

An Iraqi police commando secures the area as Iraqi engineers demonstrate in front of their syndicate's headquarters in Baghdad's al-Mansur neighbourhood yesterday for pay hike.

Pak troops kill 25 militants, retake tunnel: Officials

AFP, Peshwar

Pakistani security forces retook to the tunnel. control of a major road tunnel in the northwest late Sunday after a day of fighting in which at least 24 militants were killed, the army said.

Militants had occupied the Japanese-built tunnel in the lawless town of Darra Adam Khel on Friday, blocking traffic between the main city of Peshawar in North West Kohat.

Residents said hundreds of vehicles were stranded on both

"The security forces have cleared the Kohat tunnel and taken its control after fighting which killed 24 people," an army official said, requesting anonymity.

Earlier, Pakistan artillery backed by gunship helicopters pounded militant positions to dislodge them from their bunkers on hills over-Frontier Province and the city of looking the tunnel, military spokesman Major General Athar Abbas told AFP.

The unrest started after mili- links to al-Qaeda.

sides of the tunnel, as the militants tants seized four military trucks had erected barricades on the road loaded with ammunition on Thursday.

Abbas said 25 militants were killed in the operation on Saturday. On Friday troops said they killed 30 rebels and lost two soldiers in Darra Adam Khel, which is known for its weapons bazaar and illegal arms manufacturing factories.

Security officials said Darra Adam Khel had recently become a stronghold of the banned Sunni Muslim extremist group Lashkare-Jhangvi, which is said to have

Dhaka City Corporation Office of the Executive Engineer

www.dhakacity.org Invitation for Tender (IFT)

Mechanical Division-2

Dhalpur, Outfall, Dhaka

| Mem | o No: XEN (Mech-2)/08(07-08) | Date: 22/01/2008 | | |
|------|--|---|--|--|
| 1. | Ministry/Division | Local Government Rural Development & Cooperatives/Local Govt. Division. | | |
| 2. | Agency | Dhaka City Corporation. | | |
| 3. | Procuring entity name | Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division-2. | | |
| 4. | Procuring entity code | None. | | |
| 5. | Procuring entity district | Dhaka. | | |
| 6. | Invitation for | Procurement of 2 (two) Nos. Brand New Track Type Hydraulic Excavator. | | |
| 7. | Country of origin | EU countries, Japan, Australia, USA, Canada etc. | | |
| 8. | Invitation Ref No. | XEN (Mech-2)/08(07-08). | | |
| 9. | Date | 22/01/2008. | | |
| | INFORMATION | | | |
| 10. | Procuring method | Open tendering method. | | |
| FUND | DING INFORMATION | | | |
| 11. | Budget and source of funds | DCC own fund. | | |
| 12. | Denvelopment partner (if applicable) | None. | | |
| - | TICULAR INFORMATION | | | |
| 13. | Project/programme code (if applicable) | None. | | |
| 14. | Project/programme name (if applicable) | None. | | |
| 15. | Tender package No. | None. | | |
| 16. | Tender package name | None. | | |
| 17. | Tender publication date | On or before 28/01/2008. | | |
| 18. | Tender last selling date | 28/02/2008. | | |
| 19. | Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional) | Office of Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division-2 Date: 02/03/2008 Time: 11.00am. | | |
| 20. | Tender closing date and time | 04/03/2008 up to 12.00 hours (noon). | | |
| 21. | Tender opening date and time | 04/03/2008 at 14:00 hours (2:00pm). Tenderers and their representatives are allowed to attend. | | |
| 22. | Tender validity time | 150 days. | | |
| 23. | Name & address of the office(s) | | | |
| | - Selling tender document (principal) | Accountant (Bill Income & Expenditure), Account Section, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka City Corporation. | | |
| | - Selling tender document (others) | Executive Engineer, Zone-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10/P&D/Electric-1 & 2, Dhaka City Corporation. | | |
| | - Receiving tender document | Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division-1 & 2, Executive Engineer, Zone 1, 2 & 4. | | |
| | - Opening tender document | Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division-2, Dhalpur, Outfall, | | |

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER Eligibility of tendere

DCC/PRD/220/07-08

GD-390

This invitation for tender is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned below: a) The provision laid down in the "Public Procurement Regualtions-2003" must have in strict

Dhaka-1203.

b) The tenderer must have up-to-date income tax clearance certificate, VAT registration certificate from NBR & trade license.

c) The tenderer must have a minimum 5 (five) years of general experience for similar nature of work. d) The tenderer must submit the experience certificate along with the tender for similar nature of work having a contract amount not less than Tk. 5 (five) crore in a single contract during the last 5 (five) years. Completion certificate shall have to be issued by the officer not below the rank of the Executive Engineer of concerned department.

e) The tenderer must submit a certificate for liquid assets or working capital, or credit facility or free fund having a amount of Tk. 5.50 crore for the contract period. Necessary papers to be submitted by the tenderer from any schedule bank of Bangladesh.

