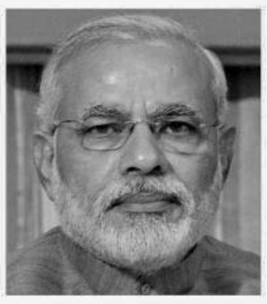

GUJARAT RIOTS CASE

US court scraps lawsuit against Modi

PTI, *New York*

A US court here has dismissed a lawsuit filed against Prime Minister Narendra Modi by a rights group for his alleged role in the 2002 communal riots in Gujarat, upholding the Obama administration's stance that he enjoys immunity as a sitting head of a foreign government.

US District Judge Analisa Torres of the Southern District of New York said in the three-page order issued Wednesday that "in light of the determination by the Executive Branch that Prime Minister Modi is entitled to immunity as the sitting head of a foreign government, he is immune from the jurisdiction of this Court in this suit."

Torres said the court considered arguments made by plaintiffs American Justice Centre (AJC) and "finds them to be without merit" and "unpersuasive."

"The complaint is dismissed," Torres ruled directing that the case be closed.

AJC did not respond to a query seeking comment on the ruling. The court ruling comes as Modi prepares to host President Barack Obama, who will be the chief guest at India's Republic Day celebrations on January 26.

Well-wishers react as they wait for the arrival of Pope Francis near where he was staying in Manila, yesterday. Pope Francis arrived in the Philippines yesterday for a five-day trip in the Catholic Church's passionate and chaotic Asian heartland that is tipped to attract a world-record papal crowd.

PHOTO: AFP

Rajapakse to step down as party boss

AFP, *Colombo*

Sri Lanka's former leader Mahinda Rajapakse has agreed to step down as head of his party, clearing the way for the country's new president to take full control, an aide said yesterday.

President Maithripala Sirisena had been the general secretary of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP), but was kicked out of the party ahead of elections after he broke from Rajapakse in November to become the common opposition candidate.

Sirisena, who toppled longtime strongman Rajapakse in last week's polls, claimed the party leadership following the vote but Rajapakse's loyalists initially refused to back him, threatening to split the party.

"He (Rajapakse) met with President Sirisena on Wednesday night and discussed the future of the SLFP," the aide told AFP.

"It was decided that at a (policy making) central committee meeting on Friday, Mr Sirisena will be confirmed as the new leader of the party."

Sirisena's election bid was backed by a coalition of opposition parties after he defected from the Rajapakse government while serving as health minister to run for president.

Party sources said his expulsion from the SLFP, however, had never been ratified.

Sources close to the new government said Sirisena was trying to forge a national unity administration before calling fresh parliamentary elections by the end of April.

NEWS IN *brief*

Catalonia calls snap vote on independence

AFP, *Barcelona*

Catalonia on Wednesday called a snap election for September centred on its independence bid, just two months after the wealthy region held a contested symbolic referendum on the issue that strained ties with Spain's central government. Catalan president Artur Mas said the vote will be held on September 27.

Pakistan hangs two convicted militants

AFP, *Karachi*

Pakistan yesterday hanged two militants convicted of murder, bringing to 18 the number of executions it has carried out since it lifted a six-year moratorium on the death penalty in terror cases following a school massacre last month. Muhammad Saeed Awan, a member of the banned Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, was hanged at Karachi's Central Jail.

Iran to try US journalist

BBC ONLINE

A Washington Post journalist detained for almost six months in Iran is to stand trial on unspecified charges. Jason Rezaian's case had been referred to a Revolutionary Court, Tehran Chief Prosecutor Abbas Jafari Dolatabadi told the official Irna news agency. Rezaian, who holds dual US-Iranian citizenship, was arrested with his wife and two associates in July.

Five Gitmo Yemeni inmates released

THE NY TIMES ONLINE

The United States transferred five more detainees — all of them Yemenis — from the Guantánamo prison on Wednesday, the Defense Department announced. The transfer of the five men leaves 122 inmates at the remote prison which Obama pledged to shut down.

Woman sold in Bihar for Rs 10k; 2 held

TNN, *Kolkata*

Ekbalpore police have arrested two persons for allegedly trying to sell a 25-year-old homemaker hailing from Mominpore in Bihar's Bodh Gaya for Rs 10,000.

The woman has returned home and the cops are looking for at least two more persons — one in Kolkata and one in Gaya.

According to DC (Port) Imran Wahab, Jafar Iqbal, a friend of the victim's husband, complained on January 9 that some unknown persons had kidnapped the victim with the intent of forcing her into prostitution.

A case was registered and Ekbalpore police started probe.

They learnt that Mominpore residents Sultana Begum, 25, and her husband Mohd Raja had accompanied the victim to an unknown place promising her a job.

