

# Myanmar air-strikes Kachin rebels

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's army has used air strikes against northern ethnic rebels, sources from both sides said yesterday, in an escalation of a conflict that has raised doubts over the country's reform drive.

Fighting between the country's military, known as the "Tatmadaw", and the armed wing of the KIO (Kachin Independence Organisation) has worsened in recent days as the army battled to regain one of its bases, a government negotiator involved in peace efforts told AFP.

"We heard the military used helicopters and training jets while trying to get their camp back," said Hla Maung Shwe, who is also an adviser to President Thein Sein.

He declined to specify how the aircraft were used, but a report on the military's Burmese language Myawaddy news website said a key base had been seized from the rebels on December 30 "with the help of air strikes in the region".

Tens of thousands of people have been displaced since June 2011, when a 17-year ceasefire between the government and Kachin rebels broke down.

The rebels are calling for greater political rights and an end to alleged human rights abuses by the army.

Clashes in Kachin, along with communal unrest in western Rakhine state, have cast a shadow over Myanmar's widely praised emergence from decades of army rule.

KIO deputy chief of foreign affairs Colonel James Lum Dau said that the fighting in Kachin had become "more serious" since last week, adding that it was concentrated in an area about seven miles from the rebel headquarters in Laiza on the Chinese border.

"Before they (attacked) with helicopters, now they are using jets with rockets and bombs," he said.

AFP was not able to independently verify whether the jets had been used to fire on the rebels.



Indian women hold placards during the Women Dignity march in New Delhi yesterday. Several hundred people took part in the solidarity march for women organised by the Delhi government which ended at Rajghat, the memorial for slain independence hero Mahatma Gandhi.

# Teen raped in Delhi on new year's eve

IANS, New Delhi

A 17-year-old school student was sedated and raped by two men in the upscale south Delhi colony of Safdarjung Enclave on the night of Dec 31, when hundreds had gathered across the national capital to call in the New Year with protests against rape. The two men in their late 20s were arrested and sent to Tihar Jail.

The men, identified as Rajesh and Naveen Jain, work in IT companies. They were arrested Monday night and sent to Tihar after they were produced at the Saket court.

The victim, a Class 11 student, had met one of the accused on a social networking site. She told police officials that he had expressed the desire to meet her several times, sources said.

# Afghan warlord brands Prince Harry as 'jackal'

REUTERS, London

An Afghan insurgent warlord branded Britain's Prince Harry yesterday as a shameless, drunken "jackal" out to kill innocent Afghans while on duty as an attack helicopter pilot for Nato forces in the country.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a former Afghan prime minister who leads one of Afghanistan's main militant factions, told the Daily Telegraph in an interview that Queen Elizabeth's 28-year-old grandson was a relic of the colonial past.

"It seems that some British authorities still dream about the times of the 18th and 19th century and they want their ambassador to be treated like a viceroy and their prince to go out in uniform to hunt for human beings and play the Satanic role that they used to play in the past," Hekmatyar said in translated comments.

He said Britain had gained nothing by entering an "unjustified, useless but cruel conflict" to please its ally, the United States, speaking in a recorded video response to questions put by the paper.

"The British prince comes to Afghanistan to kill innocent Afghans while he is drunk. He wants to hunt down Mujahideen with his helicopter rockets without any shame."

"But he does not understand this simple fact that the hunting of Afghan lions and eagles is not that easy. Jackals cannot hunt lions," Hekmatyar added.

Britain's Ministry of Defence dismissed his remarks. "It is nonsense to suggest that any British pilot would be drunk in charge of their aircraft," a ministry spokesman said.



Prince Harry

# Nigeria troops, militants clash kills 14

AFP, Kano

Nigerian troops clashed with militants from the Islamist group Boko Haram in the northeastern city of Maiduguri Tuesday, in an operation that left one soldier and 13 insurgents dead, the army said.

"At about 16:00 hours (15:00 GMT) today, troops of the Joint Task Force Operation Restore Order had an encounter with Boko Haram terrorists at Bulabulin and Bayan Quarters of Maiduguri," spokesman Sagir Musa said.

"During the encounter the JTF lost one soldier and two were wounded. Thirteen Boko Haram terrorists lost their lives," he added.

According to residents and a relief source, suspected Boko Haram attackers slit the throats of 15 Christians last week on the outskirts of Maiduguri, the group's main stronghold.

