

# Taliban attack Afghan checkpoint; 16 killed

AFP, Ghazni  
The Taliban yesterday killed at least 16 people at an Afghan police checkpoint and bombed an army bus in Kabul, highlighting a growing trend of strikes on Afghan rather than Nato targets.

Details of the pre-dawn attack on an Afghan Local Police (ALP) checkpoint in the eastern province of Ghazni were murky. Officials said they were investigating how the militants breached security at the post. ALP national commander General Alishah Ahmadzai said 10 policemen and "five or six local villagers" who took part in an uprising against the Taliban in the Andar district of Ghazni had been killed. "Initial information shows they were first poisoned and then shot, but we have to wait for the final report of our investigative team," he said.

Two other provincial officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 16 died in the attack and all were policemen. The same officials said the Taliban poisoned the men before shooting them and seizing their weapons.

Provincial governor Musa Khan Akbarzada gave a death toll of 17 including seven civilians and said a team had been sent to investigate the incident.

A spokesman for the Taliban, who are leading an 11-year fight against the Western-backed government of President Hamid Karzai, claimed responsibility for the Ghazni killings and the suicide attack in Kabul.

Western officials say insurgents are shifting their strategy away from focusing on the US-led Nato combat mission, which is due to withdraw next year, to targeting Afghan forces preparing to take over.



PHOTO: AFP  
Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei talking with Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari during a meeting yesterday in Tehran. Zardari arrived in Tehran for discussions on a much-delayed \$7.5 billion gas pipeline project which is opposed by the United States, Iranian media reported.

# ROHINGYA EXODUS 121 asylum seekers rescued

AFP, Cot Trueng

Fishermen in western Indonesia rescued more than 100 ethnic Rohingya who had sailed from Myanmar, an official said yesterday, with an asylum seeker claiming they had been shot at in Thai waters.

The 121 Rohingya were found drifting late Tuesday around 25 kilometres (15 miles) from the coastal village of Cot Trueng, on the northernmost tip of Sumatra island in Aceh province, village chief Mukhtar Samsyah told AFP.

"Their boat ran out of petrol as they tried to sail from Myanmar to Thailand," he said.

But 21-year-old asylum seeker Farid Alam claimed the lack of fuel was due to sabotage by the Thai authorities.

He said the boat carrying the Rohingya, including six women and two children, had been intercepted in Thai waters three days after they left Myanmar around a month ago.

"They came onto our boat, threw away our food and petrol and then towed our boat further out to sea. During the night, they shot at us," he told AFP by phone in Malay, from an immigration detention centre in Lhokseumawe city.

# 3 newspapers

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owners and journalists of these dailies were instigators of genocide committed during the Liberation War in 1971," he said at a press briefing at the ministry.

These newspapers have been confusing people with false and fabricated information and instigating religious sentiment of the Muslims, said Inu.

Taking advantage of press freedom, Amar Desh and other newspapers have been printing and reprinting news items like leaflets on

some alleged blog write-ups of slain Ahmed Rajib Haider, which is inconsistent with the policy and law of journalism, the minister said.

Doubts have been raised whether the blog write-ups were of Rajib Haider. According to the international surveillance groups that research on blogs, the write-ups were published after his death, Inu said. Somebody did it, using Rajib's name.

Indecent remarks against Islam and Prophet Hazrat

Muhammad (pbuh) were posted on a blog named Nurani Chapa Samagra first from Pakistan. Besides, the blog archive of Rajib has no atheistic pieces of writings published during his lifetime, the information minister said.

"Whatever was published in the blog -- be it true or false, before or after his death -- no newspaper can publish such humiliating and offensive remarks. It's immoral."

Explaining further, Inu said blogs, Twitter and Facebook are informal

media. Newspapers cannot publish any derogatory remarks posted on the social networks on any religion -- it is a crime.

The Bangla dailies are humiliating Islam and Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) by publishing those news items.

Asked about what action the government would take against Amar Desh, he said they were scrutinising the legal issues involved in this connection and thinking of taking action against the paper.

Legal action can also be taken against the editor but that requires gathering specific allegations against him.

Continuous publications of derogatory remarks on Islam and the Prophet, Rajib's killing, armed attacks by a certain group, vandalism of Shaheed Minars and desecrating of the national flag -- all these have a connection and it seems an effort is on to trigger riot in the society, Inu noted.

Referring to BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir's comment on the Shahbagh movement on Tuesday, Inu said when the entire nation has become united against war criminals, the opposition is urging youths to speak of love.

"Did he [Fakhrul] mean to love [war crimes accused] Ghulam Azam and Quader Mollah." Inu asked the opposition to clear its stance on the matter.

A play is on to foil the war crimes trial and destabilise Bangladesh, Inu said, adding BNP is the producer, Jamaat-e-Islami is the director and armed Jamaat cadres are the actors of this play.

Asked why action would not be taken against daily Inqilab that published such news items first, he said Inqilab had published them once but then refrained from publishing those further.



