Brazilian protesters wreck banks in Sao Paulo

AFP, Sao Paulo

Some 300 Brazilian protesters ransacked around 10 banks and set fire to a television news van in Sao Paulo on Friday before police dispersed them with tear gas.

The demonstrators marched in the city in a show of support for demonstrators in Rio de Janeiro who have held several protests against state Governor Sergio Cabral.

In Rio, around 200 protesters marched to within a few meters (yards) from a Copacabana beach stage where visiting Pope Francis was wrapping up a massive ceremony with hundreds of thousands of young Catholics.

The protests in the two mega-cities were small in comparison to massive demonstrations that were held across Brazil last month to denounce corruption, lagging public services and the cost of the 2014 World Cup.

protesters rammed metal bars through bank windows, broke traffic lights and burned trash bins to block the city's heavily-used Paulista Avenue.

In Sao Paulo, masked

A television van was burned down and a car dealership was destroyed.

The protesters spray painted anarchist symbols on the banks as well as the name of the Black Bock protest group.

City bursting FROM PAGE 1

too happy about it. "The large crowds do not

always translate into sales. Genuine customers are staying away because of the mad rush of people," he said, adding that his sales yesterday were "nothing to write home about".

Matiur Rahman, member secretary of New Supermarket South Building Traders Association, said many are avoiding the market altogether because of the long tailback. "One has to leave one's

vehicle 2-3 kilometres away from the New Market Area to get here -- it's crazy out

Md Monir Khan, the incharge of Bull's Eye, womenswear store at Bashundhara City, echoed Babul's views.

"Sales so far have not been good at all. People are simply browsing the clothes, but from outside it seems like we are raking up huge sales."

Khan, whose store sells salwar suits between the prices of Tk 2,000-50,000, hopes sales pick-up in the coming days.

"I'd much rather prefer a small crowd that actually bought things off us than the current one."

Emotions high as slain Tunisia leader buried

AFP, Tunis

Thousands of Tunisians took to the streets yesterday for the funeral of an opposition leader assassinated with the same weapon that killed a colleague, as tensions soared after antigovernment protests.

Draped in the red and white Tunisian flag, Mohamed Brahmi's coffin was saluted by soldiers as the cortege left his home in the Tunis neighbourhood of Ariana for El-Jellaz ceme-

Emotions were high as supporters of Brahmi, who included members of his family, lifted the coffin to their shoulders before placing it on a military vehicle that was driven away under armed escort.

A military helicopter overflew the capital as a sea of flags fluttered among the crowd waiting for the funeral procession along Mohamed V

"Allahu akbar! (God is greatest). There is no God but Allah and martyrdom is his friend," shouted one voice from a crowd of at least 10,000 mourners who had gathered at El-Jellaz. Army chief of staff

General Mohamed Salah Hamdi read the eulogy and an imam prayed.

His widow Mbarka, who wore a headscarf, made the V-for-victory sign.

"The people want the fall of the regime," and "Ennahda terrorist gang," the crowd shouted, before falling silent as the national anthem was played.

The coffin was then lowered into a grave next to that of leftist politician Chokri Belaid, in accordance with his wishes. Brahmi, 58, was shot

dead outside his home on Thursday with the same weapon used to gun down Belaid in February, Interior Minister Lotfi Ben Jeddou

Saturday's state funeral was held in the absence of any representatives of the government led by the Islamist Ennahda party. Hours before the funeral

got under way, a bomb exploded near a police post in the port of Tunis on Saturday, damaging a police jeep, the interior ministry A resident said the blast,

the first known attack of its crying with pain. We rushed kind against a military vehi- out -- my brother, mother cle in Tunisia, slightly and I -- to find his body wounded a policeman and caused panic among some residents of La Goulette district. The ministry said nobody

was hurt.

The bombing comes a day after a general strike and an anti-government demonstration during which one person was killed.

the leftist and nationalist said.

Popular Movement but on July 7 quit the party he founded, saying it had been infiltrated by Islamists.

The families of both men have accused Ennahda of being implicated in the deaths, but the authorities said Friday the investigation pointed to extremists with links to Al-Qaeda.