But the couple allegedly handed her over to a woman (called 'Bhabi') in Bodh Gaya against Rs 10,000.

When the victim protested strongly, this 'Bhabi' told her that she could go free if she returned Rs 10,000. The victim rang up the complainant and narrated the matter. The accused in Gaya asked the complainant to send the money through a man named Guddu in Kolkata. After receiving the money, 'Bhabi' released the victim who returned to Kolkata.

Kashmir gun battle kills five 'rebels'

AFP, *Srinagar*

Government forces in Indian Kashmir killed five suspected rebels yesterday in a fierce hours-long gun fight in a forested area of the disputed region, police said.

Clashes erupted when police and army officers launched a hunt for the militants after receiving "specific information" they were in the Gadar forest south of the main city of Srinagar.

The troops came under fire from the militants, triggering the fire fight, the region's inspector general of police, Abdul Gani Mir, told AFP.

"All the five militants have been killed and their identities are being ascertained," he said.

Kashmir has been divided between India and Pakistan since the two countries won independence from Britain in 1947.

Boko Haram committed 'crime against humanity'

Says Kerry as Nigeria massacre images emerge

AFP, *Lagos*

US Secretary of State John Kerry branded a Boko Haram massacre in northern Nigeria a "crime against humanity" yesterday as satellite images suggested massive destruction in the two towns reported razed by its fighters.

"What they have done... is a crime against humanity, nothing less," Kerry said as first images of what is feared to be the worst atrocity of the six-year Islamist insurgency emerged.

Hundreds of people, if not more, are reported to have been killed in attacks on the towns of Baga and Doron Baga on the shores of Lake Chad in Borno state, according to Amnesty International.

Boko Haram was "evil" and a serious threat "not just in Nigeria and the region but to all of our values", Kerry said during a visit to Bulgaria.

Amnesty and New York-based watchdog Human Rights Watch published separate satellite images yesterday claiming to show massive destruction in the adjacent towns, adding to fears they may suffered the deadliest strike yet in Boko Haram's bloody campaign.

Amnesty's images showed aerial shots of the towns on January 2 -- the day before the attack -- and January 7, after homes and businesses were razed.

The group said the images suggested "devastation of catastrophic proportions", with more than 3,700 structures -- 620 in Baga and 3,100 in Doron Baga -- damaged or completely destroyed.

Nigeria's military, which often downplays death tolls, said that 150 died and dismissed as "sensational" claims that 2,000 may have lost their lives in the attacks.

Local officials have said at least 16 settlements around Baga were burnt to the ground and that at least 20,000 people fled.

HRW said the exact death toll was unknown and quoted one local resident as saying: "No one stayed back to count the bodies.

Harrowing testimony has been emerging from survivors about the scale and brutality of the assault in Baga, included one woman reportedly killed while in labour.

Pakistan to ban JuD, Haqqani network?

India says terrorists may attack schools during Obama visit

AGENCIES

Pakistan plans to ban 10 terror outfits, including 26/11 mastermind Hafiz Saeed-led Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) and the dreaded Afghan-based Haqqani Network, a move seen by experts as a "paradigm shift" in the country's security policy in the wake of Peshawar school massacre.

The move came a day after the US declared the fugitive chief of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan Mullah Fazlullah as a 'Specially Designated Global Terrorist' following secretary of state John Kerry's visit to Pakistan this week, reports PTI.

A formal announcement to this effect would be made in "coming days", The Express Tribune said, citing official sources.

Meanwhile, Lt Gen KH Singh, GOC, 16 Corps of India, said yesterday there were inputs that terrorists might try to attack schools, army camps, national highways and civilian areas on the Republic Day and during US President Barack Obama's India visit, reports TNN.

"About 200 militants in 36 launch pads across Pir Panchal range are trying to infiltrate into Indian side," Singh said.

"Like Army Chief Gen Dalbir Singh had already said, terrorist infrastructure in PoK is intact," He added. Singh assured that country's counter-infiltration posture is firmly in place and if any infiltration bid is made, it will be eliminated.

Pakistan's plan to ban 10 terror outfits will certainly be welcomed by Washington and Kabul as well as New Delhi, analysts believe.

They believe a ban on JuD is a significant development as India, as well as the US, have long considered JuD as a front for the Lashkar-e-Taiba terror outfit involved in the 2008 terror attacks in Mumbai that left 166 people dead.

The UN security council designated the JuD a front for the LeT after the Mumbai attacks. Since then, the UN and US have sanctioned several JuD leaders.

The Haqqani network, founded by Jalaluddin Haqqani, has been blamed for the Indian embassy bombing in Kabul in 2008 that left 58 people dead, a 2011 attack on the US embassy in Kabul, and several big truck bombing attempts in Afghanistan.

Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited
(A Company of Petrobangla)
Nalka, Sirajganj, Bangladesh

Date: 14/01/2015

Amendment Notice

Invitation for Tender Ref. No. 77.03.22/F-41/Meter, Dated-23.11.2014 for procurement of Gas Meters:

Particulars	Existing date and time	Date and time as amended
Tender closing date & time	Date: 18/01/2015, Time: 12.15pm	Date: 28/01/2015, Time: 12.15pm
Tender opening date & time	Date: 18/01/2015, Time: 12.30pm	Date: 28/01/2015, Time: 12.30pm

The above amendment will be integral part of the Tender Document. All other terms & conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

PGPR-30/2014-2015 **A.M. Mostafa Ferdousi**
GD-199 Deputy General Manager (Procurement)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Bangladesh Road Transport Authority
Old Airport Road, Allenbury, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Invitation for Tender

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh					
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Road Transport & Bridges.			
2	Agency	Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA).			
3	Procuring entity name	Director (Admin).			
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.			
5	Invitation for	Rent of Vehicle (Microbus).			
6	Invitation Ref. No.	35.03.0000.006.30.15.195-80			
7	Date	07/01/15.			
KEY INFORMATION					
8	Procurement method	Open Tender.			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
9	Budget and source of funds	Non-development Fund.			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
10	Tender package No.	ROV/2015.			
11	Tender package name	Rent of Vehicle (Microbus).			
		Date		Time	
12	Tender publication date	15/01/2015	v	9.00am	v
13	Tender last selling date	01/02/2015	v	5.00pm	v
		Date		Time	
14	Tender closing date and time	02/02/2015	v	12.00 noon	v
15	Tender opening date and time	02/02/2015	v	12.30pm	v
16	Name & address of the office(s)	Address: BRTA, Head Office, Old Airport Road, Allenbury, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.			
	-Selling tender document (principal)	Accounts Officer, BRTA, Head Office, Old Airport Road, Allenbury, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215, Room No. 116.			
	-Receiving tender document	Director (Admin).			
	-Opening tender document	Director (Admin).			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
17	Eligibility of tenderer	As per tender schedule.			
18	Brief description of goods	Rent of 5 Pcs of Microbus.			
19	Brief description of related services	Driver, Fuel, Repair (if needed), etc.			
20	Price of tender document (Tk.)	Tk. 1,000.00 (one thousand) only through TR Challan Code No. 1-5043-0000-2366 in favour of Chairman, BRTA from Bangladesh Bank/Sonali Bank Ltd., Dhaka.			

21	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time in weeks/months
	1	Rent of Vehicle		Tk. 80,000/-	12 months

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
22	Name of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA).	
23	Designation of official inviting tender	Director (Admin).	
24	Address of official inviting tender	Old Airport Road, Allenbury, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.	
25	Contact details of official inviting tender	9113133	da@brta.gov.bd
26	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the procurement proceedings.		

Md. Moshiar Rahman
Director (Admin)
BRTA, Dhaka

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জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
সাভার, ঢাকা

নং- জাবি/রেজি/শিক্ষা/৬৯০৮(২) তারিখঃ ১৪.০১.১৫

৫ম সমাবর্তনে রেজিস্ট্রেশনের সময় বৃদ্ধি সংক্রান্ত

এই অফিসের ২৯-১২-২০১৪ তারিখের জাবি/রেজি/শিক্ষা/৬৬০৫(১০০০) সংখ্যক স্মারকের সূত্রে সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য কর্তৃপক্ষের নির্দেশক্রমে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ৫ম সমাবর্তনের তারিখ ০৫-০২-২০১৫ নির্ধারিত হওয়ার পরিপ্রেক্ষিতে উক্ত সমাবর্তনে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য রেজিস্ট্রেশনের মেয়াদ আগামী ২২-০১-২০১৫ তারিখ বিকেল ২.০০টা পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হয়েছে। বিজ্ঞপ্তির অন্যান্য নিয়মাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে।

প্রসঙ্গত উল্লেখ্য যে, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের আসন্ন শীতকালীন ছুটির মধ্যেও (শুক্রবার ব্যতীত) রেজিস্ট্রেশন ফরম সংগ্রহ ও জমা দেয়া যাবে।

আবু বকর সিদ্দিক
রেজিস্ট্রার

জিডি-১৯৫

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
প্রতিরক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়
সদর দপ্তর রমনা রেজিমেন্ট, বিএনসিসি
৩২, ঈশা খা এ্যাভিনিউ, সেক্টর-৬, উত্তরা, ঢাকা