Violence linked to Boko Haram's insurgency in Nigeria has left some 3,000 people dead since 2009.

# SC rejects Gujarat govt's challenge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

In a setback to Narendra Modi government in Gujarat, India's Supreme Court yesterday upheld the appointment of Justice (retd) RA Mehta as state Lokayukta (anti-corruption ombudsman) by Governor Kamla Beniwal, saying it was done in consultation with the Chief Justice of the state High Court.

An apex court bench of justices BS Chauhan and FM Ibrahim Kalifulla dismissed Gujarat government's plea that the appointment was illegal as it was done without consulting it.

The bench said while the governor is bound to act under the advice of the council of ministers the appointment of Justice Mehta is right as it was done in consultation with the chief justice of the Gujarat high court.

The apex court said Justice Mehta can go ahead with his work as Lokayukta.

The governor had on August 25, 2011 appointed Justice Mehta to the post of Lokayukta, which had been lying vacant for the last eight years.

Gujarat government had moved the apex court against the January 18, 2012 order of the Gujarat High Court upholding the Governor's decision.

The high court's verdict had been delivered by Justice VM Sahai after a division bench gave a split decision on the legitimacy of the governor's action in appointing Justice Mehta, a retired judge of the Gujarat high court, as Lokayukta.

Chief Minister Narendra Modi had recently led BJP to victory in state assembly elections in Gujarat and brought the party back to power for the third time in succession.

# Motorcycle bomb kills 4 in Karachi

AFP, Karachi

A motorcycle bomb exploded on Tuesday near the venue of a major political rally in Pakistan's largest city Karachi, killing four people and injuring 42 others, officials said.

The bombing appeared to be targeted at buses carrying supporters of the city's dominant political party, the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM), which organised the rally attended by thousands of people.

"The latest report we have collected from hospitals said that four people have been killed and 42 are injured," provincial health minister Saghir Ahmad told AFP, updating the earlier toll of two dead and 25 injured.

Another health official at Karachi's Abbasi Shaheed hospital confirmed the new toll.

"The bomb was planted in a motorcycle," said Asif Ijaz, a senior police official.

# INDIA GANG-RAPE CASE Thousands of women march in Delhi

Rapists tried to run over victim

AGENCIES

Thousands of women took part in a rally in the Indian capital, Delhi, to protest against the recent gang rape of a 23-year-old medical student yesterday, reports BBC.

The victim died at the weekend from severe injuries she sustained during the 16 December attack in a bus. The incident has caused a national outcry.

Police are expected to charge five of six suspects with murder on Thursday.

If convicted, they could face the death penalty, which is rarely carried out in India.

The sixth suspect is reported to be under 18 and a juvenile. Police have ordered a bone test for him to confirm his age.

A gang of rapists who savagely assaulted a woman on a bus in New Delhi tried to run her over after the fatal attack, reports said yesterday, citing a police account of the incident.

Her boyfriend, who was beaten up and thrown off the bus after the woman had been repeatedly raped, managed to pull her to safety just in time, police are set to allege in a 1,000-page charge sheet to be presented in court today, reports AFP.

The 23-year-old female medical student, whose ordeal last month has brought simmering anger about widespread sex crime in India to the boil, bit three of her attackers as she attempted to fight them off, local newspapers and TV reports said.

These injuries on the suspects, as well as forensic evidence such as blood, semen and hair samples and the testimony of her injured boyfriend, are expected to form the main evidence against the accused, reports and police sources said.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Project Director  
Forensic DNA Laboratory of Bangladesh Police  
Criminal Investigation Department, Dhaka

## International Tender Amendment Notice

Memo No. SS(F)/Project/DNA/10-2012/787 Date: 30/12/2012  
Ref: SS(F)/Project/DNA/10-2012/707 Date: 20/11/2012

With reference to the abovementioned memo, the tender notice is amended as stated below:

Row/SI No.	Published as	Amended as
11	Tender selling last date	07/01/2013 before 17.00 hrs
12	Tender closing date and time	08/01/2013 at 12.00 hrs
13	Tender opening date and time	08/01/2013 at 12.30 hrs

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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# India to have 165m mobile web users

PTI, New Delhi

India is expected to have close to 165 million mobile internet users by March 2014, up from 87.1 million in December 2012 as more people are accessing the web through mobile devices and dongles, a report by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) and IMRB said.

According to the report, the number of mobile internet users increased to 87.1 million by December 2012 from 78.7 million users in October 2012, who accessed Internet through dongles and tablet PCs.

