

US, Pak militaries devise strategy against growing militancy

AFP, Washington

Top US and Pakistani military officials have met to discuss strategies to contain the growing militant threat along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Michael Mullen said Thursday.

Mullen, who led the US side to the talks this week, also said that Pakistan military chief General Ashfaq Kayani had stepped up operations to flush out al-Qaeda and Taliban militants using the border area as a staging point for attacks in Afghanistan.

"We certainly talked about the complexity of the challenges that we have in the border area, the pressure

that we believe needs to be applied there for lots of reasons, not the least of which is the effect it's having on the fight in Afghanistan," Mullen told a Pentagon briefing.

There was "a very clear need from a US standpoint and from the Pakistani standpoint that we have got to figure out a way to get at this problem," Mullen said, in an indication that fresh strategies could be drawn up to combat the rising militancy threat.

Kayani led the Pakistani team to the talks among the top military brass, which also included US General David Petraeus, the top US commander in Iraq who is set to be the senior military officer in the Middle East.

The meeting was reportedly held on a US aircraft carrier in the Indian Ocean on Tuesday.

Kayani "is undertaking operations that were not ongoing a few months ago," Mullen said, cautioning that it could take some time to bring the problem under control.

"I am encouraged that he's taking action and I also think it's going to take some time," he said. "Expectations for instantaneous results are probably a little bit too high."

The meeting came amid increasingly deadly attacks against Afghan and Western targets in Afghanistan following a series of bombings and threats by Taliban-led insurgents trying to drive out the Western-backed government and its allies.

Tigers accuse Lanka of bombing civilians

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's Tamil Tiger rebels yesterday accused government forces of setting off a roadside bomb and killing two civilians inside guerrilla-held territory.

A man and a child died when their motorcycle was caught up in the bomb attack at Nedunkerni in the vast Wanni region on Thursday evening, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) said in a statement.

"A farmer and a boy were killed in a claymore attack by the Sri Lanka army in Olumadhu in Nedunkerni on Thursday," the statement said, adding that most of the residents of Nedunkerni were displaced as a result of ongoing fighting.

The military routinely denies that it carries out attacks against civilians inside Tamil Tiger-controlled areas.

The Tiger statement came a day

after Sri Lanka appealed to minority ethnic Tamil civilians living in rebel-held towns to move to areas under government control.

Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapakse said the military had cleared a route for people fleeing the island's embattled north, where troops are advancing on the rebel capital of Kilinochchi, 330km north of Colombo.

