

# REBUILDING OF QUAKE-HIT NEPAL Donors pledge \$3b in aid

AFP, Kathmandu

International donors led by India and China pledged around \$3 billion to rebuild quake-devastated Nepal yesterday, as the country's premier vowed "zero tolerance" of corruption and said all aid money would go to victims.

Nepal says it needs around \$6.7 billion to recover from the April disaster, which killed more than 8,800 people, destroyed nearly half a million houses and left thousands in need of food, clean water and shelter.

At a meeting of foreign donors yesterday, India's Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj pledged \$1 billion to finance reconstruction, while regional rival China promised 3 billion yuan (\$483 million) in grant assistance.

Nepal's two giant neighbours have historically vied for influence in the Himalayan nation, and both were heavily involved in post-quake rescue and relief efforts.

Additional pledges of \$600 million from the Asian Development Bank, \$260 million from Japan, \$130 million from the US, \$100 million from the EU as well as an earlier announcement of up to \$500 million from the World Bank have now taken total assistance pledged to around \$3 billion.

The government wants all aid to be channelled through a new state body, raising concerns among some international donors that bureaucracy and poor planning will hamper reconstruction.

Prime Minister Sushil Koirala urged delegates to "work with us, the government of Nepal" and vowed "zero tolerance toward corruption".

# Myanmar keeps military veto Parliament rejects charter change in blow to Suu Kyi

AFP, Naypyidaw

Myanmar's parliament yesterday dealt a body blow to Aung San Suu Kyi's hopes of amending a junta-era constitution that bars her from the presidency before landmark elections, voting down a bill to end the military's effective veto on charter change.

The vote, held after three days of energetic debate between uniformed soldiers and elected MPs, saw parliament shoot down a draft amendment that would have loosened the military's political stranglehold.

Myanmar's parliament continues to be dominated by the army and former generals despite reforms that ended decades of outright junta rule in 2011.

Observers say the military, who trampled on dissent and laid waste to the economy during their rule, is staunchly opposed to any further reduction of its powers.

The 436 amendment bill was "not enacted", parliamentary speaker Shwe Mann told the legislature, after 388 lawmakers -- or around 60 percent -- voted in favour of the change, below the threshold

of 75 percent needed for it to pass. The amendment was seen as a key to changing further clauses.

The result virtually extinguishes Suu Kyi's chances of the presidency at this stage because of a provision excluding those with foreign children from the top office. Her sons are British.

Speaking directly after the result Suu Kyi urged Myanmar's people not to "lose hope" after the failure to amend any major parts of the constitution.

Striking a note of defiance, she vowed the opposition would not "back down" from elections slated for October or November.

"From now on, we will focus on the election," she told reporters.

The polls are set to be the first national elections to include Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy for a quarter of a century and the party is expected to hoover up seats, if the vote is free and fair.

But with Suu Kyi barred from the top job and no obvious second candidate within the NLD, observers predict the party could end up supporting a presidential candidate



Military members of parliament cast their votes on a draft amendment to the constitution at a session of parliament in Naypyidaw, yesterday.

outside its ranks.

Observers say the army is wedded to its perceived role as the protector of Myanmar's 2008 constitution, which was drawn up under a former military regime that kept Suu Kyi under lock and key for some 15 years.

The provision blocking Suu Kyi's route to the presidency was not up for debate in the draft bills before parliament.

Instead discussions pivoted on proposals to change clause 436, which

demands that 75 percent of parliamentarians must vote for major constitutional changes, ensuring that unelected soldiers have the final say.

Military MPs have lined up to argue against the proposal, which would have reduced the voting threshold to 70 percent.

Brigadier General Tin San Naing told reporters earlier that the proposed change was "not suitable" because "our democracy is still in a nascent stage".

# WHITE HOUSE RACE Indian-origin candidate launches bid

AFP, Washington

Pegging himself as a rebellious outsider Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal announced Wednesday he is running for president, becoming the 13th Republican to launch a 2016 campaign for the White House.

Jindal is the first American of Indian descent to make a major presidential bid and he joins a packed field of Republican hopefuls, several of whom have higher profiles than him.

"My name is Bobby Jindal," he told a crowd of supporters near New Orleans. "I am governor of the great state of Louisiana and running for president of the greatest country in the world."

Jindal, 44, has been an intense critic of President Barack Obama's strategy for thwarting and defeating extremists including the Islamic State group.