Other required eligibility and conditions for the tenderer are shown in the tender data sheet (PG-3) of tender document

| 25. | Brief description of goods of works | | | | | | |
|-----|--|----------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | Identification of lot | Location Dhaka City Corporation | | Price of tender document in Taka (non-refundable) | Tender security amount in Taka | Completion time in days | |
| | Procurement of brand new 2 (two) Nos. Track Type Hydraulic Excavator | | | 1,500/- | 16,50,000/- | 150 days | |
| PRO | CURING ENTITY DETAILS | | | | | | |
| 26. | Name of official inviting tender | | Md. Abdus Sattar. | | | | |
| 27. | Designation of official inviting tender | | Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division-2. | | | | |
| 28. | Address of official inviting tender | | Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division-2, Dhalpur, Outfall, | | | | |

Dhaka-1203 Contact details of official inviting tender | Tel: 7544732 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without mentioning the reason and is not bound to

after sales service facility.

accept the lowest tender Special terms & conditions

1. The tenderers must be authorised dealer/agent of the original manufacturer in Bangladesh and a certificate from the manufacturer must be furnished with the tender. 2. Must have documentary submission to get after sales service facility with necessary tools and equipment. No tender will be considered who does not have their own workshop to run

3. Must provide warranty for a period of 12 (twelve) months from the date of delivery of the

4. A two weeks local training must be provided to the Operators and Maintenance Personnel

of Mechanical Division, DCC 5. i) To provide a list of fast moving recommended filter elements (diesel filter, oil filter, hydraulic filter, air cleaning filter etc.) by the manufacturer likely to be required during the first 3 (three) years of operation. ii) The tenderers submit the price of those manufacturer's recommended filter elements

iii) The tenderer should provide manufacturer's certificate stating that the spare parts will be made available for the period of next 10 years.

> **Executive Engineer** Mechanical Division-2 Dhaka City Corporation

9 dead in Turkish train Accident

AP, Ankara

A passenger train derailed in Turkey early Sunday, killing at least 9 people and injuring 24, possibly due to ice on the tracks, authorities and media reports said.

It was the nation's fifth major rail accident in less than four years. Two cars rolled over when the train from Istanbul to the southern city of Denizli derailed near the city

of Kutahya, the prime minister's

office said. It was not immediately clear how many passengers were aboard at the time of the accident. The bodies of nine passengers were recovered so far and at least 24 others were injured, NTV television said. CNN-Turk television put the injury toll at 50.

Railway authorities suspected that the train might have been derailed at a turn because of ice on the tracks, the state-run Anatolia news agency reported.

Kremlin critic ejected from presidential election

AFP, Moscow

Russian election officials on Sunday refused to register former premier turned Kremlin-critic Mikhail Kasyanov for the March presidential polls to replace President Vladimir Putin.

The Central Elections Commission (CEC) said there were too many invalid signatures in the list of two million that Kasyanov was required to gather from supporters across the country.

Under election rules a maximum of five percent of the signatures can be declared invalid, while in Kasyanov's case 13.36 percent were rejected, the commission said.

Kasyanov served as prime minister under Putin from 2000-2004 but has since joined forces with the Kremlin leader's fiercest critics, such as chess legend Garry Kasparov.

Palestinian leader George Habash dies in Amman

AFP, Amman

George Habash, the ailing founder of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), died on Saturday in Amman at the age of 82, Jordanian and Palestinian officials said.

The Palestinian ambassador to Jordan, Atallah Khairy, said Habash was hospitalised in Amman 10 days ago with heart problems and died on Saturday shortly after 8 pm (1800 GMT.

Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas paid tribute to the "historic leader" and ordered flags to be flown at half-mast for three days in the Palestinian territories in mourning for his death.

