



Indian villagers paddle near their house as the waters of the Mahananda river overflowed into villages, submerging some paddy fields at Potiramjote village on the outskirts of Siliguri Friday. Flash floods triggered by two days of heavy rain in eastern India killed seven more people and displaced more than two million.

PHOTO: AFP

Coalition fails to break Musharraf logjam

Zardari, Sharif agree on increase of SC judges

THE DAILY TIMES, Lahore

The Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) partners in the ruling coalition achieved consensus on increasing the number of Supreme Court (SC) judges on Friday.

Following a meeting between PPP Co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari and PML-N chief Nawaz Sharif, PML-N leader Khawaja Asif told reporters that the two parties were in agreement over impeaching President Pervez Musharraf but had failed to agree on a strategy to remove him from power.

The PML-N agreed to fully support the finance bill. PML-N leader Khawaja Asif told reporters after the meeting. He said that both parties were in complete agreement over the reinstatement of the sacked judges. "We don't have complete understanding between us," Reuters quoted him as saying. "One or two more rounds of talks will be held to narrow down the differences," he

added.

However, to questioning, he said that the PML-N ministers would not rejoin the federal cabinet until the sacked judges had been reinstated to their pre-November 2, 2007 status.

Meanwhile, quoting PML-N sources, ARY TV said that the SC judges' strength would be increased on a "give-and-take" basis. It reported that the PML-N leadership had said that it would not support the PPP's constitutional package if its demands were not met. It quoted sources as saying that the PML-N had stressed during the meeting that the sacked judges should be reinstated according to the Murree Declaration, as had been promised to the nation.

Asif also told reporters that the PPP and the PML-N were agreed on impeaching the president but had differences over how to go about it, staff report adds.

The PML-N's Shahbaz Sharif, Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, Khawaja Asif and Ishaq Dar, in

addition to Nawaz Sharif, also attended the meeting, which lasted over four hours. The PPP's Raja Riaz Ahmed, Jahangir Badar, Azizur Rehman Chan and others, meanwhile, accompanied Zardari.

Friday's meeting marked the second round of talks between the leaderships of both major coalition parties. Zardari and Nawaz had conducted their first round of talks at the latter's Raiwind residence on Wednesday, which had ended without any results.

Middle ground: Khawaja Asif was quoted by Geo News as saying that both the PPP and the PML-N were sincere in the respective stances, but would attempt to find middle ground to bridge the gap. He said the next round of talks would not be held until July, as Zardari was going abroad. Zardari had left the meeting early because the PPP co-chairman was expected in Naudero, headed.

PEACE DEALS WITH TRIBAL MILITANTS Pak ambassador urges patience from US

AP, Washington

Pakistan's new ambassador to the United States is urging patience from those in Washington frustrated with his government's pursuit of peace deals with tribes along the lawless Pakistani-Afghan border.

Ambassador Husain Haqqani said in an interview with Associated Press reporters and editors Friday that the United States should judge the outcome of talks being conducted by Pakistan's "fledgling democracy," not the often contentious process of negotiating.

That may be difficult advice for US critics who say peace talks have removed military pressure from the region and allowed terrorists to regroup and stage attacks on US forces operating in Afghanistan.

Haqqani said Pakistan's government, which won elections in February against the party of President Pervez Musharraf, a staunch US ally, is working to strike agreements that would require the tribes to give up their weapons, withdraw support for foreign fighters in their midst and end attacks inside Pakistan, across the border and around the

Delay will make nuke deal with India difficult: US

Mukherjee talks Left's standoff with Manmohan

PTI, Washington/ New Delhi

The United States has once again reminded India that time is running out for the Indo-US nuclear deal, saying everyday that is delayed makes the pact much more difficult to be implemented.

"We are talking to them (India) about it (deal), in as much as they are briefing us on their efforts. I think it's more they're coming to us to say," State Department spokesman McCormack told reporters.

"This is what we're trying to do to resolve internal political differences that are holding up the deal moving forward."

The spokesman was asked whether Washington was in touch with New Delhi on the nuclear deal and if there is still time on the US side to get the deal done in 2008.

McCormack said that a separate

branch of government as well as other international Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and IAEA will be dealing with the deal.

"...And every single day that the Indian government delays and has delayed is a day that makes it much more difficult to get this done," he said.

"All of that said, you know, we'll, of course, continue to work very closely with Senator Biden, chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as well as others on that committee, should the Indian government get to a different place," the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Indian External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee yesterday met Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and briefed him about the situation arising out of the government's standoff with Left parties on the Indo-US nuclear

issue.

