

Pakistan flip-flop on ISI creates confusion

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE,
Islamabad

The Pakistan government's notification yesterday, reversing an announcement made a day before to place the two top intelligence agencies under the interior ministry, has led to further confusion with a former top spy saying a conspiracy was foiled.

The government Saturday issued a notification saying the prime minister has approved giving the interior ministry control of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) Agency and the Intelligence Bureau (IB).

The notification, issued on a day Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani left for a crucial meeting with President George W. Bush, was seen mostly as a positive step and a move towards complete civilian rule. It said: "In terms of Rule 3(3) of

the Rules of Business of 1973, the prime minister has approved the placement of the Intelligence Bureau and the Inter-Services Intelligence under the administrative, financial and operational control of the Interior Division with immediate effect."

However, early Sunday morning the government issued another notification saying that the earlier order was misunderstood and the ISI would remain under the prime minister.

Traditionally and according to the government record, the ISI has been under financial and administrative control of the defence ministry but was answerable to the prime minister.

"This may be in papers but everyone knows the reality from where the ISI takes orders and who heads it," Lt Gen (retd) Talat Masood told IANS.

70 militants killed in Afghanistan fighting

AFP, Khost

Up to 70 insurgents were killed in Afghanistan early Sunday when helicopter gunships and ground fighting repulsed an attack by about 100 rebels near the Pakistan border, officials said.

It was the latest in a series of major battles as violence linked to a Taliban-led insurgency has picked up in recent weeks with several deadly extremist attacks and military operations under way against the rebels.

About 100 insurgents had tried to capture the Spera district centre, 15 kilometres (nine miles) from the border with Pakistan, opening fire on police at about 2:00 am with guns and rocket-propelled grenades, the Nato force said.

Police and soldiers from Nato's International Security Assistance Force surrounded the attackers and called air strikes consisting of heavy machinegun fire from helicopters, an Isaf statement said.

"Some insurgents attempted to take cover in a nearby building that helicopters then struck with missiles," it said.

"ANP (Afghan National Police) and Isaf continued to engage the insurgents in a firefight from the ground and air until the early morning hours," it said.

The number of insurgents killed was in the "double-digit figures," Isaf said.

The provincial governor of Khost, which includes Spera, put the attackers' death toll at between 50 and 70.

"They had killed one policeman in the initial attack and had captured another officer who was later beheaded," governor Arsalan Jamal told AFP.

"As they retreated, international military air forces came in and bombed them. Fifty to 70 Taliban have been killed," Jamal said.

The rebels were able to get "very close" to the district headquarters in Spera before the air forces arrived, the governor said.

The air strikes were later halted to avoid civilian casualties after the militants moved into villages, he said.

"We could have killed more Taliban if they had not entered the villages. Those of them killed were targeted while massing in an area outside the villages," he said.



Newly elected chairman of the Nepalese 601-member Constituent Assembly, Subash Nemwang (L), is sworn in by President Ram Baran Yadav (R) as Chief Justice Kedar Prasad Giri (C) looks on at the office of the President in Shital Niwas in Kathmandu yesterday. Talks between parties and Nepal's former rebel Maoists are going on to reach a consensus on forming a new coalition government in the newly republican Himalayan nation.

PHOTO: AFP

3 troops, 15 militants killed in Pakistan

AP, Quetta

Suspected tribal insurgents ambushed a security forces patrol in southwest Pakistan, and three troops and 15 militants were killed in the fighting, an official said Sunday.

Maj Gen Salim Nawaz said three troops were killed in the attack in the Toba Mandrani area near the gas producing town of Sui. Security forces retaliated, killing 15 insurgents, some near the scene of the ambush and others in subsequent clashes and search operations in nearby areas, he said.

Five other troops were wounded in the clash late Saturday, Salim said.

Authorities blame attacks on security forces and gas wells and gas pipelines around Sui on rebel tribesmen been waging a violent campaign to force the central government to increase royalties for resources extracted from the area.

The insurgency in the southwestern Baluchistan province, of which Quetta is the capital, is rooted in long-standing grievances by ethnic-Baluch leaders.

The Baluchistan unrest is separate from the Islamic militancy Pakistan is facing along its northwestern frontier with Afghanistan.

Sui, where key gas wells are located, is about 180 miles south-east of Quetta.

Bush, Gilani to grapple with militancy

AFP, Washington

Concerned by Afghanistan's worsening insurgency, US President George W. Bush is expected to quiz Pakistan's Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani in talks this week about his new government's counterterrorism strategy or, as some experts see, the lack of one.

Bush said ahead of the talks Monday that he was "troubled" by the movement of extremists from Pakistan to Afghanistan -- both Washington's allies in the "war on terror" -- and would discuss the threat with Gilani, who is making his first White House visit since he took over the helm in March.

