

DELHI GANG-RAPE

Outrage engulfs India

Police fire water cannon on protesters

AFP, New Delhi

Riot police fired water cannon yesterday at a protest in New Delhi over the gang-rape of a 23-year-old student who was left fighting for her life as anger against the brutal attack grew across India.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh joined his ruling Congress party chief Sonia Gandhi in condemning Sunday night's "heinous" assault by six drunken men who were joyriding on a bus when they picked up the woman and a male companion.

After taking turns to rape the woman, the attackers then threw the pair off the vehicle.

Four people, including the bus driver, have so far been arrested, while a hunt is ongoing for two other suspects. Three of those arrested appeared in court on Wednesday and were remanded in custody.

As the government tried to address the anger by announcing a series of measures,

a number of demonstrations were held in Delhi and other cities, including Ahmedabad and Patna.

Police used water cannon on one group of demonstrators as they tried to tear down steel barricades outside the official residence of New Delhi's Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit.

Before the violence broke out, protesters carrying banners chanted: "We want equal rights for women."

"Women don't feel safe in the city, this is appalling," said 18-year-old student Jayesha Koushik who was among those protesting.

"The blame is always put on the women. 'She was not wearing the right dress, she was out at the wrong time, she must have provoked it'. How can you blame the women for rape?"

National crime records of India show that 228,650 of the total 256,329 violent crimes recorded last year were aimed against women.



Indian students and activists carry placards at India Gate during a protest following the gang-rape of a student in New Delhi yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Pirates kidnap 5 Indians off Nigeria coast

AFP, Lagos

Well armed pirates who stormed and ransacked an oil tanker off Nigeria have kidnapped five Indian crew members, said a statement Wednesday from the operators of the ship.

Medallion Marine, which operates the SP Brussels tanker, said their vessel was boarded on Monday by "heavily armed pirates" about 40 miles (65 kilometres) off the coast of the oil-producing Niger Delta region.

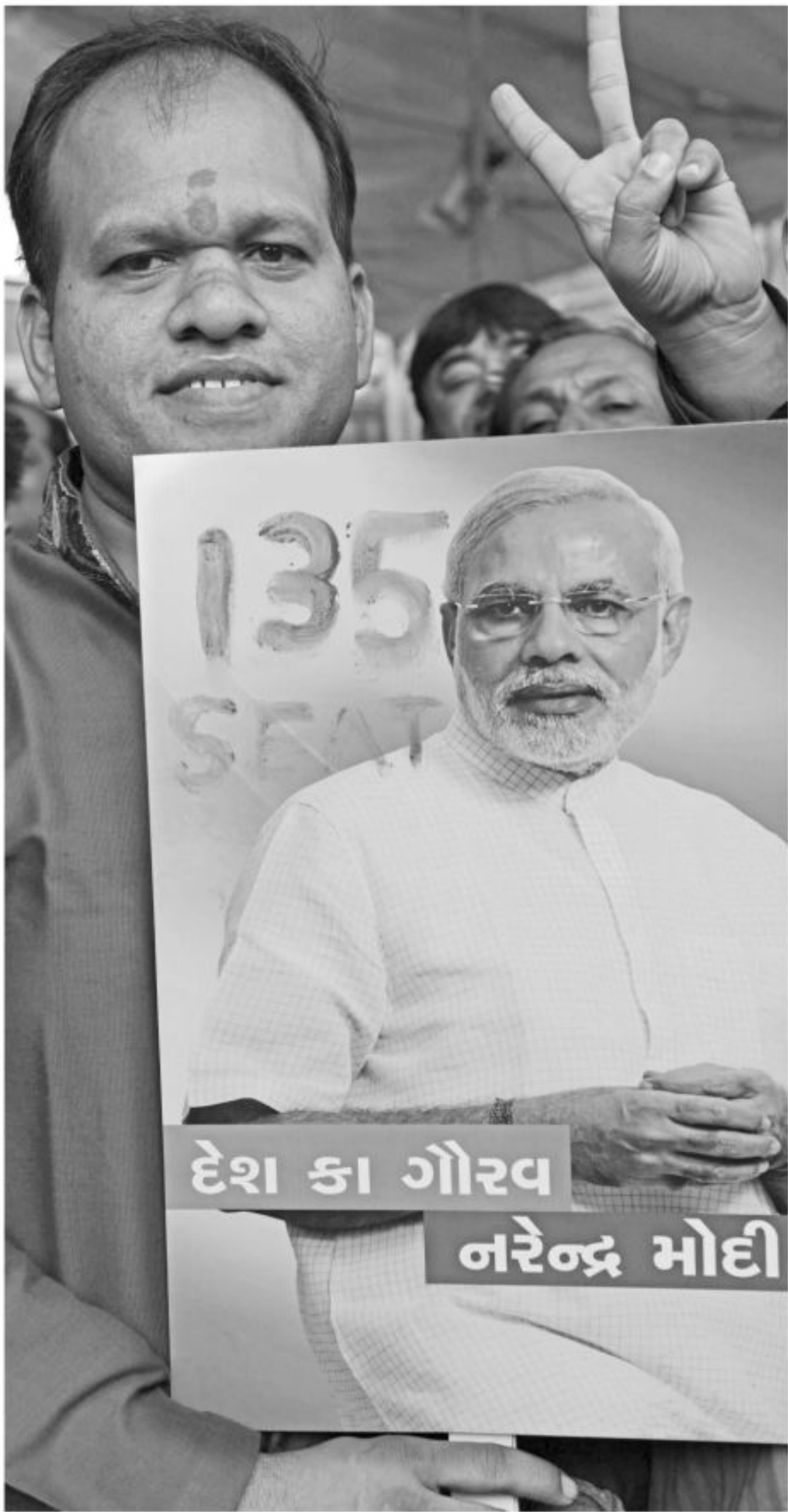
"The pirates ransacked the vessel for personal belongings and took five crew members with them on their departure," said spokesman Martin Baxendale. He later told AFP those taken were Indian nationals.

