

NATIONAL HERALD CASE Sonia moves SC

India's Congress President Sonia Gandhi yesterday moved the Supreme Court against a December 7, 2015 order of the Delhi High Court dismissing appeals filed by her, son and party vice-president Rahul Gandhi, and others to stay summons issued to them by a trial court in the National Herald case.

In her petition, Gandhi contended that the Single Judge of the High Court "conducted a roving enquiry into allegations of a general nature without examining the questions as to what offences are alleged to be prima facie made out".

Gandhi said the complaint in the case was filed with the objective of defaming her. She said she has deep roots in the society and had been at the helm of national politics for years. She said the complaint and summons, if not quashed, would cause irreparable damage to her reputation.

The summons were issued on a complaint by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy of alleged cheating and breach of trust in the acquisition of the now-defunct National Herald by Young Indian Limited (YIL). The Congress leaders own a stake as directors in YIL, registered as a charitable company.

The petition, filed by advocate Devadutt Kamat, before the apex court said the HC order lacked "objectivity, judicial restraint and adherence to the settled principles of law".

It argued that "unwanted assumptions" were made in the HC order of a vague general nature based on unstated and unproved facts without considering if the ingredients of criminal breach of trust has been made out in the complaint.

The complaint alleged corruption in the assigning of loan worth Rs 90.25 crore owed to the Congress by Associated Journals Limited (AJL), publisher of the National Herald, to YIL for Rs 50 lakh.



Members from Sri Lankan military march with national flags during Sri Lanka's 68th Independence day celebrations in Colombo yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Pak JuD chief warns India of terror attacks

Pakistan's Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) chief Hafiz Saeed, the mastermind of the 2008 Mumbai attacks, on Wednesday praised last month's terror attack at Indian Air Force's base in Pathankot and encouraged similar attacks against India.

Addressing a rally of around one thousand people in the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, Saeed said: "800,000 Indian troops are committing genocide on Kashmiris. Don't they have a right to carry out Pathankot-style attacks for their defence?"

Saeed also lauded Kashmiri militant leader Sayed Salahuddin, who heads the United Jihad Council (UJC) that has claimed responsibility for the attack.

"You have only seen one attack on Pathankot. Matters could easily escalate."

Crowds at the rally shouted slogans including "The war will continue until the liberation of Kashmir" and "We are ready for jihad".

CONSTITUTION CRISIS IN NEPAL Isolated PM KP Oli could be toppled

REUTERS, Kathmandu

An unwieldy coalition of lawmakers trying to implement Nepal's first democratic constitution is finding common cause with protesting minority groups, isolating Prime Minister K P Oli and increasing the risk his government could fall this spring.

Oli, of the leftist Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist), promised to resolve simmering tensions in the southern plains and lift a blockade of the Indian border when he was voted in to power almost four months ago.

Yet sporadic violence, in which more than 50 people have died since August, continues in the Himalayan nation with police shooting dead three demonstrators last month.

Protest leaders say the heavy-handed police tactics show the government is not sincere about finding a solution, while in Kathmandu residents have to choose between queuing for hours for fuel and gas and paying exorbitant prices on the black market.

"There are reports that corruption is rising and the government is not able to meet expectations of the people," said Dinanath Sharma, a spokesman for the Maoist.

Oli, 63, heads a fractious cabinet with no

less than six deputy premiers - one a royalist bent on reinstating the monarchy and another the leader of a party representing minority Madhesis who has yet to sign the constitution.

Vijay K Karn, a Madhesi protest leader, described Oli as "the main problem" in efforts to reach a constitutional compromise. Bishnu Rimal, Oli's political adviser, sees no immediate threat to the government that could last until elections due in 2018.

The party to watch is the opposition Nepali Congress, the largest in parliament, which will elect a president at its general convention in March. The party will then face a choice between joining a government of national unity or attempting to capture power by dislodging Oli, according to a local level Congress leader.

Senior Congress leaders contacted by Reuters played down speculation they would oust Oli, although a central committee member said Congress was best placed to mediate between ruling "ultra nationalists" and the protesters.

Maoist spokesman Sharma said the party was not considering leaving the coalition yet. "But we'll discuss with the prime minister about our concerns seriously," he said. "He must change his ways."



ASSAULT IN BANGALORE Mob strips a student of Tanzania

BBC ONLINE

Police in the southern Indian city of Bangalore say they have arrested five people in connection with an attack on a Tanzanian student.

A mob assaulted and partially stripped the 21-year-old woman after a Sudanese student's car ran over and killed a local woman on Sunday night. The woman and her three friends - all Tanzanians - were attacked as they were passing by the accident site.

