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Two killed as Delhi Metro flyover collapses

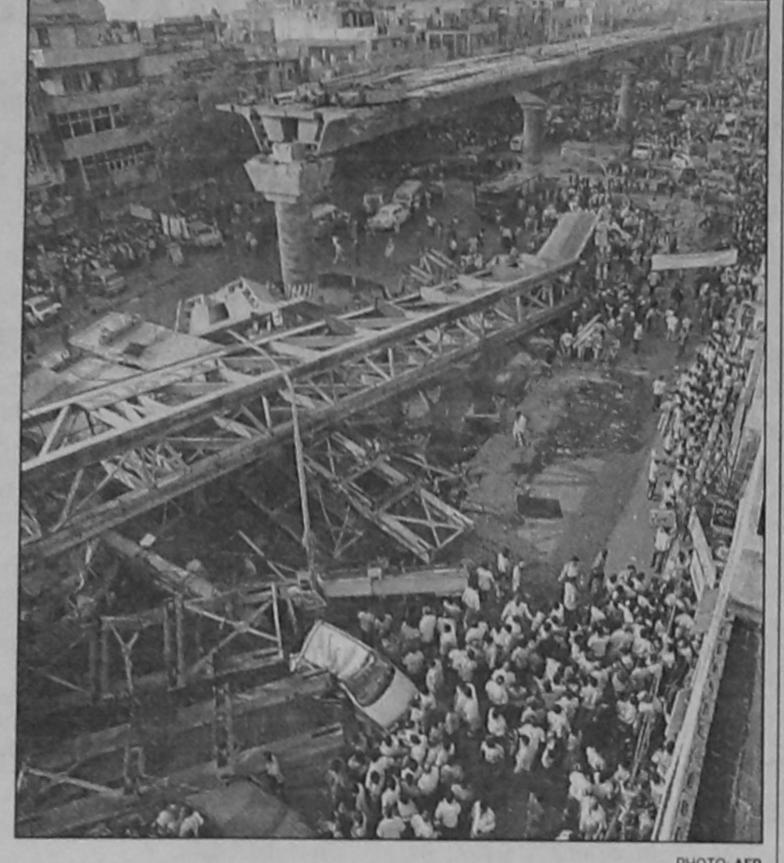
INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New

At least two people were killed and 30 injured when part of an underconstruction flyover of the Delhi Metro collapsed in New Delhi last morning, officials said.

The accident -- for the first time in the decade-old history of Delhi Metro -- occurred at around 7 am in Laxmi Nagar locality of East Delhi when a launcher machine joining prefabricated, heavy concrete structures between two pillars lost control, leading to a part of the flyover coming down, a Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) official said.

A Blue line bus plying on route number 39, a crane of the construction company, one truck and a few cars were trapped under the debris of the flyover.

"There were about 15 people inside the bus when the crane and crashing on the bus. The front portion of the bus was trapped due to which the driver was killed, Dipak, the helper of the Blueline bus, told IANS.



construction materials came Workers (L) gather at the site where a flyover bridge for the Delhi Metro collapsed in New Delhi yesterday. At least two people were killed and 25 injured when a part of the metro flyover bridge that was under construction caved in at Shakarpur, near the Laximnagar area of East Delhi, crushing several passing vehicles including a Blueline bus.

Indian, US navies begin sea exercises to tackle piracy

AFP, On Board Ins Mumbai

The Indian and US navies on Saturday began a week-long series of joint exercises, looking to increase cooperation at a time of heightened fears about maritime piracy.

Codenamed "Malabar", the sea exercises in the Arabian Sea off the coast of Goa state in western India include the world's largest aircraft carrier, the USS Ronald Reagan, and a nuclear-powered US Navy subma-

"With piracy becoming an international concern, such exercises attain much significance wherein two nations learn each others' procedure," Rear Admiral Anil Chopra told reporters on board the destroyer INS Mumbai.

Some 8,500 personnel are involved in the exercises, the Indian

Indian naval officials said on Friday that they were deploying one of the country's latest warships to protect its merchant vessels in the pirate-infested Gulf of Aden off the coast of Somalia.