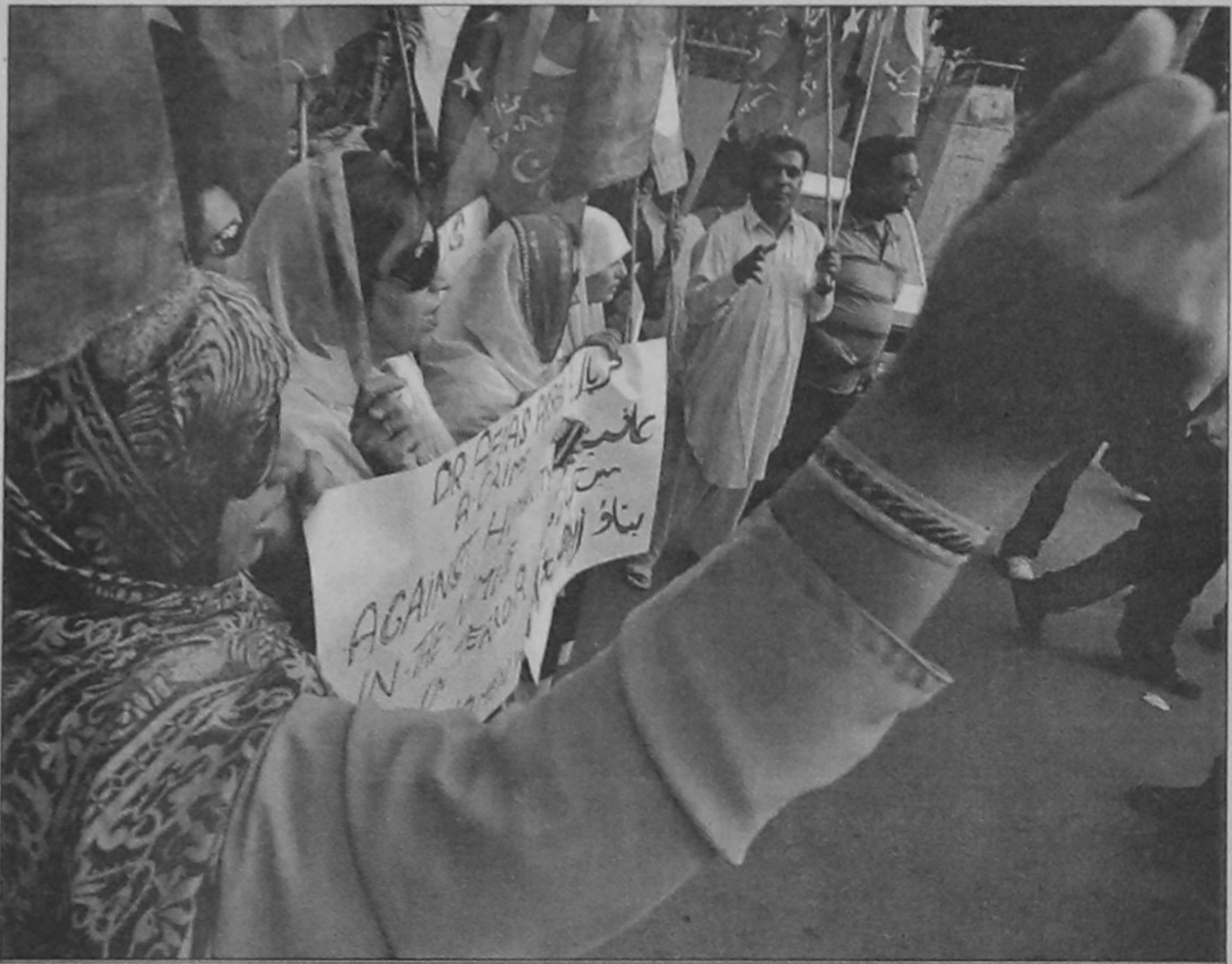
UN aid agencies say nearly 135,000 people have been driven from their homes due to fierce fighting in the past two months.

Sri Lankan troops have been pushing deeper into rebel-held territory as they try to dismantle the LTTE's northern stronghold. They ejected the guerrillas from the east of the island in July 2007.

Tens of thousands have died on both sides since the LTTE launched a separatist campaign in 1972 for a homeland for minority Tamils in the island's north and east.



Indian flood-affected villagers wade through floodwaters during a rescue operation by the Indian army in Sitpur in Supaul district of India's northern state of Bihar, some 470km north-east of Patna on Thursday. Massive flooding in eastern India has caused a "national calamity," the prime minister said on Thursday after touring the devastated region where more than a million people remain trapped.



Activists of Pakistan Tahrir-e-Insaf (PTI) protest in Lahore yesterday for the release of US detained Pakistani woman Aafia Siddiqui. Global rights group Human Rights Watch urged Afghan officials to free the young son of Pakistani scientist Aafia Siddiqui, who is currently awaiting trial in the United States on charges of trying to kill US officials.

'Mr 10 Percent' is fine and fit to rule

AP, Islamabad

Asif Ali Zardari, the man poised to become Pakistan's next president, is still known as "Mr. 10 Percent" because of corruption allegations. Now his own lawyers say he may have suffered from mental health problems within the past year.

That has left many Pakistanis wondering: Is this the best man for the job?

"People have short memories, but not that short," said Rafat Saeed, 42, as he parked his car in the bustling city of Karachi following a week of political turmoil and relentless violence by Islamic militants.