The powerful General Union of Tunisian Labour, or UGTT, called Friday's general strike in protest at "terrorism, violence and murders", while national airline Tunisair and some European carriers cancelled flights to Tunis.

The state prosecutor's office said an autopsy found Brahmi had been hit by 14 bullets.

AFP he had been killed by two men in black on a motorbike. "At around midday, we heard gunfire and my father

riddled with bullets at the wheel of his car parked in front of the house," she said on Thursday. Beji Caid Essebsi, head of the Nidaa Tounes party, had said Ennahda was to blame for Brahmi's assassination

identify Belaid's killers. "There has not been any Brahmi was an MP with serious judicial action," he

because it had failed to

Syria peace hopes fade further into the distance

AFP, United Nations

Syria's main opposition group wanted to talk about their "desperate" need for weapons, but Western leaders they met this week preferred to discuss floundering hopes for a peace conference.

The two sides seemed to be talking past each other.

The diplomatic dance around the Syrian National Coalition tour just confirmed that President Bashar al-Assad and his rebel opponents are nowhere near ready to thrash out a peace deal, according to diplomats and experts.

New coalition leader Ahmad Jarba met with French President Francois Hollande, US Secretary of State John Kerry and the divided UN Security Council in a week in which the war stakes grew

horrifyingly worse. UN officials said the death toll from more than 28-months of conflict passed 100,000, tens of thousands joined nearly 1.8 million refugees outside Syria, and overspill tensions

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worsened in Lebanon and genocide in 1994.

chief General Selim Idriss called on the French president to supply arms. Jarba made the same demand to Kerry in New York, and called on the Security Council to increase "pressure" on Assad.

"Until the regime has been forced to accept a political solution, we must have the means to protect ourselves and defend civilians," Jarba said after the New York meeting. A refusal would mean thousands more would be "executed."

Ki-moon stressed the need however for new efforts to get the two sides to a conference to discuss a transitional government that the United States and Russia Geneva.

Both said there can be "no military solution" to the conflict where the death toll has overtaken the 1992-95 Bosnia war, and the refugee flood is closing to beating the exodus from the Rwanda government.

But the United States, Jarba and rebel military France and Britain are all considering arming the rebels, while the UN's Syria peace envoy Lakhdar Brahim admitted this week that "it is extremely difficult to bring together those who have been killing each other for two years."

> expert at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, said the talk of a peace conference hid "overt" and "covert" policies by western nations.

Kerry and UN leader Ban Tabler. "But covertly we do considered."

"We are going through the

"Overtly we do not pro-

and that is currently being

motions on the Geneva stuff because officially our policy is to support Geneva, but say they want to hold in nobody thinks that it will work any time soon," he said.

Libyans ransack party offices after killings

AFP, Tripoli

Thousands of Libyans yesterday protested against parties including the Muslim Brotherhood blamed for a wave of violence a day after a series of deadly attacks in the east.

Protesters ransacked offices of both the Brotherhood's political wing the Party of Justice and Construction (PJC) and its liberal rival the Alliance of National Forces (NFA). In Benghazi, youths

stormed and ransacked the building housing the PJC, after hundreds took to the streets overnight to denounce the assassination of Abdessalem al-Mesmari, an anti-Islamist lawyer who campaigned for a civil state. The demonstrators

accuse the Brotherhood of Balkis Brahmi, 19, one of being behind killings that Brahmi's five children, told have targeted dozens of officers, especially in Benghazi, cradle of the 2011 armed uprising that ousted dictator Moamer Kadhafi.

In Tripoli, hundreds of people gathered on Saturday at Martyrs' Square in the heart of the capital to demonstrate in "solidarity with Benghazi" and against the Islamist movement.

