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## 1. COUNTRY REVIEW

### A. SOUTH ASIA

#### AFGHANISTAN

- **Karzai terms conduct of presidential elections “honest”, maintains firm lead; Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC) finds "clear and convincing" evidence of fraud and orders partial recount; Gates: US will not repeat the mistake of abandoning Afghanistan; US Ambassador Eikenberry: Peace in Afghanistan would be best tribute to 9/11 victims; 5 US soldiers and 39 civilians killed in series of violent incidents; Britain, Germany and France urge the UN to convene an international conference on post-elections situation**

Despite charges of vote rigging and manipulation, President Karzai defended the conduct of the Afghan presidential elections as “honest.” The Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC), made up of UN personnel however stated that it had found "clear and convincing" evidence of fraud and ordered a partial recount.<sup>1</sup>

After the tallying of over 95 percent of votes, President Karzai was firmly in the lead, having secured 54.3 percent, followed by Dr. Abdullah, who got 28.1 percent. The Independent Election Commission (IEC) on its part did not take into account over 2 percent of the votes from about 600 polling stations in different provinces, due to alleged fraud and irregularities.<sup>2</sup>

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates meanwhile in an interview to Al-Jazeera stated that the US will not repeat its previous mistake of abandoning the country and acknowledged that lack of American support after the Soviet withdrawal was a strategic blunder. Gates also regretted that the Americans did not cultivate the relationship with Pakistan “properly.”<sup>3</sup>

US Ambassador to Afghanistan Karl Eikenberry, speaking in Kabul on the occasion of 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks stated that peace in Afghanistan would be the best tribute to those killed in the incident.<sup>4</sup>

Five US soldiers were killed on September 12, in a wave of bombings, ambushes and killings that swept across the country. At least 39 Afghan civilians and members of the Afghan security forces were also killed in attacks that occurred in different parts of the country.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> “Karzai Defends Afghanistan Election as Honest,” *The New York Times*, September 9, 2009, at <http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2009/09/09/news/news-us-afghanistan.html>

<sup>2</sup> “Karzai maintains firm lead,” *Pajhwok Afghan News*, September 12, 2009, at <http://www.pajhwok.com/viewstory.asp?lng=eng&id=81432>

<sup>3</sup> “Gates assures US wont abandon Afghanistan,” *Pajhwok Afghan News*, September 9, 2009, at <http://www.pajhwok.com/viewstory.asp?lng=eng&id=81295>

<sup>4</sup> “Peace in Afghanistan best tribute to 9/11 victims: US,” *AFP*, September 11, 2009, at <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iRMMW3mY44iaFbwdKLpK5XbMu3hw>

<sup>5</sup> “39 Afghans and 5 G.I.’s Are Killed in Attacks,” *The New York Times*, September 12, 2009, at <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/13/world/asia/13afghan.html?hp>

In other developments, British, German and French leaders, in a joint letter to the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, urged the UN to convene an international summit to take stock of the situation in post-elections Afghanistan. They noted that the holding of the second presidential elections was an important step in the country's nascent democratic history.<sup>6</sup>

## B. EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

### CHINA

- **Chinese Defence Minister visits Serbia and Bulgaria: Huawei Technologies denies its staff involved in spying activities in Australia: PLA conducts emergency air transportation exercises: Chinese Special Forces to participate in October 1 parade: College graduates to be given priority in PLA recruitment**

Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie met with his Serbian counterpart Dragan Sutanovac in Belgrade on September 7. Both the leaders agreed to expand their bilateral military relationship. This was the first time in over 25 years that a Chinese defense minister had visited Belgrade.<sup>7</sup> Gen. Liang also met with his Bulgarian counterpart on September 9.