"The death of this historic leader is a great loss for the Palestinian cause and for the Palestinian people for whom he fought for 60 years," Abbas said in a

Habash stepped down as head of the Damascus-based PFLP in July 2000 after having led the faction, which is a key component of the Palestine Liberation Organisation for more than 30 years.

He had been living in Jordan, the homeland of his wife, after an illness forced his retirement from

political life. The PFLP under Habash had hijacked airliners to Jordan and he called for the overthrow of Jordan's monarchy in 1970 before the Black September clashes in which the Jordanian army expelled the PLO from the kingdom.

Arms recovered from Maoist hideout in Bihar

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Patna

A huge cache of arms and ammunition has been recovered from a Maoist hideout in Bihar's Gaya district during a raid, police said vesterday.

The hideout was located near a forest under Fatehpur block in Gaya, around 100 kms from Patna. However, no arrests were made.

The area, which is near the Jharkhand border, is considered to be a stronghold of the outlawed Communist Party of India-Maoist.

"During a combing operation, we recovered sophisticated arms and ammunition dumped by Maoists in their hideout" said a police official in Gaya.

Last year, explosives were twice seized from Maoist hideouts in the

Amid a Maoist threat to Republic Day functions on Saturday, police had begun combing operations two days ago in Gaya and other districts.

The fear of Maoists had prevented dozens of schools in Gaya from holding Republic Day ceremonies.

Lankan troops kill 43 Tigers in fresh fighting

AFP, Colombo

Heavy fighting in northern Sri Lanka left 43 Tamil Tiger rebels and a government soldier dead, the defence ministry said yesterday.

The soldier was killed in clashes on Saturday between the military and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil mini state, the ministry said.

It said two civilians were also securing the east last year. killed by suspected Tamil Tiger rebels.

haul of explosives and weapons following the fighting, the ministry said in its statement. There was no immediate com-

ment from the Tigers. Since the start of the month, the ministry has claimed government

forces have killed 709 rebels against top leaders. just 28 soldiers.

has called for a ban on the Tamil destroying the rebels' top leaders, a stated a ban on the Tigers. report said Saturday.

Mahinda Rajapakse's younger brother, said the military had Eelam (LTTE) outside their de facto started a campaign to capture rebelheld areas in the island's north, after

from all sides, from Jaffna, Mannar, Security forces recovered a large Vavuniya and Weli Oya. It is done in a systematic manner. We don't plan banned. Our aim is to destroy the to stop," Rajapakse was quoted as saying by the Sinhala-language Lankadeepa newspaper.

He said the military was aiming at eliminating Tiger chief Velupillai Prabhakaran and two to three other vant as he is as good as dead".

Sri Lanka's defence secretary the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) will collapse," the Tigers and said the ongoing mili- defence secretary said, adding that tary campaign was aimed at it was time the government rein-

The rebels were banned for a Rajapakse, who is President period of five years till mid-2003, when the then government moved to re-start peace talks under a 2002-Norwegian brokered truce. The government pulled out of

the ceasefire this month, leading to "We have started our thrust the departure of Nordic monitor-"They (the LTTE) should be

LTTE, "he said. Sri Lankan army chief Sarath Fonseka also told state television that the issue of whether the Tiger chief was alive or dead was "irrele-

Fonseka said the rebels were not "If we destroy their leadership, "finished" yet but "weakened".

Afghanistan opposes Ashdown as UN envoy

AFP, London

Paddy Ashdown, the international community's former envoy to Bosnia, should not be the United Nations' new representative in Afghanistan, the country's ambassador to the world body has told the

In an interview published on the broadcaster's website late Saturday, Zahir Tanin confirmed a newspaper report that Afghan President Hamid Karzai wanted to

block Ashdown's appointment. The Times quoted unnamed diplomats as saying Saturday that Karzai thought Ashdown wanted too much power and had raised his objection with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice this week.

US claims Qaeda using children as Iraqi suicide bombers

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyo (C) and First Lady Kristiani

(L) pay their respect to the late president Suharto at the Suharto's residence

Suharto's death ends

cloth either.

Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew and

were doubtlessly authoritarian,

rule meant that, unlike the others.

Keeping a tough guy image was

After a speech in 1974 by Park

was interrupted by an assassina-

tion attempt that missed him but

killed his wife, the South Korean

leader returned to the podium and

public tears over his fledgling

country's forced separation from

Malaysia in 1965, a counter-point

to the schoolmasterly authoritari-

school have remained close.

