

India detains key accused of Gujarat blasts

PTI, Ahmedabad

Qayamuddin Kapadia, one of the key conspirators of the July 26 serial blasts in the city, has been arrested by the Madhya Pradesh police.

"Qayamuddin Kapadia has been arrested by the MP police. I do not have much details on this matter as of now," joint commissioner of police of city crime branch, Ashish Bhatia told PTI Tuesday.

Qayamuddin, who hails from Vadodara, was declared absconding by the city crime branch investigating the serial blasts cases.

He allegedly planted cycle bombs in the city as well as bombs in different parts of Surat, Bhatia said.

He was also responsible for purchase of cycles on which the bombs were mounted and kept in different parts of the city, he added.

## Pak president seeks new US policy

AP, Islamabad

Pakistan's leader said Monday he expects President-elect Barack Obama to re-evaluate the need for US military strikes on al-Qaeda and Taliban targets on Pakistan's side of the Afghan border.

In an interview with The Associated Press, President Asif Ali Zardari warned that the surge in missile attacks since August was hurting Pakistan's own fight against the militants a campaign he said was succeeding nonetheless.

The 52-year-old president is under intense US pressure to take firmer action against militants in the rugged and lawless northwest border zone, a possible hiding place for Osama bin Laden and what many consider to be the

global front line in the fight against al-Qaeda.

In what is seen as a sign of American frustration with Islamabad's perceived inability to deal with the militants, the US military is believed to have carried out at least 18 missile attacks on suspected militant targets close to the border in Pakistan since August.

The missiles are believed to be fired from unmanned planes launched in Afghanistan, where some 32,000 US troops are fighting a resurgent Taliban insurgency.

Zardari said he believed Obama would re-examine that strategy, but acknowledged that the Democrat who struck a sometimes-hawkish tone on dealing with Pakistan during the election

may continue with the attacks.

Obama has openly supported US strikes in the lawless and rugged border region, and has questioned whether Pakistan has done enough to fight militants despite receiving billions of dollars in US aid since 2001.

During the campaign, Obama said if he is elected, he could launch unilateral attacks on high-value terrorist targets in Pakistan as they become exposed and "if Pakistan cannot or will not act" against them.

"I think there is definitely going to be a new look at all the issues that have been on the table of the United States, and this is one of the large issues," said Zardari, who sat in front of two photos of his late wife, Benazir Bhutto, a US-allied moderate Muslim leader who was killed by suspected al-

Qaeda militants in December 2007 as she campaigned in parliamentary elections.

Zardari took over Bhutto's party after her death and was elected president in September, facing a crushing economic crisis and soaring violence by militants also blamed for attacks on US and Nato forces in Afghanistan.

The US attacks have killed some militants, but many of the dead have been civilians, including women and children, stoking anger among locals, Pakistani officials say.

"We feel that the strikes are an intrusion on our sovereignty, which are not appreciated by the people at large, and the first aspect of this war is to win the hearts and mind of the people," Zardari said.



PHOTO: AFP

Armed militants of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) pose for photographs next to a captured armoured vehicle in the Pakistan-Afghanistan border town of Landikotal Monday after they hijacked supply trucks bound for Afghanistan. TTP militants in northwest Pakistan hijacked 13 trucks carrying supplies for coalition forces in Afghanistan as they passed through the Khyber Pass.

