Baghdad - after Saddam





A combo picture shows Baghdad municipal workers cleaning a statue of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in al-Fardous square (L) on March 30, 2003. The middle pictures show American troops draping the face of the statue with a US flag after entering Baghdad in 2003. The third shows the Statue of Liberty that replaced the original standing in the square. Today marks the fifth anniversary of the US invasion of Iraq, and violence still persists, despite the fall of Saddam.



INTERNATIONAL

Iraq marks five years of bloody war

AFP, Baghdad

Iraq today marks the fifth anniversary of the US-led invasion that toppled brutal dictator Saddam Hussein, but also plunged a nation of 26 million people into chaos and bloodshed.

On March 20, 2003, US warplanes dropped the first bombs on impressed. Baghdad to announce an invasion that would within three weeks topple Saddam's tyrannical regime and leave US forces in charge of a resentful and rebellious people.

Five years on, Iraqis and US forces still face daily attacks from insurgent gangs and Islamist militants, and fighting between armed factions from both sides of Iraq's Sunni-Shiite sectarian divide rages

According to pre-released extracts, Bush will acknowledge that the war has "come at a high cost in lives and treasure," but will defend both the decision to invade and to boost the number of US Centre.

troops in Iraq last year.

"The war was based on lies. One together". million Iraqis have died, five million have been made refugees, tens ground is grim. of thousands of US soldiers and marines have been killed or wounded," said protest leader Brian Becker of the ANSWER

Petraeus admits that the country has made insufficient progress

towards national reconciliation.

"Scoring a military victory is easy, but a political victory is more difficult to achieve," said Mustapha Alani, director of security studies at care was the "most critical in the two million have fled. the Dubai-based Gulf Research world"

Anti-war activists are not mantled Saddam's regime and was now "unable to put it back

The day-to-day reality on the mentfigures.

4,000 US and allied soldiers and tens of thousands of Iraqi civilians -- between 104,000 and 223,000 died between March 2003 and June 2006 US commander General David alone, according to the World restored.

Health Organisation. The International Committee of refugees to return to help rebuild

the Red Cross, in its latest report, the country have been largely said the plight of millions of Iraqis who still have little or no access to returned from neighbouring clean water, sanitation or health

The economy, the main concern paralysed by competition between He said Washington had dis- of Iraqis after security, is also a wreck. Unemployment is running at between 25 and 50 percent of the workforce, according to govern-

Oil exports are the country's The war has killed more than main money-earner and a key source of contention between rival political factions.

Public services like water and electricity have yet to be fully

spiked to record levels, with cata-Government calls for Iraqi strophic repercussions on the global economy.

Jordan and Syria, while more than

parties driven by sectarian interests.

The war is estimated to have

And what have Americans got

US credibility in the Middle East

has been eroded; the influence of

Iran, Washington's enemy, has

grown; and the price of oil has

already cost Washington more than

400 billion dollars -- making it the

most expensive conflict in history.

for their money?

Eight die in Iraq violence

AFP, Baghdad

Another day of violence has seen eight dead in Baghdad and Kirkuk yesterday.

US soldiers killed three Iraqi policemen and wounded another yesterday in the northern oil hub of Kirkuk, the US military said.

"I can confirm that three Iraqi policemen were killed and one injured during an incident in Kirkuk province today," US military spokesman Major Winfield Danielson told AFP. A female suicide bomber mean-

while killed four people when she detonated her explosives-packed vest against a passing police patrol north of Baghdad, a local police officer said.

One of the dead was a policeman, he said on condition of anonymity, adding that 12 more people were wounded, including three

The bomber attacked the patrol near a bus terminal in the town of Bala Druz in the restive province of Diyala, he said.

US raid kills six Afghans

AP, Kabul

ignored. Fewer than 50,000 have US forces searching for bomb makers raided Afghan homes near the border with Pakistan early yesterday killing six people Iraq's parliament has been including two children and woman, Afghan officials said.

The US-led coalition said its forces were searching compounds in Khost province for a militant named Bismullah who organized roadside bomb attacks and smuggled weapons. Militants shot at the troops, who returned fire and killed "several militants," including Bismullah and Rahim Jan, another man suspected of making bombs, the coalition said.

