



A handout picture released by the Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) shows Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos (R) meeting with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Damascus yesterday. Syria is the final stop of Moratinos' official Middle East tour. The former European Union Mideast envoy also visited Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel and the Palestinian Territories.

## Nigerian oil rebels attack more oil installations

AFP, Lagos

Armed Nigerian militants who have declared an "oil war" in the restive south of the country claimed yesterday to have blown up a major pipeline in their latest attack on oil installations in the region.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), the most prominent of the groups operating in the creeks and swamps of the Niger Delta, said it blew up a pipeline it believes is operated by Royal Dutch Shell and Italy's Agip.

A very major trunk crude oil pipeline we believe may belong to both Agip and Shell has been blown

up today... at about 9:30 am (0830 GMT)... at Rumuekpe, in Rivers state," said Mend in a statement emailed to the media.

The latest attack, a rare daylight one, was not immediately confirmed by the military deployed in the region.

Hours earlier MEND reported having acted with a new ally to have which destroyed a Royal Dutch Shell oil flow station in the African nation's main producing region.

As with other attacks since they declared an "oil war" on Sunday, the rebels moved in with speed boats, dynamite and hand grenades in their attack on the Orubiri flow station, the army said.

The attack on Orubiri was the

third on a Shell target in 48 hours. US Chevron has also seen attacks close to its installations this week.

Mend said that it attacked the Orubiri facility along with another militant group, the Niger Delta Volunteer Force (NDVF).

"About 2200 (2100 GMT) on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, fighters from Mend and the NDVF ... attacked and destroyed the Orubiri flow station," Mend said.

Shell made no immediate comment.

Mend said it killed all the soldiers on guard at the Orubiri facility and took their weapons. The army denied the claim, saying none of the 10 naval personnel or guards on duty died or sustained injuries.

## Israel postpones talks with Syria

AFP, Damascus

A fifth round of Turkish-brokered peace talks between Syria and Israel this week has been postponed at Israel's request, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem said yesterday.

"It has been postponed at the request of the Israeli side," Muallem told a press conference with visiting Spanish counterpart Miguel Angel Moratinos.

The next round of talks between the two neighbours -- which have technically been at war for 60 years -- was due to be held on Thursday.

"When Israel is ready to resume the talks, we will be too because we want to build a solid base that will allow the launch of direct negotiations whatever the outcome of the Kadima party election in Israel," Muallem added.

He was referring to the party of Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, which was voting for a new leader yesterday after the premier

announced he was stepping down to fight corruption and influence-peddling allegations.

Turkey, which has been acting as mediator in the talks, confirmed that Thursday's planned meeting had been cancelled at Israel's request.

Israel said it failed to complete the formalities that would allow its chief negotiator, Yoram Turbowicz, to remain on the negotiating team after he resigned from his post as Olmert's general secretary, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's office said.

"The Israeli side has emphasised that it is ready to resume the talks as soon as this technical and legal process is completed," it said, adding that a new date for the fifth round had not yet been fixed.

Israel and Syria launched indirect negotiations brokered by Turkey in May, eight years after talks were frozen over the fate of the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights.

## EU treaty not likely before 2010

AFP, Brussels

Luxembourg Premier Jean-Claude Juncker broke the silence yesterday about the future of the EU's Lisbon treaty, the first European leader to admit it probably will not be in force as planned next year.

"I don't think the treaty will be in place in June, when the next European (parliamentary) elections will take place," he told a forum, voicing what many in Brussels have been saying in private.

"In order to make it enter in force in June 2009, the treaty would have to be ratified by all countries before the end of February," he added.

"It's not realistic to consider that this could be," said Juncker. "So my guess would be that the treaty will enter into force around the first of January 2010."

Ireland sent shockwaves through Europe on June 12 when a referendum rejected the treaty. It was the only country in the 27-nation European Union to hold a referendum but all nations must

ratify the text before it can come into force.

Apart from Ireland, only Sweden and the Czech Republic have yet to ratify the text, and will do so via the parliamentary route.

