

UPA confident over FDI vote

IANS, New Delhi

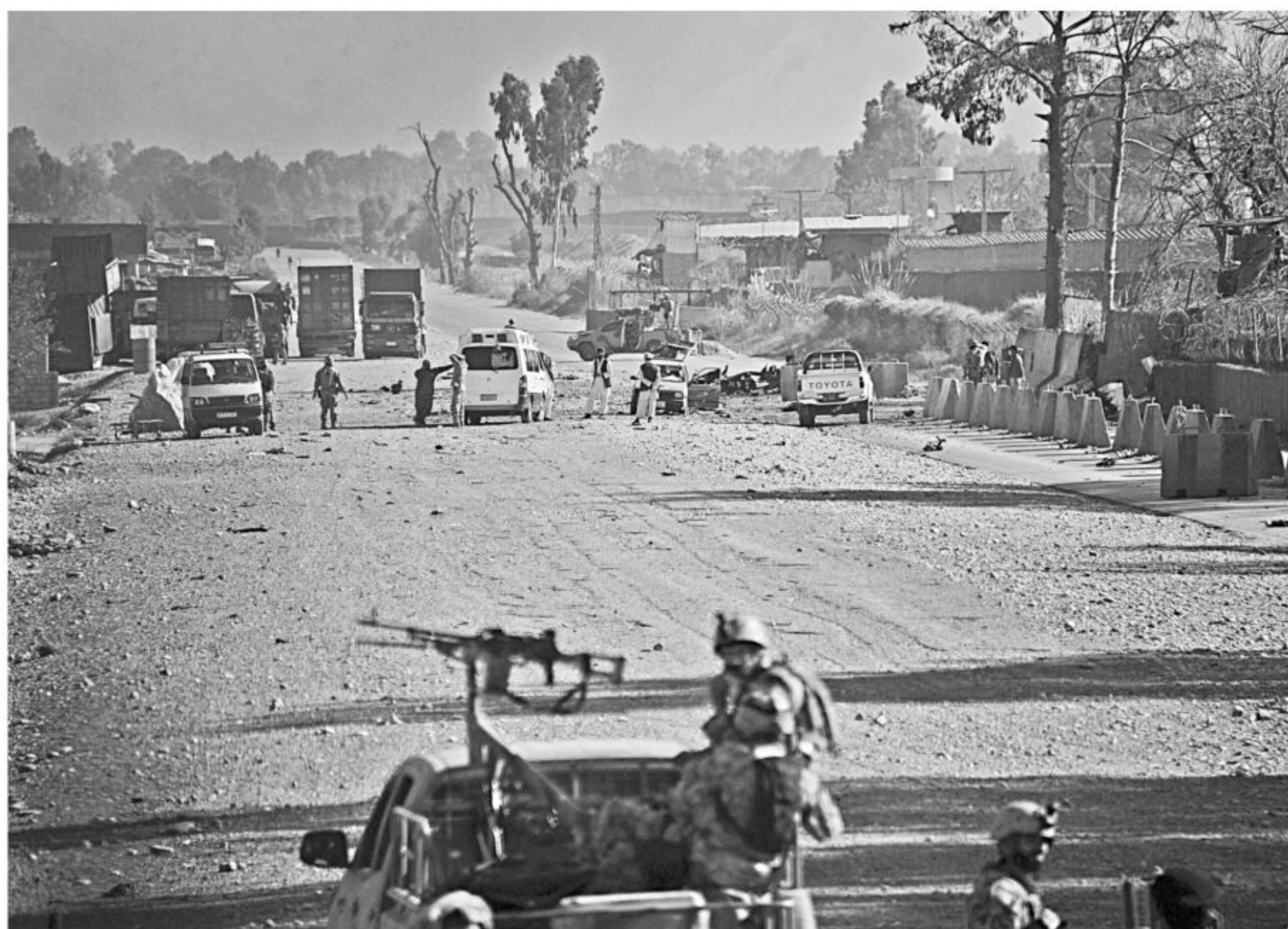
The government yesterday said it was confident of its numbers ahead of a crucial debate with voting on FDI in multi-brand retail in the Lok Sabha Dec 4-5.

"We are confident of the numbers," Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Rajeev Shukla told IANS.

A debate with voting on the issue will take place in the Lok Sabha Dec 4 and 5 and later in the Rajya Sabha, said government sources.

Though the government is confident of sailing through in the lower house, it does not have the numbers in the upper house.

"We are talking to other parties to support us in both the houses," Shukla told IANS.