A woman and two children were among six people killed, said Khibar Pashtun, a spokesman for the Khost governor.

Three more nations recognise Kosovo

AFP, Zagreb

Bulgaria, Croatia and Hungary recognised Kosovo's independence on yesterday in a new blow to ond by a former Yugoslav republic Serbia's efforts to resist the province's split.

its three neighbours that relations would suffer by joining the growing support to Kosovo.

Bulgaria, Croatia and Hungary announced their move in a joint recognition of Kosovo is based on to independence. thorough consideration," the three countries said.

recognised Kosovo's independence unilaterally declared by the Serbian province's ethnic on February 17.

worst violence in Kosovo since the tiated solution between Belgrade proclamation, which is bitterly and Pristina on the status of opposed by the Belgrade govern- Kosovo," the joint statement said.

ment and Kosovo Serbs, who are outnumbered by ethnic Albanians by more than nine to one.

Croatia's recognition, the secafter Slovenia, is expected to be the most sensitive, as it threatens to But Serbia immediately warned harm delicate post-war ties

between the two neighbours. A UN policeman was killed and list of nations giving diplomatic more than 150 people wounded in the flashpoint northern town of Kosovska Mitrovica on Monday in clashes between international statement. "The decision on the security forces and Serbs opposed

Budapest and Zagreb were to formalise their recognition after Thirty two countries have now cabinet meetings on Wednesday, with Sofia due to make an official announcement on Thursday.

"The declaration of independ-Albanian-dominated parliament ence of Kosovo came after the failure of all the efforts of the inter-It comes two days after the national community to find a nego-

Kuwait's Emir starts talks to resolve crisis

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH

HIGH COURT DIVISION

COMPANY MATTER NO. 59 OF 2008

IN THE MATTER OF:

-VERSUS-

application under section 12 read with section 13 of the

Companies Act, 1994 for confirmation of the alteration of

the object clause of the Memorandum of Association of the

Esquire Dyeing Industries Limited was filed by the above-

mentioned Petitioner before the Hon'ble High Court

Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh praying for

admission of the said application. The Hon'ble High Court

Division presided over by Mr. Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed

vide order dated 12.03.2008 was pleased to admit the same

appear on the date fixed for hearing either personally or

through his / her duly authorised Advocate. Copy of the

application may be obtained from the undersigned on

(Khairul Alam Choudhury)

Any person interested in the above Matter may

and fixed the date of hearing on 23.04.2008.

payment of prescribed fees.

Registrar, Joint Stock of Companies and Firms

(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION) ----

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an

AFP, Kuwait City

Kuwait's ruler, who cut short a foreign visit to settle a standoff between MPs and the government, started form a new government or ask consultations with the emirate's someone else to become premier. leaders yesterday Wednesday that may lead to dissolving parliament.

The crisis in OPEC's fourthlargest producer was triggered by the cabinet's resignation on thestreet to oppose it." Monday, with the oppositiondominated parliament accused of mentary democracy in 1962. not cooperating.

Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah, being the head of all authorities in the Gulf state, can either accept the government resignation or issue a decree dissolving parliament and calling for early polls.

Esquire Electronics Limited.

If he accepts the cabinet's resignation, the emir could ask Prime Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammad al-Ahmad al-Sabah to

expressed fear parliament could be suspended altogether and warned that if this happens they "will go to The emirate embraced parlia-

However, a number of MPs

Parliament has been suspended

twice before -- for five years in 1976 and for six years in 1986. A number of lawmakers on

Tuesday said they expected parliament to be dissolved and fresh elections to be held in May.

... ... PETITIONER

... ... RESPONDENT.

Obama struggles to defuse toxic race row

AFP, Washington

Democratic front-runner Barack tial hopes after incendiary, racially tinged sermons by his former pastor triggered uproar.

The mixed-race Illinois senator Tuesday condemned the sermons while standing by his black spiritual mentor, the Reverend Jeremiah Wright, and appealing for America's divided communities to pursue a "more perfect union."