The crisis, which recalls the rejection of a full-scale constitution by French and Dutch voters in 2005, ruined the original plan to get the treaty up and running by January 1, 2009.

The Lisbon Treaty, drawn up to replace the failed constitution, would introduce an EU president and new foreign policy supreme and cut the number of national vetoes in EU voting.

In recent days several European officials have admitted they do not expect the treaty to come into force until 2010, but Juncker is the first to say so as clearly on the record.

Until the Lisbon Treaty is ratified the EU's existing Nice Treaty, which came into effect in 2003, will continue to apply.

If the existing treaties are still in force in June 2009 the European parliament will have to be reduced from 785 deputies to 736.

## 10 killed in Baghdad attacks

AFP, Baghdad

At least 10 people were killed and more than 30 wounded in a series of attacks in Baghdad yesterday, one of them a twin car bombing in a business district, security sources said.

Eight people were killed and 25 wounded when the two bombs went off minutes apart in the Al-Khark district of west Baghdad, an interior ministry official said.

Earlier, two people were killed and 13 wounded, six of them policemen, when three makeshift mines went off in east Baghdad.

"A bomb which was intended for Al-Jadida district Mayor Essam al-Temimi, went off in the Zatonah neighbourhood killing a civilian and wounding two of his bodyguards," a security source said.

A man was then killed when a mine went off on Palestine Street as a police patrol passed. Five people were wounded, three of them policemen.

And six people were wounded, three of them soldiers, when their convoy hit a makeshift mine.

## Ukraine PM refuses to resign

AFP, Kiev

Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko yesterday refused to resign as a political crisis provoked by the Georgian conflict deepened following the collapse of the pro-Western ruling coalition.

Asked at a press conference whether she would resign as required in a coalition pact, Tymoshenko said: "The coalition has not collapsed... We are not a flock of sheep who jump into the abyss just because one sheep has done so."

Her comments appeared to refer to a decision by her former ally, President Viktor Yushchenko, to pull his party out of a coalition with her Tymoshenko Bloc after she approved legislation sharply reducing the president's powers.

Yushchenko has warned against Russian interference in the political crisis, which was provoked by discord over Russia's war with Georgia and charges by the president's allies that Tymoshenko committed "high treason" for not supporting Georgia enough.

## US asks Russia to respect Georgia's territory

AFP, Washington

The United States yesterday called on Russia to respect Georgia's territorial integrity and urged Moscow to pull its forces back to where they were before the conflict flared up in early August.

"Our position in support of Georgia's territorial integrity is unchanged," White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe said after Russia signed agreements formalizing military and economic ties with two breakaway Georgian regions.

"We expect Russia to live up to the commitments it agreed to in the ceasefire deal," he added, referring to a French-brokered accord that calls on Russian forces to pull back to where they were before the latest flare-up in the violence between Moscow and the former Soviet republic.

Johndroe spoke after Russian President Dmitry Medvedev signed agreements formalizing military and economic ties with pro-Moscow South Ossetia and Abkhazia despite anger from Tbilisi

and its Western allies.

"We will give each other all necessary support, including military support," Medvedev said after a pomp-filled Kremlin signing ceremony, flanked by the separatist leaders of each region.

"We will not allow a new military adventure. No one should have any illusions about this," he said, referring to a Georgian attack on South Ossetia last month that prompted Russia to launch a massive retaliatory strike.

The agreements allow Russia to open military bases in the two rebel provinces and commit Russia to defend the regions from attack, as well as promising to unite energy, transport and telecommunications networks.

The pacts also say that Russian troops will help defend the borders separating Abkhazia and South Ossetia from the rest of Georgia jointly with separatist authorities for the sake of "peace and stability" in the region.

Only Russia and Nicaragua have recognised the two regions as independent.

The agreements, which follow a symbolic exchange of diplomatic notes last week, are designed to set up the basic framework for relations between Russia and the two regions that it recognizes as independent states.

Russia and Georgia fought a five-day war in August when Russian troops poured into South Ossetia to repel an attack by Tbilisi's forces.

