

# Taliban suicide jailbreak bid thwarted in Kabul

12 killed in latest violence

AFP, Kabul/Kandahar  
 Afghan security officials said yesterday they had thwarted a mass break-out by Taliban prisoners who had bribed three Afghan policemen to smuggle bomb-making equipment into a Kabul jail while 12 more militants were killed in latest violence.

Security (NDS) said in a statement. One Taliban militant, Ghazni Mohammad, worked as the contact point between the Taliban group and the policemen, it added.

The plan was to launch a series of suicide explosions to destroy the prison's walls and gates, followed by a mass escape.

In a similar plot in June, Taliban suicide bombers blew open Kandahar city's main prison, killing fifteen prison guards and allowing 1,100 prisoners, including hundreds of Taliban rebels, to escape.

Two inmates involved in the thwarted Kabul break-out were professional tailors tasked with making suicide vests inside the prison, the NDS said.

"Based on very accurate information, the NDS arrested those involved and they all have confessed under initial interrogation to their roles in the plot," it said.

Pul-e-Charkhi prison, on the outskirts of Kabul, holds more than 3,000 inmates including 400 or 500 Taliban suspects.

It also has a separate section, guarded by the Afghan army, where 120 Taliban prisoners are kept, including some returned from the US detention facility at Guantanamo Bay.

The Kandahar provincial police chief and his two senior aides were sacked over the break-out in June, which was the biggest in the history of Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, a suicide attack on Saturday against an Afghan army

convoy in central Afghanistan left six people wounded, while 12 militants were killed separately, officials said.

The suicide bomber detonated his explosives beside the convoy in the Diharwad district of Uruzgan province, provincial police chief Juma Gul Himat told AFP.

"Five civilian passers-by and a soldier were wounded in the blast and an army vehicle was damaged," Himat said, blaming the attack on Taliban militants.

Separately the US-led coalition forces launched an air strike overnight that killed seven Taliban militants in Andar district of southern Ghazni province, provincial spokesman Ismail Jahangir told AFP.

## Taliban behead 4 more tribal elders in Pakistan

AFP, Khar  
 Taliban rebels decapitated four pro-government tribal elders in a Pakistan border region where the army is fighting al-Qaeda and extremist militants, officials said Saturday.

It was the second killing this week in Bajaur of tribal elders, who have established an armed force to support the government's military campaign against al-Qaeda and Taliban fighters in the area.

"This morning locals reported bodies of four tribal elders were lying on roadside," local administration official Mohammad Jamil told AFP, adding that the bodies showed extensive signs of torture.

A security official who declined to be named said the beheadings had been done by al-Qaeda and Taliban militants to scare the local population away from supporting the army operations.



Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee (L) signs the US-India Civil Nuclear Agreement, with US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (R) in the Benjamin Franklin room at the State department in Washington, DC on Friday. The agreement lifts the ban on US-Indian civilian nuclear trade.



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (2R) and Indian Railways Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav (R) wave at inauguration of a train service in Srinagar yesterday. Indian Kashmir's first train service the fruit of an eight-year project, that had to overcome the twin challenges of tough terrain and separatist violence has been flagged off by Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh carrying a heavy weight of local expectation, built up by promises that the new line will help transform the volatile Kashmir Valley.

## First train service for troubled Kashmir

AFP, Srinagar  
 India's prime minister yesterday launched Kashmir's first train service, the fruit of an eight-year project that overcame tough terrain and rebel strife, on a visit overshadowed by violence.

Security was tight as Manmohan Singh flagged off the first train to travel along a new 117-kilometre (73-mile) line, which it is hoped will help transform the volatile region.

"Our intention is that the future of Kashmir should be socially, economically and politically bright," he said in a pre-launch message.

Singh launched the service from Kashmir's summer capital Srinagar, where two Muslims were killed Friday in police shootings on anti-India demonstrators protesting his visit to the revolt-hit region.

Thousands of police and paramilitary soldiers patrolled Srinagar's streets as shops, schools and offices shut down after separatists and trade unions called a

two-day strike to protest the prime minister's visit.

The track links Baramulla town in the north with Qazigund in the south and should eventually be integrated into India's massive national rail network. For the moment, only a 66-kilometre stretch is ready to be used.

Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and federal railways minister Lalu Prasad Yadav were also present during the tightly-guarded ceremony.

Officials said the new Kashmir trains would be guarded against possible attacks by anti-Indian rebels.

"We have set up a separate railway police force wing to guard the railway assets and passengers," police chief Kuldeep Khuda said.

The 20-billion-rupee (470-million-dollar) rail project was started in 2000 and involved thousands of engineers and labourers who had to contend with tough Himalayan weather - especially in winter - and rugged terrain.