কেন্দ্রীয় প্রশিক্ষণ অনুশীলন ২০১৪-১৫ এর বিভিন্ন কাজের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১।	সংস্থা	ঃ	সদর দপ্তর রমনা রেজিমেন্ট, বিএনসিসি।
২।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী	ঃ	রেজিমেন্ট কমান্ডার, সদর দপ্তর রমনা রেজিমেন্ট।
৩।	ক্রয় পদ্ধতি	ঃ	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (OTM)।
৪।	তহবিল ও খাত	ঃ	তহবিল- রাজস্ব ব্যয়, খাত-প্রশিক্ষণ ব্যয় উপ-খাত।
৫।	দরপত্র আহ্বানের নম্বর ও তারিখ	ঃ	স্মারক নং ৩০২৬/০৬/৭৮/এ তারিখ ১৪ জানুয়ারি ২০১৫।
৬।	দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা	ঃ	বাংলাদেশ গেজেট ২০০৮ (পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা) অনুসারে সংশ্লিষ্ট সরবরাহ কাজের জন্য প্রণীত দরপত্র দলিলের বর্ণনানুযায়ী।
৭।	দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয় স্থান	ঃ	বিএনসিসি একাডেমী, বাইপাইল, সাভার, ঢাকা।
৮।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সময়সীমা	ঃ	তারিখঃ ২৭ জানুয়ারি ২০১৫ পর্যন্ত।
৯।	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	তারিখঃ ২৩ জানুয়ারি পর্যন্ত বিএনসিসি প্রশিক্ষণ একাডেমী, বাইপাইল, সাভার এবং ২৪ জানুয়ারি হতে সদর দপ্তর রমনা রেজিমেন্ট, উত্তরা, ঢাকা।
১০।	দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার স্থান	ঃ	বিএনসিসি একাডেমী, বাইপাইল, সাভার, ঢাকা।
১১।	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	ঃ	সদর দপ্তর রমনা রেজিমেন্ট, উত্তরা, ঢাকা।
১২।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ	ঃ	তারিখঃ ২৮ জানুয়ারি ২০১৫ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা।
১৩।	দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ	ঃ	নিম্নের বর্ণনা মোতাবেক প্রতিটি ৩১ জানুয়ারি ২০১৫ হতে ১৩ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০১৫ পর্যন্ত মোট ১৪ (চৌদ্দ) দিন।

ক্র/নং	কাজের বিবরণ	ক্যাডেট সংখ্যা	ফেরতযোগ্য আর্নেষ্টমানির পরিমাণ
ক।	ক্যাডেটদের জন্য তাজা ও শুকনা রশদ সামগ্রী সরবরাহ।	সিডিউলের বর্ণনা অনুযায়ী ৬৫০ (ছয়শত পঞ্চাশ) জন ক্যাডেটদের জন্য।	টাকা ২০,০০০/- (বিশ হাজার)
খ।	অস্থায়ী নির্মাণ।	"	টাকা ১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার)
গ।	অস্থায়ী বিদ্যুৎ ও পানি লাইন সংযোগ এবং পানি ও বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহ।	"	টাকা ১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার)
ঘ।	বাবুর্চি, মশালচি, ধোপা, নাপিত, মুচি, দর্জি ও সাধারণ শ্রমিক সরবরাহ।	"	টাকা ১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার)
ঙ।	প্যারেডে ব্যবহার্য প্রশিক্ষণ, স্যানিটেশন, ঔষধপত্র, হার্ডওয়্যার ও বিবিধ আনুষাংগিক সামগ্রী এবং ভাড়ায় যানবাহন সরবরাহ।	"	টাকা ১৫,০০০/- (পনের হাজার)

শর্তাবলীঃ

ক। প্রতিসেট সিডিউলের মূল্য ৪০০/- টাকা অফেরতযোগ্য।
খ। দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী বরাবরে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।
গ। দরপত্র খোলার সময় দরপত্রদাতা/প্রতিনিধি উপস্থিত থাকতে পারে।
ঘ। কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
ঙ। দরপত্র সিডিউল দাখিলের সময় রেজিমেন্ট কমান্ডার, রমনা রেজিমেন্ট বরাবর উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ব্যাংক ড্রাফ্‌ট/পে অর্ডার (ফেরতযোগ্য) আর্নেষ্টমানি হিসাবে জমা দিতে হবে।
চ। নির্ধারিত প্রতিষ্ঠানকে কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্তির পূর্বেই উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ৩% হারে সিকিউরিটি মানি (পে অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফ্‌ট আকারে) পারফরম্যান্স গ্যারান্টি হিসেবে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে জমা দিতে হবে।
বিঃদ্রঃ যদি কোন কারণবশতঃ নির্ধারিত তারিখে দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়, দরপত্র সিডিউল গ্রহণ এবং দরপত্র খোলা সম্ভব না হয় তবে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে যথাক্রমে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

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