# Sharon agrees to partial pullout from Hebron

Al-Qaida globalises Jihad

AFP, Jerusalem

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has agreed to a plan presented by Defence Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer for a partial military withdrawal from the West Bank town of Hebron, public radio said Sun-

However, Sharon has ordered Israeli troops to stay deployed on two hillsides within the Palestinian-ruled sector of the flashpoint town to prevent snipers from shooting at Jewish settler enclaves in its centre.

Sharon gave his approval for the limited withdrawal after security consultations with Ben Eliezer, army chief of staff General Moshe Yahalon, military intelligence chief. General Zeev Farkash, West Bank military commander General similar pullout from Bethlehem Moshe Kaplinsky and Avi Dichter, head of Israel's domestic security rity forces took over policing from service, the radio said.

meeting will be held later Sunday ish state.

Al-Qaida, the terror network

whose followers are linked to a

fresh flurry of attacks in Yemen,

Kuwait and Indonesia, is engaged

in a "global confrontation" with

the United States, the strategy so

dear to its chief Osama bin Laden,

bin Laden declared jihad (holy

war) against the United States,

Jamaat protests

"Following the 1991 Gulf War,

pundits said Sunday.

AFP, Dubai

to give final approval of the limited

withdrawal. The Hebron enclave of 600 ultra-right Jewish settlers, who live under armed guard alongside the town's 120,000 Palestinians, denounced Sharon's decision in a

statement Sunday. But Ben Eliezer told public radio the proposed pullback was intended as a token of Israel's desire to alleviate the humanitarian situation in the Palestinian

"We want to show the world that we are not interested in keeping the Palestinians under curfew. We are fighting the terrorists and not the Palestinian people," he said.

The plan is modelled on a August 19 where Palestinian secu-Israel with the goal of preventing An enlarged security cabinet militants' attacks against the Jew-

accusing it of occupying his native

Saudi Arabia by deploying troops"

in the kingdom after Iraq invaded

Kuwait the previous year, said

London-based Saudi dissident

troops, bin Laden took a leaf out of

the Hadeeth (sayings) of (Islam's)

Prophet Mohammad, who from

his deathbed called on the faithful

to 'expel the infidels from the Ara-

bian Peninsula'," said former Ku-

waiti Islamist MP Abdullah al

what he preached in November 1995 when a car bomb exploded

outside premises used by US

military personnel in Riyadh, kill-

ing five Americans and two Indi-

ans, and wounding 60 other peo-

A more lethal attack came

seven months later, when 19

American servicemen were killed

and around 500 people injured in

a truck bomb explosion at a US

military housing complex in the

eastern Saudi city of al-Khobar

bin Laden's call for the departure

of infidels from the Arabian Penin-

sula seriously, he went on to de-

clare all-out war against America

toward the end of 1997," Faqih,

who heads the Movement for Is-

should be credited to Ayman al-

Zawahri, the presumed founder of

Egypt's Jihad Organization who is

purported to be al-Qaeda's men-

tor, said Abdulbari Atwan, editor

of the London-based pan-Arab

Bin Laden's shift to total war

lamic Reform, told AFP.

daily Al-Quds Al-Arabi.

"When Americans did not take

near Dhahran.

Bin Laden began practising

"In a bid to galvanise his

Saad al-Fagih.

Nafisi.

# Vajpayee to attend SAARC summit in Pakistan

AFP, Bangalore

Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee will go to Islamabad to attend the 12th SAARC summit due to be held in January, Defence Minister George Fernandes said Sunday, confirming similar pronouncements by other ministers.

"At the end of the Kathmandu summit, it was announced by the government that the prime minister will participate in the next summit in Islamabad. That commitment so far holds good," Fernandes told reporters here.

SAARC, or South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, is a grouping of seven countries of the region, including arch-rivals India and Pakistan.

Vajpayee and Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf both attended the SAARC summit in January in Nepal's capital Kathmandu, but held no bilateral talks on the sidelines of the meeting. Musharraf, however, made a

grand show of shaking hands with Vajpayee, much to the latter's obvious discomfort.

at BAF Base Bashar in the city yesterday.

harvest in human lives in decades

Doctors armed with the latest

evidence about the effects of air-

borne pollution on health say the

megacities of China and India,

with their traffic-choked streets

and dependence on coal, could

to come, experts say.

eign minister Digvijay Singh made it clear that Vajpayee intended heading for Pakistan for the January summit.