"His name is synonymous with corruption!"

Friends and family say Zardari, widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, is fine now and fit to rule. But the questions over his psychological state are not likely to go away soon.

The United States and other Western nations nervously watched the ruling coalition collapse this week after the two main parties forced Musharraf, a close ally in the war on terrorism, to resign as president rather than face

impeachment.

Zardari's party is now in a position to dominate the 5-month-old civilian government, especially if the 53-year-old Zardari, recently cleared of all graft charges, is elected president by lawmakers in a Sept. 6 vote, as is widely expected.

If he wins, he will be one of the most powerful civilian leaders in Pakistan's 61-year history, retaining many of the powers accumulated during Musharraf's nine-year rule, from the right to dissolve Parliament to appointing heads of the armed forces.

But he has many demons in his past.

With \$60 million in a Swiss bank account, corruption allegations dating to his wife's time in power will not go away any time soon. Then, in recent days, questions emerged about the state of Zardari's mental health.

In a corruption case brought against him by the Pakistani government, Zardari's own lawyers told a London court last year that he recently suffered from dementia and other psychological problems "an apparent attempt to delay proceedings."

PPP and PML-N step up effort to win over PML-Q

THE DAILY TIMES, Islamabad

Campaigning for the September 6 presidential election gathered momentum on Thursday as the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) stepped up efforts to win over the PML-Q (PML-Q).

Also on Thursday, PPP Co-chairman Asif Zardari rang up PML-N chief Nawaz Sharif in an attempt to win back the estranged ally, seeking his support in the presidential election, sources familiar with the conversation said.

"But Nawaz politely turned down Zardari's request and said his party had fielded a non-partisan and respectable candidate" in line with the agreements the two parties had made.

In separate meetings at Punjab House, Labour Minister Khurshid Shah and Industries Adviser Manzoor Wattoo discussed the presidential election and the restoration of the sacked judiciary with Nawaz Sharif and PML-N's Chaudhry Nisar.

PML-Q not enemy: Nawaz told

PML-N members in a meeting on Thursday that the party had no rivalry with the PML-Q. Senior PML-N leaders briefed him on their contacts with the party. Geo News said PML-N leaders linked reconciliation with the PML-Q to the withdrawal of its candidate, Mushahid Hussain.

PML-Q President Shujaat Hussain told a press conference in Islamabad that PML-N presidential candidate Justice (r) Saeeduzzaman Siddiqui had met him for support. "But I told him that if his party asks us for support, then we will decide."

'Hindu-Christian clashes under control in Orissa'

AFP, Bhubaneswar

Authorities in India insisted yesterday they had halted deadly clashes between Hindus and Christians in the east of the country that have exposed the country to stinging criticism.

At least 10 people have died and thousands have fled their homes as a result of the violence in the coastal state of Orissa, with the Catholic church accusing police of failing to protect defenceless priests and nuns.

The Vatican and the Italian government have voiced serious concern over the religious violence, and on Friday Catholic schools across India were shut in protest.

But Orissa state's chief minister, Naveen Patnaik, said the situation in Kandhamal, the district at the epicentre of the violence, was "fast returning to normal."

"Riots in the other districts have been completely controlled," he said in Bhubaneswar, capital of the state where Australian missionary Graham Staines and his two young sons were burnt alive in 1999 — a crime for which a Hindu extremist

was convicted. However, Roman Catholic officials said nuns and priests still feared for their lives in Orissa.

"Priests and nuns are hiding out in the jungles because they have no protection from police," said Father Dominic Emmanuel, spokesman for the Delhi Catholic Archdiocese.

Thousands of Catholic schools across the country along with schools belonging to other Christian denominations, were shut to protest against the Hindu-Christian violence that he called "the worst in years."

