

Musharraf to go to Beijing despite ouster talks

AFP, THE DAILY TIMES, Islamabad

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf will travel to the Beijing Olympics after all, officials said late yesterday, hours after he cancelled his scheduled departure amid fears that he could be impeached.

"The president is going to China," a presidential aide told AFP.

A senior foreign ministry official also confirmed that Musharraf had changed his plans and said he would fly out on Thursday.

Foreign ministry spokesman Mohammad Sadiq had earlier said that Musharraf "will not be able to attend the opening ceremony of the Olympics in Beijing," adding that he could not give the reasons.

The News, an English language daily, had reported that Sharif and Zardari called the talks amid fears that Musharraf himself might strike the first blow by dissolving parliament.

The pair had agreed formally to ask Musharraf to quit and then impeach him through parliament if he refused, said Dawn, another leading newspaper.

Sharif and Zardari met for a second time on Wednesday, and Sharif's Pakistan Asif Zardari conceded his conditional agreement to Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) chief Nawaz Sharif during a "make-or-break" meeting that was meant to resolve contentious issues between the two coalition partners, including the sacked judges' reinstatement and the impeachment of the president.

Sources privy to the meeting told Daily Times that the agreement came about after senior PML-N leader Khawaja Asif assured Zardari that the coalition partners had sufficient strength to impeach President Musharraf if the PPP took the initiative. "Both parties agreed that the issue of reinstating the sacked judges could easily be resolved once they

succeeded in getting rid of President Musharraf," the sources added.

Khawaja Asif told Geo News that all parties in the ruling alliance would prepare a charge sheet against Musharraf and have an open debate on it. He said the president would be allowed to defend himself, adding that evidence was being gathered for the charge sheet.

Also on Tuesday, Information Minister Sherry Rehman told a private TV channel that the meeting between Zardari and Nawaz was "very positive and cordial." She told Geo News that the agenda of the meeting was to evolve a joint strategy on national issues, AFP reported.

Speaking to reporters after arriving in Karachi to meet the ANP president, Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said the nation would soon hear "good news" regarding the reinstatement of the sacked judges. He said that he hoped the ruling coalition would remain intact.



Picture shows Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz shows Pakistan People's Party co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari (L) and former prime minister Nawaz Sharif (R) sharing a light moment with coalition leader Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman (C), head of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam during a meeting in Islamabad yesterday. President Pervez Musharraf has abruptly cancelled a visit to the Beijing Olympics opening ceremony as Pakistan's ruling coalition held talks on his possible impeachment.

Fresh firing on Kashmir border

AFP, Srinagar

India yesterday reported fresh firing from across the de facto border dividing disputed Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

The firing was reported in the same area where India late last month said the nuclear-armed rivals traded gunfire for 14 hours.

"There has been fresh firing on our positions," army spokesman Anil Kumar Mathur told AFP. The "brief firing with small arms" took place in Nowgam sector, north of summer capital Srinagar.

"We're seeking to ascertain whether it was a militant attack or firing by Pakistani soldiers," he added.

In last month's incident, India

accused Pakistani soldiers of crossing the ceasefire line known as the Line of Control and killing an Indian soldier -- allegations Islamabad denied.

Tensions have heightened between the South Asian neighbours since a suicide bombing outside the Indian embassy in Kabul last month.

Pakistan has agreed to investigate charges by India and Afghanistan that Pakistani intelligence was behind the embassy attack, which killed more than 60 people.

Indian Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon said last week the peace process was "under stress," citing firing incidents and attacks against Indian targets.

Strike paralyses Indian Kashmir

AFP, Srinagar

A strike paralysed Muslim areas of revolt-hit Indian Kashmir yesterday as Premier Manmohan Singh was due to hold talks with political parties in a bid to defuse tensions in the region.

The strike shut shops, banks, post offices and businesses in the summer capital Srinagar, urban hub of an Islamic separatist revolt that has raged since 1989 and left at least 43,000 dead.

There were similar shutdowns in other mostly Muslim areas of the state.

Hardline separatist Syed Ali Geelani, who called the strike, warned authorities not to "please

(Hindu) fanatics" by transferring land to a Hindu shrine.

The latest turmoil erupted in June after the state government reneged on a plan to transfer land to the shrine following violent protests in the Muslim-dominated Kashmir valley that left six dead and hundreds injured.

The government's about-face ignited protests in the mainly Hindu region of Jammu, where two protesters have died since last week.

Two policemen, reported slain Tuesday by a Hindu mob in the Jammu area, had survived and were being treated at a hospital, police said. They were in "very critical condition," said a police official who asked not to be named.

Bush vows to end Myanmar 'tyranny'

AFP, Bangkok

US President George W. Bush vowed to "seek an end to tyranny" in Myanmar and called on the regime to free democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, according to a copy of a speech he is expected to deliver today.

"We seek an end to tyranny in Burma," he was to say, referring to the country by its previous name.

"America reiterates our call on Burma's military junta to release Aung San Suu Kyi and all other political prisoners. And we will continue working until the people of Burma have the freedom they deserve."

