

**Bernanke Lays Out Options For New Fed Action**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told lawmakers Wednesday the Fed is ready to act if the economy gets weaker. He warned that allowing the nation to default on its debt would send "shock waves through the entire financial system."

Underscoring how fragile the economy remains two years after the Great Recession, Bernanke laid out three new steps the Fed could take, including a fresh round of government bond purchases designed to stimulate economic growth.

"We have to keep all the options on the table. We don't know where the economy is going to go," Bernanke told the House Financial Services Committee.

The Fed chairman stopped short of promising anything, but Wall Street appeared comforted that the central bank was poised to act. The Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 150 points during his testimony to Congress, and closed up 45.

The nation was creating about 200,000 jobs a month this spring. But hiring slowed almost to a standstill in June, with 18,000 new jobs. It takes about 125,000 a month just to keep up with population growth.

**Pawlenty: Won't Sign Iowa Marriage Pledge**

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Republican Tim Pawlenty declined Wednesday to sign a pledge written by a conservative Iowa group that asks presidential candidates to denounce same-sex marriage rights, pornography and forms of Islamic law.

Pawlenty said he agrees with the principles behind the Family Leader's Marriage Vow, but not the way the 14-point pledge is cast. Earlier in the day, the former Minnesota governor released a new radio ad and a web video in which he and his wife Mary discuss their personal faith, anti-abortion views and opposition to gay marriage.

"Rather than sign onto the words chosen by others, I prefer to choose my own words, especially seeking to show compassion to those who are in broken families through no fault of their own," Pawlenty said in written statement in which he insists he would "vigorously oppose" any efforts to allow same-sex marriage.

The move is risky for Pawlenty, who is banking heavily on Iowa and its social conservatives to help carry his presidential campaign forward. But signing the pledge could alienate voters who don't agree with its far-reaching nature.

Pawlenty is the second major candidate in as many days to decline the pledge, following former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's decision. Former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson and former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman have also ruled it out. Two Republicans, Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, have signed the document.

**House Votes To Take EPA Off Clean Water Beat**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House has passed a bill limiting the federal government's role in protecting waters from pollution.

The bill bars the Environmental Protection Agency from overruling states on water quality decisions. It passed 239-184 on Wednesday.

States have primary responsibility for protecting waterways under federal law. But the EPA can step in when it thinks water resources aren't being adequately protected.

The House measure strips the agency of that oversight authority, which supporters say has been used to set a political agenda.

Under the Obama administration, the EPA has used its authority to set the limits on nutrient-rich runoff in Florida and to revoke a crucial water permit for West Virginia's largest mountaintop removal mine.

Critics say the bill would have much broader implications. The White House has threatened a veto.

**Clinton, Lavrov Cite Improved US-Russian Ties**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Russia are showcasing improved relations by signing a raft of minor agreements on nuclear, visa and adoption issues.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov both cited recent steps to improve cooperation including a major arms control agreement.

In statements after signing the agreements Wednesday, the two officials played down differences on issues including missile defense and Libya.

Among the accords, Lavrov and Clinton signed a document ending a contentious dispute over U.S. adoption of Russian children. They also signed an agreement to ease visa rules.

Lavrov noted that the agreements transcended the usual strategic concerns. He said: "we have a new quality to our cooperation."

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**Three Explosions In Mumbai Kill At Least 21**

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NEW DELHI — For the second time in three years, Mumbai suffered a major terror attack Wednesday as three explosions rocked India's financial capital, killing at least 21 people, wounding more than 60 and spreading fear and panic across the sprawling city.

The blasts, detonated over an 11-minute period beginning 6:54 p.m. just as commuters were heading home or out for dinner, apparently were timed for maximum damage and publicity.

But several analysts said that the explosions' relatively low intensity, choice of targets and the fact that more people weren't killed suggested this was the work of local militants and not a major Pakistan-linked group, such as the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba, or LET, that India blames for the 2008 attack on Mumbai that killed 166 people.

Instead of targeting international hotels and a Jewish center that resonated with global audiences as occurred three years ago, Wednesday's blasts struck densely packed neighborhoods unfamiliar to those living outside of India.