## India open to talks with APHC: Manmohan

THE DAWN, New Delhi  
 Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has said India wants to address all outstanding issues, including Jammu and Kashmir, with Pakistan in a peaceful manner.

Singh said the Indian government was open to holding talks with all segments of society in Kashmir, including the All-Parties Hurriyat Conference.

Addressing a press conference in Srinagar on Friday, the first day of his two-day visit to occupied Kashmir, he said India wanted to normalise relations with Pakistan.

Earlier, Mr Singh inaugurated a 45MW hydro power project at Baglihar Dam on the Chenab river, which flows from occupied Kashmir into Pakistan.

Pakistan has objected to the dam, saying it will shrink its access to water. India has rejected the charge, saying the project is crucial

for power-starved Kashmir.

"Borders cannot be changed but they can be made irrelevant," Singh said. "We must create conditions whereby a Kashmiri living in Srinagar or Muzaffarabad should not see any problem" in promoting people-to-people contacts.

Describing old ways of thinking as being irrelevant, he said, "New ways of working together are required to strengthen bilateral ties. A strong, stable and prosperous Pakistan is in India's interest."

Singh said, "Good relations with Pakistan are an essential part of our policy. My vision of India-Pakistan is that both countries situate their bilateral relations in a cooperative framework of mutual understanding."

"We seek the normalisation of relationship with Pakistan, a solution of all issues that cause estrangement, including Jammu and Kashmir, through dialogue

and peaceful negotiations in an atmosphere free of violence," he said. When asked about the withdrawal of the Armed Forces (Special) Powers Act, he said, "It is too early, frankly, to consider this. If the situation begins to normalise, we have to review it. The situation today is not that sort. I can't assure you."

When asked about the situation in occupied Kashmir, he said although he was always pleased to visit the region, "there is a tinge of sadness this time because of the recent incidents of violence in the state which have caused concern to all of us."

Termining the incidents irrelevant, he said it showed that there was some resentment towards the government among the section of youths here on certain issues. "It is always been our belief that most of the difficult issues can be resolved through dialogue," he said.

## No end to Afghanistan fight: British military

AFP, London  
 The international military mission in Afghanistan has "no end point", the head of Britain's armed forces told a newspaper on Saturday.

Sir Jock Stirrup's comments come a week after Brigadier Mark Carleton-Smith, Britain's top military commander in the war-torn country, said the public should not expect a "decisive military victory" in Afghanistan.

Stirrup, the chief of the defence staff, told The Times that in both Iraq and Afghanistan, British troops were on a "journey that never finishes".

The 58-year-old air chief marshal said the mission in Afghanistan, where Britain has 7,800 troops fighting Taliban insurgents, was not a win or lose battle.

Britain's 4,100 troops in Iraq are likely to leave within a year, Stirrup said, with Iraqi forces "very close" to being able to handle the security