Foreign Minister Yashwant Sinha, however, cast doubt that the summit would take place at all, but said if it did, Vajpayee would indeed attend.

"But the summit should have an objective and it should not be just to see each other's faces," Sinha told reporters in New Delhi.

Claiming there had been no progress in the SAARC grouping due to Pakistan's "rigid stand" at this year's Kathmandu summit, Sinha said "if there is no progress, there is no point in holding the summit.

Defence Minister Fernandes Sunday ruled out any immediate dialogue with Islamabad on the thorny issue of Kashmir, which is claimed by India and Pakistan and is divided between them along a military ceasefire line.

Asked whether there is a possibility of a cessation of hostilities in Kashmir, Fernandes said, "There is On Friday, Indian junior for- no question of any kind of ceasefire. Where we are attacked we will respond. We cannot lower our guard when someone is attacking

The defence minister said New Delhi's decision to partially pull back troops from the border with Pakistan did indicate a lowering of tensions but that the time was not yet ripe to resume talks.

"At the moment there is no possibility of any kind of dialogue with Pakistan because crossborder terrorism has not stopped," he said.

"We have chosen to redeploy our forces and Pakistan has reconcerned, we have been fighting for more than two decades and we'll keep on fighting it."

Asked if the move to redeploy the troops had come about through international pressure, the minister shot back: "Anybody who says that is out of his mind.

New Delhi announced last week it would partially pull back troops from the border with Pakistan, but not in Kashmir.

# Prize giving ceremony of Red Crescent lottery held

BSS, Dhaka

Prize giving ceremony of 17th lottery-2002 of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society was held at the Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College auditorium here yesterday.

Vice Chancellor of National University Prof Abdul Momin Chowdhury was present at the function as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

Subed Kumar Daldar (Ticket No Ga-143932) won the first prize of Tk 30 lakh while Mrs Swapna Das and Mohammed Rohidul sponded. In so far as terrorism is Islam bagged the third and fourth prizes respectively, a press release of the Society said.

Besides, Agrani Bank, Sonali Bank and Janata Bank were also awarded for selling highest number of tickets.

The Red Crescent Society press release, nowever, did not mention anything about the winner of the second prize of its lottery.

Major General Z A Khan, Chairman of Red Crescent Society, presided over the function and Treasurer Dr Fazlul Kabir, Secretary General A F M Obaidur Rahman and Deputy Secretary General A S M Akram were present.

# Death anniversary

sary



Talukder, former head Pandit Bhuiyapur High School, Tangail

fourth

anniver-

of Atul

Chandra Nath

and organiser of liberation war will be observed today at Eskon Mandir on 12:30 pm, says a press

#### Jazz concert

Goethe Institut organises a Jazz concert by Florian Ross Sextet. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 6.00pm.

## Award giving ceremony

The University of Asia Pacific (UAP) organises an award presentation ceremony for the winners of an essay competition for higher secondary students of the country. Venue: UAP auditorium, House-73, Road-5/A Dhanmondi, Time: 3.00pm.

#### Seminar

The IRIS Centre at the University of Maryland, USA, organises a seminar on 'Social Capital' with World Bank Country Director Frederick Temple as chief guest. Venue: BRAC Centre, Mohakhali. Time: 4.00pm.

#### Discussion

A discussion on WSSD Commitments: the Challenges for Bangladesh', jointly organised by Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association and Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad, will be held with Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: BIAM auditorium, New Eskaton. Time: 10.45am.

### Meeting

A general meeting of the ward commissioners of Dhaka City Corporation will be held with Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: Nagar Bhaban auditorium. Time: 3.00pm.

### **Blood donation**

On the occasion of BUET Rag day, ORCA blood for life organises a voluntary blood donation programme. Venue: Café extension, Time: 9.00am.

#### Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of a literary magazine titled 'Notun Diganta', edited by Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, will be held. Venue: Business Studies auditorium, University of Dhaka. Time: 4.30pm.