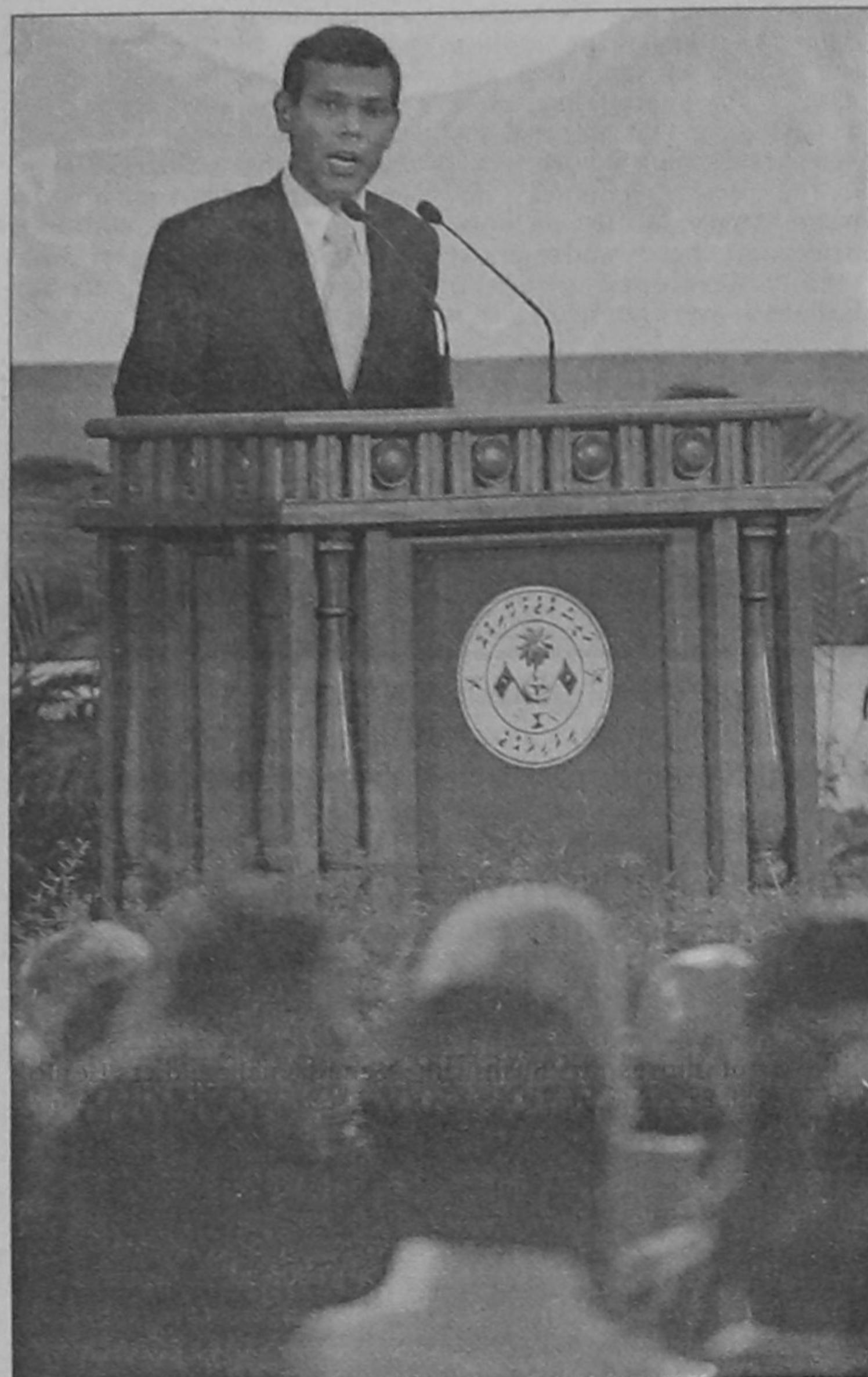


PHOTO: AFP

Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) founder and President Mohamed 'Anni' Nasheed makes his first address to the nation after taking oath in Male yesterday. A former political prisoner who unseated Asia's longest-serving leader as president of the Maldives was sworn into office, taking charge of a nation he fears could soon disappear.

Nasheed sworn in as new Maldives president

PTI, Male

Former political activist and prisoner Mohamed Nasheed was today sworn in as the new President of the Indian Ocean archipelago Maldives.

Nasheed, 41, took his oath of office at a ceremony in Male. The former political prisoner was elected in the first ever multi-party elections held in the island nation.

Nasheed beat Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, who had led the nation for 30 years and was Asia's longest-serving leader, in a Presidential run-off on October 28.

Britain lifts ban on civilian nuclear exports to India

AFP, London

Britain has lifted a ban on exporting sensitive nuclear technology to India for civilian projects, it said Monday, after an international accord to relax rules in September.

Since 2002, Britain has refused all export licence applications for so-called "Trigger List" items to India, Foreign Office Minister Bill Rammell said, referring to an agreed list of sensitive technology.

"That policy has now changed and we will now consider on a case-by-case basis licence applications for peaceful use of all items" on the list if they are destined for UN-safeguarded civil nuclear facilities in India, he added.

Myanmar jails 23 NLD activists for 65 yrs each

AFP, Yangon

Twenty-three pro-democracy activists arrested during anti-junta demonstrations in Myanmar last year were sentenced to 65 years each in jail by a special court yesterday, a family member said.