The Chinese telecommunication giant Huawei Technologies meanwhile denied charges that it was employing technicians in Australia with direct links to the PLA. It also refuted reports that it was under investigation by Australian security agencies. Some Australian media reports had stated that employees of Huawei had been spotted meeting Chinese officials at embassies and consulates in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne.<sup>8</sup>

The first emergency air transportation exercises, 'Changkong 2009' organized by the Chengdu Military Area Command (MAC) were held at an airport in the suburb of Chengdu, capital of China's southwest Sichuan Province. Priority was given to test the capabilities of rapid loading.<sup>9</sup>

The PLA and civilian authorities in Tianjin Municipality in north China also held a support exercise to raise capabilities for dealing with military operations other than war (MOOTW).<sup>10</sup>

Reports noted that China's Special Forces will for the first time march during the National Day parade celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding

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<sup>6</sup> "UN chief urged to call Afghan conference," *Pajhwok Afghan News*, September 9, 2009, at <http://www.pajhwok.com/viewstory.asp?lng=eng&id=81294>

<sup>7</sup> "Serbia, China See Big Prospects for Expanding Military Co-op," *PLA Daily*, September 8, 2009, at [http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2009-09/08/content\\_4036132.htm](http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2009-09/08/content_4036132.htm)

<sup>8</sup> "Tech Firm Spurns Aussie Charges of Links to PLA," *PLA Daily*, September 9, 2009, at [http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2009-09/09/content\\_8669065.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2009-09/09/content_8669065.htm)

<sup>9</sup> "Chengdu MAC Holds Emergent Air Transportation Exercise," *PLA Daily*, September 9, 2009, at [http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2009-09/09/content\\_4036815.htm](http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2009-09/09/content_4036815.htm)

<sup>10</sup> "Military-Civilian Joint Support Mechanism Established in Tianjin," *PLA Daily*, September 9, 2009, at [http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2009-09/09/content\\_4036935.htm](http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2009-09/09/content_4036935.htm)

of the Peoples Republic of China on October 1. The elite troops will be drawn from the ranks of the Beijing Military Command Area.<sup>11</sup>

A statement on the website of Ministry of Education stated that the government will give priority to college graduates from urban families in the army recruitment processes. The decision comes in the wake of job opportunities getting constricted and the army also struggling to find quality recruits.<sup>12</sup>

## JAPAN

- **DPJ official says that missile defence not the most effective method of thwarting attacks from North Korea; Pentagon says it expects Japan's new government to continue to work with the US "on all the existing agreements"; Hatoyama meets Chinese nuclear envoy Wu Dawei; Japan's nuclear negotiator says Pyongyang's recent diplomatic moves "untrustworthy"**

A senior official of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) stated that funding for the missile defense systems would be cut as it was not the most effective method of thwarting attacks from North Korea. Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi, a Lower House lawmaker who served as the party's deputy defense spokesman prior to its electoral victory added that "missile defense is almost totally useless."<sup>13</sup>

The US Defence Department spokesman Geoff Morrell on September 9 asserted that the US decision through the 2006 bilateral agreement to reassign US troops in Japan will hold. He added that he expected Japan's new government to continue to work with the US "on all the existing agreements we have in place."<sup>14</sup>

Japan's incoming Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama on September 9 met with Chinese Vice Foreign Minister and top nuclear envoy Wu Dawei in Tokyo. Hatoyama and DPJ Secretary General Katsuya Okada, who is expected to be the next foreign minister, reaffirmed the importance of bilateral relations and agreed to take the relationship forward.<sup>15</sup>

Meanwhile, Japan's top negotiator on the North Korean nuclear issue Akitaka Saiki told reporters after meeting his US counterpart Stephen Bosworth on September 7 that Pyongyang's recent diplomatic moves were "untrustworthy" in the background of its continuing nuclear weapons development.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> "New Force Marching into View," *PLA Daily*, September 8, 2009, at <http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90786/6750835.html>

<sup>12</sup> "China gives college grads privilege in army recruitment," *PLA Daily*, September 12, 2009, at [http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2009-09/12/content\\_4038991.htm](http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2009-09/12/content_4038991.htm)

<sup>13</sup> "DPJ takes aim at budget for missile shield," *Japan Times*, September 12, 2009, at <http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/nn20090912n1.html>

<sup>14</sup> "Pentagon holding firm on Japan base realignment agreement," *Star and Stripes*, September 12, 2009, at <http://www.stripes.com/article.asp?section=104&article=64704>

<sup>15</sup> "Japan's presumptive prime minister meets with China's nuke envoy," *Associated Press*, September 9, 2009, at [http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D9AJH83G0&show\\_article=1](http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D9AJH83G0&show_article=1)