The advance copy of the speech on US policy toward Asia was

released as Bush headed to Bangkok from Seoul, on a regional tour ahead of his visit to Beijing for the opening of the Olympics on Friday.

The US president was set to meet in the Thai capital with exiled political dissidents from Myanmar, while his wife Laura planned to visit Myanmar refugees and a clinic on the border.

Laura Bush has been an outspoken critic of the Myanmar junta, and the president's speech hailed her efforts along with the work of others trying to bring change to a country ruled by the military since 1962.

"This noble cause has many devoted champions, and I happen to be married to one of them," he said in the prepared remarks.

China must end detentions: Bush

AP, Bangkok

The same day of his arrival in Beijing for the Olympics, President Bush is carrying a message of "deep concerns" about the state of human rights in China and urging the communist nation to allow political freedoms for its citizens.

"America stands in firm opposition to China's detention of political dissidents, human rights advocates and religious activists," Bush will declare in the marquee speech of his three-nation Asia trip. "We speak out for a free press, freedom of assembly and labor rights not to antagonise China's leaders, but because trusting its people with greater freedom is the only way for China to develop its full potential."

Bush delivers the address in a

Bangkok, Thailand, convention centre today to a crowd of foreign diplomats, Thai government leaders and business officials, before flying to China later today.

Bush arrived in Bangkok yesterday evening, and then travelled immediately to a meeting with Thai Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej. The White House released the text of the president's speech earlier Wednesday, nearly 18 hours in advance, as Bush traveled to Thailand from South Korea.

The speech was planned as a summary of what Bush says is the "stronger engagement" with strategically crucial Asia that has marked his presidency. But his remarks on China, among his most directly critical ever in public, stand out.

Malaysia's Anwar to be charged today

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysian opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim said yesterday that he would be charged with sodomy today, accusing the government of trying to sabotage his bid to re-enter parliament in a by-election this month.

Anwar, a former deputy premier who was jailed a decade ago on sodomy charges that were later overturned, was hit with the new accusations after announcing he was poised to seize power with the help of government defectors.

"They will charge me and they will use this to humiliate and affect me in the by-election," he told a news conference yesterday.

Anwar said there was no evidence to support the allegations levelled by 23-year-old aide Mohamad Saiful Bukhari Azlan, and said that Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had engineered the latest development.

"This charge is only possible on the orders from the prime minister, who today faces a confidence crisis and leadership struggle," he said.

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Request for Re-Expression of Interest (Firm) for Deployment of 208 No. Guards under Contract Package No. SFP-MCRH(08-10) 01

EOI Ref No-DGFP/MC-RH/PEC-34/2005/2408 Date: 3.08.2008

The Director (MCH-Services) & Line Director (Maternal, Child & Reproductive Health Service Delivery Program) under HNPS has been allocated public fund from the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) towards the cost of the Maternal, Child & Reproductive Health Service Delivery Program and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this funds to payments under the contract for the security services in the Maternal & Child Welfare Centers (MCWCs) located at the district, upazila & union level throughout Bangladesh. The procuring entity may increase the number of guards as per approval of appropriate authority.

The services include deployment of 208 guards through security firms for security services in the Maternal & Child Welfare Centers (MCWCs) located at the district, upazila & union level throughout Bangladesh.

The experience, resources & delivery capacity required are:

1. Submission of brochure which reflects the description, activities & other related information of the firms/companies.
2. Minimum three years overall experience in security services.
3. Should have capability for deploying of 208 (two hundred eight) guards at a time in Maternal & Child Welfare Centers (MCWC) located at the district, upazila & union level throughout Bangladesh.
4. Experience of similar work for single contract value of Tk 20,00,000/- for the last five years.
5. Availability of appropriate professional skills and experience among staff supported by CV.
6. Trade license valid for the year 2008-2009.
7. Audit report for last three years.
8. Income tax clearance certificate for the year 2007-2008.
9. Vat registration certificate.
10. Minimum amount of free fund (liquidity asset) or credit facilities net or other contractual commitment of the successful tenderer shall be Tk 50.00 (fifty) lac & the amount supported by the bank statement saving instrument.
11. Security license should be submitted from the competent authority.

The Director (MCH-Services) & Line Director (Maternal, Child & Reproductive Health Service Delivery Program) now invites eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested firms/companies are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate professional qualification and experience among staff etc).

The consulting firm/organisation will be selected through Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS) in accordance with the Public Procurement Act, 2006 and Public Procurement Procedures issued by the GOB. It is expected that the services will be commenced on 01 November, 2008 and shall be completed on 30 June, 2010. Interested applicants may obtain further information by applying to the address below during the normal office hour.

Re-expression of interest shall be submitted by 21 August 2008 on 2.00pm in sealed envelope to Director (MCH-Services) & Line Director (Maternal, Child & Reproductive Health Service Delivery Program) and be clearly marked request for re-expressions of interest for selection of deployment of 208 guards for security services in the MCWCs. Proposal will be opened on 21 August 2008 at 2.30. One company/firm will not be allowed to submit more than one EOI.