Office of the Executive Engineer

Civil Construction Division
Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban (9th Floor)
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Memo No: TA-22/08-09/997/CCD

Date: 27/08/2008

Invitation for Tender

01	Ministry/Division	Local Government, Rural Development & Co-operatives.
02	Agency	Dhaka WASA.
03	Procuring entity name	Executive Engineer, Civil Construction Division, Dhaka WASA.
04	Procuring entity code	N/A.
05	Procuring entity district	N/A.
06	Invitation for	Construction of 7 units semi-pucca tinshed Staff Quarters at Kayetolly DTW Compound, Dhaka.
07	Invitation Ref No	TA-22/08-09/997/CCD.
08	Date	27/08/2008.

KEY INFORMATION

09 Procurement method: Open tendering method.

FUNDING INFORMATION

10 Budget and source of funds: Dhaka WASA Revenue Budget.

11 Development partners (if applicable): N/A.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A.
14	Tender package No	N/A.
15	Tender package name	N/A.
16	Tender publication date	
17	Tender last selling date	24/09/2008 (during office hours).
18	Tender closing date and time	25/09/2008, 12:00 noon.
19	Tender opening date and time	25/09/2008, 01:00 pm.
20	Name & address of the office(s)	
	-Selling tender document (principal)	1. Janata Bank Ltd, Kawran Bazar Corporate Branch, Dhaka.
	-Selling tender document (others)	2. Agrani Bank Ltd, WASA Branch, Dhaka.
	-Receiving tender document	3. Office of the Chief Accounts Officer, Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban (4th Floor), 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215.
	-Opening tender document	Office of the Executive Engineer, Civil Construction Division, DWASA, WASA Bhaban (9th Floor), 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215.
		Office of the Executive Engineer, Civil Construction Division, DWASA, WASA Bhaban (9th Floor), 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215.

21 Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional): N/A.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22 Eligibility of tenderer: As per PPA-06, PPR-08 and tender document.

23 Brief description of works: Construction of 7 units semi-pucca Tinshed Staff Quarters at Kayetolly DTW Compound, Dhaka.

24 Brief description of related services: N/A.

25 Price of tender document: Tk. 3,000/- (three thousand) only.

Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
26	1	Construction of 7 units semi-pucca tinshed Staff Quarters at Kayetolly DTW Compound, Dhaka	1,50,000/-	120 days

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

27 Name of official inviting tender: Mohd. Akhtaruzzaman.

28 Designation of official inviting tender: Executive Engineer.

29 Address of official inviting tender: Civil Construction Division, Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban (9th Floor), 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

30 Contact details of official inviting tender: Telephone No. 9132951.

31 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

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Executive Engineer
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ZIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KURMITOLA, DHAKA-1229. PHONES: 8914771-9, 8914730-4. www.bimanair.com
Ref No. DACPL/OTM-10/2008-09/59 Date: 26-08-2008

Invitation for Open Tender

1	Organization	Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd.
2	Procuring entity name	Central Purchase Committee.
3	Invitation for	Procurement of Salad Dessert Bowl Plastic (detail specifications available in tender schedule).
4	Invitation Ref No	Open Tender No. 10/2008-09
5	Date	26-08-2008
6	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
7	Budget and source of fund	Biman own funds.
8	Tender package name	Salad Dessert Bowl Plastic.
9	Tender documents last selling date	21-09-2008 during office hour.
10	Tender closing date & time	22-09-2008 at 11:00 hrs (LT).
11	Tender opening date & time	22-09-2008 at 14:00 hrs (LT).
12	Name & address of the office(s)	
	Name and address of the office(s)	(i) Manager Cash & Banking, Balaka, Biman, ZIA, Dhaka.
	Selling tender documents (principal)	(ii) Office of the Divisional Commissioner (1st 12-storied Govt Office Building, 1st floor, Room No-205), Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
	Selling tender documents (others)	None.
	Receiving tender documents	(i) Local Purchase, Admin Building, Biman, ZIA, Dhaka. (ii) Biman Press Building, Farmgate, Dhaka. (iii) Office of the Divisional Commissioner (1st 12-storied Govt Office Building, 1st floor, Room No-205), Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
	Opening tender documents	Conference Room (1st floor), Admin Building, Biman, ZIA, Dhaka.
13	Eligibility of tenderer	This invitation for tender is open to eligible manufacturer/suppliers.
14	Brief description of goods or works	Salad Dessert Bowl Plastic Qty: 12,86,000 EA.
15	Price of tender document	Tk. 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable).
16	Tender security amount	Tk. 1,00,000/- (one lac) only (refundable).
17	Name of official inviting tender	AZ Sayedur Rahman.
18	Designation of official inviting tender	Dy General Manager (Purchase).
19	Address of official inviting tender	Admin Building (1st floor), Biman, ZIA, Dhaka.
20	Contact details of official inviting tender	8914397.
21	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	