He has cut state spending by 26 percent and slashed more than 30,000 state jobs. He opposes same-sex marriage and a national education

# NEWS IN brief

## US Congress passes key trade bill

AFP, Washington

After weeks of political wrangling President Barack Obama scored a key victory Wednesday with Congress passing legislation that allows him to swiftly negotiate a Pacific trade accord. Obama relied on a majority of Republicans to get the measure, which passed the House of Representatives last week, across the finish line with a vote of 60 to 38

## Sierra Leone reports new Ebola cases

AFP, Freetown

Sierra Leone's capital Freetown has suffered a fresh outbreak of Ebola, dashing hopes that health authorities in the densely-populated city of 1.2 million had beaten the deadly epidemic. The government's National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) told AFP late on Tuesday three cases had emerged in the east-end slum of Magazine Wharf -- three weeks after the last known infections in the capital.

## Mentally ill Thai man jailed for lese majeste

AFP, Bangkok

A Thai man was sentenced to more than three years in jail yesterday under the kingdom's controversial royal defamation law, despite having a history of mental illness. Thanet Nonthakot is the second person in the last month suffering from a mental health condition to be convicted under Thailand's notorious lese majeste legislation. Under Section 112 of Thailand's criminal code anyone convicted of insulting the king, queen, heir or regent faces up to 15 years in prison

## Drone strike kills 4 'Qaeda' men in Yemen

AFP, Aden

A drone strike has killed four suspected al-Qaeda militants in southeast Yemen, a front-line in the US war on the jihadist network, a provincial official said yesterday. The attack late Wednesday hit a car in a military camp in al-Qaeda-

## Record 18 journalists jailed in Egypt

AFP, Cairo

Journalists are facing "unprecedented threats" in Egypt with a record number behind bars, mostly for links with now banned Muslim Brotherhood, a media watchdog said yesterday. The Committee to Protect Journalists said at least 18 journalists, many of whom worked for online media, were locked up in Egypt, the most since it began keeping records in



Mount Sinabung volcano spews giant volcanic ash in Karo, North Sumatra, yesterday. Sinabung is one of 129 active volcanoes in Indonesia, which sits on the Pacific Ring of Fire, a belt of seismic activity running around the basin of the Pacific Ocean.

PHOTO: AFP

# Floods kill 41 in western India

AFP, Ahmedabad

Flash flooding triggered by torrential rains has killed 41 people in India's western Gujarat state, as the annual monsoon season hits the country, a disaster management official said yesterday.

Authorities have evacuated more than 10,000 residents mainly from coastal areas of Gujarat following heavy rains in the last 24 hours, the state government said in a statement.

The coastal district of Amreli was the worst affected, with 36 people killed in flood-related incidents, a duty officer in the state's disaster control room said.

Thirteen of the deaths in Amreli occurred when two houses collapsed in the flooding, local police deputy superintendent Pinakin Parmar told AFP.

India normally sees flooding during the monsoon but the intensity of this year's rains in Gujarat has surprised many. In photos released by the defence ministry, families were shown huddling on rooftops of flooded homes awaiting rescue, along with washed out train tracks and roads.

India's weather bureau has forecast more heavy rain in Gujarat for the next two days.

As the monsoon sweeps across the country, flood warnings have also been issued in northern Jammu and Kashmir state -- hit by floods last year that claimed about 300 lives.



standard known as Common Core, and advocates for the repeal of Obama's signature health care reform law.

A graduate of Oxford, Jindal worked for the large consulting firm McKinsey & Company before returning to Louisiana to pursue a life in public service and politics.

Jindal is the son of immigrants and in 2008, after a short stint in Congress, he became the nation's first Indian-American governor.

Jindal's domestic popularity is minimal so far. In a Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll released in mid-June, support for Jindal registered at less than one percent.

# Pak heatwave death toll passes 1,000

AFP, Karachi

The death toll from Pakistan's killer heatwave rose past 1,000 yesterday, with more fatalities expected, as cloud cover and lower temperatures brought some relief to the worst-hit city Karachi.

Mortuaries and gravediggers in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city and economic hub, have struggled to keep up with the flow of bodies since the scorching temperatures began last weekend.

Hospitals have been on a crisis footing and dedicated heatstroke treatment centres have been set up around the city to treat the tens of thousands affected by heatstroke and dehydration.

"The death toll is more than 1,000 and it may reach up to 1,500," Anwar Kazmi, a spokesman for the Edhi Foundation, Pakistan's largest welfare charity and a leading provider of emergency medical care in Karachi, told AFP.

Karachi hospitals have treated nearly 80,000 people for the effects of heatstroke and dehydration, according to medical officials.

After days of temperatures hovering at highs in the mid-40s Celsius (around 110 Fahrenheit), sea breezes and cloud cover have brought some respite to the port city in the last two days. The Met Office forecast temperatures of around 34 degrees Celsius yesterday, with 75 percent cloud cover.

Temperatures of 45 C and higher are not uncommon in parts of inland Pakistan, but Karachi normally remains cooler thanks to its coastal location. This week, however, the cooling breeze that usually blows in off the Arabian Sea was absent.