Pakistani forces kill 40 Taliban militants

Boucher meets Pak officials

AFP, Peshawar

Pakistani forces killed about 40 Taliban militants yesterday, security officials said, as the top US diplomat for South Asia visited the volatile country for talks.

US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher met Pakistani officials after a series of US missile strikes into Pakistan's tribal regions that have strained bilateral relations.

Ties between the "war on terror" allies have also been tested by US special forces in Afghanistan launching a raid into Pakistan last month that killed several Pakistanis.

Boucher's visit was for "routine talks planned in advance," the US embassy said without giving further

He met interior ministry chief sovereignty amid the attacks, which Rehman Malik on Saturday for

"cordial and friendly" discussions, according to Pakistani officials, and was scheduled to hold talks with Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani on Monday.

It was unclear whether he would meet with President Asif Ali

Pakistan is facing major economic problems as well as rising attacks by al-Qaeda-linked Taliban militants, and has been seeking support from allies to stabilise the

The US says insurgents striking international troops in Afghanistan are based in Pakistan's border tribal belt, and has stepped up its missile attacks since a new civilian government came to power in Islamabad Fazlullah, who has declared a jihad in March.

Zardari has vowed zero tolerance against violations of his country's have stoked anti-US sentiment in

Pakistan.

In the latest clashes of Pakistan's own military operations against Islamic militants, jets bombed a hideout in the northwestern Swat valley, killing two rebel commanders and about 25 other men, officials

The two rebel leaders killed in the air strike were closely associated with pro-Taliban cleric Maulana Fazlullah, a security official said, adding an ammunition dump at the hideout had exploded.

The official said that intelligence had indicated a large militant gathering in the area, a strongor holy war against the govern-

Also in Swat on Sunday three militants and a soldier were killed in a Taliban attack on a security forces

convoy, a separate security official

The mountainous Swat valley was until last year a popular tourist destination where many Pakistani city dwellers went for their annual

holidays. In the tribal district of Bajaur. which borders Afghanistan, a combined land and air assault killed at least 10 al-Qaeda linked Taliban

The casualties occurred in fighting which began late Saturday after militants fired at troop positions, a

security official told AFP. The United Nations refugee agency recently said almost hold of extremists loyal to 190,000 people had been displaced from the Bajaur region in recent fighting.

Pakistan's military said in late September that the fighting had killed at least 1,000 militants since early August.

Islamabad rules out talks with militants

THE NATION/ANN, Islamabad

US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher arrived in Islamabad Saturday on an unannounced visit to hold talks with President Asif Ali Zardari and other Pakistani leaders on ways to improve cooperation in fight against the menace of terror.

The top US diplomat reached Islamabad a month after a diplomatic row between Islamabad and Washington over American air strikes and ground assault on suspected hideouts of Taliban and al-Qaeda militants in Pakistan's restive tribal regions of South and North Waziristan

Minister on interior Rehman Malik soon after his arrival. According to officials, the two sides discussed the latest security situation on Pak-Afghan border and tribal areas

during the meeting. During the meeting, it was decided that the US would deliver state-of-the-art weapons to Pakistani security forces and they would be trained in accordance with international standards so that human loss could be reduced.

Rehman Malik went on to say that Pakistan is waging war on terror in national interest and the scourge would be eliminated at all costs. He also assured Richard Boucher met adviser to Prime with extremists and terrorists, Kayani.

sources added.

"The US official lauded Pakistan's anti-terrorism efforts while expressing his country's desire for increasing cooperation in fight against the global menace during the meeting," an official said desiring not to be named.

An Interior Ministry statement issued here after the meeting described the talks as 'cordial and

The officials said that the US diplomat would call on the President and the Prime Minister today (October 19). They added the American official was also expected to call on chief of army Boucher no talks would be held staff General Ashfaq Parvez