Chanting "the blood o martyrs was not shed in vain," the protesters converged on the square as they left mosques after morning prayers, an AFP correspondent reported. About 100 youths then

offices in the Ben Ashur district, smashing its windows and looting furniture. From the outset, the demonstrators chanted

descended on the PJC

slogans against the Muslim Brotherhood, but they later also targeted the NFA which won July 2012 elections. Around 100 protesters converged on the alliance's

offices in the Hay al-Andalus neighbourhood, invading the premises and throwing documents out of windows. "We want all political

parties to be dissolved," said one protester, Ahmed Trabelsi. "They're the cause of all our problems. First we need

a constitution, then laws regulating political life before parties can begin operating," he said. The PJC and NFA are accused of manipulating the militias left over from the

revolution that toppled Kadhafi in a country still awash with weaponry not in state hands. NFA leader Mahmud Jibril was an economic adviser to the Kadhafi regime in its final years,

before joining the revolution in 2011 and briefly serving as premier. The NFA has 39 out of the 80 seats reserved for political parties in the 200-seat General National Congress, the country's highest political author-

ity, while the PJC has 17. The remaining 120 seats

are held by independents. Mesmari was shot dead as he left a mosque in Benghazi on Friday as an army and a police officer were also killed in separate attacks in Libya's restive second city, a security official said.

One in five

FROM PAGE 16 groundwater table is very

low. These areas are natural calamity hotspots, and poverty and child mortality Rab, DB and police and is very high there. The report has categor-

> ised the rest of the areas as very hard to reach areas and moderately hard to reach areas. In the map provided with

> the report, the entire area, except for a few pockets, of Khulna, Rangamati, and Bandarban districts, and most areas of Bhola, Barguna, Khagrachhari, Kishoreganj, Moulvibazar, and significant areas of Rajshahi, Satkhira, Sunamganj, Naogaon, and Netrakona are categorised as extremely hard to reach.

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Dozens of Morsi supporters

FROM PAGE 16 counted 36 bodies at one morgue, while health officials said there were a further 21 corpses in two nearby hospitals.

Activists rushed bloodspattered casualties into a makeshift hospital. Some were carried in on planks or blankets. One ashen teenager was laid out on the floor, a bullet hole in his head. Egypt's Interior Minister

Mohamed Ibrahim accused the Brotherhood of exaggerating the death toll for political ends. He said only 21 people had died and denied police opened fire. Ibrahim said local resi-

dents living close to the Rabaa al-Adawia mosque vigil had clashed with protesters in the early hours after they had blocked off a major bridge road. He said that police had used teargas to try to break up the fight-Well over 200 people

have been killed in violence since the army toppled Morsi on July 3, following huge protests against his year in power. The army denies accusations it staged a coup, saying it intervened to prevent national chaos. SISI'S CHALLENGE Hundreds of thousands of

Egyptians had poured onto the streets on Friday in

response to a call by army Party, the second-biggest chief General Abdel Fattah al-Sisi for nationwide demonstrations to give him backing to confront the weeks-long wave of vio-

His appeal was seen as a challenge to the Brotherhood, which organized its own rallies on Friday calling for the return of Morsi, who has been held in an undisclosed location since his ousting and faces a raft of charges, including murder.

Ibrahim said Morsi was likely to be transferred shortly to the same Cairo prison where former leader Mubarak is now held. Brotherhood leaders

appealed for calm on Saturday, but activists at the Rabaa al-Adawia mosque vigil voiced fury. "The people want the execution of Sisi," a cleric

shouted to the crowd from a stage by the mosque. "The people want the execution of the butcher." Interior Minister Ibrahim said the pro-Morsi sit-ins would "God willing, soon ... be dealt with" based on a

decision by a public prosecutor, who is reviewing complaints from local residents unhappy with the huge encampment on their doorstep. The head of the Nour bouring Israel.

Islamist group after the Brotherhood, called for an immediate investigation into what it called a "massa-

"There is no substitute for a political solution with the commitment of everyone to exercise restraint ... and to renounce violence in all its forms, whether verbal or physical," Younis Makhyoun said in a Facebook statement.

The Brotherhood is a highly organized movement with grassroots support throughout Egypt, making it hard to silence even if the army decides to mount a bigger crackdown.