The crowd chased the young woman and "removed her top", police said. India's Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj tweeted on Wednesday that she was deeply pained over the "shameful incident", and asked the chief minister of Karnataka state - of which Bangalore is the capital - to "ensure safety and security of all foreign students and stringent punishment for the guilty".

Bangalore police chief NS Megharikh told BBC Hindi's Imran Qureshi that it "was a case of road rage and nothing to do with racism or friction between locals and African students".

Lanka takes 'giant step' toward unity

Lifts unofficial ban on Tamil anthem
AFP, Colombo

A Tamil-language version of Sri Lanka's national anthem was performed at the country's independence ceremony yesterday, lifting an unofficial ban in another step toward post-civil war ethnic reconciliation.

Every year since 1949, the first anniversary of independence from Britain, the anthem Sri Lanka Matha ("Mother Sri Lanka") had been sung at the festivities only in Sinhala, spoken by the island's ethnic Sinhalese majority.

Yesterday, pupils sang in both languages at a televised military parade that also saw army tanks, gunships and fighter jets travel down Colombo's seafront promenade in front of thousands of flag-waving spectators.

Reconciliation-minded president Maithripala Sirisena marked the island republic's 68th independence anniversary with a call for unity after the 37-year war with Tamil separatists that claimed 100,000 lives.

In a speech Sirisena reiterated his pledge to allow a UN-mandated investigation into wartime human rights abuses following a UN Human Rights Council resolution late last year.

"By implementing the resolution we safeguard the dignity of the nation, the people and the armed forces... and it helps us to be accepted as a respected member of the international community," the president said.

Sirisena also used the speech to accuse political opponents of giving a "misleading interpretation" to the resolution, which he says is vital for ensuring accountability.

Sirisena's new government has pledged to set up special war crimes courts this year to investigate allegations that troops killed at least 40,000 Tamil civilians in the final months of the conflict that ended in 2009.

But opposition politicians, who deny war crimes were ever committed by a government-backed military, say the UN-mandated probe is intrusive and represents a threat to sovereignty.

UN rights chief Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein is expected to travel to Sri Lanka in the coming days, with his council due to review the country's progress in implementing the September resolution.

N Korea missile launcher on the move Says Japan; Russia urges refrain

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North Korea's mobile missile launcher, carrying a ballistic missile, has been seen moving near the east coast and activity has also been seen at a long-range rocket launch pad on the west coast, Japanese public broadcaster NHK said yesterday.

P y o n g y a n g has announced it will launch a satellite-bearing rocket sometime between February 8-25, which is around the time of the birthday on February 16 of late leader Kim Jong-Il, father of current leader Kim Jong-Un, reports AFP.

UN sanctions prohibit North Korea from any use of ballistic missile technology, and such a launch would amount to another major violation of UN Security Council resolutions following its fourth nuclear test last month.

Russia strongly called on North Korea yesterday to refrain from a planned rocket launch this month, saying such actions could further escalate tension in Northeast Asia, Russia's



Palestinian youths clash with Israeli security forces in Qabatiya, a town near Jenin in the north of the Israeli-occupied West Bank, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Israel locks down WB town Two Israelis jailed for burning Palestinian teen alive

AFP, Jerusalem

Israeli forces locked down a West Bank town yesterday that was home to Palestinians who killed a policewoman and wounded another in Jerusalem, an attack analysts called an escalation after months of violence.

The three Palestinians from Qabatiya near Jenin, believed to be 19 to 20 years old, were shot dead during Wednesday's attack outside Jerusalem's Old City in which the border policewoman was shot in the head.

The attack outside the walled Old City's Damascus Gate, in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem, was part of a four-month wave of violence, but was among the most severe in the city, where many assaults have involved knives.

Israeli authorities said the three assailants were armed with guns, knives and explosives, indicating they intended to carry out a major attack.

The attack occurred when border police approached the Palestinians for identity checks, Israeli authorities said. As one

Pak madrasas fund jihadist groups

Experts told US lawmakers
PTI, Washington

Radical Pakistani madrasas are engaged in massive trade-based money laundering to fund jihadist groups, eminent experts have told American lawmakers who expressed concerns over terror financing.

Concerned over the practice, Congressman Stephen F Lynch said trade-based money laundering (TBML) involves using trade and products or commodities for value in order to divert and obscure the true nature of the illicit wealth.

"Trade-based money laundering is related to terrorist finance," John Cassara, former US Intelligence Officer and Treasury Special Agent, told members of the House Financial Services Committee during a Congressional hearing.

