# INTERNATIONAL

### Plot fears cripple Zimbabwe's opposition

AFP, Harare

Fears of an assassination plot prevented Zimbabwe's opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai from taking part in the start of his election campaign on Sunday ahead of a presidential run-off next month.

As his party prepared the first rally of his latest push for the presidency, which he had been scheduled to address, Tsvangirai was set to stay in South Africa because of fears for his life should he return, his party said.

The former trade union leader, who will face veteran President Robert Mugabe in a June 27 second-round poll, has been out of the country for more than a month after winning a first-round of elections at the end of March.

After several delays, he had been finally expected back on Saturday but pulled out at the last minute after his party said they had discovered via a credible source that an assassination plot had been mounted against him.

### Obama seeks focus on end of primary campaign

AP, Eugene

Attempting to lay a symbolic claim to his party's presidential nomination, Democrat Barack Obama will mark the latest round of primary voting with a rally in Iowa, where his solid win in January caucuses propelled him to his status as the front-runner.

Obama was campaigning Saturday for primaries Tuesday in Oregon and Kentucky as his aides announced the rally on primary night in Iowa, which they described as "a critical general election state that Democrats must win in November."

Rival Hillary Rodham Clinton has a strong lead in polls in Kentucky, but Obama has the advantage in Oregon.



A rescue worker passes a Chinese woman crying after offering prayers for her dead daughter at the earthquake damaged town of Beichuan in Sichuan Province yesterday. A powerful aftershock rattled China's southwest early Sunday, hampering frantic efforts to find earthquake survivors and help nearly five million people facing the risk of disease and flood.

# ME peace needs 'tough sacrifices', says Bush

# Palestinians 'angered' by US president's Knesset speech

AFP, Sharm el-Sheikh

US President George W. Bush said on Sunday that peace in the Middle East was possible by the end of the year but that it needed action on both sides and "tough sacrifices".

Bush, on the final leg of a Middle East tour, also again took aim at archfoe Iran over its nuclear drive and criticised the nations of the region over the lack of political freedom and human rights.

"I firmly believe that with leadership and courage, we can reach that peace agreement this year... This is a demanding task, and it requires action on all sides," he

"Palestinians must fight terror and continue to build the institu-

tions of a free and peaceful society. Israel must make tough sacrifices for peace and ease restrictions on Palestinians."

Bush wraps up his tour with a speech to the Middle East World Economic Forum and talks with regional leaders, facing Arab scepticism over the chances of Israeli-Palestinian peace with negotiations so far failing to make any visible progress.

"We said very clearly we are seeing progress," US National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley told reporters, hinting the president could visit the region for a third time this year.

"But we are not at the point where the president is going to have a meeting with (Palestinian)

president (Mahmud) Abbas and (Israeli) Prime Minister (Ehud) Olmert to try to declare a vision."

According to a copy of his address to the forum in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, Bush called on the world to prevent Tehran from obtaining the nuclear bomb and to isolate Iran and its closest regional ally Syria.

"Every peaceful nation in the region has an interest in stopping these nations from supporting terrorism," Bush said.

"To allow the world's leading sponsor of terror to gain the world's deadliest weapon would be an unforgivable betrayal of future generations. For the sake of peace, the world must not allow Iran to have a nuclear weapon."

Opec member Iran has repeatedly denied seeking the atomic bomb and says its nuclear programme is aimed solely at

generating energy. Meanwhile, Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas said on Sunday that US President George W. Bush's speech to Israel's parliament had angered Palestinians.

"Bush's speech in front of the Knesset angered us," Abbas told reporters in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, the official MENA news agency reported.

Bush addressed the Israeli parliament at the start of a regional tour as the Jewish state marked its 60th anniversary, sparking Arab anger over his perceived bias towards Israel.

# to quake homeless'

AFP, Geneva

The World Health Organisation (WHO) on Saturday warned that mass epidemics in China's Sichuan province are a live threat in the aftermath of Monday's 7.9. magnitude earthquake.

"Action is needed to prevent the risk of disease outbreaks in quakeaffected areas, where absence of safe drinking water and proper waste disposal and cramped living conditions in temporary shelters can be conducive to outbreaks," it said in a statement.

"Preventing communicable disease outbreaks is the key public health issue now facing the People's Republic of China."

Five days after the enormous quake that the government estimates killed more than 50,000 people, there were rising concerns over potential disease outbreaks among the nearly five million people who have lost their homes.

Aside from the ongoing rescue effort, authorities are focused on supplying fresh drinking water and improving sanitary conditions for survivors housed in tent cities or in the open.