According to a company website, the Medallion Group includes the Germany-based firm of Medallion Reederei GmbH, but the company targeted in the attack, Medallion Marine, is based in Mumbai.

The statement said the remaining crew were safe and that the tanker had arrived at the port of Lagos in Nigeria's economic capital.

"Everything possible is being done to ensure the safe return of those crewmembers taken," it further said.

The company added that it was working closely with local authorities, but Nigeria's navy was not immediately available to comment on whether any rescue operation had been launched.



A member of the Gujarat Gaurav Fan Club poses with a portrait of Gujarat state Chief Minister Narendra Modi during a 'Maha Aarti' ritual at the Bhadrakali Temple on the eve of the Gujarat state poll counting day in Ahmedabad yesterday. According to fan club members Modi is likely to fetch some 135 seats out of 182 in the Assembly polls which were held in two phases on December 13 and 17.

PHOTO: AFP

More attacks on polio workers in Pakistan

Unicef, Who suspend work

AFP, Islamabad, Peshawar

Gunmen in Pakistan mounted fresh attacks yesterday on health workers carrying out polio vaccinations, taking the death toll to nine and prompting Unicef and Who to suspend work on a campaign opposed by the Taliban.

Pakistan is one of only three countries in the world where polio is still endemic, but efforts to stamp out the crippling disease have been hampered by resistance from the Taliban, who have banned vaccination teams from some areas.

people working to immunise children against the highly infectious disease have been shot dead in Pakistan since the start of a three-day UN-backed nationwide vaccination campaign on Monday.

The UN children's agency Unicef and the World Health Organisation suspended work on campaigns against polio in Pakistan yesterday after a series of attacks left nine health workers dead in three days.

Unicef spokesman Michael Coleman told AFP the two organisations halted polio work in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces on Tuesday after attacks in Karachi and Peshawar, but extended the suspension nationwide after fresh bloodshed yesterday.

In the latest attack yesterday, a female health worker and her driver were shot dead in Charsadda, near Peshawar, the main town in the northwest, police official Wajid Khan told AFP. A second police officer confirmed the incident.