This is expected to grow further to 92.9 million (by March 2013), 130.6 million (by March 2014) and 164.8 million by March 2015.

The number of mobile internet users in the country stood at 4.1 million in March 2009, the study said.

Of the 78.7 million users in October 2012, 61 million Off-Deck users (accessing sites other than sites of the operator), 15 million On-Deck users (accessing only sites specified by the operator), the report said.

"The remaining 2.7 million users accessed the internet using dongles (i.e. connected to internet using 2G, 3G or high-speed data cards)," it added.

# US firm makes bullet- proof kid clothes

AFP, Bogota

Miguel Caballero has been making bullet-proof clothes for politicians and other bigwigs for 20 years, but not for kids. The latest US school massacre has changed that.

This year he plans a line for children -- T-shirts, vests, and combination backpack-vests -- and geared toward the US market.

Caballero has made good money in his 22-year-old business with a factory on the outskirts of Bogota. He sells around 50,000 garments a year that go for about \$2,000 a piece, but the US market had been tough to crack.

Then, after a lone and deranged gunman killed 20 small children and six staffers at Sandy Hook Elementary School last month in Newtown, Connecticut, he started getting orders from very worried parents.

"We would answer that we do not make clothes for kids. But the emails kept coming," Caballero said.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC)  
Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh

## Invitation for International Tenders

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Information.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC).
3	Purchaser name	Project Director, Modernization & Extension of BFDC.
4	Purchaser code	Not used at present.
5	Purchaser district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Goods.
7	Invitation Ref No.	15.060.014.17.02.029.2012.
8	Date	30 <sup>th</sup> December, 2012.
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (ICT).
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A.
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Modernization & Extension of BFDC.
14	Tender package No.	GD6.
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Central Storage (LANSAN), DCI Encoder & DCI Delivery & Projection Unit.
16	Tender publication date	31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2012.
17	Tender last selling date	19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2013.
18	Tender closing date and time	20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2013. 2.00pm (BST)
19	Tender opening date and time	20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2013 2.30pm (BST)
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address: - Selling tender document (principal) Deputy Director (Finance) of Accounts Section, BFDC, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, Subject to approval of Project Director. - Selling tender document (others) N/A. - Receiving tender document Office of the Project Director, Modernization & Extension of BFDC, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208. - Opening tender document Conference Room of BFDC, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	29 <sup>th</sup> January, 2013, 11.00am (BST), Conference Room of BFDC, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
22	Eligibility of tenderer	(a) Reputed manufacturer or supplier of the manufacturer having at least 3 (three) years overall experience in supply of goods and related services. (b) Other eligibility of tenderer as stated in tender document.
23	Brief description of goods	Procurement of Central Storage (LANSAN), DCI Encoder & DCI Delivery & Projection Unit.
24	Brief description of related services	Installation, Training, Testing & Commissioning etc.
25	Price of tender document	Tk. 10,000.00 (ten thousand) only (non-refundable).
	Lot No.	Identification of lot
		Location
26	05 (five)	Procurement of Central Storage (LANSAN), DCI Encoder & DCI Delivery & Projection Unit. BFDC Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh.
		Amount of tender security in Taka 2,00,000.00 (two lac) or US\$ 2,500.00 (US dollar two thousand five hundred) in the form of Bank Guarantee. Guarantee issued by only foreign bank which must be counter guaranteed by any schedule bank in Bangladesh (except Uttara Bank) in favour of Project Director, Modernization & Extension of BFDC.
		Completion time in weeks/months
<b>PURCHASER DETAILS</b>		
30	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Sayeed Noor Alam.
31	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director & Director (Technical & Engineering).
32	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Film Development Corporation, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.
33	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No. 88-02-9113337 Fax No. + 88-02-9137280 E-mail: info@fdc.gov.bd
34	The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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&  
Director (Technical & Engineering)

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## INVITATION FOR TENDER

01.	Invitation For	Supply / Commission & Installation of Multimedia Projectors, sound Box, Amplifier, System Unit & Related Accessories in Class & Conference Rooms.
02.	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date: 24 January 2013 Time: 02:00 PM
03.	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date: 24 January 2013 Time: 02.30 PM.
04.	Website Address	Detail Information and Tender Document Will be available in the website of ( <a href="http://e-tender.univdhaka.edu">http://e-tender.univdhaka.edu</a> )

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