

Israel urges EU to be cautious with Syria

AFP, Jerusalem, Tyre

Israel yesterday urged Europe to exercise utmost caution in dealing with Syria, as French President Nicolas Sarkozy headed to Damascus on the first visit by a Western head of state since 2005. "Europe must be very careful in its relationship with Syria as that country opens up," foreign ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor told AFP. He did not refer directly to the visit to Damascus by Sarkozy, whose country currently holds the European Union presidency. "Except for a slight change in tone, Syrian policies have not changed," Palmor said. Damascus, he said, "continues to support terrorist organisations" -- a reference to the Palestinian Islamist Hamas movement that rules the Gaza Strip and the Lebanese Hezbollah militia. The spokesman also accused Syria of "exacerbating the diplomatic tension between Russia and Europe." Syrian President Bashar al-Assad voiced support for Russia in its conflict with Georgia during a visit to Moscow last month.

US forces kill 6 Iraqi security personnel

AFP, Baghdad

US forces killed six Iraqi security personnel north of Baghdad yesterday, Iraqi officials said, in an incident which the American military said was a case of "mistaken fire". The shooting erupted at a joint Iraqi police and army checkpoint in the town of Tarmiyah at around 5:00 am (0200 GMT) yesterday, interior and defence ministry officials told AFP. The US military confirmed the incident and said there was an exchange of fire between the coalition and Iraqi forces when its troops were conducting operations against Al-Qaeda. It gave no immediate confirmation of the death toll.

Russia, Georgia shut down respective embassies

Georgian parliament lifts 'state of war'

AFP, Tbilisi

Russia and Georgia have shut their embassies in each other's capitals following Tbilisi's decision to cut diplomatic ties with Moscow, officials and news agencies said yesterday. "The Russian embassy in Georgia is no longer functioning. The consular section is closed as well, pending future directives from Moscow," embassy spokesman Alexander Savonov told AFP in Tbilisi. In Moscow, Georgia's charge d'affaires Givi Shugarov told Interfax news agency that the country's embassy had also ceased its diplomatic functions. "As of now the embassy has stopped its diplomatic activity," he said, adding that "the consulate of Georgia continues to work as usual."

Georgia on Tuesday formally broke diplomatic relations with Russia following its occupation of parts of the country and recognition of two rebel regions. Meanwhile Georgia's parliament voted yesterday to lift a "state of war" imposed last month during the ex-Soviet republic's conflict with Russia, a spokeswoman said. "The Georgian parliament has unanimously approved a resolution lifting the state of war in Georgia," parliamentary spokeswoman Maka Gigauri told AFP. "A state of emergency is declared on those Georgian territories where Russian occupation forces are still present, including in Abkhazia and the former South Ossetian autonomous district," she said. The state of war was declared on August 9 as Russia bombed the country and the Georgian and Russian armies battled for control of South Ossetia, a Moscow-backed

breakaway region. Russia sent tanks and troops into Georgian territory in what officials say was a response to a Georgian offensive on August 7 to retake South Ossetia. Moscow withdrew the bulk of its forces from Georgia under a French-brokered ceasefire agreement, but thousands of Russian troops remain deployed on its territory. Russia describes the troops as peacekeepers but Georgia says they are an occupying force. Russia later recognised South Ossetia and Abkhazia, another breakaway region, as independent states, drawing condemnation from Georgia and many Western countries. Georgia's foreign ministry announced last week that it was planning to cut diplomatic ties but maintain consular relations to serve hundreds of thousands of Georgians living in Russia.



Georgian policemen stand outside the closed Russian embassy in Tbilisi yesterday. Russia and Georgia have shut their respective embassies in each other's capitals following Tbilisi's decision to cut diplomatic ties with Moscow, officials and news agencies said.

US shooting attack claims six lives

BBC ONLINE, Washington

A man has surrendered to police in the US state of Washington after a series of shootings left six people dead on Tuesday night. The killings took place at various places in the north-west of the state. A sheriff's deputy who went to investigate an incident was among those killed; two construction workers were found shot dead nearby. The man gave himself up at a sheriff's office in Mount Vernon after a chase along an interstate motorway, during which a motorist was killed. The suspect was reportedly known to authorities as "someone with a mental illness". Trooper Keith Leary told the Associated Press news agency.

Canada loses major ice-shelf

BBC ONLINE

The ice shelves in Canada's High Arctic have lost a colossal area this year, scientists report. The floating tongues of ice attached to Ellesmere Island have seen almost a quarter of their cover break away. Researchers say reduced sea-ice conditions and warm air temperatures have assisted the break-up. "These substantial calving events underscore the rapidity of changes taking place in the Arctic," said Trent University's Dr Derek Mueller. A rapid ice retreat is being experienced across the Arctic again this year, affecting both the ice attached to the coast and floating in the open ocean.