Mahathir and Lee -- both now in

their eighties -- flew to the

Suharto as he lay dying in hospital.

ing Asia's autocrats was a convic-

tion that Western liberal democ-

would even be dangerous, Harold

The common thread connect-

Some of Asia's authoritarian old

micromanaged Singaporean life.

Lee, by contrast, famously shed

he was no darling of the West.

optional for such strongmen.

finished his speech.

another chapter for

With the death of Indonesia's Malaysia's Mahathir Mohamad

so-called "strongmen" -- the but not to the extent of iron-willed

authoritarian and mostly pro- autocrats such as General Ne Win

Western rulers who dominated for of Myanmar, whose isolationist

The politics of the Cold Warera, anism with which he

Some, like Ferdinand Marcos in Indonesian capital Jakarta to visit

were more personally austere while racy would not work at home and

not cut entirely from the same expert, told AFP.

Suharto's contemporaries were Crouch, an Australian Indonesia

Asia's strongmen

in Jakarta yesterday.

AFP, Jakarta

Suharto, Asia has lost another of its

From his seizure of power in

1966 until his downfall in 1998,

Suharto ruled Indonesia according

driven economic growth ringed by

It was an approach common

elsewhere in Asia too, justified by a

notion that "you need a strong

ruler to keep order and bring coun-

tries into a modern age, an indus-

trialised age," according to Greg

Fealy, an academic at the

with the constant spectre of a

communist threat, also "favoured

strong states and strong leaders,"

he said, even if it came at the inevi-

the Philippines, ostentatiously

selves and cronies. Others, like

South Korea's Park Chung-hee,

amassed huge wealth for them-

table expense of civil rights.

their countries prospered.

Australian National University.

to a model favouring market-

much of the late 20th century.

repressive social control.

AFP, Baghdad

Al-Qaeda is using children as suicide bombers in Iraq, with at least two attacks in the past week committed by 15-year-olds, a US military commander claimed on

these children even knew he was being used to deliver a bomb," Rear Smith. Admiral Gregory Smith told a news conference in Baghdad.

One attack was carried out at a death and helplessness." funeral ceremony near Tikrit, executed dictator Saddam Hussein's home town 180 kilometres (110 miles) north of of al-Qaeda's hold over western Baghdad and the other was at a Iraq, as saying that the Jihadis were school in the northern city of Mosul, Smith said.

He gave no details of the two bombings. Iraqi police said 1 people died in a January 21 suicide blast at the funeral ceremony near Tikrit for relatives of an Iraqi police colonel.

"al-Qaeda in Iraq is trying to brainwash children with hate and "We are not sure whether one of death ... they seek to create a culture of violence, hate and despair," said

"(They) are sending 15-year-old boys on suicide missions to spread Smith quoted Sheikh Ahmed

Abu Reesha, leader of the "Anbar Awakening" that has ended much using suicide bombers as a last resort.

peace as Kenyan death toll mounts AFP, Nairobi

Annan pushes for

Kofi Annan on Sunday pushed for ethnic violence spread in western regions where the death toll from deadly rioting and ethnic killings. recent days surpassed 100.

of youths wreaked havoc in a slum district of the lakeside town Naivasha, an AFP correspondent fied number of people had died in said, raising the death toll in the western Rift Valley province since Thursday night to 116.

Earlier, a national police commander said that at least 17 people had been killed overnight in the Rift Valley towns of Nakuru and three others that had been hacked Timboroa. Bodies in the morgues to death, and said one policeman and hospitals of the provincial had been accidentally shot dead by capital Nakuru bore arrow and a colleague. machete wounds.

his sixth day in Kenya Sunday, met groups," the police commander with opposition leader Raila Odinga at a Nairobi hotel, as police and started stoning motorists and gathered the charred and hacked remains of victims of the most slums, torched houses and recent clashes in the west.

More than 850 people have been killed, according to an AFP tally of police and hospital figures, since peace and dialogue in Kenya as the widely disputed December 27 election touched off a wave of Some 260,000 people across the Nine people were killed as gangs country have been forced to flee

their homes. Police confirmed that an unspeciethnic clashes between youths in Naivasha's Kabati slums Sunday.

"We have deaths," said local police commander Willy Lugusa. An AFP correspondent counted five charred bodies lying in houses,

"It started when a group of Former UN chief Kofi Annan, on about 100 youths divided into two said. "One group blocked the road another group attacked Kabati attacked people."



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