Soldiers of Nato-led International Security Assistance Force and Afghan forces stand guard at the site of a suicide attack in Jalalabad yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Afghan Nato base attack kills five

AFP, Jalalabad

Taliban suicide attackers struck at a Nato base on an Afghan city airport yesterday early morning, killing five people and wounding several foreign troops in a two-hour battle, officials said.

Nato helicopters went into action, firing on the insurgents as they tried to storm the base after two suicide car bombs hit the perimeter gate of the Jalalabad airport near the Pakistan border.

A total of eight attackers armed with rocket propelled grenades and automatic weapons were killed, Afghan officials said.

The assault came as the usual summer fighting season should be drawing to a close, indicating that the insurgency remains resilient after surviving the biggest onslaught US-led forces will throw against them.

The last of the extra 33,000 soldiers President Barack Obama deployed in a "surge" nearly three years ago left in September, and the vast majority of the remaining Nato force of more than 100,000 will follow by the end of 2014.

The Taliban claimed its militants had managed to enter the base and caused heavy casualties but this was denied by Nato's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

The airport complex has multiple layers of security, with the Nato base set well back from the first entrance, which an Afghan official said had been breached.

Three Afghan guards were killed and 14 wounded, while two civilians also died and four others were injured, police spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal told AFP.

But the biggest attack on a coalition base this year came in September, when insurgents stormed Camp Bastion in the south, destroying six fighter aircraft in the largest single loss of air assets for the United States since the Vietnam War.

'CABLEGATE' ANNIVERSARY Assange vows more leaks

AFP, Washington

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange vowed to keep exposing secret documents and defended his controversial website, two years after it published a massive trove of sensitive US diplomatic cables.

Marking the anniversary of "cablegate," Assange alleged in a commentary published Thursday that his self-styled anti-secrecy website had uncovered US attempts to hide atrocities, coerce other governments and dominate the global economy.

Despite condemnation by the US government, the Australian ex-hacker said his organization would not shy away from divulging more secret documents.

Assange has been holed up in Ecuador's London embassy for five months to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he is facing allegations of rape and sexual assault, charges he strongly denies.



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It is quite common for people to form close and loving friendships with animals. But it is quite a different matter when that animal is a 27-stone tiger with a fondness for fighting. Abdullah Sholeh, 31, has formed an unbreakable bond with four-year-old feline Mulan. The pair spend every day together after Sholeh helped raise her from a three-month-old cub in Malang, Indonesia.

PHOTO: THE DAILY MAIL

Mindset

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workers who had been killed in a deadly fire at the Tazreen Fashions factory in Ashulia last week.

The able-bodied people became the barrier to the physically challenged ones enjoying their rights, the speakers said.

They called for skill development programmes for the physically-challenged so that they could fulfil the need for additional workforce at industrial units.

"They [the physically-impaired] have been ignored," the chief guest at the discussion, Dilip Barua said. Though the constitution guarantees equal rights to them, they have limited access to health, education and other facilities.

Physically-challenged people had proved that they, if given congenial atmosphere and opportunity, could achieve anything, Dilip Barua noted.

William Hana, ambassador of the European Union to Bangladesh, said, "We have to look for the abilities of the physically-challenged people."

Quoting a World Bank report, he said Bangladesh could have gained 18 percent higher growth in gross domestic product had it been able to build up the capacity of the physically-challenged to contribute to the economy.

"We have to identify qualities of the physically-challenged people" and accordingly select sectors for them, Mohammad Hatem, first vice-president of the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA), said.

He also said the physically-challenged having good educational degrees could be appointed to mid-level positions at garment factories.

Mosharrar Hossain, country director of Action on Disability and Development (ADD) International, a UK-based development agency, said that initially they targeted the readymade garment

sector to create jobs for the people with physical challenges as it has now 25 percent labour shortage.

The sector will be able to create more jobs as McKinsey & Company, a global management consulting firm, has recently forecast that Bangladesh's apparel sector has the potential to increase its export earning to between \$36 billion and \$42 billion in a decade from \$20 billion at present.

AKM Manjurul Haque, director general of Youth Development, said, "It has been proved that they perform better than others. They are not the people with disabilities; the disabilities lie with us."

Brig Gen (ret) Shahedul Anam Khan, editor, defence and strategic affairs of The Daily Star, said, "We have to create avenues so that the physically-challenged people can become productive and contribute to the society."

Farzana Swapna, a visually impaired who did her honours and masters from Dhaka University, said that despite several attempts she could not get a government job.

"The scope is very limited"

There is a quota for the physically-challenged in Bangladesh Civil Service but to get the opportunity, they need to pass preliminary and written tests, competing with general students, Farzana said, adding the discrimination is more in the private sector.

ADD International and The Daily Star organised the discussion in association with Shiree. The Department For International Development funded the programme.

Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, managing editor of The Daily Star; M Ehsanur Rahman, executive director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission; A Gafur, executive director of American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh; Shahin Akhtar Dolly, executive director of Nari Maitree; and Shazia Omar, head of advocacy of Shiree, were also present.

ELECTRICITY GENERATION COMPANY OF BANGLADESH LIMITED
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)

Corrigendum

Refer to the "Employment Opportunity" published in The Daily Star, dated: 24 & 25 November, 2012 by the Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh (EGCB) Ltd., the words "in a large public power sector organization" in the experience column of sl. no. 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6 will be replaced by "in a large power sector company/organization".

Other requisites & conditions in that advertisement will remain unchanged.

Deputy General Manager (Human Resource)
Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
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Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Ltd.
(A Company of Petrobangla)
Head Office: 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong

"শিল্পে প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস, গৃহস্থালীতে বিকল্প জ্বালানি"

Invitation for Re-Tender

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
02	Agency	Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources Corporation (Petrobangla).
03	Procuring entity name	Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited (KGDCCL).
04	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
05	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.
06	Invitation for	Construction of 10-storied C-type Building of Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited at KGDCCL Officer's Quarter, Chandgaon R/A, Chittagong.
KEY INFORMATION		
07	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
08	Budget and source of funds	KGDCCL Budget, KGDCCL Own Source.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
09	Tender publication date	03/12/2012.
10	Tender last selling date	17/12/2012.
11	Tender closing date and time	Date: 18/12/2012 Time: 12:00 hrs
12	Tender opening date and time	18/12/2012 12:15 hrs
13	Name & address of the office(s)	Address: Accounts Section, KGDCCL, 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong.
	-Selling tender document	Purchase Sub-Division, Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited (KGDCCL), 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong. Time & date: 12:00 noon on 18/12/2012.
	-Receiving tender document	Purchase Sub-Division, Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited (KGDCCL), 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong. Time & date: 12:15pm on 18/12/2012.
	-Opening tender document	Purchase Sub-Division, Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited (KGDCCL), 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong. Time & date: 12:15pm on 18/12/2012.
14	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
15	Eligibility of tenderer	i) Must have minimum period of general experience of 10 (ten) years in similar nature of building construction work. In case of JV one of them must have minimum 10 (ten) years experience & other must have minimum 5 (five) years experience. ii) Minimum 01 (one) number Building Project of (civil, sanitary & plumbing and internal electrification works) costing minimum Tk. 5.00 (five) crore of 10-storied building with pile foundation work in government/semi-government/autonomous organization/reputed NGO's/bank/insurance company during last 05 (five) years. iii) The required average annual construction turnover during the last 5 (five) years shall be minimum Tk. 5.0 (five) crore. iv) Up-to-date trade license, Income Tax clearing certificate and VAT registration certificate from the NBR/concern office etc. v) Other required eligibility criteria & conditions as mentioned in the tender document.
19	Brief description of works	Construction of 10-storied C-type Building (civil, sanitary & plumbing and internal electrification works) of Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Co. Ltd. at KGDCCL Officer's Quarter, Chandgaon R/A, Chittagong.
20	Price of tender document	Tk. 2,000.00 (two thousand) only.
21	Name of the work	Construction of 10-storied C-type Building of Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited at KGDCCL Officer's Quarter, Chandgaon R/A, Chittagong.
	Location	R/A, Chittagong.
	Tender security amount (Tk)	Tk. 15.00 lac (fifteen lac) only in favour of Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Co. Ltd. (KGDCCL) in the form of Bank Guarantee, Pay-Order or Bank Draft from any schedule bank of Bangladesh
	Completion time	930 (nine hundred and thirty) days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
22	Name of official inviting tender	Engr. Biplab Rangon Khastagir.
23	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager, Pipe Line & Civil Construction Sub-Division.
24	Address of official inviting tender	KGDCCL, Fouzderhat, Chittagong.
25	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone No. 031-752337 Fax No. E-mail
26	Special instruction	(a) KGDCCL reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected tenderers, or any obligation to inform tenderers of the grounds for KGDCCL's action. (b) If the submission and opening of tenders is disturbed by any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same. (c) Tenderer should fill all necessary forms of the tender document.

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Deputy General Manager (PLCC)
Fouzderhat, Chittagong

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Sri Lanka to buy Iraqi oil

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka will purchase oil from Iraq after the United States imposed new sanctions on Iran, the island's main supplier of crude oil, a report said yesterday.

The US Senate unanimously approved new economic sanctions Friday aimed at further crippling Iran's energy, shipping and port sectors, a year after Congress passed tough restrictions against Tehran.