<sup>16</sup> "N. Korea's moves 'untrustworthy': Japan envoy," *Associate Foreign Press*, September 7, 2009, at <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5ic5gpVDrM5esgDwVAheFm3kB0XuQ>

In other domestic developments, the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) announced that the election for a new party president will be held on September 28.<sup>17</sup>

#### KOREAN PENINSULA

- **US freezes the assets of 2 North Korean companies; North Korean patrol boat trespasses onto South Korean waters; World Nuclear Stockpile Report: North Korea might be in possession of 10 nuclear weapons; Pyongyang accuses the US of trying to invade the country; Russia urges efforts towards finding an acceptable solution to help revive the stalled six-party talks; South Korean and US officials meet to discuss joint response to North Korea's renewed nuclear threats; Pyongyang: Uranium enrichment program nearing completion**

The US has moved to freeze assets of two more North Korean companies in an effort to enforce sanctions against Pyongyang over its nuclear programme. The General Bureau of Atomic Energy and the Korea Tangun Trading Corp were both charged with supporting the country's nuclear and missile programmes.<sup>18</sup>

Reports noted that a North Korean patrol boat trespassed into South Korean waters on September 3, in the latest hostile incident across the Yellow Sea.<sup>19</sup>

North Korea's unexpected discharge of water from a dam caused the deaths of six South Korean citizens. South Korea's foreign ministry charged that the September 4 action was a violation of international law.<sup>20</sup>

The World Nuclear Stockpile Report, by Hans Kristensen of the Federation of American Scientists and Robert Norris of the Natural Resources Defense Council states that North Korea might be in possession of 10 nuclear weapons, though all of them may not be ready for military use. The report noted that the North Korean warheads were part of the 23,375 nuclear weapons being held by nine nuclear weapons states.<sup>21</sup>

On the occasion of the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the country's founding on September 9, Pyongyang accused the US of trying to invade the country and denounced international sanctions over its nuclear program.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> "LDP faces generational tug-of-war," *Yomuiiri Shimbhun*, September 11, 2009, at <http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/dy/national/20090911TDY04304.htm>

<sup>18</sup> "US freezes N Korea firms' assets," *BBC News*, September 8, 2009, at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/8245342.stm>

<sup>19</sup> "N.K. navy breached tense sea border with S. Korea," *Korea Herald*, September 4, 2009, at [http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html\\_dir/2009/09/04/200909040069.asp](http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html_dir/2009/09/04/200909040069.asp)

<sup>20</sup> "N.K.'s dam water release violates int'l law," *Korea Herald*, September 11, 2009, at [http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html\\_dir/2009/09/11/200909110109.asp](http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html_dir/2009/09/11/200909110109.asp)

<sup>21</sup> "N.K. appears to have 10 nuclear warheads," *Korea Herald*, September 11, 2009, at [http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html\\_dir/2009/09/11/200909110091.asp](http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html_dir/2009/09/11/200909110091.asp)

<sup>22</sup> N. K. blasts U.S. sanctions over its nuke program," *Korea Herald*, September 9, 2009, at [http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html\\_dir/2009/09/09/200909090102.asp](http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html_dir/2009/09/09/200909090102.asp)

Russian official Grigory Logvinov, after meeting his South Korean counterpart Hwang Joon-kook urged efforts towards finding an acceptable solution to help revive the stalled six-party talks on the North Korean nuclear issue.<sup>23</sup>

South Korean and US officials also met on September 11 to discuss a joint response to North Korea's recent overtures and renewed nuclear threats. Stephen Bosworth, Washington's special representative for North Korean policy, and top Seoul nuclear envoy Wi Sung-lac reviewed the current situation and discussed the formulation of a joint response to Pyongyang's so-called 'two-track' strategy.<sup>24</sup>

North Korea meanwhile told the UN Security Council that its uranium enrichment program was nearing completion and that the plutonium it extracted by reprocessing spent fuel rods was "being weaponized."<sup>25</sup>

## C. WEST ASIA

### IRAN

- **IAEA Chief rejects as “politically motivated and totally baseless” allegations that information on Iran’s atomic programme was hidden; Iran gives new set of proposals to P5+1; Lavrov rules out imposing new sanctions against Tehran; Gates urges Arab nations to strengthen military cooperation with Washington as a means of pressuring Iran; Reports suggest Israeli PM visited Moscow to discuss Russian arms sales to Iran and Syria**