This year's heatwave has also coincided with the start of the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan, during which millions of devout Pakistanis abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset.

Under Pakistani law, it is illegal for Muslims to eat or drink in public during daylight hours in Ramadan, though the crisis prompted some clerics to advise people they should stop fasting if their health is at risk.

# Indian Muslim body says Yoga unacceptable

THE HINDU ONLINE

Having already registered its opposition to the Modi government's move on "imposing" yoga and Surya Namaskar, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board has now decided to create awareness among the Muslim masses, mobilise their opinion and rope in the support of secular elements for its cause.

The Board had made it clear in its annual convention in Jaipur on June 7 that Surya Namaskar and yoga, along with the recitation of the Bhagvad Gita, were not acceptable to Muslims. Commenting on this, Vishwa Hindi Parishad said "Vedic culture" and "Sanatan Dharma" were the roots of the country and nobody could stop them.

# WikiLeaks reveals Saudi 'soft diplomacy'

AFP, Dubai

Thousands of diplomatic cables released by WikiLeaks reveal how Saudi Arabia apparently uses its deep pockets to buy international support, but the kingdom insists it is doing nothing out of the ordinary.

The whistleblowing website has released about 70,000 documents it said were obtained from the Saudi foreign ministry, of more than half a million it says it received.

So far they paint what analysts say is the expected picture of a regional powerhouse courted for handouts and using its oil wealth to boost its influence.

Saudi officials have sought to downplay the leaks, while also warning citizens against websites posting "forged" cables.

A Saudi official told AFP the leaks contained "no surprises", and many dealt with personal matters instead of high-level diplomacy.

The leaked cables, whose authenticity could not be confirmed by AFP, did reveal politicians and media organisations in Arab countries seeking cash in return for supporting Saudi policies.

One indicated that private Lebanese television channel MTV had been granted \$2 million in funding in 2012 after asking for \$20 million to fill a budget gap. In return, the channel was asked to support the kingdom "against opposing media".

Another cable showed the Saudi



ambassador in Lebanon in 2012 recommending financial support to Lebanese Christian leader Samir Geagea after he complained of money problems.

Geagea has been vocal in supporting Riyadh's regional policies and its position on Syria while strongly opposing Lebanon's Iran-linked Hezbollah Shia militia.

Other cables revealed that the foreign ministry would decide on granting visas to politicians and journalists

based on their affiliations, excluding those suspected of opposing Riyadh's policies or linked to Tehran.

London-based analyst Abdulwahab Badrakhan said Riyadh had long been known for using soft power diplomacy to pursue its international aims and the leaks were not particularly damaging.

"The cables that have been published so far talk of issues that have always been known. There were no secrets revealed," Badrakhan said.


"There are no surprises or scandals that could trigger regional or international problems. For Saudi Arabia, the damage is limited," he said.

Many of the cables point to Sunni Saudi Arabia's regional rivalry with main Shia power Iran.

Iran is itself no stranger to soft power diplomacy and Elie al-Hindi, a politics lecturer at Lebanon's Notre Dame University, said the cables hardly show the full picture.

"The cables only partially reflect the reality. Saudi rivals, mainly Iran, have their own channels to support opponents of Saudi Arabia," he said.

"Unfortunately, we live in a region that is rife with clientelism and foreign allegiances," he added.



## চট্টগ্রাম প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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যেহেতু, সংশ্লিষ্ট বিভাগীয় প্রধান ও ডীন কর্তৃক পেশকৃত অভিযোগের প্রেক্ষিতে গঠিত তদন্ত কমিটির নিকট প্রাপ্ত তথ্য ও উপাত্তে প্রতীয়মান হয় যে, আপনি ০৬/০১/২০১৫খ্রিঃ তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিত পরীক্ষা PME-315 (Drilling Engineering) বিষয়ের অন্তর্ভুক্ত ৫টি প্রশ্ন/প্রশ্নের সমাধান ০৪/০১/২০১৫খ্রিঃ ও ০৫/০১/২০১৫খ্রিঃ তারিখে ২ জন ছাত্রের নিকট সরবরাহ করেন এবং সেগুলো উদ্দেশ্য প্রনোদিতভাবে শুধুমাত্র ১০ জন ছাত্র/ছাত্রীর মধ্যে সীমাবদ্ধ রাখার জন্য বলেন। উক্ত প্রশ্নগুলির সাথে পরীক্ষার প্রশ্নপত্রের মিল পাওয়া যায়; এবং