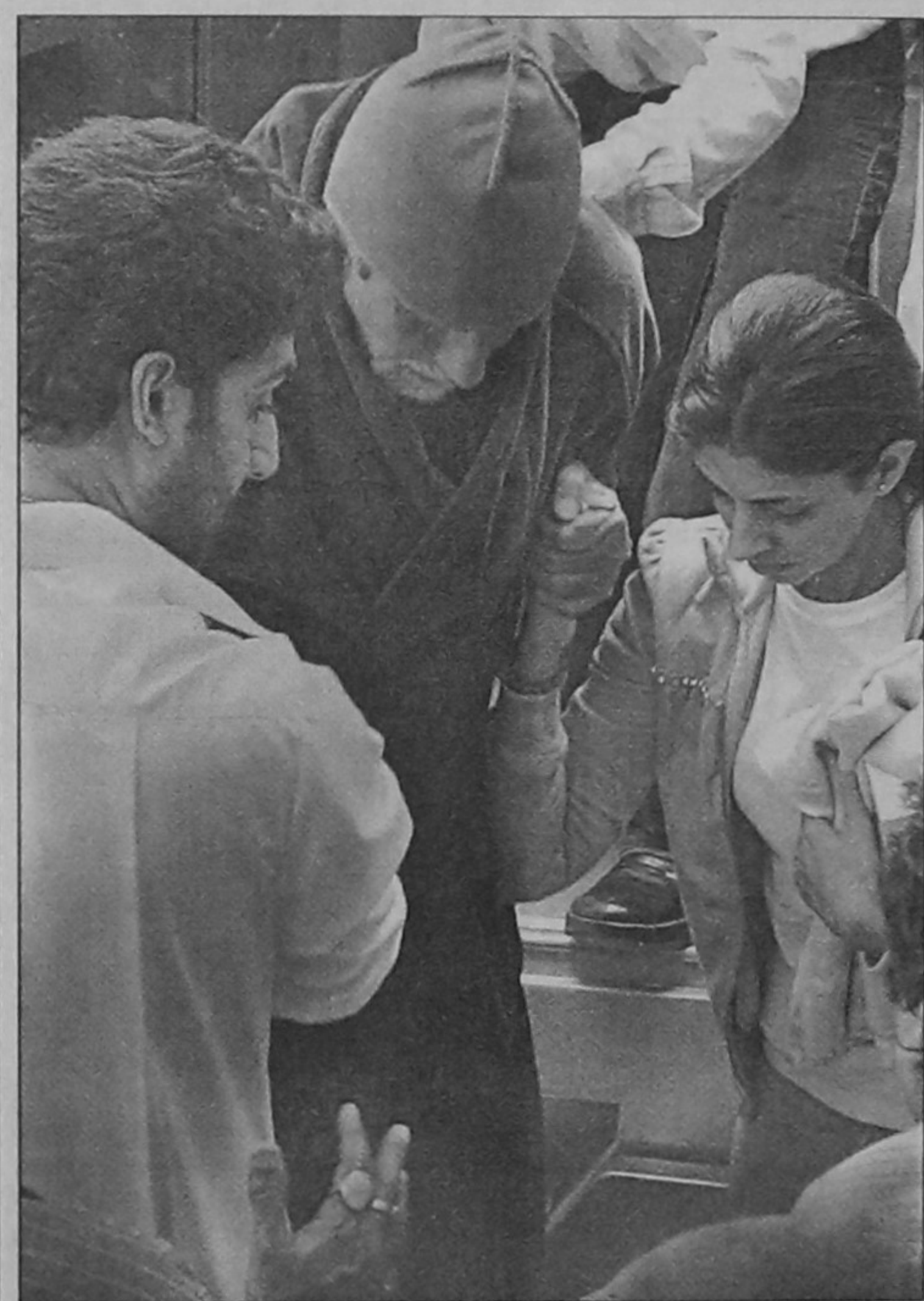
situation alone.

However, Afghanistan would be a longer operation, he warned.

"Afghanistan is a very backward country... (militarily) it's going to be some years before we finish that project," he said.

Stirrup believes people should change their expectations of what can be achieved in Afghanistan.

"We should avoid the use of words like 'win' and 'lose' in the context of Afghanistan. It's not that sort of enterprise," he said.



Indian actor Amitabh Bachchan (C) is assisted by his children Abhishek (L) and Shweta (R) to get down from an ambulance after arriving at a hospital in Mumbai yesterday. Bollywood legend Amitabh Bachchan, who turned 66, was taken to hospital after reportedly suffering abdominal pain.

## Suu Kyi appeals to Myanmar junta against her detention: Party

AFP, Yangon  
 Myanmar's detained democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi has appealed to the ruling junta against her detention, her party's spokesman said yesterday.

The appeal was sent by the opposition National League for Democracy party to military leaders in the administrative capital Naypyidaw in an attempt to secure her release from house arrest at her lakeside home in Yangon.

"One of her lawyers U Hla Myo Myint sent her appeal to the cabinet in Naypyidaw on Thursday. They accepted it and signed the receipt," Nyan Win, an NLD spokesman told AFP.

"We can say that the way is open

for her appeal for her release. It's still too early to say how things will develop," he said, adding that he believed an appeal hearing date may soon be set.

Nobel Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi approved the final draft of her legal appeal during a meeting with her lawyer Kyi Win in September.

The NLD leader has been confined to her home for most of the past 19 years.

63-year-old Aung San Suu Kyi rarely meets with anyone except her lawyer and doctor and in August refused a visit from United Nations envoy Ibrahim Gambari, apparently in protest at the lack of progress he was making on reform in Myanmar.