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOI. Delayed submission EOI shall be rejected & returned unopened.

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Office of the Project Director
Modernisation of Vaccine Production Technology & Extension of
Laboratory Facilities Project
Livestock Research Institute
Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

Memo No. MVPT/EOI-1/2008-2009/39 Date: 4 August, 2008

Expression of Interest (EOI) for Services

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Bangladesh.
2. Agency	Department of Livestock Services, Bangladesh, Dhaka.
3. Procuring entity name	Project Director, Modernisation of Vaccine Production Technology & Extension of Laboratory Facilities Project, Livestock Research Institute, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
4. Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6. Expression of interest for selection of	Engineering consulting firm.
7. EOI Ref. No.	MVPT/EOI-1/2008-2009/
8. Date	04/08/2008
KEY INFORMATION	
9. Procurement method	Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
10. Budget and source of funds	Development budget GOB.
11. Development partner	Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
12. Project programme code	6410
13. Project/programme name	Modernisation of Vaccine Production Technology & Extension of Laboratory Facilities Project.
14. EOI closing date and time	17-09-2008
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT	
15. Brief description of the assignment	i. Site investigation, architectural & structural design and full time on site construction. Supervision of all civil, electrical & mechanical works at Mohakhali & Comilla Livestock Research Institute area for new construction of modern scientific laboratory buildings, repairing of administrative building, roads, drainage system & generation of diesel generator & transformer etc. ii. The work experience certificate signed by Project Engineer or Executive Engineer/Project Director explaining in project description sheet describing date of work order, manpower used, contract agreement & date of completion as consulting firm in the last 10 fiscal years 1998-2008. iii. Commercial licence & VAT registration certificate renewed up to 2008-09 & income tax clearance certificate up to 2007-08 tax year. iv. The rate is valid for the project period up to 30th June, 2013. v. The CV's to be supported by last passing out institute certificates, testimonials, professional institute identification number and attested photograph. vi. Work experience in government & non-government organization will entertain. No private works will be considered for evaluation. vii. The power of signatory.
16. Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	Should have experience in similar operating condition, availability of appropriate experience and professional qualifications among applicant's staff & resource to carryout the assignment & administrative strength and financial capability. A brochure should be submitted by the applicants summarizing their facilities and areas of expertise describing the progress of similar activities.
17. Other details	
18. Association with foreign firms is	Not encouraged.

The consultant should have general experience in the field of consulting business at least 15 years & minimum 5 years specific experience in the field of institute buildings (universities, colleges, modern scientific laboratories or similar works).

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An Indian nurse attends to Japanese baby Manji Yamada as she lies in a ward of The Arya Hospital in Jaipur yesterday. The future of a 12-day-old baby girl born to an Indian surrogate mother hung in legal limbo after the Japanese couple who planned to take her home divorced. Manji Yamada was born last month after eggs from an Indian donor were fertilised using the Japanese man's sperm and implanted in the womb of the surrogate Indian mother. Her biological father split from his wife after the fertilisation process and his former spouse no longer wants the baby. In the absence of a surrogacy law in India, the child - who is an Indian citizen - will have to be adopted by her Japanese father Ikufumi Yamada, 45. But Indian law does not allow the adoption of a girl by a single father, lawyers and doctors said.

Cycle bomb kills 4 in southwest Pakistan

AFP, Quetta

Four people were killed and five wounded yesterday when a bomb attached to a bicycle exploded in a bazaar in insurgency-hit southwestern Pakistan, police said.

The blast in the remote town of Sibi was the latest in a series to hit the gas-rich province of Baluchistan, where separatist tribal rebels are waging a campaign for greater rights.

"It was a remote controlled bomb fixed to a bicycle in the main bazaar of Sibi. Four people were killed and five wounded, three seriously," local police officer Mohammad Hussain told AFP.

"It appears the bombing was a targeted attack. We are investigating if the victims had any rivalry with the bombers," he said.

Afghan clerics protest US detentions

AFP, Jalalabad

About 200 people, mostly Islamic clerics and mullahs, demonstrated in Jalalabad yesterday to protest the detention of "innocent people" by US-led forces in eastern Afghanistan, witnesses said.

The men blocked a key road between the eastern town of Jalalabad and the Pakistani border, demanding the release of a cleric detained by US forces over the weekend.

"The Americans are arresting innocent people for no reason. They should free our men or we will declare 'jihad' or 'holy war' against them," said Nuristan Asil, a protester.

Cholera kills 21 in Philippines

AFP, General Santos

At least 21 people have died and more than 60 others are in hospital following a cholera outbreak in the southern Philippines, the local Red Cross said yesterday.

The outbreak began more than a week ago among Manobo tribesmen in an isolated area on the island of Mindanao, said Marilou Geturbos of the Philippine National Red Cross.

"Many of the victims were not immediately given first-aid treatment because of the inaccessibility of the place," said Geturbos, adding that most of the fatalities were children.

She said the Red Cross initially went to the part of Palimbang town affected to check on reports that villagers were dying of starvation.

The Health Department in Manila said it was still checking on the reports of a cholera outbreak.

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