During the 40-minute meeting with the Prime Minister, Mukherjee, who is also the government's chief negotiator on the nuclear deal, is understood to have apprised Singh about the deliberations he and Defence Minister A K Antony had with leaders of the Left and UPA allies in the last few days.

Mukherjee did not speak to reporters after the meeting.

He along with Antony had a two-hour long meeting with Congress chief Sonia Gandhi last night.

The government has been in the past few days trying to end the face-off with Left parties on the nuclear deal, which showed no signs of abating.

Mukherjee last night said, "there is no improvement or deterioration (in the situation). It is a

standstill." UPA allies like RID, DMK and LJP, who were firmly backing the government on the deal, have said that the agreement was in the interest of the nation.

The allies have, however, said the government should take in due consideration the viewpoints of Left in the matter.

The Left parties have already made it clear that they will vote against the government if it moves ahead with the pact.

Mukherjee had last night met CPI(M) General Secretary Prakash Karat and CPI National Secretary D Raja in a bid to find a way out of the current imbroglio. The two Left leaders asked the government not to go to the IAEA for finalising the India-specific safeguards agreement, which they felt amounted to operationalising the nuclear deal.



Supporters of the Pakistan People's Party of slain opposition leader Benazir Bhutto celebrate her birthday in Karachi on Friday. Pakistan's parliament observed a minute of silence on Saturday to pay homage to slain ex-premier Benazir.

PHOTO: AFP

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project (Proposed) Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education Shikha Bhaban, 2nd Block, 16, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000 Notice for Appointment of Consultant

Memo No. SEQAEP/Pro./Consultant/08/03/530 Date: June 18, 2008

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh will receive a credit in the amount of about US\$ 130 million from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of proposed Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting services to be procured under the proposed project. The following national consultant will be recruited on the basis of individual capacity:

Title	Qualification	Experience	Duration
Financial Management Specialist (FMS) (Service Package 15)	A professional qualification (CA/CMA) having Masters Degree in Accounting or in Business Administration/Commerce or equivalent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ten years experience in financial management of which at least three years in a management position in nay government/semi government organisations being actively involved and fully conversant with large contract payments, GOB budget, fund release and reporting formalities, World Bank's fund operating conditions & reporting requirements. Is fully conversant with and have had hands on experience in microsoft or similar computerized accounting system with ability to assist in implementation and customisation; Skills in software installation and troubleshooting will be added advantages. Proven track record of ability to develop a Chart of Accounts befitting the relevant computerised accounting system and the reporting. Experience in the effective supervision of personnel. Self guided, strong organisational and planning skills with the ability to work independently as a team player and under pressure. Strong interpersonal communicative skills, experience in team leadership and participatory management. Ability to impart training to the project staff on financial management system. 	60 person month

Proposed Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project now invites eligible applications to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultant may obtain further information, terms of reference (TOR) of the services and background documents from the office during office hours on all working days. Applicants are requested to submit their detailed CVs including relevant documents, certificates, recent photograph and expected monthly salary to the office of the undersigned by July 16, 2008 up to 3:00pm.

The application shall be submitted in sealed envelope and be clearly marked "Application for the post of Financial Management Specialist". Persons who are already in employment shall send application through proper channel, otherwise they shall not be considered for appointment.

The consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in Public Procurement Rules-2008. It is expected that the service may be commenced on August, 2008. The authority has the right to accept or reject any or all the applications.

Only selected candidates will be requested for interview.

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Prof. KM Aurangzeb
Director General
Secondary & Higher Education

Pak leader wants death sentences commuted

AP, Islamabad

Pakistan Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani called Saturday for his country's thousands of death sentences to be commuted to life in prison as part of a birthday tribute to slain leader Benazir Bhutto.

Though Gilani does not have the authority to directly commute the sentences, he said he would forward a recommendation to empty death row to President Pervez Musharraf, who is expected to approve it.

The government also decided to

rename Islamabad International Airport after Bhutto, Gilani said.

The mass commutation, which would not prevent future death sentences from being handed down, would be a major victory for human rights activists.

