

Bush gave nod for CIA waterboarding: report

AFP, Washington

The administration of US President George W. Bush authorized the CIA to waterboard Al-Qaeda suspects according to two secret memos issued in 2003 and 2004, The Washington Post reported yesterday.

House policymakers had never endorsed the program in writing. Tenet's first request for written approval by the White House came in 2003, during a meeting with National Security Council members including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, the paper quoted the unnamed officials as saying.

The newspaper said administration officials "confirmed the existence of the memos, but neither they nor former intelligence officers would describe their contents in detail because they remain classified."



Unidentified members of the Georgian delegation arrive at the UN headquarters in Geneva yesterday. Georgian and Russian officials met face-to-face for the first time since a five-day war in August, but tensions over the breakaway regions at the heart of the conflict may yet derail the talks.

Georgia, Russia meet for talks amid uncertainty

AFP, Geneva

Georgian and Russian delegates gathered for face-to-face talks yesterday for the first time since their countries went to war in August but the air hangs heavy with anger, suspicion and uncertainty.

regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia as "ethnic cleansers". "We don't think these people are politicians, we think they are ethnic cleansers, and we think they are criminals," Saakashvili told reporters in Brussels, after talks with European Commission chief Jose Manuel Barroso.

hosting the talks along with the UN and the European Union. "We know that this is a long process, we're taking it slowly, step by step," Stubb said.

Export Promotion Bureau Invitation for Tender. TCB Building (1st Floor), 01 # Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. Includes details on procurement method, budget, and contact information.

Britain calls on EU to stick to climate agenda

AFP, Brussels

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown urged EU leaders yesterday not to abandon their goals to combat climate change in the face of growing pressures from the global financial crisis.

challenge, a real challenge that does not disappear because of the financial crisis. "If we now give any signal that we are not really committed to doing it, others will not have the incentive to do it," he went on.



Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem (R) and his Lebanese counterpart Fawzi Salukh (L) hold a joint press conference as Secretary-General of the Syrian-Lebanese Higher Council, Nasri Khoury (C), looks on in Damascus yesterday. Syria and Lebanon formally established diplomatic ties yesterday.

ASHUGANJ POWER STATION COMPANY LIMITED (An enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board) Ashuganj, B.Baria-3402, Bangladesh. Includes a detailed table of tender specifications for various power station components.

China jails 8 monks for blasts in Tibet

AFP, Beijing

Eight monks convicted of staging a bomb attack in Tibet at the height of anti-China protests nearly seven months ago have been sentenced to prison, one of them for life, a judge said yesterday.

crackdown in Lhasa alone, but China has reported police killing just one "insurgent" and blames Tibetan "rioters" for the deaths of 21 people.

Hortex Foundation Employment Opportunity. National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP) Phase-I, a national project of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB).

National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP) Phase-I, a national project of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) funded by IDA/IFAD has started its implementation through the coordination of Ministry of Agriculture (Lead Ministry) and Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock.

The Hortex Foundation has been allocated public funds from the (GOB) and IDA (Credit # 4386-BD) towards the cost of the Component-3: Supply Chain Development Component of NATP and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of these funds for payment under contract to the following national contractual expert and staff positions (project based).

Table with 4 columns: Sl. No., Name of the Position, Required Educational Qualification, and Required Experiences. Lists 5 job positions including Marketing Expert, Training & Communication Expert, Computer Operator/Office Secretary, Driver, and Support Staff/messenger.

\*The tenure of the above positions is up to 60 months or project period following satisfactory annual performance evaluation. Competitive and attractive salary will be given to the deserving candidates.

The Hortex Foundation now invites eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested candidates are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (complete Curriculum Vitae (CV) indicating name of person, address, date of birth, Voter Identity Number, education, other training, languages & degree of proficiency, employment records and experience.

Candidates are requested to write the position on the top of the envelope. Only short listed candidates will be called for interview. No TA/DA will be provided for attending interview. Also visit www.hortex.org and www.cptu.gov.bd for this announcement.

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Turkish plane hijacker overpowered

AFP, Ankara

Passengers overpowered a man who tried to hijack a Turkish Airlines flight to Saint Petersburg in Russia yesterday, media reports quoted officials as saying.

news channel quoted Transport Minister Binali Yildirim as saying. The minister confirmed that the hijacker was "pacified" and that the plane continued on its route.