Obama's bitter rival for the ago. Democratic nomination, Hillary Clinton, stood above the fray as she prepared for the release today of thousands of pages of documents -- and potential embarrassments --

stop airings of the sermons by Internet had dented Obama's support, with independent voters who had been excited by his promise of change especially put off.

Obama decried Wright's "profoundly distorted" sermons but refused to disown the 66-year-old Chicago preacher, who welcomed the young community organiser into the Christian flock 20 years

But Obama also said Wright "has been like family to me." The fiery reverend officiated at Obama's wedding and baptized his

on her activity as first lady.

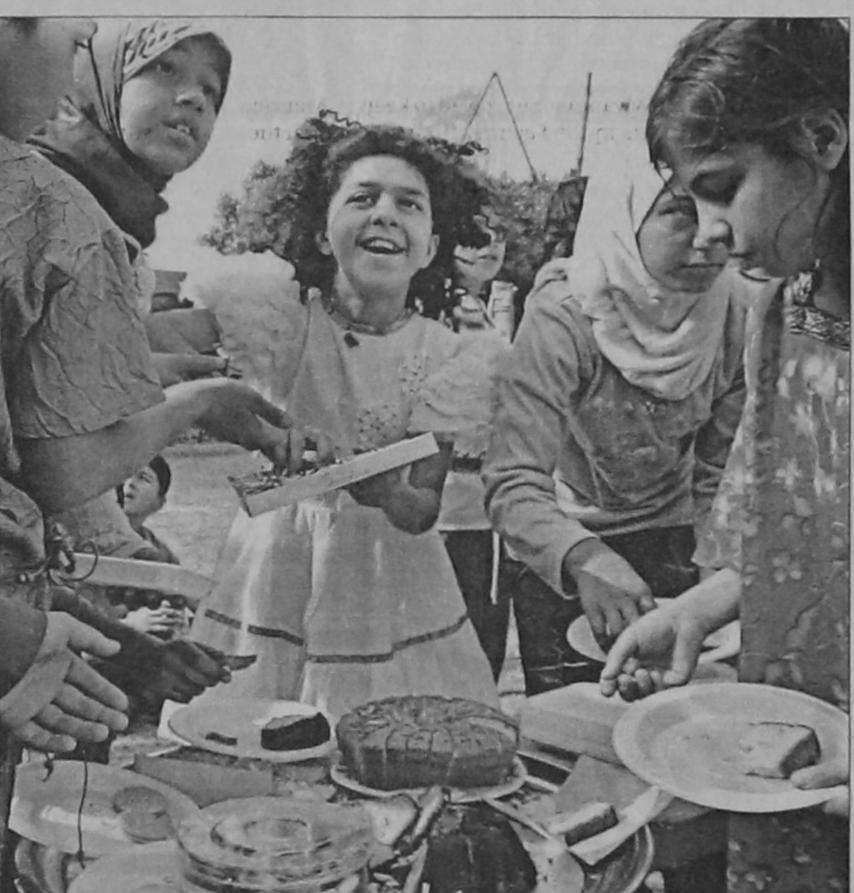
"I can no more disown him than New polls suggested that non- I can disown the black community. I can no more disown him than I Obama battled to defuse the most Reverend Jeremiah Wright on can disown my white grandserious threat yet to his presiden- television networks and the mother," the candidate said, recalling that she had sometimes used racially tinged language. Campaigning in Philadelphia,

Hillary said she had not seen or read her rival's speech, "but I'm very glad that he gave it," underlining the "historic" prospect of a woman or African-American occupying the Oval Office.

Hillary Clinton meanwhile readied for the release by the National Archives of 11,046 pages of her schedules from her White House days alongside husband

Office of the

Managing Director Dhaka Power Distribution Co. Ltd.



Iraqi Sunni children eat cake and sweets birthday of Prophet Mohammed (SM) at a school in Baghdad's Al-Mansur district yesterday. Iraq today marks the fifth anniversary of the US-led war that toppled the iron-fisted rule of in a quagmire of rampant bloodshed, political deadlock and humiliation of a foreign occupation.