The WHO's China representative, Dr Hans Troedsson, said the Beijing government had responded appropriately to the immense health and logistics challenges it faces, particularly around the epicentre in Beichuan County

However, the Chinese health ministry also acknowledged Saturday the danger of large-scale epidemics.

# 'Diseases pose threat Britain hub of Islamic terrorism: EU report

PTI, London

Britain's controversial foreign and military policy has made UK the hub of Islamic terrorism across Europe, and turned the country into a fertile ground for jihadist recruiters, a report by the EU warned.

The EU Terrorism Situation and Trend Report revealed that British foreign policy presented critical dangers for all Europe: "The conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq have a large impact on the security environment of the EU."

The analysis of the terrorist threat by Europol, the European Police Office, warned that the Britain was seen as fertile ground for radical Islamists seeking

recruits to their militant campaigns, with "young, radicalised British citizens" often used to mount attacks, The Independent daily of Britain reported on Sunday.

It concluded that the dangers posed by militant groups rose to unprecedented proportions in 2007, with steep increases in the number of arrests, plots and attacks.

The report highlighted Islamic terrorism, particularly through a rejuvenated al-Qaeda, as the most significant security threat to UK.

Europol, which co-ordinates law enforcement information across the EU, warned that al-Qaeda was stepping up its campaign against Britain and its European allies, after "rebuilding its capabilities"

# আল্লাহর দুনিয়া-আল্লাহর তৈরী, আল্লাহর জায়গা-আল্লাহর জমি, ঘর বানাইয়া আমি রই, আমি তো সেই ঘরের মালিক নই। তিনটিই প্রকৃত সম্পদ ঃ বিদ্যা, ভদ্রতা, এবাদত বই পড়ি, কুরআন-এর অর্থ পড়ি, জ্ঞান অর্জন করি, সকলে ভাই-বন্ধু বড়দেরকে শ্রদ্ধা করি। কারো সমালোচনা না করে, আত্ম সমালোচনা করি। অবৈধ উপার্জন থেকে দুরে থাকি, মিথ্যা বর্জন করি।

দেশ ও জাতীয় সমৃদ্ধির জন্য পাবলিক পার্টির ৩০টি নির্বাচনী ম্যানিফেসটো এর মধ্যে ৫টি হলো ঃ

সুন্দর ব্যবহার দিয়ে শান্ত্বনা দেই, আত্মীয় স্বজনদের খোঁজ খবর করি।

- 🔵 ৩ বংসরের মধ্যে খাদ্যের স্বয়ং সম্পূর্ণ করে খাদ্য বিদেশে রপ্তানী করব। সার, বীজ, ট্রাক্টর ধান কাটার মেশিন, ধান ক্ষেতে ঔষধ দেওয়ার মেশিন, ধান মাড়ানোর মেশিন, সেচের জন্য
- বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহ নিভিত করে, বেশী উৎপাদন এলাকা গো-ডাউন তৈরী করা হবে। ● বিদেশে চাকুরী ব্যাপারে সঠিক ভিসা পত্র ব্যাপারে মনিটরিং করা এবং বিমান ভাড়া জন্য বাণ দাদার ভিটাবাড়ী, বিক্রয় করতে না হয়, তার জন্য স্বল্প সুদে ব্যাংক লোনের ব্যবস্থা করব। শহরের মত গ্রামেও শিল্পের প্রসার ঘটানো হবে, বিশেষ করে কৃষি ক্ষেত্র। পুকুর, খাল, বিল ও
- জলাশর মৎস চাষের বেলায় প্রভৃত উনুতি সাধন করা হবে যাতে আমের মানুষ বাবলম্বী হতে পারে। আধুনিক যুগে পৃথিবীর হাতের মুঠোয় বলিয়া আমাদের এমপি গণের নিজ এলাকায় অফিস থাকবে, প্রতিটি নির্বাচনী এলাকায় একটি করে আধুনিক কম্পিউটার থাকবে। ঢাকা থেকে সব ধরণের পরামর্শ/উপদেশ প্রতি ঘন্টায় ঘন্টায় জানত পারবে। আমাদের দলের এমপি/মন্ত্রীগণ খাদেম ও সেবক হিসাবে সরকারী সুযোগ সুবিধাটুকুই আত্মতন্তির মাপকাঠি থাকবে।

টেক্সিক্যাব ও বেবীটেক্সি ভ্রাইভারদের গাড়ীর মালিক হওয়ার জন্য স্বল্পদে লোনের মাধ্যমে