He said in one example of TBML and terrorist financing, a Pakistani madrasa was linked to radical jihadist groups and it received large amounts of money from foreign sources.

"It was engaged in a side business dealing in animal hides. In order to justify the large inflow of funds, the madrasa claimed to sell a large number of hides to foreign customers at grossly inflated prices. This ruse allowed the extremists to 'legitimise' the inflow of funds which were then passed to terrorists," Cassara said.

Culture of Cuchia (Mud eel) and Crab in the Selected Areas of Bangladesh and Research Project (Component-B, BFRI-Part)

Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute
Mymensingh-2201

Invitation for Re-Tender (IFT)

Memo No.: 33.04.0000.109.01.09.15.552 Date: 04-02-2016

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Fisheries & Livestock.		
2. Agency	Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute, Mymensingh.		
3. Procuring entity name	Project Director.		
4. Procuring entity district	Mymensingh		
5. Invitation for	Works		
6. Invitation Ref. No.	33.04.0000.109.01.09.15.552	Date:	04-02-2016
7. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
8. Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (GoB).		
9. Project Code	5018		
10. Project/program name	Culture of Cuchia (Mud eel) and Crab in the Selected Areas of Bangladesh and Research Project (Component-B, BFRI-Part).		
11. Tender package No.	W-4		
12. Tender package name	Supply & installation of 4" dia deep tube well with pump house & construction of 60.0 cm dia R.C.C underground drainage system at Freshwater Station, Mymensingh under Culture of Cuchia Project (Component-B, BFRI Part).		
13. Tender publication date	04-02-2016		
14. Tender last selling date & time	23-02-2016 up to 5:00pm (Office hour).		
15. Places of selling tender documents	i) Account Section, Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute, Mymensingh. ii) Member-Director (Fish), BARC, Farmgate, Dhaka.		
16. Tender receiving date & time and place	24-02-2016 up to 12:00 noon Office of the Executive Engineer, Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute, Mymensingh. (According to PPR-2008 law 96 by-law 9 & 10 Tenders may be posted by registered mail or sent by courier services to the Procuring Entity at the address specified in the TDS and no later than the date and time specified in the TDS. Tenders received after the deadline shall be rejected and returned unopened to the tenderer (ITT Sub-Clause 29.2 & 30.1).		
17. Tender opening date, time and place	24-02-2016 at 12:30pm, Conference Room, Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute, Mymensingh.		
18. Eligibility of tenderer	i) The tenderer shall have minimum of five years of overall experience in the repair, renovation & construction works. ii) The tenderers shall have average annual turnover for works not less than 300 lakh (three core) over a period of last three years. iii) The tenderer shall have similar type of work experience for underground R.C/Brick Drainage work in a single work order not less than 45.00 lakh and Installation of Deep tube well not less than 10.00 lakh. iv) The tenderer shall have to submit updated valid Trade License, latest Income Tax Clearance (TIN) Certificate, VAT registration certificate, Bank solvency Certificate, Experience certificates and original Money Receipt for tender documents. v) The tenderer shall have liquid money (60 lakh) or credit facilities 60 (sixty lakh). vi) The tenderer shall have to fulfill other required eligibility and conditions shown in the TDS & PCC of tender documents. vii) Analysis of all quoted items to be submitted. viii) The tenderer shall have 1st class Enlisted license from Govt., Semi Govt. or Autonomous body. ix) All submitted documents must be signed by the tenderer or his authorized representative; if not signed, it will be treated as non-responsive.		
19. Package No.	Name, location and description of works	Price of tender document (Tk.)	Tender security amount (Tk.)
W-FS-4	Supply & installation of 4" dia deep tube well with pump house & construction of 60.0 cm dia R.C.C underground drainage system at Freshwater Station, Mymensingh under Culture of Cuchia Project (Component-B, BFRI Part)	3500.00	2,50,000.00
20.	Tender security is to be submitted in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft of any scheduled bank in favour of the Project Director, Culture of Cuchia (Mud eel) and Crab in the Selected Areas of Bangladesh and Research Project (Component-B, BFRI-Part), BFRI, Mymensingh.		
21.	Name of official inviting tenderer	Md. Razibul Karim.	
22.	Designation of official inviting tenderer	Executive Engineer.	
23.	Address of official inviting tenderer	Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute, Mymensingh.	
24.	Contact details of official inviting tenderer	091-67292/0173-2106212	
25.	Notification of award will be issued subject to the availability of fund.		
26.	If it is not possible to receive and open the tender on the schedule date due to any unavoidable circumstances the same will be received and opened on the following working day at the same time and same place.		
27.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.		

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Md. Razibul Karim
Executive Engineer