Bosnian President Haris Silajdzic, (C), Turkey's President Abdullah Gul (R), and members of Bosnia's presidency, Croat Zeljko Komsic (L), and Serb Nebojsa Radmanovic after inspecting a guard of honour in Ankara yesterday.

One dead in Darfur camp food riot

AFP, Khartoum

One person was killed and six wounded when residents of a Darfur refugee camp rioted after attacks on aid convoys forced a cutback in their rations, a UN official said yesterday. Hundreds of stick-wielding women in the Um Shalaya refugee camp, 70 kilometres southeast of the West Darfur state capital El Geneina, attacked police in angry protests on Tuesday morning, said Chrysantus Ache, Sudan representative for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. "Some members of the crowd took on the police and assaulted one policeman, despite attempts by humanitarian workers present to calm them," Ache said in a statement. "The police fired warning shots in the air and in the confused situation some people were injured." A 26-year-old male refugee shot in the chest died as he was being evacuated to El Geneina hospital. Three camp residents and three police were wounded.

McCain's VP-choice fails to impress US women voters

AFP, Washington

Most US women are unimpressed by Republican John McCain's choice of Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate, and have thrown their weight behind the Democratic ticket in the race for the White House, a national poll showed yesterday. Six in 10 women voters see McCain's choice of a female running mate as a calculated political decision rather than one based on Palin's experience and qualities, the poll conducted by the Garin-Hart-Yang Research Group showed. "Women voters see the choice of Governor Palin as being driven by politics rather than by any sense of conviction on Senator McCain's part that she has the experience and qualities to make a good vice president," the research group said in a statement. A majority of the 800 women polled, 56 percent, said they were put off by Palin's legislative record and her position on moral issues, such as abortion. "When women voters learn that Palin opposes abortion even in cases of rape and incest, opposes stem cell research and, as governor, opposed funding for state pre-kindergarten programs... a majority say... (they) feel less favorable toward her," the poll showed. Palin's scant experience as an elected official -- she was mayor of a small town for six years and has been governor of Alaska for less than two -- "squanders" McCain's advantage over Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama in terms of experience in office and readiness to lead, the women voters said. And even though the choice of Palin was a historic move for the Republican party, marking the first time a woman has featured on a Republican presidential ticket, it has pushed many women voters over to the side of the Democrats. Fifty-two percent of women voters polled said they would vote for the all-female Democratic ticket of Obama and Joe Biden, while just 41 percent said they would back McCain and Palin in the November

election. Meanwhile, White House hopeful John McCain's vice presidential pick Sarah Palin was to make her high-stakes debut at the Republican party's convention late on Wednesday following revelations about her family and her record as a little known Alaska governor. Palin, 44, has stayed out of sight since the convention began on Monday as she huddled with McCain's advisers to prepare for a pivotal televised speech that could make or break the Republican ticket in its battle against Democratic foe Barack Obama. The address would allow Palin to make her case directly to American voters amid a media storm over her unwed pregnant teenage daughter and allegations she abused her office as governor and sought out federal funds for projects opposed by McCain.

Fire at Kuwait's largest oil refinery contained

AFP, Kuwait City

A fire broke out at Kuwait's largest oil refinery yesterday but was quickly brought under control, an official said. "The fire is under control and will be put out in a few minutes," said spokesman for national refinery Kuwait National Petroleum Co, Ahmad al-Muzaiel. Muzaiel told AFP that operations at the refinery and exports of crude or petroleum products had not been affected. The blaze started in a crane operating near an oil tank at the Mina al-Ahmadi refinery, which has a capacity of 460,000 barrels per day (bpd), he said.

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Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh  
Directorate General of Health Services  
Disease Control Unit  
Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