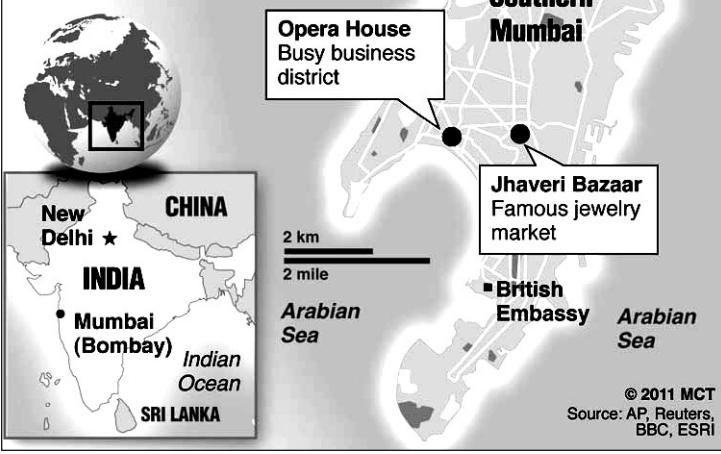
One of the explosions took place in the crowded Dadar market area of central Mumbai, located near a major railway station, the second in the Jhaveri Bazaar jewelry district and the third — the largest, officials said — in the Opera House neighborhood, one of the world's busiest diamond districts.

"This doesn't bear the signature of the LET, which would have involved much greater intensity and impact," said Rahul Bhonsle, a retired brigadier general and head of Security-risks.com, a military analysis group. "This appears more like local groups that are not so proficient."

No one took immediate responsibility for the attack. Mumbai was placed on high alert late Wednesday and residents

**Terror attacks in Mumbai**

Three explosions kill more than ten people and injure a hundred others Wednesday in a series of explosions that rocked congested areas of India's financial capital.



were told to avoid crowded places. Palaniappan Chidambaram, India's home minister, said officials believed the blasts were "a coordinated attack by terrorists" even as he urged Mumbai residents and the nation to remain calm. Local officials said all schools would remain open Thursday and mass transit would continue to operate normally, although security would be stepped up.

In Washington, President Barack Obama condemned the attacks. "The American people will stand with the Indian people in times of trial," he said in a statement, "and we will offer support to India's efforts to bring the perpetrators of these terrible crimes to justice."

Indian authorities said all three blasts appeared to involve concealed explosives, amid suspicion the explosive device in Dadar was hidden in an electrical metering box above a bus stand and the one in Zaveri Bazaar was concealed beneath an umbrella.

Television footage from the sites showed a dismembered body

lying on the ground covered with dust and dozens of police officials, several with automatic weapons and bulletproof vests, struggled to restore order.

Pravin Gada, 38, who owns a shop in the Jhaveri Bazaar area, said he was thinking of heading out for a bite when he heard a blast, rushed down the street and saw glass strewn across a nearby lane filled with eateries.

"I saw six or eight seriously injured people with blood all over them being lifted in floor mats by locals and taken to the hospital in taxis," Gada said. "The skin of some of the injured was completely gone."

Mumbai residents struggled to make sense of the tragedy.

"People who live in this city constantly face the threat of being blown up," said Bhisam Mansukhani, a businessman who was held hostage in the Taj Mahal Palace hotel during the 2008 attack. "It's intolerable."

Mansukhani said after America suffered the Sept. 11 attack in 2001 and after Britain experienced the July 7, 2005 assault on its under-

ground and bus system, their societies became more vigilant.

"Does someone living in Bombay after 2008 feel safer?" he added, referring to Mumbai by its previous name. "The answer is no. We're an inefficient, ineffectual, desensitized nation that feels people are expendable. We can be blown apart at any time."

Rahul Bose, a Bollywood actor and social activist, urged restraint. "Now is not the time to lash out at imagined perpetrators," he said in a Twitter message. "Stick together, stay sane."

Despite such cautions, some suspicions focused on Pakistan-based militant groups. India and Pakistan, which have fought three wars since gaining independence from Britain in 1947, have recently resumed talks on improved relations that were halted after the 2008 Mumbai attack.

The Indian government came under sharp criticism after the 2008 attack for its lumbering response, poor tactics and inadequate equipment. It was quick to point out this time that elite National Security Guard officers in Mumbai were on standby and that investigators and forensic specialists were being rushed in from New Delhi.

But Bhonsle, the security analyst, said judging from the television footage it's not clear how much India has learned. No perimeter was apparently established at the blast sites, he said, allowing bystanders to traipse through the disaster area. Not only did this put people at risk if there had been an additional delayed blast. It also sullied the crime scene, making it more difficult for forensic teams to find clues.

"It's not professional," he said. "It's a sea of humanity."

Nor has much been done by authorities to address some of the root causes of domestic terror, he said, including rich-poor inequities and the grievances of Muslim youth in Mumbai that may fuel groups like the Indian Mujahadeen. "Enhanced awareness must start from the bottom up," he added. "But it's not happening."

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