### BPDB's Local Re-Tender Notice

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource/Power Division.		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board.		
3	Procuring entity name	Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.		
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.		
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.		
6	Invitation for	Procurement of 250nos-11/0.4KV, 200KVA Distribution Transformer.		
7	Invitation for tenders Ref No.	Pur-221/2007-08/Rev/Re.		
8	Date	7/10/2008.		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
10	Budget and source of funds	BPDB's Revenue Budget (Local) (2008-09).		
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.		
14	Tender package No.	12 (FY: 2007-2008).		
15	Tender package name	Procurement of 250nos-11/0.4KV, 200KVA Distribution Transformer.		
16	Tender publication date	7/10/2008.		
17	Tender selling date	13/10/2008 to 19/11/2008.		
18	Tender closing date and time	20/11/2008 at 11.00am.		
19	Tender opening date and time	20/11/2008 at 11.30am.		
20	Name & address of the office	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Motijheel.		
	Selling tender document (principal)	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Motijheel.		
	Selling tender document (other)	Not applicable.		
	Receiving tender document	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Motijheel.		
	Opening tender document	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Motijheel.		
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable.		
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
22	Eligibility of tenderer	Renowned local manufacturer/supplier.		
23	Brief description of goods or works	Supply of 250nos-11/0.4KV, 200KVA Distribution Transformer.		
24	Brief description of related services	Not applicable.		
25	Price of tender document (BDT)	Tk. 12,000.00 (twelve thousand) only.		
26	Identification of the package	Location of delivery	Tender security amount in Tk.	Completion time in weeks/months
	250nos-11/0.4KV, 200KVA Distribution Transformer	Central BPDB, Gazipur	Store, (twenty-five lac only)	a) Completion of manufacturing within 4-months from the date of contract signing b) Completion of supply within 5-months from the date of contract signing.
27	Name of official inviting tender	Md Abduhu Ruhullah.		
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.		
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>				
29	Address of official inviting tender	WAPDA Building (9 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
30	Contact details of official inviting	Phone + 88-02-9550532, 7120089 Fax + 88-02-7126151.		
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.			
<b>Md Abduhu Ruhullah</b>				
Director Purchase				
Directorate of Purchase				
BPDB, Dhaka				
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### Chittagong City Corporation Invitation for Tenders

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01.	Ministry	Ministry of LGRD & Co-operative.				
02.	Agency	Chittagong City Corporation, Ctgc.				
03.	Procuring entity name	Engineering Division, Chittagong City Corporation, Ctgc.				
04.	Invitation for	Supply & Services, Dump Truck & Car.				
05.	Invitation Ref No.	Not applicable.				
<b>Necessary Information</b>						
06.	Procurement method	OTM Open Tendering Method				
07.	Budget & source of fund	Chittagong City Corporation own fund.				
<b>Details</b>						
08.	Tender package No.	Not applicable.				
09.	Tender package name	As per schedule.				
10.	Inviting tender date	12/10/2008				
11.	Tender last selling date	09/11/2008				
12.	Tender closing date & time	10/11/2008				
		Time 12:00 noon				
13.	Tender opening date & time	10/11/2008				
		Time 12:00 noon				
14.	Name & address of the office(s)	Chief Engineer/Chief Accounts Officer/Local Government Division/DC Office.				
	Selling tender documents					
	Receiving tender documents	Secretary's Office, Chittagong City Corporation, Ctgc.				
	Opening tender documents	Secretary's Office, Chittagong City Corporation, Ctgc.				
<b>Information of Tenderers</b>						
15.	Eligibility of tenderers	1) Up-to-date trade licence. 2) VAT registration certificate. 3) Up-to-date Income Tax clearance certificate. 4) Bank solvency certificate. 5) All activities in connection with the said procurement of supply will be guided as per PPR/2008. 6) All necessary papers in connection with Dump Truck 7 Ton and Car shall be submitted along with tender.				
16.	Details description of works	Mention in schedule.				
17.	Value of tender documents & type	For Dump Truck Tk. 6000/- and Car 2000/- only, Pay Order/Bank Draft to Mayor, CCG, Ctgc.				
18.	Type of tender security	At the rate of 2.5% of the quoted price should be paid by Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Mayor, Chittagong City Corporation, Ctgc.				
<b>Description of Works</b>						
19.	No. of work	Name of work Location Tender security amount Tk. Cost of tender document Tk. Completion time in days/weeks				
	1.	Supply of 9 (nine) unit Dump Truck 7 Ton. (As per schedule)	Dampara Yard	2.5% of the quoted value	6000/-	According to schedule.
	2.	Supply of 3 (three) unit car for departmental use (As per schedule)		2.5% of the quoted value	2000/-	According to schedule.
<b>Tender Invitation Officer</b>						
20.	Name of official inviting tender	Ergr. M.J Nizam Uddin Chy.				
21.	Designation of official inviting tender	Chief Engineer (Acting).				
22.	Address of official inviting tender	Chittagong City Corporation, Ctgc.				
23.	Phone & Fax of official inviting tender	Phone & Fax No-637551, 633486.				
24.		This IFT will be available in the website of CPTU.				
25.	Remarks	1) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. 2) Notice of award will be given after getting recommendation of tender evaluation committee & administrative approval of appropriate authority. 3) All conditions of tender mentioned in schedule. 4) Details information of tenders to collect from Mechanical Engineering Division.				
26.	Special Instructions-	1) If it is not possible to receive the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received on the following working date at the same time and same venue. 2) Bidder will give 1 (one) year warranty for spare parts, work and services should be mentioned.				
CCC/PR-149/2008			Chief Engineer (Acting)			
GD-4547			Chittagong City Corporation			