**Invitation for Tender**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Affairs			
2	Agency	Health Directorate			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Director, Disease Control & Line Director (CDC), Directorate General of Health Services, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.			
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
5	Invitation for	Procurement of Printing Posters, Leaflets, Guide Book, Training Module, Binding of Posters, Printed Folder, Training Bags & other office stationeries for each different program under CDC			
6	Invitation Ref No	DGHS/DC/Proc-2008/			
7	Date	03/09/2008			
8	Procurement Method	National Open Tendering Method (NOTM)			
9	Budget and Source of Funds	GoB, WB, JDCF & GFATM			
10	Tender Package No.	GD-(1-4)/08			
11	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Printing Posters, Leaflets, Training Module, Guide Book, Training Bags and other office stationeries			
12	Tender Publication Date	04/09/2008			
13	Tender Last Selling Date	24/09/2008			
14	Tender Closing Date and Time	25/09/2008 at 12:30 PM			
15	Tender Opening Date and Time	25/09/2008 at 01:00 PM			
16	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address			
17	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Office of the Director, Disease Control, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212			
18	- Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Director, Disease Control, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212			
19	Place of Opening Tender Document	Conference Room (1st Fl), Directorate General Health Office, Mohakhali, Dhaka			
20	Eligibility of Tenderer	Minimum 05 (Five) years of specific experience in supplying the similar goods			
21	Brief Description of Goods	Lot-1(GD-1): Printing of Posters, Leaflets Lot-2(GD-2): Binding of Posters Lot-3(GD-3): Printing of Guide Book, Training Module and Printed Folder Lot-4(GD-4): Training Bags & other office stationeries			
22	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	1,000/- (One thousand taka only) in cash.			
	Lot No	Identification of Lot			
		Location			
		Tender Security Amount (Tk)			
		Completion Time in Weeks / Months			
23	Lot-1	GD-1	Office of the Line Director, DC, DGHS, Dhaka	40,000/- In favor of Director, DC, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka	02 weeks (after the signing of contract)
	Lot-2	GD-2	Office of the Line Director, DC, DGHS, Dhaka	40,000/- In favor of Director, DC, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka	02 weeks (after the signing of contract)
	Lot-3	GD-3	Office of the Line Director, DC, DGHS, Dhaka	70,000/- In favor of Director, DC, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka	03 weeks (after the signing of contract)
	Lot-4	GD-4	Office of the Line Director, DC, DGHS, Dhaka	70,000/- In favor of Director, DC, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka	03 weeks (after the signing of contract)
24	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Professor Dr. Md. Moazzem Hossain			
25	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director, Disease Control & Line Director, CDC, Directorate General of Health Services, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212			
26	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Office of the Director, Disease Control & Line Director, CDC, Directorate General of Health Services, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212			
27	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	9880548 (Tel)	9899085 (Fax)	directorlcpd@gmail.com	
28	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders partly or fully				

(Prof. Dr. Moazzem Hossain)  
Director, DC & Line Director, CDC,  
DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. Tel: 9880948

**Uttara Bank Limited**  
Stationery & Records Department  
Head Office, 90, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.

**TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from the bonafide, well experienced & technically sound Engineering Firms for fabrication, supplying and installation of Iron Safe (Vault), Chubb Door with Grill Door, Steel Almirah, File Cabinet, File Cabinet cum Almirah & Signature Card Box for different Branches of Uttara Bank Limited throughout the country. Intending Tenderers having prerequisite qualification & experience may apply on their letter head pad alongwith the attested copies of requisite work completion certificates, IT clearance certificate, VAT Registration Certificate, Valid Trade Licence for purchasing Tender Documents from the office of the undersigned on cash payment of Tk. 1000/- (Non refundable) per set on or before 21-09-2008 during office hours. Firms having no working experience for fabrication, supplying and installation of at least 15 numbers of Iron Safe (Vault) and/or Chubb Door successfully for any Bank/Banks within the last 3 (three) years need not submit any application. The Bank will supply necessary specifications for the work. The successful Tenderer will have to fabricate, supply and install the items as per specification and instruction of the supervising Authority. The sealed quotations shall be dropped in the Tender Box kept at Stationery & Records Department (7th floor), Head Office, 90, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka on 22-09-2008 up to 12.00 am. The quotations will be opened on the same day at 12.30 pm by the tender committee in presence of the tenderers or their representatives, if any. Other details will be available in the Tender Document. For any further details, anybody may contact the undersigned during office hours. The Uttara Bank Limited reserves the right not to accept the lowest Tender and to reject any Tender or part thereof or all Tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Chairman  
Tender Committee

**ASHUGANJ POWER STATION COMPANY LIMITED**  
(An enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)  
Ashuganj, B.Baria-3402, Bangladesh.

Memo No. APSC/PRO-01/2008/ 1217-  
"International Tender Notice" Date: 02/09/2008

International Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the Tender Document for the under mentioned works as per terms and conditions stated in the Tender Document.