Indian EC announces 7-phased polls in Kashmir

PTI, New Delhi

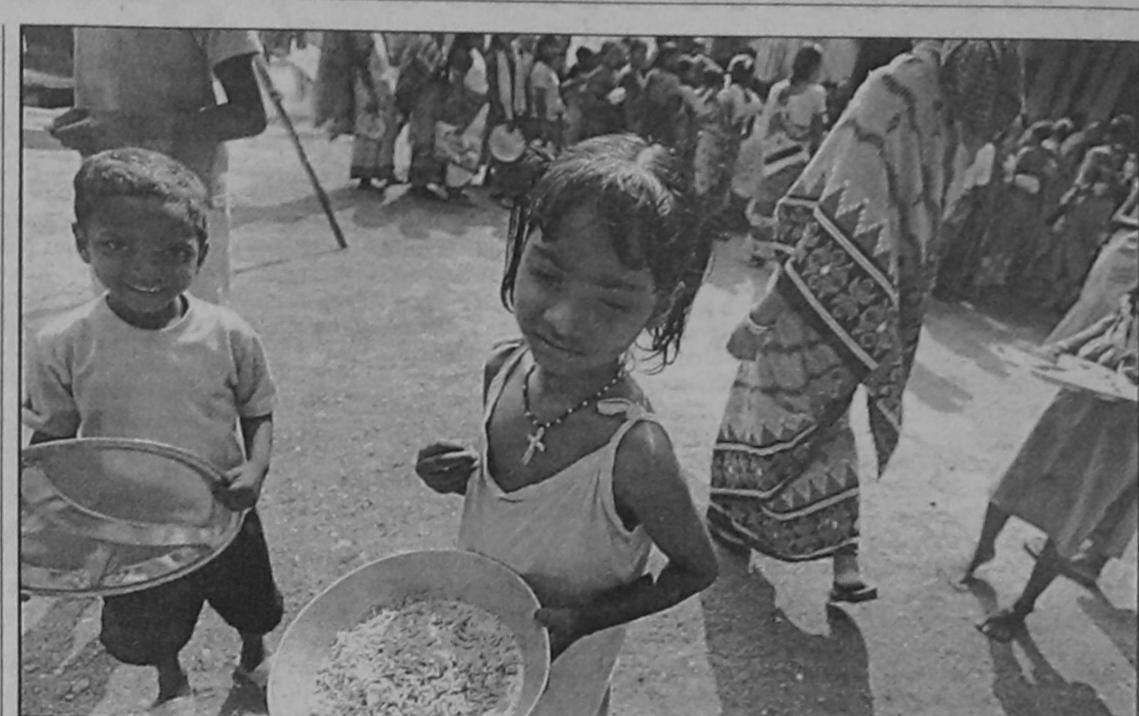
Resolving differences within, the Election Commission on Sunday announced a seven-phased election in Jammu and Kashmir beginning November 17 till December 24, saying it has taken a "risk" on the issue of participation of political parties in the exercise. Announcing the poll schedule, Chief Election Commissioner N Gopalaswami said that the snow-bound Leh and Kargil regions would go polls in the initial two phases.

The polling for the 87-member assembly will be held on November 17, 23, 30, December 7, 13, 17 and 24. Counting of votes will take place on December 28.

Against the backdrop of parties and outfits in the Kashmir Valley expressing themselves against polls at this juncture, the CEC said

the Commission has taken a "risk". This was in apparent reference to political parties in Kashmir like the PDP which said no to polls and another mainstream party, National Conference (NC) which gave its nod after having voiced initial reservation.

On the issue of lack of consensus among the political parties, he said "first you need to ask if political parties are ready. We are not conducting election in a vacuum. To start with there were one no, one yes and one yes-no. After that one no became one yes. So we have two yes and we have taken a risk".



Indian Christian children receive food distributed at a relief camp in Bhubaneswar yesterday set up for families fleeing the communal violence in Kandhamal district. At the root of the unrest in the Kandhmal district of Orrissa state, there are accusations by hardline Hindus that missionaries lure tribespeople and low-caste Hindus to convert. to Christianity by offering free education and health care.