ঢাকা পাওয়ার ডিষ্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

DHAKA POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED An Enterprise of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Biddut Bhaban (11th Floor) Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. Date: 18.03.2008 Reference No. DPDC/CS-13/KfW/07-08/747

Notice for Change of conditions for Submission

Procurement Notice: Bangladesh - consulting service: Invitation No. DPDC/CS-13/KfW/07-08/730, date:16.03.2008

H	Item
1	Submission
H	Date, Time,
Ш	Places &
1	Conditions.

In the first Procurement Notice:

Submission deadline: 07.05.2008 at 12:00 hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST)

Changes

Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd (DPDC) 11th Floor, Biddut Bhabon, 1 Abdul Gani Road, Ramna, Dhaka-1000

Revised:

1 Original + 1 Copy: Interbusiness Consulting & Services GmbH, Weinheimerstr. 62, 68309 Mannheim, Germany Telephone: + 49-621-7284630/31; Fax: 49-621-7284632; E-mail: ibusinesscs@t-online.de

Binding deadline for submission of the tender is: 7th of May 2008, at 16:00 hours, Frankfurt local time (see PART 2 of the document for the postal addresses).

1 Copy:

KfW, (Attn. Mr. Otmar Werner); Dept. L I B2, Palmengartenstr. 5-9, Postfach 11 11 41, 60046 Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

The copy to be submitted to KfW, 7th of May 2008, at 16:00 hours, Frankfurt local time

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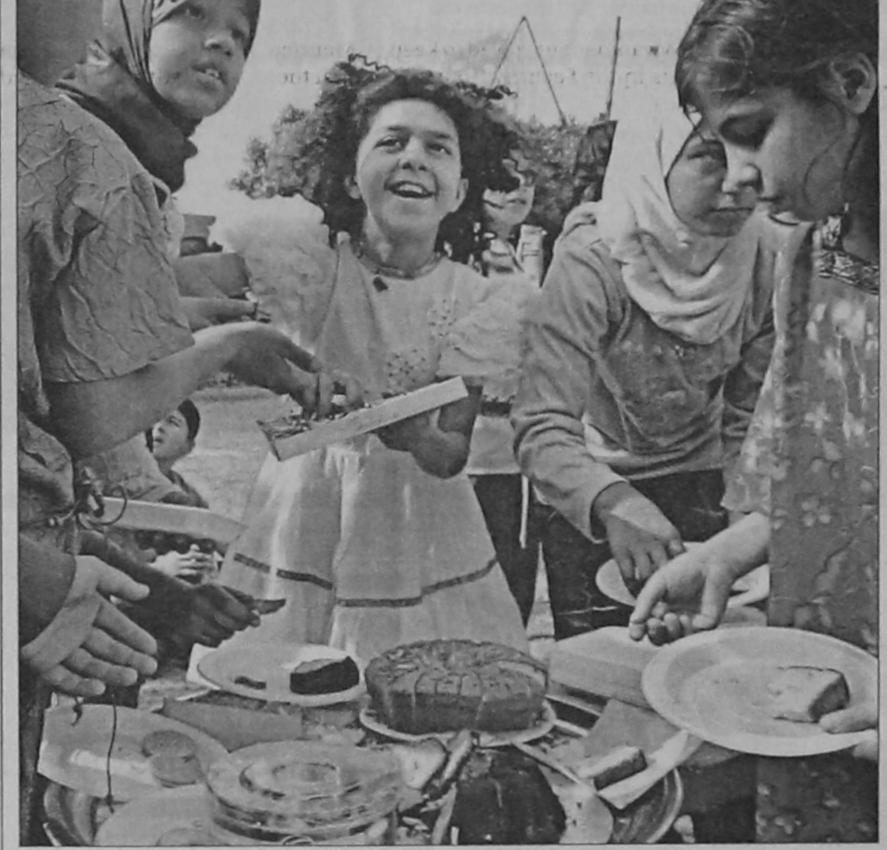
Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC) 11th Floor, Biddut Bhabon, 1 Abdul Gani Road, Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

The copy of the document to be submitted to DPDC will be received from 7th of May up to 14th of May 2008, during the normal office days and times.

The set of the proposals marked "Original" shall be signed by the authorised representatives of the bidder. In case of any differences between original and copies (clearly marked as such) of the documents, the original shall be considered as the valid one.

