

BBC ONLINE

A UN report on its failure to protect civilians in Sri Lanka's civil war will have "profound implications" for the global body, UN chief Ban Ki-moon said yesterday.

Publishing the damning internal report, which had been leaked to the BBC, Ban said lessons had to be learnt.

A senior panel will advise him on how to prevent the system breakdowns that led to "grave failure" in Sri Lanka.

The government and Tamil rebels are accused of war crimes in the brutal conflict which ended in May 2009.

The internal review concluded that various UN agents, including the Security Council and Human Rights Council, had failed at every level to meet their responsibilities in the last months of the civil war in

Sri Lanka.

"I am determined that the United Nations draws the appropriate lessons and does its utmost to earn the confidence of the world's people, especially those caught in conflict who look to the organisation for help," Mr Ban said in a statement.

The report has been made public, he added, as "transparency and accountability are critical to the legitimacy and credibility of the United Nations".

The 26-year war took at least 100,000 people dead. There are still no confirmed figures for tens of thousands of civilian deaths in the last months of battle.

An earlier UN investigation said it was possible up to 40,000 people had been killed in the final five months alone. Other estimates say the number of deaths could be even higher.

# Five Maoists killed in India

PTI, Odisha

Five Maoists were killed in a fierce encounter with security forces in a forest on the border of Odisha's Ganjam and Gajapati districts yesterday.

At least two security personnel were also injured in the exchange of fire in Bhaliagada jungle under Mohana police station area, police said.

"We have received information about the death of five Maoists during an exchange of fire in the jungle. The bodies are yet to be recovered as the operation is still on," DIG of police (southern range) R K Sharma said.

The slain ultras belonged to a group headed by Maoist leader Sabyasachi Panda, he said.

## SRI LANKA CIVIL WAR




Sri Lankans fleeing for safety during the civil war in 2009.



US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta, left, Australian Foreign Minister Bob Carr, back to camera, and US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, right, share a light moment during the annual Australia-US Ministerial Consultations in Perth, Australia yesterday. Referring to India as the world's largest democracy and a dynamic emerging economy, Hillary urged more cooperation between Australia and India and hoped for joint naval vessel exercises.

PHOTO: AFP



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