## Military Engineer Services Directorate of Works & Chief Engineer (Army) Request for Expressions of Interest (Firm)

Ref No. 78 of 2012-2013/E-6

Dated: 19 February 2013

- 1 Ministry/Division : Ministry of Defence.
- 2 Agency : Military Engineer Services.
- 3 Procuring entity name : DW & CE (Army) Dhaka Cantt.
- 4 Expressions of interest for selection of : Consulting Firm.
- 5 EOI Ref No. and date : 78 of 2012-2013/E-6 Dated 19 February 2013.
- 6 Budget and source funds : GoB.
- 7 Project name : Appointment of Consultant for construction of Academic Bldg for BIRC at Rajshahi Cantt.
- 8 EOI closing date & time : 14 March 2013, 1400 hrs.
- 9 Name & address of office : AHQ, QMG's Branch, DW & CE (Army), Agrajatra Bhaban, Dhaka Cantt.
- 10 Brief description of assignment : Planning, design, drawings, estimates, supervision for bldg including internal/external water, gas, electrical & mechanical systems, Air Condition, Fire fighting, Plumbing, Land escaping, Interior decoration acoustics & all other required systems & devices.
- 11 Experience, resources and delivery capacity reqd : Necessary technical personnel having adequate experience, office staff, equipments, office establishment, etc having proven capacity of handling similar project.
- 12 Other details : a. Consultants are required to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate professional qualification and experience among staff etc. b. An applicant may associate with other consultants to enhance their qualifications. c. Expressions of interest shall be submitted in sealed envelope and be clearly marked "Request for Expressions of Interest for Selection of Consulting Firm". d. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Public Procurement Rules 2008 issued by the GoB.
- 13 Name & designation of official inviting EOI : DW & CE (Army).
- 14 Address of official inviting EOI : AHQ, QMG's Branch, DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantt.
- 15 Contact details of official inviting EOI : Phone: 8871234, Extn. 2678  
Fax: (02) 8752684  
Website: www.army.mil.bd
- 16 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason.

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Dhaka Cantt.

TENDER NOTICE						
1	Agency	Police Reform Programme (PRP)				
2	Procuring Entity Name	Police Reform Programme (PRP)				
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka				
4	Invitation for	Supply and installation of TV Monitoring Systems, Toner for Computer Printer and Photocopier, Printing Items and Stationary and Office supplies.				
5	Invitation Ref No. & Date	2013/1199				
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)				
7	Budget and Source of Funds	UNDP & UKAID				
8	Project (if applicable)	Police Reform Programme (PRP)				
9	Tender Package Number & Name	<p><b>Package No. 01; Lot # Nil:</b> "Supply, Installation, Testing &amp; Commissioning of TV Monitoring systems with a recording capability for the Intelligence Analyst Division, DMP, HQ" (Re-tender)</p> <p><b>Package No. 02; Lot # 01:</b> "Supply of toner for Computer Printers and Photocopier of PRP office"</p> <p><b>Package No. 02; Lot # 02:</b> "Stationary and Office supplies for PRP office"</p> <p><b>Package # 03; Lot # 01:</b> "Designing and Printing of Welfare Workshop Handouts for the PRP Office"</p> <p><b>Package# 03; Lot # 02:</b> "Designing and Printing of Supervision Guide Lines for Supervisors on Crime Scene Management"</p>				
10	Mode of Payment	Credit				
11	Tender Publication Date	February 28, 2013				
12	Tender Last Distribution Date	March 10, 2013				
13	Tender Closing/dropping Date and Time	March 14, 2013	Time: 11:30 Hours			
14	Tender Opening Date and Time	March 14, 2013	Time: 12:00 Hours			
15	Name & Address of the office(s)	<p><b>Addresses</b></p> <p>- Selling Tender Document : Police Reform Programme, 3rd Floor of Bangladesh Police Headquarter, 1 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.</p> <p>- Receiving Tender Document : Police Reform Programme, 3rd Floor of Bangladesh Police Headquarter, 1 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka</p> <p>- Opening Tender Document : Police Reform Programme, 3rd Floor of Bangladesh Police Headquarter, 1 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka</p>				
16	Pre-tender Meeting	Pre-Tender meeting will be held on March 13, 2013 at 10.30 AM in the Police Reform Programme, 3rd Floor of Bangladesh Police Headquarter, 1 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, and Dhaka-1000.				
17	Eligibility of Tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Tenderer shall have a minimum of Five years of overall experience in the supply of similar nature products as mentioned in each individual package.</li> <li>The Tenderer shall have successfully completed minimum 03 (Three) numbers of supply contract of similar goods and related services within last three years supported by the certificate issued from competent authority. Contracts in the last three years.</li> <li>Manufacture license will be added advantage (Applicable for Pkg # 03)</li> <li>Tender may submit either for individual lot or any combination of lots.</li> </ul>				
18	Identification of Packages, Lots, Tender Security and Price of Tender Document					
	Pkg. No.	Lot No.	Identification	Documents available at location	Tender Security Amount in BDT (by Pay Order/ Bank Guarantee)	Completion Time
	Pkg.-1	Lot-Nil	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of TV Monitoring systems	Police Reform Programme, 3rd Floor of Bangladesh Police Headquarter, 1 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.	Tk. 13,000/=	As per delivery schedule mentioned in the tender documents.
	Pkg.-2	Lot-1	"Supply of toner for Computer Printers and Photocopier of PRP office"	Police Reform Programme, 3rd Floor of Bangladesh Police Headquarter, 1 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.	Tk. 18,000/=	As per delivery schedule mentioned in the tender documents.
		Lot-2	"Stationary and Office supplies for PRP office"		Tk. 10,000/=	
	Pkg.-3	Lot-1	"Designing and Printing of Welfare Workshop Handouts for the PRP Office"		Tk. 4,000/=	
		Lot-2	"Designing and Printing of Supervision Guide Lines for Supervisors on Crime Scene Management"		Tk. 14,000/=	
19	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Henk van Zyl				
20	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Manager				
21	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Police Reform Programme, 3rd Floor of Bangladesh Police Headquarter, 1 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.				
22	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel: (8802) 9567831-33 Ext: 148, 152	Fax: (880-2) 9567835	email: raz.sadiq@prp-bd.org; najmul.haider@prp-bd.org		
23	Special Instructions: The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Proposals. In case of any unavoidable circumstances, the schedule distribution day, pre-tender meeting day, dropping day & opening day will be bodily shifted at the following working days.					

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