The outgoing IAEA Director General Mohamed el-Baradei rejected as “politically motivated and totally baseless” allegations that he had purposely hidden information about Iran’s atomic programme. In its latest report, the IAEA however stated that Western intelligence material implying Tehran secretly combined uranium processing, explosive tests and work to remodel a missile cone in a way that would fit a nuclear warhead was compelling.<sup>26</sup>

Iran’s Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki revealed an updated package of proposals to address his country’s nuclear programme. The proposals were submitted to the ambassadors of France, Russia, Germany, and China, the British charge d’affaires, as well as the Swiss ambassador to Tehran, whose country represents US interests in Iran. Mottaki stated that the new proposals were intended to provide “a new opportunity for dialogue in line with reciprocal

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<sup>23</sup> “S. Korea, Russia discuss N.K. denuclearization,” *Korea Herald*, September 8, 2009, at [http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html\\_dir/2009/09/08/200909080088.asp](http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html_dir/2009/09/08/200909080088.asp)

<sup>24</sup> “S. Korea, U.S. coordinate strategy on N.K.,” *Korea Herald*, September 6, 2009, at [http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html\\_dir/2009/09/06/200909060003.asp](http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html_dir/2009/09/06/200909060003.asp)

<sup>25</sup> “N.K. asserts its uranium program near completion,” *Korea Herald*, September 5, 2009, at [http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html\\_dir/2009/09/05/200909050028.asp](http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html_dir/2009/09/05/200909050028.asp)

<sup>26</sup> “Iran cover up allegations baseless: IAEA,” *Khaleej Times*, September, 7, 2009, at [http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle09.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2009/September/middleeast\\_September150.xml&section=middleeast](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle09.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2009/September/middleeast_September150.xml&section=middleeast)

cooperation.” The proposals address peaceful uses of nuclear energy, economic cooperation, and ways to achieve global nuclear disarmament. President Ahmadinejad on his part stated that Iran will continue its nuclear activities within the framework of international regulations and in close cooperation with the IAEA.<sup>27</sup>

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov meanwhile ruled out imposing new sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program, despite growing Western concerns that the country had made significant progress in recent months in its bid for nuclear weapons. Lavrov stated that he believed that a new set of proposals that Iran gave to European nations offered a viable basis for negotiations to end the dispute. He added that the proposals showed that Iran was “ready for a comprehensive discussion of the situation” and pointed out the “positive” role Iran can play in Iraq, Afghanistan and the region.<sup>28</sup>

US Defense Secretary Robert Gates urged Arab nations to strengthen their military cooperation with Washington as a means of pressuring Iran to back off over its nuclear program. He added that the Iranians have to be persuaded that moving down the nuclear route will actually jeopardize its security and not enhance it. Gates also did not agree that Tehran had gained regional clout in the aftermath of the 2003 US invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein.<sup>29</sup>

In other developments, reports noted that Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited Moscow during the week to discuss Russian arms sales to Iran and Syria. Israel has in the past urged Moscow not to sell S-300 surface-to-air missile systems to Iran, which it states Tehran could deploy around its nuclear sites. Israeli President Shimon Peres had also met Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on August 18.<sup>30</sup>

## IRAQ

- **Nearly 20 people killed in suicide bomb attacks; Bids approved for a metro system in Baghdad estimated to cost over \$3 billion**

Renewed bomb attacks killed over 20 people across Iraq. A suicide bomber wearing a police uniform killed six people and wounded 18 others at the entrance of a Shi’ite mosque in Baquba, 65 km northwest of Baghdad. In another attack, a bomb planted on a minibus in southern Iraq killed four passengers and wounded eight others. Nine more people were also killed in a suicide attack in

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<sup>27</sup> “Iran delivers nuclear package to 5+1 group,” *Tehran Times*, September 10, 2009, at [http://www.tehrantimes.com/index\\_View.asp?code=202963](http://www.tehrantimes.com/index_View.asp?code=202963)