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Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

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Bangladesh Power Development Board

Office of the Executive Engineer
Zonal Civil Construction Division
BPDB, Chittagong

Memo No: ZCCD/AC's-20/W-5/2008-09/292

Dated: 21-08-2008

Invitation for Re-Tenders

Bangladesh Power Development Board

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division.
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board.
3.	Procuring entity name	Executive Engineer, Zonal Civil Construction Division, Biddyt Bhaban, BPDB, Chittagong.
4.	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.
5.	Invitation Ref No.	ZCCD/AC's-20/W-5/2008-09/292
6.	Date	21-08-2008.
7.	Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).
8.	Budget and source of funds	BPDB (Revenue).
9.	Development partners	None.
10.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	None.
11.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	None.
12.	Tender package No.	W-5
13.	Tender package name	Civil Development Work of ZCCD, BPDB, Ctg.
		Date: 21-08-2008 Time: office hour.
14.	Tender publication date	21-08-2008
15.	Tender last selling date	23-09-2008
		Date: 24-09-2008 Time: 12:00 noon.
16.	Tender closing date and time	24-09-2008
17.	Tender opening date and time	24-09-2008 03:00pm.
	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Executive Engineer, Zonal Civil Construction Division, Biddyt Bhaban, BPDB, Chittagong.
	- Selling tender document (others)	
	All lots	1. Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong.
	All lots	2. Chief Engineer, Civil Works, BPDB, Dhaka.
		3. Director, Civil Works, BPDB, Dhaka.
18.	- Receiving tender document	Executive Engineer, Zonal Civil Construction Division, Biddyt Bhaban, BPDB, Chittagong.
	- Opening tender document	Executive Engineer, Zonal Civil Construction Division, Biddyt Bhaban, BPDB, Chittagong.
19.	Place/date/time of Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Date: None Time: None
20.	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderers are requested to show the following documents at time of purchase of tender documents: i) Up-to-date VAT certificate. ii) TIN certificate. iii) Trade licence. iv) Ownership. v) 5 years similar work of turnover. Otherwise tenderers application will not be treated. Tender should be qualified as per TDS, PCC & PPR 2003.
21.	Brief description of goods or works	

Lot No	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of DD, Ac's, RAO, P&D, BPDB, Ctg	Tender security amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of DD, Ac's, RAO, P&D, BPDB, Ctg	Completion time in months/days
W-5 CD-1(2) 2008-2009	Construction of boundary wall barbed wire fencing with RCC pillar & earth filling work in the surrounding of recovered PDB land at Kaptai Road, Mohora, BPDB, Ctg	Metropolitan Area Ctg	Tk 3,000/-	Tk 75,000/-	3 months
W-5 CD-2(2) 2008-2009	Construction of boundary wall in the surrounding of PDB occupied land at FIDC Road, Kalurghat, BPDB, Ctg	Metropolitan Area Ctg	Tk 4,000/-	Tk 1,00,000/-	3 months

22 Name of official inviting tender: Engr Md Mizanur Rahman.

23 Designation of official inviting tender: Executive Engineer.

24 Address of official inviting tender: Zonal Civil Construction Division, Biddyt Bhaban, BPDB, Chittagong.

25 Contact details of official inviting tender: Tel No-031-716403 Fax No-none e-mail-none

26 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

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