#### Seminar

A seminar on 'Autonomy of Radio and Television: Expectation and Realities in Bangladesh', organised by Legislative Support Service Project of MSS, will be held. Venue: Conference room of MSS/LSSP, House-67, Road-4, Block-C, Banani. Time: 9.30am.

#### Roundtable

A roundtable on the 'Success and future programmes' of environment and forest ministry will be held with Minister Shajahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: LGED Bhaban auditorium, Agargaon, Time: 9.30am.

#### AL meeting

A meeting of the Awami League presidium will be held with party chief Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: AL office, Dhanmondi, Venue: 11.00am.

# TOMORROW

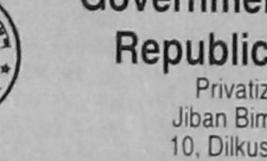
#### Inauguration

The inaugural ceremony of a sales centre named 'Grameen Poshak' will be held. Venue: Mirpur (Opposite to Sony Cinema hall). Time: 4.30pm.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Privatization Commission Jiban Bima Tower (14th Floor) 10, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000

Date: 17/10/2002



# Tender Notice No. 10/2002 Sub: International Re-Tender Notice

For Sale Of State Owned Enterprise International tenders in the prescribed forms are hereby invited from local and foreign buyers (individual, company, co-operative body, employees' association) for sale of the following state owned enterprises on as is where is basis. Intending buyers will have to submit tender in prescribed forms duly filled in alongwith all other required

and lung disease, and 40 percent likelier to die from any cause, compared with people who lived in low-pollution areas.  Specialists said the warning signs were clear for Indian and Chinese cities, where pollution levels can be several times those recorded in Ireland or the Netherlands.  "We've known for a long time that coal smog isn't good for you, to put it mildly," Bert Brunekreef, professor at the Institute for Risk Assessment Sciences, Utrecht University, told AFP.  "To some extent, the urban areas in these countries are recreating the situation that we've had like in London in the past," he said, referring to the killer smogs of the 1950s that claimed the lives of thousands of Londoners.  Douglas Dockery, professor of environmental epidemiology at Harvard School of Public Health, who co-authored the Dublin	No.	Sale	Brief Information
	1	Peoples Jute Mills Ltd., Khalishpur, Khulna.	Except 48.60 decimal land situated at Gulshan Model Town, the saleable land in the mill area is more or less 70.34 acres. Nos. of total looms-923. Products-Hessian, Sacking and Carpet Backing Clothes. Annual production capacity-22,950 metric tons. Present condition-Running.
	2.	Eastern Jute Mills Ltd., Atra, Khulna.	Land area: More or less 40.21 acres. Nos. of total looms-291. Products- Hessian, Sacking and Carpet Backing Clothes. Annual production capacity- 8868 MT. Present condition-Running.
	3.	Ahmed Bawany Textile Mills Ltd., Demra, Dhaka.	Total land area: 69.885 acres. Saleable land area more or less: 36.485 acres. Nos. of spindles 33,116. Nos. of looms: 312. It is a composite mill (spinning, weaving and dyeing). Present condition-Closed.
	4.	Service Facilities Centre (SFC), Sirajganj.	Land area: More or less 2.62 acres. This Enterprise comprises of handlooms, twisting machine and printing tables, zigger dyeing machine, winding machine, boiler etc.
	5.	Service Facilities Centre (SFC), Bancharampur, Brahmanbaria.	Land area: More or less 2.50 acres. This Enterprise contains handlooms, twisting machine zigger dyeing machine, winding machine, boiler etc.
	6.	Dhaka Leather Company Ltd., Nayarhat, Dhaka.	35 km away from the capital. Land area: 18 acres. Yearly production capacity: 97 lac square feet Wet Blue & Finished Leather.  Tenders' are being invited from the interested buyers who are willing to accept the long-term liabilities partially or fully. In case of accepting the long-term liabilities partially, the price quoted against the fixed assets, extent of liabilities to be accepted and other conditions, if any, should be clearly spelled out. Tenders will be evaluated on a comparative basis. The highest price quoted

## Conditions:

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Mirerdanga,

Khulna.