The determination of timely delivery will be based on the receipt stamp for the bids delivered to the Tender Agent.

Company Secretary, DPDC



as they celebrate the Saddam Hussein, but also threw the nation



Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-operative Union Ltd.

HEAD OFFICE: Dugdha Bhaban 139-140, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208

Memo No. PD/IJPM-123/2007/681 Invitati	on for Tender (I. F. T) Date: 18.03.20	
Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-operative Union Ltd.	
Procurement Method *	Open Tendering Method (National)	
Source of Funds	Own Fund	
Invitation for Tenders Memo Ref. & Date	PD/IJPM-123/2007/681 dated 18.03.2008	
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	Tenders Name & Brief Description						
Sl.	Tender No.	Item Name	Cost of Schedule (Non-refundable)	Earnest Money (Refundable)			
1.	PD/IJPM-123/2007/75	Ink Jet Printing Machine (Re-Tender)	Tk. 500/-	Tk. 77,000/-			
2.	PD/PIC-159/2008/76	Plastic Ice Cream Container	Tk. 300/-	26,200/-			
3.	PD/Wra50/07/77	Wrapper for Ice Cream (Re-Tender)	Tk.500/-	45,000/-			
4.	PD/AC&AD-158/2008/78	Air Compressor & Air Dryer	Tk.100/-	6,000/-			
5.	PD/ABF-153/2008/79	Aluminium Foil for Butter Packing	Tk.300/-	27,000/-			
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Validity of Tender Offer	90 (minety) days from the date of submission of Tender.		
Validity of Tender Security	118 (one hundred eighteen) days from the date of submission of Tender.		
Name & Address of the Office for selling the tender documents	Head Office, Dhaka Dairy Plant, Mirpur-7 & Office of the Division Commissioner, Dhaka.		
Name & Address of the Office for receiving of Tender documents	Head Office, 139-140, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka.		
Starting date for selling Tender Documents	23.03.2008, during office hour.		
Last date for selling Tender Documents	12.04.2008, during office hour.		
Date & time for submission of Tenders	13.04.2008 & 09:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon		
Place, Date and Time for opening of Tenders	Head Office, 13.04.2008 (Sunday), 02:30 p.m.		
Other Instruction	All other terms & conditions are mentioned in the tender schedule.		
Pro	ocuring Entity Details		
Name of the official Inviting Tender	Engr. Mohd. Altaf Hossain		
Designation of the official Inviting Tender	General Manager		
Address of the official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-operative Union Ltd. 139-140, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208		
Contact details of the official Inviting Tender	Tel: 8826888, (PABX) 8811828-29, 9897927 Ext102,		

Other Information Special Condition (i) In case, the tender could not be received on the day mentioned for reasons beyond control of milk vita, the same will be received on the next working day at the same time & venue. (ii) The authority also reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Fax: 9889 873, E-mail: milkcoop@bangla.net.

This tender will be conducted as per The Public Procurement Regulation, 2003 of Bangladesh

Engr. Mohd. Altaf Hossain General Manager

PHOTO: AFP

Barrister-at-Law For the petitioner.

Law Valley, Suite No. 202. Shajan Tower Commercial Block. 4, Segunbagicha, Dhaka - 1000.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION) COMPANY MATTER NO. 60 OF 2008

IN THE MATTER OF: Esquire Dyeing Industries Limited

> PETITIONER -VERSUS-

> > . RESPONDENT

Registrar, Joint Stock of Companies and Firms

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under section 12 read with section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994 for confirmation of the alteration of the object clause of the Memorandum of Association of the Esquire Dyeing Industries Limited was filed by the abovementioned Petitioner before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh praying for admission of the said application. The Hon'ble High Court Division presided over by Mr. Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed

and fixed the date of hearing on 23.04.2008. Any person interested in the above Matter may appear on the date fixed for hearing either personally or through his / her duly authorised Advocate. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed fees.

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(Khairul Alam Choudhury) Barrister-at-Law For the petitioner. Law Valley, Suite No. 202, Shajan Tower Commercial Block. 4. Segunbagicha. Dhaka - 1000.