Another worker was shot and critically wounded while giving out polio drops earlier yesterday on the outskirts of Peshawar also died, doctor Ahmad Saqlain of the city's Lady Reading Hospital told AFP.

Two other polio teams were targeted in similar attacks in the towns of Nowshera and Charsadda, police and health officials said, but the polio workers escaped unharmed. One passerby was slightly injured in Nowshera.

Violence has blighted every day of the polio campaign so far: one health worker was shot dead in Karachi on Monday and four more were killed in the city with another gunned down in Peshawar on Tuesday.

UK to pull nearly 4,000 troops from Afghanistan

AFP, London

Britain will slash its military force in Afghanistan next year, withdrawing nearly 4,000 troops as local security forces become increasingly capable, Prime Minister David Cameron said yesterday.

Cameron told parliament that the current force of 9,000 British troops would be reduced to 5,200 by the end of 2013 and that most of the rest would leave the following year.

Britain, the United States and other Nato nations in Afghanistan are due to withdraw all combat troops from Afghanistan by the end of 2014 when they will hand over responsibility for security to Afghan forces.

But the government has faced pressure at home to speed up the withdrawal from Afghanistan following a series of "insider attacks", in which Afghans in army uniform have attacked British and other foreign soldiers.

Cameron said the withdrawal was possible "because of the success of our forces and the Afghan National Security Forces".

4 cops poisoned, shot dead in Afghanistan

AFP, Kandahar

Four Afghan policemen were shot dead and three wounded after being poisoned by a colleague in southern Afghanistan yesterday, officials said.

The attack happened in the Spin Boldak district of Kandahar province and is the latest in a series of insider attacks by Afghan security forces on their local and foreign colleagues.


"There were eight border police in Shero area check post, one of them poisoned the others' food and then shot them," provincial spokesman Jawid Faysal told AFP.

Four had died and three taken to hospital for treatment for gunshot wounds, he said, while the attacker had fled.

Ghurzang Afridi, a spokesman for border police in southern Afghanistan said a probe into the attack was under way.

"The police are still investigating whether the attacker had any links with Taliban," he said.

Afghan police are an important force in supporting US-led NATO forces in the fight against Taliban militants, but they are poorly equipped and often susceptible to Taliban infiltration.

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Schedule for FCPS Part-I, FCPS Part-II (Final) examination in general subjects, Preliminary FCPS Part-II, FCPS (Final) examination in the specialized subjects and MCPS written Examinations to be held in January 2013.
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Morning				
Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
All	Paper - I	01.01.2013 (Tuesday)	9.00 A.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	02.01.2013 (Wednesday)	12.00 Noon	


MCPS Examinations. Afternoon				
Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
All	Paper - I	01.01.2013 (Tuesday)	1.30 P.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	02.01.2013 (Wednesday)	04.30 P.M.	

FCPS Part-I Examinations Morning				
Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
Anaesthesiology, Biochemistry, Dentistry and allied, Dermatology & Venereology, Family Medicine, Haematology, Histopathology, Medicine and allied, Microbiology, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, Paediatrics and allied, Physical Medicine, Psychiatry, Radiology and Imaging, Radiotherapy & Transfusion Medicine	Paper- I	03.01.2013 (Thursday)	9.00 A.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper- II	05.01.2013 (Saturday)	to	
	Paper- III	06.01.2013 (Sunday)	10.40 A.M.	

Noon				
Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
Obst. & Gynae and allied & Surgery and allied.	Paper - I	03.01.2013 (Thursday)	12.00 Noon	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	05.01.2013 (Saturday)	to	
	Paper- III	06.01.2013 (Sunday)	01.40 P.M.	

Program for clinical, practical & oral examinations for FCPS Part II (final) examination in general subjects, Preliminary FCPS Part-II, FCPS (final) examination in specialized subjects and MCPS will be notified in the Notice Board and Website of BCPS well in advance.

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Nepal elephant on revenge rampage

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepalese officials yesterday said lovesick elephant which has trampled several people to death was captured a month ago -- but set free to kill again.