Daulatpur,

After the publication of this tender notice, interested foreigners, Bangladeshi citizens living abroad, overseas commercial firms, etc. willing to procure the tender forms may contact Bangladesh High Commissions/Embassies in London, Washington, Brussels, Kuala Lumpur, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Islamabad, New Delhi, Tokyo, Singapore, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain and Seoul and Consulate General at New York and

Mangrove Tannin Plant, It is situated in the same compound along with Cabinet Manufacturing Plant

against the fixed assets will get weightage in evaluation of the offers.

and Wood Treating Plant. Land area more or less 1.1869 acres. Production

capacity: 1,050 ton. The Mill was constructed in 1966-67. At present the mill is

A rebate of 20% on the total sale price (quoted price) will be granted if the buyer pays off the 75% of the sale price within 30 days of the issuing Letter of Intent. Similarly, a rebate of 35% on the total sale price (quoted price) will be allowed if the buyers pays off the total amount of sale price at a time within 30 days of issuing of the Letter of Intent (LOI).

An additional rebate of 5% on the total sale price will be granted if the buyer pays off the price at a time in freely convertible foreign currency.

Tender forms and other related papers can be procured from the Secretary, Privatization Commission, on all working days during office hours on cash payment of Tk 5,000/- (Taka five thousand only) or US\$ 125 (One hundred twenty-five) only which is non-refundable.

Tender must be dropped in the tender boxes kept at the office of the Privatization Commission, Jiban Bima Tower (14th Floor), 10, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000 and at the office of the Federation of Bangladesh

Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Federation Bhaban, 60, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 respectively. The tender documents and other related papers can be procured from the Secretary, Privatization Commission, on the above terms as mentioned at (iv) above on or before 24 November, 2002. The tender

boxes will be closed at 12-00 Noon on 25 November, 2002 and will be opened at 2:00 pm on the same day in the presence of tenderers (if any).

The date for purchasing tender schedule and submission of tender as mentioned at (vi) above will also apply equally for (1) Cabinet Manufacturing Plant, Mirer Danga, Daulatpur, Khulna and No. (2) Wood Treating Plant, Mirar Danga, Daulatpur, Khulna for which tenders were invited by International Tender Notice No. 04/2002/81, dated 18/08/2002. These two enterprises and Mangrove Tannin Plant, Mirer Danga, Daulatpur, Khulna, mentioned above at Sl. No. 7 are located within the same compound and these units are supplementary for each other. Any interested buyer may submit a tender quoting the prices of these three enterprises together. A buyer may also submit a tender for purchasing Mangrove Tannin Plant and Wood Treating Plant together or for purchasing Mangrove Tannin Plant and Cabinet Manufacturing Plant together. But in such cases, prices for each of these plants should be quoted separately in the tender so as to facilitate evaluation of the offers on a comparative basis.

Tenders found incomplete or otherwise faulty shall stand cancelled. The Privatization Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any

reason whatsoever. Necessary information regarding this enterprises are available at the Web site of Privatization Commission: www.privatizationcommission.com

Secretary **Privatization Commission** 

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toll in Asian cities and lung disease, and 40 percent Asia's air pollution, already singled Two studies published on Sat- likelier to die from any cause. urday in the British weekly The out this year for its effect on the compared with people who lived Lancet dramatically highlight the environment, is set to reap a bitter in low-pollution areas. damage airborne soot and exhaust

Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Fakhrul Azam pays homage to those killed in Saturday's BAF helicopter crash

Air pollution takes deadly

and the heart. An Irish study looked at the death rate in Dublin after the city authorities in 1990 outlawed the burning of coal, a fuel that had been reintroduced after the 1970s become centres of premature

pollution wreak on human lungs

The ban slashed concentrations of black smoke in the air by 70 percent. In six years deaths from respiratory disease fell by 15 percent, and there was a 10percent decline in cardiovascular disease.