European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said she "deeply deplores" Saturday's deaths and urged all sides to halt the violence. There was no immediate comment from the United States, which provides Egypt with some \$1.5 billion dollars of aid a year, mainly military hard-

Washington has delayed delivery of four F-16 fighters because of the turmoil. However, officials have indicated they do not intend to cut off aid to a country seen as a vital ally and which has a peace deal with neigh-

Not succesful He said, "The business-

The business leader was a

member of the monitoring committee formed by the commerce ministry and the convener of a similar committee formed by Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI). His resignations came

after a number of media outlets extensively reported on the "extortion by highway police". The reports blamed the extortion for skyrocketing prices of essentials, particularly perishable items such as vegetables and

The FBCCI leader mentioning the "extortion" in the reports said, "It also deprived the farmers of fair prices."

Blaming the alleged extortion for his failure, Helal said he had been trying hard to keep the commodity prices within the reach of common people in Ramadan even by inflicting losses on exporters and and we will enquire into this spokesman Mohamed Ali businessmen.

men have to take all the blame although extortion by police is responsible for this," he said. He said a kilogramme of

Bogra but it was Tk 50-60 per kg in Dhaka. "Extortion by police was the reason for this price hike," he said. Similarly, green chillies were sold at Tk 40-50 per kg in Bogra but in Dhaka

they were Tk 200 per kg, he

brinjal was sold at Tk 4-5 in

Helal claimed that in the years before, the actions taken by the committees had kept commodity prices within the buying capacity

of people.

Contacted, Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmood Khandker said they did not have any information on rampant or pervasive extortion by highway police as depicted in the news report of Bangla daily Prothom Alo.

"We have seen the report matter and assess it before Aroui said no one was hurt.

order in Dhaka and its sur-

taking necessary steps," he

He claimed that law and

rounding areas was satisfac-Bomb hits

police vehicle in Tunis port: ministry AFP, Tunis

A bomb exploded near a police post in the port of Tunis yesterday, damaging a police vehicle, the interior ministry said. The blast, the first known

attack of its kind against a security vehicle in Tunisia, came just hours before the funeral of assassinated opposition leader Mohamed Brahmi.

A resident of La Goulette, in the northern outskirts of the Tunisian capital, said that the 5:45 am (0445 GMT) blast slightly wounded a policeman but ministry

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Doping gangs

FROM PAGE 1 Following a tip-off, a team led by Deputy Commissioner Moshiur Rahman of DB (West) arrested seven of them on a bus of Ilish Paribahan at Dholaipar in Bangshal with drug-tainted herbal medicine, biscuits, dates and pudding and seven mobile

phones around 8:30pm. The arrestees are gang leader Farid Hossain Robin, 25, Abdul Hamid, 23, Md Rabbi, 23, Abdul Haque, 69, Md Anis Khan, 30, Saidul Mollah, 25, and Babu Kazi, 30. Farid, owner of a private

firm, used to sell drugged eggs at Sadarghat in 2005 and formed such a gang that worked in and around the capital, said Monirul, adding that Tk 50,000 and a revolver were recovered from his Mirpur residence.

gang members led to the arrests of Arif Hossain, Nasir Medical College Hospital. Uddin and Mizanur Rahman, who sold sedatives without prescriptions. They worked at Fakirapul's Gausia Pharmacy and Dholaipar's Suma Medicine Centre, from where 5500

tablets were seized. Some of the gang mem- for three days.

bers, posing as normal pasmostly during the iftar.

robbed people. He said similar gangs, their ringleaders being Don, Haji Liton and Lincoln, operate mostly on the routes between Dhaka and adjoin-

police said more than 15 such gangs are active in the capital and its outskirts. doped passengers are

Monirul also told the press briefing about a separate incident in which police arrested a man named Khalilur Rahman in the capital's Paltan for selling firearms.

the 11 arrestees on remand

Monirul added that this gang had also passed themselves off as members of the

ing areas, including Gazipur, Manikganj, Tongi and Mawa.

Another source in the

Andrew Tabler, a Syria

vide lethal assistance," said

The divided opposition has not agreed who would attend any conference, and there are still major questions over the terms for involvement by Assad's

sengers, used to buy an unadulterated food item from a fellow member pretending to be a hawker, eat it and admire its taste in order to trick passengers into buying the product. They did this

"On average six to seven Information from the brought here every day," said a source at Dhaka

A Dhaka court placed all