Gilani is also scheduled to meet with popular Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, who warned last summer -- and repeated the threat a week ago -- that he would send in the US military unilaterally if Islamabad did not act against al-Qaeda targets.

"I think Gilani has his work cut out for him in terms of explaining how his government intends to get a handle on this problem, which is not only a Pakistani problem but a problem for the international community as well," said Lisa Curtis, a former State Department advisory and ex-CIA analyst.

She said while Bush was expected to demonstrate support for Gilani's democratic government, he would seek an explanation of how it was dealing with the "burgeoning terrorist safe haven," now extending into settled areas of the North-West Frontier Province bordering Afghanistan.

"We have not seen a real focused (counterterrorism) strategy by the new government -- a strategy that the US has confidence in," said Curtis, now with the Washington-based Heritage Foundation.

"I think the militants are the ones who are gaining from whatever Pakistan is pursuing at the moment," she said.



PHOTO: AFP

An Indian National Security Guards investigation team collects evidence at the Lallubhai Gordhandas (LG) hospital in Ahmedabad yesterday. Indian leaders issued appeals for calm after a wave of bombings killed 45 people and left 100 others injured in the religiously-tense western city of Ahmedabad.

Smell of blood hangs in air after Indian blasts

AFP, Ahmedabad

Buckets of water were piled up in a corridor as hospital workers in an Indian city devastated by a wave of bombs scrubbed furiously at the bloodstains, but still the metallic tang of blood and explosives refused to go.

Hours after more than a dozen coordinated blasts shattered the tinderbox western city of Ahmedabad, a trail of bloody footprints in the corridors of its main Civil Hospital bore witness to the

devastation.

The death toll from the bombings rose to 45 Sunday, the Press Trust of India news agency said, with more than 160 others being treated for injuries.

More than a dozen people died, including two doctors and a medical student, in at least one powerful explosion outside the city centre hospital.

That bomb was apparently designed to hit those helping the victims of the first explosions.

"I had come here to help other

people when I saw the blasts on TV," said rickshaw-puller Bachubhai Bhagaji, who lay with his hands and feet wrapped in blood-soaked bandages.

"I was taking in a stretcher which had three people on it, and that's when the blast happened," he said, as his wife helped him sip a cup of tea.

Outside the facility's trauma centre -- where a horde of volunteers and onlookers had descended to help out after the first bombs went off -- scooters and cycles lay in charred and mangled heaps.

EXIM

EXPORT IMPORT BANK OF BANGLADESH LIMITED

Registered Office
PRINTERS BUILDING
5 RAJUK AVENUE, DHAKA - 1000.

NOTICE OF THE NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of Export Import Bank of Bangladesh Limited (the "Company") will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, Sher-E-Banglanagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207 to transact the following business:

AGENDA

1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited financial statements including balance sheet, profit & loss accounts for the year ended December 31, 2007 together with report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To declare Dividend for the year ended December 31, 2007.
3. To appoint Auditors for the term until the next Annual General Meeting and fix their remuneration.
4. To elect Directors.
5. To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

By Order of the Board

Sd/-
(Md. Golam Mahub)
Company Secretary

Dated, Dhaka.
July 27, 2008.

Notes:

- 1) The Record Date of the Company was Tuesday, June 17, 2008. Members' names appearing in the Register of Members of the Company on the Record Date, will be entitled to Dividend, attend the Annual General Meeting and vote thereat.
- 2) Any Member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint any person, as his/her Proxy or Attorney to attend and vote on his/her behalf. A Member being a corporation or company may appoint its representative, duly appointed and authorized, to attend and vote on its behalf. The proxy form or power of attorney or letter of authority, as the case may be, duly signed and stamped must be submitted at the Registered Office of the Company at least 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
- 3) As per directives of Securities and Exchange Commission and Bangladesh Bank, the existing auditors M/s. Pinaki & Co., Chartered Accountants, will not be eligible for reappointment since they have completed the tenure of 03 (three) consecutive years' term as auditors of the Company. Therefore, the Shareholders/Auditors are hereby requested to send proposals/expressions of interest for appointment as auditors of the Company along with relevant documents with regard to qualification and eligibility on or before August 11, 2008. Those who have already applied need not to apply again. List of eligible auditors will be displayed in the notice Board.
- 4) Election schedule for election of Directors will be displayed in the Notice Board at the Registered Office in due course.
- 5) Admission into the Meeting will be allowed on production of the attendance slip duly signed by the Shareholder/Proxy/Attorney/Representative, as the case may be.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