Planning Commission

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Support to ICT Task Force (SICT) Programme

Export Promotion Bureau

TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar

Notice

National Export Trophy for the year 2005-2006, 2006-2007 & 2007-2008

Export Promotion Bureau invites applications from exporters for award of National Export Trophy for the year 2005-2006, 2006-2007

02. The Trophy will be product-specific on the basis of the following classifications and that exporter will be an eligible applicant who has an export earning (million US dollar) mentioned against the product:

(1) Readymade Garments (Woven)-12.00 (2) Knitwear-10.00 (3) Yam-5.00 (4) Textile Fabrics-5.00 (5) Home and Specialized Textiles-5.00 (6) Frozen Foods-8.00 (7) Jute-2.00 (8) Jute Goods-3.00 (9) Leather (Crust/Finished)-10.00 (10) Leather Goods-2.00 (11) Footwear (all kinds)-2.00 (12) Tea-2.00 (13) Agricultural Products-2.00 (14) Agro Processing Products (except tobacco)-2.00 (15) Flower & Foliage-2.00 (16) Handicrafts-2.00 (17) Melamine/Plastic Products-2.00 (18) Ceramic ware-4.00 (19) Light Engineering Products-2.00 (20) Electric & Electronic Products-2.00 (21) Other Industria Products-2.00 (22) Pharmaceutical Products-2.00 (23) Other Chemical Products-2.00 (24) Computer Software-2.00 (25) Miscellaneous Products-2.00.

03. The intending exporters are to apply in the prescribed pro-forma available at Export Promotion Bureau's Head Office (Commodities Development Division-PABX: 9144821-24, Fax: 88-02-9119531, E-mail: dir-commodity@epb.gov.bd, Website: www.epb.gov.bd) in Dhaka, Regional Offices at Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi and Branch Offices at Comilla, Sylhet and Narayanganj as well as offices of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh Chamber of Industries, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Divisional Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Barisal and Sylhet. Prescribed pro-forma may also be obtained from export related Trade Associations of Bangladesh.

04. Application in prescribed pro-forma duly filled in and signed, must reach the undersigned on or before 05-11-2008. For further information, Export Promotion Bureau may please be contacted.

05. For Readymade Garments and Knitwear, group-wise application is not acceptable. Intending applicants are to apply for individual unit.

06. Application has to be submitted product-wise, if any unit deals with more than one product.

Electrical Wiring For Data Center

GD-4718

Director Commodities Development Division

LTTE using Tamil Nadu leaders to escape defeat, says Lanka

PTI, Colombo

Claiming that the LTTE was on the verge of "defeat" after suffering huge casualties at the hands of Sri Lankan security forces, the government has said that the Tamil tigers are making desperate efforts to rope in Indian leaders to stop the ongoing offensives against them.

a decisive stage. And no one can stop them getting defeated. So, they are trying their maximum to get Tamil Nadu (leaders) to pressurise the Indian government to pressurise the Sri Lankan government," Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, powerful defence secretary and brother of Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa, said.

"That is what the LTTE want and the framework of a united Sri Lanka.

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that is why this sudden pressure is coming. The (Sri Lankan) government expects this situation as we know there is no other way for the LTTE. Anyway, the LTTE cannot escape facing military offensives now," he said.

Gotabhaya comment comes a day after Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday "It is very clear that the LTTE is at asked President Rajapaksa to ensure that Tamils do not get "enmeshed" in the conflict with LTTE and that their rights and safety are upheld.

During a telephonic conversation initiated by Rajapaksa, Singh said there could be no military solution to the conflict in the island country and asked the President to start a political process for a peacefully negotiated settlement within

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

2nd Floor Block 13, Sher- e- Bangla Nagar, Dhaka- 1207

EOI Ref No.: PD/SICT/Supreme Court- 125/2008/508 Date: 16 October 2008 Subject: Request for Expression of interest (Firm) for Selection of the development of the Interactive Website and Web based Application Software of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh

The 'Support to ICT Taskforce Program (SICT)' Project has been formed to implement the decisions of the National ICT Task- Force. The SICT has been allocated fund from the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB)Towards the introduction of e- Governance in different Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments and SICT intends to apply part of the proceeds of that fund to payments under the contract for the provision of consultancy services for the development of the Interactive Website and Web based Application Software of the High Court by a consulting firm

The services include:

Features of the Website

History of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh

 Organogram & key personnel information Service Charter of both Divisions

The Constitution of Bangladesh

Calender of the Supreme Court

· Short biography of Judges of both Divisions Cause List of both Divisions

Daily Important Orders of both Divisions

Judgement of both Divisions

Rules of both Division

The Bangladesh Code

Features of the Web based Application Software Court Case Management

· Case Data - the history, outcome, records and other documents for each case

Personal Data - a record of the involvement of defendants, plaintiffs, lawyers, judges, Paralegals and other

Time Data - to manage court calendars, schedule hearings and manage other events

Financial and Penalty Data - including fees, fines, restitutions and court- ordered Payments, as well as terms of prison sentences, community service and probation

Content Management System for both Divisions

Mambo / Jumla / Joomla or equivalent open source content management systems should be customized as per the the requirements of both Divisions. This system will at least maintain & manage following content for each court:

· Case Information - the history, outcome, records and other documents for each case of each court

Cause List of both Divisions

 Daily Important Orders of both Divisions · Judgement of both Divisions

· Rules of both Division The Bangladesh Code

Interested Consultancy firms having experience in the relevant fields are hereby invited to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) (sealed and signed in each page) indicating their desire in providing above mentioned services. The firms must submit necessary printed brochures showing organizational background, financial standings, list of general and related experience (Foreign and Local) with client's appreciation certificate, bank solvency certificate, last two years audited reports of the firm. CVs of professionals showing their experience and academic background, resources / logistics, proposed technology, generally followed work plan and methodology in software development (not specific for this assignment) confirming the firms intent / capabilities to provide the above mentioned services.

Consultants will be short-listed in accordance with "The Public Procurement Regulation, 2008"

Interested consultants are requested to obtain details information at the address above during normal office hours and to visit www.sict.gov.bd.

Expression of interest shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address of the undersigned shown above by 03 November 2008 and shall be clearly marked " Request for Expression of interest (Firm) for selection of the development of the Interactive Website and Web based Application Software of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh."

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Project Director SICT Programme Project

(Md. Rafiqul Islam)

TENDER NOTICE

The Southeast Bank Limited being one of the leading private commercial bank intends to establish a Data Center (DC) to manage its centralized banking operation and now sealed tenders are hereby invited from the reputed vendors for supply, installation and configuration of sub-systems for DC.

S/N	RFP of Sub Systems	Schedule	Tender Schedule Price (Taka)
01.	Alternative Power (Generator)	A	1,000
02.	Cooling System	В	1,000
03.	Fire Detection & Suppression System	С	1,000
04.	Access Control System	D.1	200
05.	Physical Surveillance System	D.2	200
06.	Online UPS System	E	1,000
07.	Automatic Voltage Regulator System	F	1,000
08.	Dehumidifier System	G	200
09.	Water Detection System .	Н	200
10.	Network Cabling For Data Center	I	200

The tender schedule for supply, installation and configuration of sub-systems for DC will be available from the Information Technology Division, Head Office (1, Dilkusha C /A, 4th Floor, Dhaka - 1000) from 10:00 A.M. to 03:00 P.M. on all working days between 20th October 2008 and 23rd October 2008. The Offers will be received up to 12:00 P.M. on 6th November 2008. The tender box will be opened at 01:00 P.M. on the same day.

The bidders shall deliver two copies of the technical proposals, each copy being physically separated, bound, sealed and labeled as "Technical Proposal for Sub System" (one master and one duplicate copy, labeled as such on their respective envelopes). These two copies are to be further bound in one envelope.

The financial proposal should be provided in a separate sealed envelope and labeled as "Financial Proposal for Sub System". The Bank authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders in part or full without

assigning any reason whatsoever. माउधेरुके व्याएक निमिट्छेड Southeast Bank Limited

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Arundhati for probe into shooting of terror suspects

Booker Prize winner and Indian activist Arundhati Roy called yesterday for a probe into a police shooting of two Muslim men who authorities have said were behind a string of bombings across India.

AFP, New Delhi

Anti-terror police acting on a tip-off last month shot dead two suspects living in a Muslim neighbourhood in the Indian capital, allegedly after the men first opened fire on a top police officer who later

Police went on to identify the slain men, as well as others they later arrested, as the "masterminds" of little-known militant group Indian Mujahideen that has claimed responsibility for several recent deadly terror attacks.