Earlier this week, the New York-based Human Rights Watch said about 7,000 people nearly one quarter of all prisoners were awaiting execution on Pakistan's death row, which was among the world's largest. In 2007, 309 prisoners were sentenced to death and 134 were hanged, the group said.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ সরকারি কর্ম কমিশন সচিবালয়

পুরাতন বিমান বন্দর ভবন

তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২১৫

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নম্বর: বাসককস/ইউনিট-৪/সরকারি নিয়োগ-৩/২০০৮/৭৬ তারিখ: ১৯-৬-২০০৮খ্রি:

বিষয়: পরিবেশ ও বন মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধীন পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তরের পরিদর্শক পদের মৌখিক পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ প্রসংগে।

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, পরিবেশ ও বন মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধীন পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তরের পরিদর্শক পদে নিয়োগের লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের মৌখিক পরীক্ষা আগামী ১৯.৬.২০০৮খ্রি: তারিখ রোজ সোমবার সকাল ১০.০০ ঘটিকায় বাংলাদেশ সরকারি কর্ম কমিশন সচিবালয়, পুরাতন বিমান বন্দর ভবন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকায় অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

২। লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের নামে ডাকযোগে মৌখিক পরীক্ষার কার্ড প্রেরণ করা হয়েছে। যদি কোন প্রার্থী কার্ড না পেয়ে থাকেন; তবে পরীক্ষার ৩ (তিন) দিন পূর্বে ২ (দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবি এবং ডুপ্লিকেট কার্ডের জন্য আবেদনপত্রসহ বাংলাদেশ সরকারি কর্ম কমিশন সচিবালয়ের প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা-এর ইউনিট-১০ হতে ডুপ্লিকেট কার্ড সংগ্রহ করতে পারবেন। কার্ড ব্যতীত মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণে সুযোগ দেয়া হবে না। চাকুরীরত প্রার্থীগণকে মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় নিয়োগকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক সীলস্বাক্ষরিত মূল ছাড়পত্র অবশ্যই মৌখিক পরীক্ষার বোর্ডে জমা দিতে হবে।

আবদুল্লাহ-আল-মামুন

পরিচালক (সিসি)

ফোন: ৯১১ ৭৪ ৭৬

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Operation Division Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL) (A Company of Petrobangla) Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-5) 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Dhaka-1000		গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন
		"শিল্পে প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস গৃহস্থালীতে বিকল্প জ্বালানী"
Invitation for Tenders		
Ref. GTCL/OP/Ashu/2007-2008/ Sealed tender are hereby invited for the undermentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below:		Date: 19.6.2008
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy, Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2	Agency	Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources Corporation (Petrobangla).
3	Procuring entity name	Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL).
4	Invitation for	The Engineering Modification works at KTL-II for interconnecting BB-KTL pipeline to JGDLSL pipeline inside KTL-II scraper trap station, Golapganj, Sylhet.
5	Invitation Ref No.	GTCL/OP/Ashu/2007-2008.
6	Date	
KEY INFORMATION		
7	Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
8	Budget and source of funds	Own fund of the company.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
9	Tender publication date	22.06.2008
10	Tender last selling date	06.07.2008
11	Tender closing date and time	07.07.2008 12:00
12	Tender opening date and time	07.07.2008 12:15
13	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Accounts Department, Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-4), 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.
	- Receiving tender document	Committee Room, Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-6), 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.
	- Opening tender document	Committee Room, Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-6), 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
14	Eligibility of tenderer	
(a)	This invitation for tenders is open to eligible tenderers who have/satisfactorily completed the similar type (1000 psig pipe line) construction work valued not less than 08 (eight) lac during the last 05 (five) years in a single tender under the category-1.4 in Petrobangla or its companies. The tenderers shall have to furnish certificate in this respect from officers not below the rank of Deputy General Manager or equivalent under whom the certified work has been done which duly verified by the authority.	
(b)	Tenderer must have up-to-date income tax clearance certificate from NBR.	
(c)	Tenderer must have valid VAT clearance certificate from the NBR.	
(d)	Tenderer must have up-to-date trade license.	
(e)	Average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk. 06 (six) lac over the last 5 (five) years.	
(f)	Amount of free fund (liquid assets) and/or credit facilities net of other contractual commitments of the successful tenderer shall be 03 (three) lac for three months cash flow.	
(g)	Attested copy of document mentioned a, b, c, d, e, f to be submitted along with the tender and also original money receipt.	
15	Brief description of related services	Engineering Modification from BB-KTL pipeline to JGDLSL pipeline.
16	Price of tender document	Tk. 200.00 (two hundred) only.
17	Tender security amount	Tk. 7,000.00 (seven thousand) only.
18	Completion time in days	14 (fourteen) days.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
19	Name of official inviting tender	Operation Division.
20	Designation of official inviting tender	Director (Operation).
21	Address of official inviting tender	Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-5), 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton, Dhaka-1000
22	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 9362500 Fax: 8311277 operation_gtcl@yahoo.com
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	
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