Chief Adviser's Office
Privatisation Commission
Transport Pool Bhaban (8th & 9th Floor)
Secretariat Link Road, Dhaka-1000



Tender Notice No. 962/16.2008-611

Date: 22 July 2008

Sub: International Re-Tender Notice for Sale of State Owned Enterprise

International Re-Tenders are hereby invited from both local & foreign buyers (individual, company, co-operative body, employees' association) for the sale of the following state owned enterprise on 'As is Where is' basis:

Sl. No.	Name of the enterprise for sale	Land particulars
01	North Bengal Paper Mills Ltd., Pakshi, Pabna	The mill is under control of the Ministry of Industry and operated by Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC). Salable land: More/Less 102.88 acres. Commercial Production started at 1975 and produces (a) White Writing and Printing Paper (b) Foyalmintold and Duplicating Paper (c) Blue Match and Raping Paper. Annual Production Capacity 15,000 MT. The mill has been closed down since 30 November 2002.

Terms and Conditions

- (1) The buyer shall submit Demand-Draft/Pay-Order equivalent to 2.5% of the quoted price either in terms of BDT or in US dollar or in pounds issued in favour of the Secretary, Privatisation Commission (Account No. STD-004001487, Janata Bank, Nabab Abdul Gani Road Branch, Dhaka) encashable in any schedule bank located in Dhaka city. Earnest money shall not be received in any other mode of payment.
- (2) The buyer shall not be required to inherit any liability regardless of any long-term loan or restructured loan of jute mills or in cases where applicable and short-term or current liability of the enterprise, under sale.
- (3) Tender shall be submitted strictly based on the tender documents. Intending buyers shall submit tender in prescribed forms, duly filled-in along with the requisite tender documents.
- (4) The successful bidder shall pay 32.50% of the sale price (quoted price) as down payment plus 2.5% of the quoted price as earnest money totaling 35% (thereby meaning total down payment = 32.5% + 2.5% = 35%) within 30 (thirty) days from the date of the issuance of Letter of Intent (LOI).
- (5) 15% rebate on the total sale price (quoted price) shall be granted if the buyer pays off the 75% of the selling price within 30 (thirty) days from the date of the issuance of Letter of Intent (LOI). Similarly, a rebate of 20% on the total sale price (quoted price) shall be allowed if the buyer makes the full amount of selling price 'at a time' within 30 (thirty) days from the date of the issuance of the Letter of Intent (LOI). An extra 5% rebate on the total sale price i.e. a rebate of 25% of the quoted sale price shall be granted as rebate if the buyer pays off the price 'at a time' in a freely convertible foreign currency.
- (6) The land of the privatized enterprise or any part belonging to it thereof, may be used for the establishment of industry or for its expansion. The buyer shall not use such land for any commercial purpose viz the establishment of real state, making of commercial/residential plots for sale.

Tender Submission and Acceptance:

- (7) After the publication of the 'Tender Notice', interested foreigners, Bangladeshis citizens living abroad and overseas commercial firms etc. willing to procure the tender forms or relevant particulars, may contact Bangladesh High Commissions/Embassies in London, Washington, Ottawa, Brussels, Kuala Lumpur, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Islamabad, New Delhi, Tokyo, Singapore, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Seoul and Consulate General at New York and Jeddah.
- (8) Bangladeshis citizens living abroad or foreigners may procure tender forms and tender conditions downloading them from the website of the Privatisation Commission (www.pc.gov.bd) or from any other country of their choice and submit it duly filled-in. But the 'payment-receipt' of US\$ 100 (one hundred) or E70 (seventy) collecting it from the website of the Privatisation Commission (www.pc.gov.bd) shall be submitted along with the tender.
- (9) Each set of tender form, tender conditions and enterprise-profile etc can be procured from the office of the Secretary, Privatisation Commission in all working days during office hours on non-refundable cash payment of Tk. 5,000/- (five thousand) only or US\$ 100 (one hundred) or E70 (seventy).
- (10) Tenders shall be dropped in the tender boxes placed at the office premises of the Privatisation Commission, Transport Pool Bhaban (9th Floor), Secretariat Link Road, Dhaka-1000 and Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), Federation Bhaban, 60, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
- (11) Based on the terms & conditions specified herein, intending buyers & their representatives shall be able to collect tender form, tender conditions, enterprise-profile & other relevant papers etc till 25 August 2008 and submit the tender latest by 26 August 2008 within 12.00 noon. The tender shall be opened on the same day in presence of the bidders or their representatives (if they are present) at the Conference Room of the Privatisation Commission. The tenders dropped by any bidder living abroad must reach the Commission within the deadline, set forth.
- (12) Incomplete and erratic tenders shall be considered 'Cancelled'.
- (13) The Privatisation Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all of the tenders, dropped without assigning any reason therefor.
- (14) An introductory brief necessary to get understanding about the industrial enterprise, enterprise profile, tender conditions and tender circulars etc can be checked, visiting the Website of the Privatisation Commission: www.pc.gov.bd.
- (15) Bidders are free to consult the concerned officials of the Privatisation Commission for any clarification or narrations of the tender they need for clarity.