গাড়ীর মালিক ও ছেলেমেয়েদের পড়ালেখার ও পরিবারে স্বচ্ছলতা ব্যবস্থা করা হবে। পাবলিক পার্টির নিজন্ম চাহিদা নাই- নাই শক্তি আল্লাহর সাহায্য ও ৩০ কোটি হাত আমাদের শক্তি। কেন্দ্রীর কার্যালর ঃ ৩৩০/১, টিভি রোড, পূর্ব রামপুরা, ঢাকা। ফোন ঃ ৯৩৫৭৩০৮, ০১৭১৫-৮০২-৩১৩, ০১৮১১১৩৪৫৫৫, ০১৯১৮১৬২৩১৩, ০১৫৫২৩২৪৫৭১

# Lebanese rivals struggle to iron out differences

AFP, Doha

Rival Lebanese leaders pressed on with talks on Sunday to try to end a feud that pushed the nation towards all-out sectarian war, with the focus on a disputed electoral law and the divisive issue of Hezbollah weapons.

The Qatari hosts of the Arabbrokered talks succeeded on Saturday in defusing a clash over the weaponry of the powerful Syria- and Iran-backed Shia militia by offering to come up with a proposal on the thorny issue while Lebanese negotiators focused on other matters.

talks has been announced, Arab League secretary general Amr Mussa said he expected Sunday to be a "decisive" day.

agreed last Thursday to renew a dialogue to try to resolve a protracted political impasse, which erupted into days of deadly sectarian fighting and saw Hezbollah and its allies temporarily seize swathes of west Beirut.

The US-backed ruling coalition and the Hezbollah-led opposition

have been locked in a political dispute for 18 months that has prevented the election of a presi-

The 14 political leaders in Qatar did not meet again after a first session on Saturday. Instead, a joint committee tasked with addressing an electoral law for a parliamentary poll due next year began work. "We are trying to resolve differ-

ences," opposition MP and committee member Ali Hasan Khalil told reporters.

The factions differ on the delineation of constituencies, fearing they would lose parliamentary Although no timeframe for the seats due to demographic changes which would follow any alteration of boundaries.

In addition to the electoral law another committee was formed to Lebanon's rival factions discuss a proposed unity government, Lebanese pro-government newspaper An-Nahar reported.

Both sides have already agreed on army chief Michel Sleiman to succeed Damascus protege Emile Lahoud, who stepped down as president in November at the end of his term, but they disagree on powersharing in a unity government.

## Vacancy Announcement

## **Child Sight Foundation**

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Child Sight Foundation House 208 (3rd floor), Lane 12, Lake Road, New DOHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1206, Bangladesh, Application submission deadline is 23rd May, 2008, 5 pm.

NOTICE OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Notice is hereby given that the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on

### Wednesday, the 25th June 2008 at 1000 Hours at the "TRUST MILONAYATON", 545 Old Airport Road, Dhaka Cantonment, Dhaka to transact the following business: **AGENDA**

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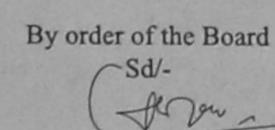
- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007 together with reports of the Auditors and the Directors thereon.
- To declare and approve the dividend.

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- To elect Directors.
- To appoint Auditors for the year 2008 and to fix their remuneration.
- To approve the re-appointment of Mr. Jean-Claude Jamar as the Managing Director of the Company.



Dated: 11 May 2008

(M. ABUL HASHEM, FCS, ACA) Company Secretary

#### NOTES:

- The Record Date in lieu of Book Closure shall be on 22 May 2008. The Shareholders whose names will appear in the Share Register of the Company on the Record Date will be entitled to the dividend.
- A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the General Meeting, may appoint a Proxy in his stead. Such proxy must be Shareholder of the Company. The Proxy Form duly stamped with a revenue stamp of Tk.8/- must be deposited at the Corporate Office of the Company not later than 48 (forty eight) hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
- iii) The Shareholders are requested to notify change of address, if any, to the Company in writing at the Corporate Office.
- iv) Admission to the meeting venue will be strictly on production of the attendance slip sent with Notice.



PHOTO: AFP

Peter Phillips 30, (L) and Autumn Kelly 31, (R) leave St George's Chapel in Windsor, Britain on Saturday after their marriage vows. The bride recently converted from Roman Catholicism to Anglicanism so that her husband, son of the Princess Royal, Princess Anne, will not have to renounce his right of royal succession.

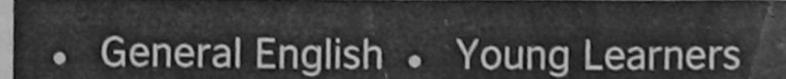


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