<sup>28</sup> Clifford J. Levy, “Russia Says Sanctions Against Iran Are Unlikely,” *New York Times*, September 11, 2009, at [http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/11/world/europe/11nuke.html?\\_r=1&hp=&pagewanted=print](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/11/world/europe/11nuke.html?_r=1&hp=&pagewanted=print)

<sup>29</sup> “Gates urges Arabs to strengthen military ties,” *Khaleej Times*, September 8, 2009, at [http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle09.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2009/September/middleeast\\_September169.xml&section=middleeast](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle09.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2009/September/middleeast_September169.xml&section=middleeast)

<sup>30</sup> “Israeli PM made secret visit to Russia over Iran,” *Khaleej Times*, September 9, 2009, at [http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle09.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2009/September/middleeast\\_September188.xml&section=middleeast](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle09.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2009/September/middleeast_September188.xml&section=middleeast)

western Anbar province when a suicide bomber drove a car packed with explosives into a police checkpoint outside the city of Ramadi.<sup>31</sup>

In other developments, Baghdad Mayor Sabir al-Issawi stated that the Iraqi government had approved seven bids from European companies to construct a metro system in the Iraqi capital at a projected cost of over \$3 billion. Over 15 foreign firms had expressed interest in executing the project, in cooperation with the Iraqi Ministry of Transportation.<sup>32</sup>

## II. MISSILES AND SPACE REVIEW

### ▪ PSLV-C14 to place 7 satellites in orbit on September 23

Reports noted that the launch preparations for the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) C14 that will place seven satellites in orbit were progressing well. The launch is scheduled for September 23 from the Sriharikota spaceport. Apart from ISRO's Oceansat-2 weighing 960 kgs, six micro satellites of other countries including two Rubinsats and four Cubesats weighing between one and eight kilograms will also be launched.<sup>33</sup>

The PSLV-C14 is core alone version of the PSLV. The launch vehicle's fourth stage will initially sequentially inject five satellites followed by the Oceansat-2. While the Oceansat-2 will study the relationship between the atmosphere and the ocean and its impact on climate, the six micro satellites will test satellite advanced application technologies.

## III. INTERNAL SECURITY REVIEW

### JAMMU AND KASHMIR

#### • Two security men, woman killed; 10 wounded in bomb blast

Unidentified militants destroyed a police vehicle by a remote-controlled car bomb in Srinagar on September 12, killing two security men and a woman and injuring over 10 others. The attack was the biggest strike in the Kashmir Valley in the current year. The militants had parked the explosives-laden car at a short distance away from the Central Jail and used the remote control device to blow it up as the police bus was passing by.<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>31</sup> "Bombs across Iraq kill 19, wound 39," *Khaleej Times*, September 8, 2009, at [http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle09.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2009/September/middleeast\\_September166.xml&section=middleeast](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle09.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2009/September/middleeast_September166.xml&section=middleeast)

<sup>32</sup> "Baghdad plans 3-billion-dollar metro system," *Khaleej Times*, September 13, 2009, at [http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle09.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2009/September/middleeast\\_September278.xml&section=middleeast](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle09.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2009/September/middleeast_September278.xml&section=middleeast)

<sup>33</sup> T.S. Subramanian, "Launch campaign apace for lift-off of PSLV-C14," *The Hindu*, September 13, 2009, at <http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/13/stories/2009091356431800.htm>

<sup>34</sup> "Two cops, woman killed; 10 injured in car blast," *Daily Excelsior*, September 13, 2009, at <http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09sep13/news.htm#1>

In another incident, an Army Major and two Pakistani infiltrators of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) were killed as troops of 5 Maratha Light Infantry thwarted an intrusion bid at Sona Gali in Poonch district on September 8.<sup>35</sup>

#### **NORTHEAST DEVELOPMENTS**

- **UPDS agrees to lay down arms**

The United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), currently observing a ceasefire, agreed on September 11 to deposit all its arms with the government. The breakthrough came during a joint monitoring group meeting to review the ceasefire ground rules. According to the new norms in place, it is mandatory for a group in ceasefire or one trying to enter a ceasefire to suspend operations, deposit its arms under a 'double lock' system at designated camps till the peace process gets completed. The UPDS, active in the Karbi Anglong district of Assam, has about 127 cadres at its designated camp.<sup>36</sup>