A Dutch study, which monitored the health of 5,000 people from 1986-94, found that people who lived near a main road were twice as likely to die from heart

# Three drown in Madaripur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Three persons drowned while an other crashed under the wheel of a coach in Madaripur district on October 19, sources said. Bachchu Mia, 30, son of Abdul

Barak Chowkider of Thontoli village under Sadar-upazila drowned in a pond while bathing on October 19, family source said.

son of Dulal Howlader of Tubya village drowned in a pond while baby girl Subarna, 3, daughter of Jalil Howlader of Banogram village a pond on the same day. Azmir, 4, son of Altu Howlader

of Srinathdi village was crashed

under the wheel of a Dhaka-

bound coach from Madaripur at

Samaddar bridge on Madaripur-

Barisal highway on the same day.

poorly maintained.

of thousands of Londoners. Douglas Dockery, professor of environmental epidemiology a Harvard School of Public Health, who co-authored the Dublin study, said the problem was that in China and India coal use is rampant and that, with growing prosperity, cars are now starting to flood the streets, many of them

The world's two most populous countries are heading towards "the same mistakes we've made in the developed world," he said in an interview.

The problem is at its worst, he said, when coal is burned in homes, in inefficient burners that Baby boy Khalilur Rahman, 2, create little heat but generate particulate pollution -- carbon or dust particles that are breathed in and penetrate the lungs.

Problems of a somewhat difunder Kalkini upazila drowned in ferent kind occur with traffic pollution, in that there is a bouquet of noxious or suffocating gases, as well as compounds that react with sunlight to form the oxygen molecule ozone, which irritates the airways and is dangerous for people with respiratory problems.



A week-long Rover Scout Unit Leader Basic Course, organised by the Bangladesh Scouts Dhaka District Rover and Bangladesh Scouts Rover Region, concluded at the Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University on October 18. The trainees and the trainers are seen in the picture.

#### Time magazine report BSS, Dhaka Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh yesterday blasted a 'fictitious thriller in the Time magazine filed by reporter Alex Perry' and termed

the report 'extremely confusing.' Jamaat protested the "concocted report" containing objectionable remarks abut Bangladesh at a press conference at its central office here.

zine report titled 'Deadly Cargo' as false and fabricated.

jectionable comments about Bangladesh.

Jamaat secretary general and Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid read out a written statement at the Conference describing the Time maga-

He said the report carried ob-

He said Alex Perry has reflected his complete ignorance and vengeance against Madrassah education system in the country and Islamic political parties such as Jamaat.



of the Department of Political

# **Engineering Office** University of Chittagong

**Tender Notice** No-05/2002-2003

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the following works/supplies from enlisted contractors of this university/government/semi-government and other autonomous organisations.

Name of works Estimated Earnest Cost of Category of No value money tender contractors & document

conditions Repairing work of door Tk Tk 100/-Enlisted window & C I sheet roof at 68,620/-1716/contractors Shamsun Naher Hall at C U according to (re-tender). capacity experience in this line. Supplying, fitting & fixing of Tk 885/-Tk 100/--dosteel window grill & shutter in place of damaged wooden window in the Room No-420

Science at CU (re-tender) Each tender must accompany with an earnest money as shown above against each in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order to be drawn in favour of the Chief Engineer, Chittagong University, Chittagong to be payable on any schedule bank of Bangladesh. The collection fees of the Pay

Order submitted during the tender will be beared by the accepted tenderer. Tender documents are available on submission of Memorandum and Articles of Association, affidavit of the firms GIR, Trade licence, VAT certificate, past experience certificate with photocopy of work orders all available documents of the specific work as mentioned in the category of contractor's coloum, bio-data of the firm and must have to produce departmental certificate of their capacity of respective class of the enlistment excepting this university contractors. No authorisation will be allowed for purchase of tender. On scrutiny, the tender documents will be soled to them on payment of the amount as shown against each works (non-refundable) in Agrani Bank, Chittagong University Branch, Chittagong for which necessary slips may be collected from the undersigned & tender documents may be obtained from the office of the undersigned and Comptroller of Accounts within 9-00 A M to 2-00 PM from 27.10.02 to 29.10.02 on all working days which will be received by this Office, Comptroller of Accounts office, Registrar office as well as Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong and Chief Engineer, Chittagong City Corporation up to 12 Noon on 30-10-02. Tender will be opened on the same day by the office of the undersigned at 12-30 PM in presence of the

tenderer who wish to be present. The authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender and it can reject any one or all tenders or part of the tender without assigning any reason.

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