যেহেতু, আপনার (জনাব মুহাম্মদ আমিরুল ইসলাম) উক্তরূপ কার্যকলাপ ও আচরণ সরকারি কর্মচারী (শৃঙ্খলা ও আপীল) বিধিমালা, ১৯৮৫ এর ২ (এফ) বিধিতে বর্ণিত অসদাচরণ (Misconduct) এর আওতায় পড়ে। সেহেতু সরকারি কর্মচারী (শৃঙ্খলা ও আপীল) বিধিমালা, ১৯৮৫ এর ৩(বি) অনুযায়ী অসদাচরণমূলক অপরাধের অভিযোগে স্মারক নং চুয়েট/রেজিঃ/পিএফ/টি-৩৯৮/২১৯, তারিখ ২২/০১/২০১৫ মূলে আপনাকে সাময়িকভাবে বরখাস্ত করা হয়; এবং একই অভিযোগে চট্টগ্রাম প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ০৩/০২/২০১৫খ্রিঃ তারিখের স্মারক নং চুয়েট/রেজিঃ/পিএফ/টি-৩৯৮/২৯৮ মূলে বিভাগীয় মামলা রজু করা হয়; এবং

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যেহেতু, তদন্ত বোর্ড বিভাগীয় মামলাটি তদন্তপূর্বক মতামতসহ তদন্ত প্রতিবেদন দাখিল করেছেন এবং তদন্ত প্রতিবেদনে আপনার বিরুদ্ধে আণীত অভিযোগ প্রমাণিত হয়েছে; সেহেতু আপনার বিরুদ্ধে আণীত বিভাগীয় মামলা ও তদন্ত প্রতিবেদনের বিষয়ে চূড়ান্ত সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণের জন্য বিষয়টি ০২/০৫/২০১৫খ্রিঃ তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিত অত্র বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের সিন্ডিকেট এর ৯০তম সভায় উপস্থাপন করা হয়; এবং

যেহেতু, তদন্ত প্রতিবেদন এবং বিভাগীয় মামলার সংশ্লিষ্ট কাগজপত্রাদি পরীক্ষা-নিরীক্ষা ও পর্যালোচনাতে আপনার বিরুদ্ধে আণীত অভিযোগসমূহ প্রমাণিত হয়েছে, সেজন্য সরকারি কর্মচারী (শৃঙ্খলা ও আপীল) বিধিমালা, ১৯৮৫ এর ৩(বি) বিধি মোতাবেক অসদাচরণের অভিযোগে আপনাকে দৌষী সাব্যস্ত করে একই বিধিমালার অর্থাৎ সরকারি কর্মচারী (শৃঙ্খলা ও আপীল) বিধিমালা, ১৯৮৫ এর বিধি ৪(৩)(ডি) মোতাবেক চাকুরী হতে বরখাস্ত (Dismissal from service) করার বিষয়ে অত্র বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের সিন্ডিকেট এর ৯০তম সভায় প্রাথমিক সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হয়।

যেহেতু, সরকারি কর্মচারী (শৃঙ্খলা ও আপীল) বিধিমালা, ১৯৮৫ এর বিধি ৪(৩)(ডি) মোতাবেক কেন আপনাকে চাকুরী হতে বরখাস্ত (Dismissal from service) করা হবে না তার উপযুক্ত জবাব (যদি থাকে), পত্র প্রাপ্তির ০৭ (সাত) কার্যদিবসের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর নিকট দাখিল করার জন্য স্মারক নং-চুয়েট/রেজিঃ/পিএফ/টি-৩৯৮/১৩৫০ তারিখ ২৮/০৫/২০১৫খ্রিঃ মূলে ২য় কারণ দর্শানো নোটিশ জারি করা হয়। উক্ত নোটিশটি আপনার বর্তমান, স্থায়ী ঠিকানায় ও ই-মেইলে প্রেরণ করা হয়। কিন্তু আপনাকে উপরে বর্ণিত বর্তমান ঠিকানায় পাওয়া যায়নি এবং আপনার স্থায়ী ঠিকানায় রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত (এ.ডি) পত্রটি ফেরত এসেছে।

সেহেতু, সরকারি কর্মচারী (শৃঙ্খলা ও আপীল) বিধিমালা, ১৯৮৫ এর বিধি ৪(৩)(ডি) মোতাবেক কেন আপনাকে চাকুরী হতে বরখাস্ত (Dismissal from service) করা হবে না তার উপযুক্ত জবাব (যদি থাকে), অত্র নোটিশটি পত্রিকায় প্রকাশের ০৭ (সাত) কার্যদিবসের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর নিকট দাখিল করার জন্য নির্দেশ প্রদান করা হল।

ন্যায় বিচারের স্বার্থে এ কারণ দর্শানো নোটিশটি পত্রিকায় প্রকাশ করা হল।

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