Md. Shawkat Akbar
Secretary
Privatisation Commission
Phone: 88-02-9551986
Fax: 88-02-9556433, 7168564
Email: pb@bdonline.com
pc@bdonline.com

GD-3387

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়

বন্যপ্রাণী ব্যবস্থাপনা ও প্রকৃতি সংরক্ষণ বিভাগ, সিলেট
সদর দপ্তর-মৌলভীবাজার

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং- ০৩/অধিকাঙ্কিত-২০০৮-২০০৯ তারিখ ০৬/০৭/২০০৮ইং

ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী/তালিকাভুক্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ প্রকৃত বাসসী/সরবরাহকারী/প্রস্তুতকারী/সেবার্তাকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে পিপিআর-২০০৮ এর প্রবিধান-৩৭ অনুযায়ী চলতি ২০০৮-২০০৯ আর্থিক সালে অত্র বন বিভাগের উন্নয়ন/অনুন্নয়ন খাতে অধীন বিভিন্ন অর্থনৈতিক কোডের মালামাল/সামগ্রী/স্বাব্যবহার/অবকাঠামো ইত্যাদি তৈরি/সরবরাহ/সেবার্তা/পাণান সূজন/কর্তা পরিবহন সংক্রান্ত কাজ সম্পাদনের নিমিত্তে নিম্নোক্ত শর্তাবলি অনুযায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদন আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

শর্তাবলী

- ০১। আবেদন ফরম প্রতিটি নম্বর ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) মূল্যে আগামী ০৫/০৮/২০০৮ইং তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত (সরকারি ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত) অত্র বন বিভাগের সকল রেজ কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয় হইতে ক্রয় করা যাইবে।
- ০২। আবেদন ফরম আগামী ০৬/০৮/২০০৮ইং তারিখ বেলা ১-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত অত্র কার্যালয়ে জমা দিতে হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ৪-০০ ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন কমিটি (TEC) কর্তৃক উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি থাকেন) খোলা হইবে।
- ০৩। বিজ্ঞপ্তি সম্পর্কিত বিস্তারিত তথ্যাদি নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয় হইতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দেবিত্তে ও জ্ঞানিতে পাওয়া যাইবে।
- ০৪। আবেদনকারীকে আবেদনের সহিত নিম্নোক্ত কাগজপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
(ক) হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স নবায়নের সত্যায়িত সনদপত্র।
(খ) হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিচয়পত্রের সত্যায়িত সনদপত্র।
(গ) আর্থিক স্বচ্ছতার সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি।
(ঘ) ভাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি।
(ঙ) ২ (দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবি।
(চ) ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/পৌরসভার চেয়ারম্যান/সিটি কর্পোরেশন এর ওয়ার্ড কমিশনার এর নিকট হইতে নাগরিকত্বের সত্যায়িতকপি।
(ছ) আবেদন ফরম ক্রয়ের মূল বন্দি।
- ০৫। ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী তালিকাভুক্তির ব্যাপারে বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তার সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।
- ০৬। অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।
- ০৭। নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী প্রয়োজনবোধে যে কোন শর্ত বা শর্তাংশ সংযোজন/সংশোধন/পরিবর্তন/পরিবর্তন করা এবং যে কোন আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল এর ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- ০৮। প্রয়োজন অনুযায়ী ব্যবস্থাপনার নিরীখে ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারীর বিল ক্রস চেক/নাম ভাউচারের মাধ্যমে প্রদান করা হইবে।
- ০৯। আবেদনকারীকে অত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী পূর্ণানুপূর্ণভাবে মানিয়া চলিতে বাধ্য থাকিবে। আবেদন করিতে হইবে।
- ১০। অত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি সম্পর্কিত যে কোন প্রশ্ন বা বিবাদ বন সংরক্ষক, বন্যপ্রাণী ও প্রকৃতি সংরক্ষণ অঞ্চল, বন ভবন, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা এর সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত হিচাবে গণ্য হইবে।

মোঃ আবুল বাশার মিয়া

বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তা
বন্যপ্রাণী ব্যবস্থাপনা ও প্রকৃতি সংরক্ষণ বিভাগ, সিলেট
সদর দপ্তর-মৌলভীবাজার

জিডি-৩৩৮৪