Park rangers told AFP the male tusker, named Dhrube by locals, is targeting humans on a killing spree in southern Nepal after being kept from potential mates, including a female called Chanchalkali.

"It has killed another male elephant and was upset after it was denied the chance to mate with Chanchalkali," Chitwan National Park ranger Bishnu Thapaliya told AFP.

The elephant is suspected of killing at least nine people inside the park over four years, Thapaliya said, and up to six who have been trampled after it was captured and then released a month ago.

Rangers removed its tusks after it was suspected of killing two people in separate incidents in mid-November -- but they then attached a tracking device and set it free.

"We were monitoring but could not locate it. But when we downloaded the data and analysed it, we were shocked because it had wandered into places where people had been killed," Thapaliya said.

"It had walked over 150 kilometres away from the park. It had even gone to India. In Bara district, two people were killed by an elephant on November 26, which we assumed was by another elephant. But it turned out that Dhrube was there during that period.

"Similarly, two Indians were killed by an elephant on the India border on November 28 and again the data suggested that it was there too."

The Nepalese army launched a shoot-to-kill hunt after the animal dragged a couple in their 60s out of their hut and trampled them on Saturday. But 55 soldiers and park staff have been unable to track it down despite its tag.

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Invitation for International Tender (Goods)

1.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Industries.
2.	Agency	:	Bangladesh Standards & Testing Institution (BSTI).
3.	Procuring entity name	:	Director General, BSTI, 116/A, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.
4.	Procuring entity code	:	3905
5.	Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka
6.	Invitation for	:	Metrology Laboratory Equipments.
7.	International tender notice No.	:	36.095.014.15.00.078.2012
8.	Date	:	17-12-2012.
KEY INFORMATION			
9.	Procuring information method	:	Open Tender Method.
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10.	Budget and source of funds	:	JDCF (GOB).
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
11.	Project/program name (if applicable)	:	"Modernization of BSTI through Procurement of Sophisticated Equipment & Infrastructure Development of Laboratories for Accreditation".
12.	International package No.	:	36.095.014.15.00.078.2012
13.	Tender publication date	:	19.12.2012
14.	Tender last selling date	:	30.01.2013
15.	Tender closing date & time	:	31.01.2013; Time: Up to 11.30am.
16.	Tender opening date & time	:	31.01.2013; Time: 12.00 noon.
17.	Name and address of the office(s) selling tender documents (principal)	:	Project Director (JDCF), BSTI, 116/A, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.
18.	Selling tender documents (others)	:	Accounts Section, JDCF Project, Maan Bhaban, BSTI, 116/A, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.
19.	Name and address of the offices receiving tenders	:	Chairman, Tender Opening Committee, BSTI, 116/A, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.
20.	Pre-tender meeting date, time & place	:	Not applicable.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
21.	Eligibility of tenderer or their principal/manufacturer of Textile & Chemical Laboratory Equipment	:	a) The tenderer/manufacturer shall have minimum 02 (two) years of experience in supply of goods and related services. b) Up to tender date Vat/Income Tax certificate. The tenderer shall have authorized local agent/distributor to follow up after sales services.
22.	Brief description of goods or works	:	Metrology Laboratory Equipments.
23.	Price of tender documents (Tk.) Metrology Lab Equipments	:	1500.00 (one thousand five hundred only).
24.	IDENTIFICATION		
Supply of		:	Location
Tender security amount (Tk)		:	Tender security amount (Tk)
Completion time in weeks/month/days		:	Completion time in weeks/month/days
Metrology Laboratory Equipments		:	Dhaka
1,50,000.00 (one lakh fifty thousand Taka only)		:	12 weeks
25.	Name of official inviting tender	:	Mohammad Ali.
26.	Designation of official inviting tender	:	Project Director, JDCF Project.
27.	Address of official inviting tender	:	Maan Bhaban, BSTI, 116/A, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.
28.	Contact details of official inviting tender	:	8870292
29.	Special instruction	:	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders prior to acceptance.

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