Russia routed the Georgian troops and shortly afterwards announced formal recognition of the two rebel provinces and plans to open embassies there.

Last week, senior Russian officials promised to locate military bases containing 3,800 troops in each of the two regions, even as the Kremlin agreed to withdraw its forces from the rest of Georgia.

Georgia has fiercely criticized the Russian deployment, saying it amounts to annexation of its sovereign territory, and the complaint has been echoed by Tbilisi's allies in the West who say Russia is redrawing the map of Georgia.



Israeli soldiers fire tear gas at Palestinian and foreign activists protesting against Israel's separation barrier in the West Bank village Nalin, near Ramallah yesterday. Israel's embattled Prime Minister Ehud Olmert still believes a peace deal with the Palestinians is possible by year's end despite a looming vote to replace him, his spokesman said yesterday.

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### INTERNATIONAL RE-TENDER NOTICE (3<sup>rd</sup> CALL)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare			
2	Agency	ICDDR,B			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Director, ICDDR,B			
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
5	Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Lift (Elevator).			
6	Invitation Ref No & Date	Memo No. ICDDR,B/Mohakhali/Gyanaloy/08-02 Date: March 6, 2008.			
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method.			
8	Budget and Source of Funds	IDA through RPA (GoB)			
9	Project (if applicable)	Vertical Extension and Renovation of Research and Hospital Building – ICDDR,B, Dhaka, Bangladesh			
10	Tender Package Number & Name	Package No.: 5 Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Lift (Elevator).			
11	Tender Publication Date	September 18, 2008			
12	Tender Last Selling Date	October 20, 2008			
13	Tender Closing Date and Time	October 29, 2008	Time: 11:00 A. M		
14	Tender Opening Date and Time	October 29, 2008	Time: 12:00 Noon		
15	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address			
	- Selling Tender Document	Cash Counter, Treasury Unit, Ground Floor, IPH Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
	- Receiving Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
	- Opening Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
16	Pre-Tender Meeting	Pre-Tender meeting will be held on <b>October 15, 2008</b> at 10.00 AM in the Finance Conference Room, Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
17	Eligibility of Tenderer	(i) The tenderers shall be Manufacturer / Principal from eligible source countries having overall <b>5 (Five) years experience</b> and may participate in the tender through their local agent/distributor in Bangladesh. (ii) Tenderers shall have minimum <b>03 (three) years specific experience</b> for supply, Installation, testing and Commissioning of lift (Elevator). (iii) All prices of Import Items shall be on C&F Chittagong by sea freight basis (Cost of items and freight to be specified). L/C will be opened by ICDDR,B in favour of the supplier abroad against their Proforma Invoice. (iv) Local items for installation shall be quoted in Bangladesh Currency on site delivery basis by the authorized local agent. (v) Authorized local agent shall have work experience for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Lift (Elevator) in Bangladesh which is running successfully for at least 03 (three) years. (vi) Authorized Local Agent must have credit line facilities/liquid asset of at least Tk. (BDT) 2.00 (Two) Crore supported by documentary evidence. (vii) Authorized Local Agent must have physical facilities to provide after sale services during and after the warranty period. (viii) Tenderers are required to submit price quotation correspond to 100% of the required items and quantities.			
18	Identification of Lots, Tender Security, Completion Time and Price of Tender Document				
	Pkg. No.	Identification	Location	Tender Security Amount in TK (BDT) or equivalent foreign currency (by Pay Order / Bank Guarantee)	Completion Time
	05	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Lift (Elevator).	ICDDR,B 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh	Tk. 6,00,000.00	8 (Eight) Months
					(TK) BDT. 2000.00 or equivalent foreign currency
19	Name of Official Inviting Tender		M. Alam		
20	Designation of Official Inviting Tender		Procurement Specialist, Gyanaloy Project, Finance Department, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka, Bangladesh.		
21	Address of Official Inviting Tender		Mohakhali, Dhaka, Bangladesh		
22	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender		Tel: (8802)8860523-32 Fax: (8802)9860620 e.mail: malam@icddr.org		
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.				

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