In Manipur, four security personnel were killed and four wounded in an ambush on a hilly road in Imphal East district on September 12. Fourteen security personnel deployed at Maphou dam on the tri-junction of Imphal East, Thoubal and Ukhruel districts, were moving in a Gypsy and a bullet-proof truck when they came under heavy fire from militants atop a hill. The militants used rocket launchers, and other sophisticated weapons to target the vehicles. The police suspected the Peoples Liberation Army (PLA) for being behind the ambush.<sup>37</sup>

Three Kuki Liberation Army (KLA) cadres along with a driver of a passenger vehicle were killed during an encounter between militants and troops in Manipur's Ukhruel District on September 7.

#### **MAOIST INSURGENCY**

- **Five villagers killed in Jharkhand; Government approves surrender policy for Naxals**

Five villagers were shot dead by the Communist Party of India-Maoist (CPI-Maoist) at Pundigiri, 45 kilometers from Ranchi, on September 7. According to police sources, the Maoists raided Pundigiri village on the night of September 6 and abducted the five villagers and took them to a forest where they were shot dead. The bodies were recovered on September 7.<sup>38</sup>

The Union government meanwhile on September 7 approved a programme offering monetary incentives for Naxalites under a new surrender-

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<sup>35</sup> "Major, 2 infiltrators killed; injured ultra, guide escape," *Daily Excelsior*, September 10, 2009, at <http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09sep10/news.htm#1>

<sup>36</sup> "UPDS agrees to lay down arms," *Telegraph*, September 12, 2009, at [http://telegraphindia.com/1090912/jsp/northeast/story\\_11482757.jsp](http://telegraphindia.com/1090912/jsp/northeast/story_11482757.jsp)

<sup>37</sup> "4 jawans die in ambush," *Telegraph*, September 13, 2009, at [http://telegraphindia.com/1090913/jsp/northeast/story\\_11486050.jsp](http://telegraphindia.com/1090913/jsp/northeast/story_11486050.jsp)

<sup>38</sup> "Five villagers killed by Maoists in Jharkhand," *SATP*, September 7, 2009, at [http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed\\_news3.asp?date3=2009%2F9%2F7#2](http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news3.asp?date3=2009%2F9%2F7#2)

cum-rehabilitation policy. The new policy is a part of the multi-pronged strategy to bring Naxalites back into the mainstream in the backdrop of rising violence. Chattisgarh, Jharkand, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Bihar are among the states in which the new policy will be implemented.

As part of the policy, a grant of Rs. 1.5 lakh will be deposited in a bank in the name of the surrendered naxalite as a fixed deposit which may be withdrawn by him/her after completion of three years, subject to good behaviour, which will be certified by the authorities designated for this purpose by the states concerned. This money can also be utilised as collateral security/margin money against loans to be availed of by the surrendered militant from any bank for self-employment.

Persons eligible under the scheme may also be imparted training in a trade/vocation of their liking or befitting their aptitude. They shall be paid a monthly stipend of Rs. 2,000 each for a maximum period of 36 months. However, if the surrendered extremist secures any employment in government or any gainful self-employment, the monthly stipend will be discontinued. The Home Ministry has also offered money incentives for surrender of weapons. The guidelines are applicable to those Naxals who surrender with or without arms.<sup>39</sup>

## **OTHER DEVELOPMENTS**

- **CRPF to get its own intelligence wing**

Reports noted that the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) will soon have its own intelligence wing. The force will have 10 intelligence officers per battalion, attached to 150 of its battalions. The CRPF currently relies on state and central agencies for intelligence inputs.<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>39</sup> "Govt approves surrender policy for Naxals, to dole out money," *Economic Times*, September 8, 2009, at <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/News/Politics/Nation/Govt-approves-surrender-policy-for-Naxals-to-dole-out-money/articleshow/4983366.cms>

<sup>40</sup> "Central Reserve Police Force to get its own intelligence wing," *SATP*, September 9, 2009, at [http://satp.org/satporgtp/detailed\\_news.asp?date1=9/9/2009#16](http://satp.org/satporgtp/detailed_news.asp?date1=9/9/2009#16)