01. Invitation for Tender	Supply of Turbine Drain Solenoid Valves & Coil for Unit No. 3,4 & 5 of APSC/ASHUGANJ
02. Special Instruction	I) A complete set of Tender Document may be purchased by interested eligible Tenderer upon payment of non-refundable fee amounting to BDT Tk.300/- only from the pay order/Bank draft issued in favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited, Ashuganj, B.Baria. II) All Tenders must be accompanied with a Tender Security in the prescribed format amounting to BDT Tk.3,250/- (Taka Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Only) or Equivalent US\$ from a schedule Bank of Bangladesh in accordance with instructions to the Tenderers in favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited, Ashuganj, B.Baria. III) The procuring entity reserved the right to accept or reject all tenders. IV) Late Tender will be directly rejected. V) APSC's Own Fund. VI) 70 days from the date of L/C opening or signing of contract. VII) Convoier, Procurement Committee, APSC, Ashuganj, B.Baria. VIII) Open International Tendering Method. IX) BDT Tk.3,250/- (Taka Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Only) or Equivalent US\$ from a schedule Bank of Bangladesh in accordance with instructions to the Tenderers in favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited, Ashuganj, B.Baria. X) Director Purchase, Power Development Board, WAPDA Bhavan (10 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. XI) Manager (Finance), APSC, Ashuganj, B.Baria. XII) Convoier, Procurement Committee, APSC, Ashuganj, B.Baria. XIII) Convoier, Procurement Committee, APSC, Ashuganj, B.Baria.
03. Source of Funds	APSC's Own Fund.
04. Time for Completion	70 days from the date of L/C opening or signing of contract.
05. Procuring Entity Name	Convoier, Procurement Committee, APSC, Ashuganj, B.Baria.
06. Procurement Method	Open International Tendering Method.
07. Price of Tender Document	BDT Tk.300/- (Taka Three Hundred) only (non-refundable).
08. Name & Address of the Offices	Director Purchase, Power Development Board, WAPDA Bhavan (10 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
09. Last date and time for Selling Tender Documents	13/10/2008 up to office hours.
10. Last date & time for Tender Submission	14/10/2008 at 12:00 noon (Bangladesh Time).
11. Date & time for opening of Tender	14/10/2008 at 12:15 noon (Bangladesh Time).
12. Amount of Tender Security	BDT Tk.3,250/- (Taka Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Only) or Equivalent US\$ from a schedule Bank of Bangladesh in accordance with instructions to the Tenderers in favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited, Ashuganj, B.Baria.

- Receiving Tender Documents  
- Opening Tender Documents

(Md. Abdus Samad)  
Convoier,  
Procurement Committee,  
APSC, Ashuganj, B.Baria, Bangladesh.

**ASHUGANJ POWER STATION COMPANY LIMITED**  
(An enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)  
Ashuganj, B.Baria-3402, Bangladesh.

Memo No. APSC/PRO-02/2008/ 1215  
"Invitation For Open Tender" date: 02/09/2008

01. Ministry / Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources / Power Division.
02. Agency	Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited, Ashuganj, B.Baria.
03. Procuring Entity Name	Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited, Ashuganj, B.Baria.
04. Procuring Entity District	Brahman Baria, Bangladesh.
05. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method.
06. Source of Funds	APSC's Own Fund.
07. Tender Publication Date	02/09/2008
08. Tender Last Selling Date & Time	21/09/2008 during office hours.
09. Tender Closing Date and Time	22/09/2008 at 12:00 Noon
10. Tender Opening Date & Time	22/09/2008 at 12:15 PM
11. Name & Address of the Offices	
A. -Selling Tender Documents.	(i) Asst. Chief Engineer (Generation), Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Bhavan (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. (ii) Manager (Finance), APSC, Ashuganj, B.Baria.
B. Receiving & Opening Tender Documents	Office of the Convoier, Procurement Committee, APSC, Ashuganj, B.Baria
12. Eligibility of Tenderer	The firm or institution who has ISO-9001:2000 Certificate (for Item No.A). The firm who has own workshop (for Item No.B).

SL No.	Name of Item	Price of Tender Documents	Amount of Tender Security	Delivery time
A.	Supply of 03 Chemical Storage Tank for Water Treatment Plant of APSC	Non refundable Tk. 200.00 In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh.	Refundable BDT 8,000.00 In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft / Bank Guarantee from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh.	15 days from the date of contract signing & as per schedule of requirement.
B.	Supply of Spare parts, repair & maintenance of Pick-Up Dhaka Metro-Tha-3100 of APSC (Re-Tender)	Non refundable Tk. 200.00 In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh.	Refundable BDT 2,000.00 In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft / Bank Guarantee from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh.	30 days from the date of contract signing.

14. Name of official Inviting Tender : Md. Abdus Samad  
15. Designation of official Inviting Tender : Convoier, Procurement committee  
16. Address of official Inviting Tender : Ashuganj Power Station Co. Ltd. Ashuganj, B.Baria, Bangladesh.  
17. Contact details of official Inviting Tender : Tel: 08528-74033 Fax: 08528-74044, E-mail: procurement@apscl.com Website: www.apscl.com  
18. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders

(Md. Abdus Samad)  
Convoier,  
Procurement Committee,  
APSC, Ashuganj, B.Baria.