The activists, including several women, were sentenced during a closed-door hearing at the notorious Insein prison on the northern outskirts of the military-ruled country's commercial hub of Yangon.

"Altogether 23 activists were sentenced today at Insein prison.

They were sentenced to 65 years each," the family member told AFP on condition of anonymity.

The group included prominent activist Nilar Thein and her husband, Jimmy, the relative said. According to Amnesty International Nilar Thein had to abandon her baby daughter after going into hiding following the initial protests in August 2007.

A leading member of a group, which led a failed uprising against the junta in Myanmar in 1988, Mi Mi or Thin Thin Aye, was also among them, the relative said.

Indian navy battles pirates in Gulf of Aden

AFP, New Delhi

An Indian warship yesterday successfully defended a merchant vessel from being hijacked by pirates in the Gulf of Aden and escorted the ship to safety, a statement from the navy said.

Merchant vessel "Jag Arnav," a 38,000-tonne bulk carrier owned by India's Great Eastern Shipping Co Ltd, had crossed the Suez Canal and was 60 nautical miles east of Aden when it was attacked by pirates, the statement said.

An Indian warship patrolling the area detected an alarm by the crew of the merchant vessel and despatched an armed helicopter with marine commandos to intervene and prevent a hijacking, it said.

"This timely and successful intervention led to the pirates

aborting their attempt," it said.

The statement did not say how many crew were on board the "Jag Arnav," the nationality of the pirates or the contents of the vessel. It was the first time the Indian navy has repulsed a pirate attack in the region since New Delhi deployed a warship there last month.

It came after the hijacking in September of the Hong Kong-registered commercial carrier "Stolt Valor," carrying mainly Indian crew, by Somali pirates in the Gulf of Aden, one of the busiest but most pirate-infested shipping lanes in the world.

The Indian navy has been conducting anti-piracy patrols in the Gulf of Aden since October 23 as a sizeable portion of our country's trade flows through the Gulf of Aden," the navy statement.

Lankan troops take rebel town: Military

AFP, Colombo

Government forces in Sri Lanka have wrested control of a small town from Tamil Tiger rebels in an ongoing military offensive, the defence ministry said yesterday.

Troops fighting to seize a strategic road along the coast to the northern peninsula of Jaffna have faced stiff resistance from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).

The ministry said that the sol-

diers had taken Palavi, a small town on the road. It described the town as an LTTE "strongpoint."

Security forces have said they are advancing on Kilinochchi, the political capital of the Tamil rebels,

Jaffna, an area of 2,300 square kilometres (900 square miles) was taken from the Tigers in 1995, but the lack of land access meant that it has had to be supplied via expensive sea and air routes.

Tens of thousands of people have died on both sides of the conflict since 1972, when the LTTE launched its campaign to carve out an independent state in the Sinhalese-majority island of 20 million people.



Indian Speaker accepts resignation of five JD-U MPs

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee on Tuesday accepted the resignation of five Janata Dal-United (JD-U) MPs from Bihar who resigned to protest the attacks on north Indians in Mumbai by activists of the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS).

The five MPs are Prabhunath Singh, Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan', Kailash Baita, Meena Singh and George Fernandes. The party has seven Lok Sabha MPs, including one from Uttar Pradesh and one from Lakshadweep.

The MPs had Friday handed over their resignations to P.D.T. Acharya, the Lok Sabha secretary general. Chatterjee, who was discharged from the Army Research and Referral Hospital Saturday following a bout of bronchopneumonia, was handed over the resignations Monday.

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### ADMISSION NOTICE

Applications are invited for Admission to the First year MBBS Class of Uttara Adhunik Medical College, Uttara for the Session: 2008-2009.

#### Eligibility of Candidates is as follows:

Students who have passed SSC in 2005/2006 and HSC in 2007/2008 or Equivalent qualifications with Physics, Chemistry and Biology as essential subjects and have total GPA 8.00 (Minimum requirement of GPA in SSC or HSC is 3.5) and at least GPA 3.00 in Biology in HSC are eligible. Candidates who have passed SSC/Dakhil/O Level Examination before 2005 and HSC/Alim/A level Examination before 2007 respectively are not eligible to apply.

Students having O level and A level and also other foreign equivalent qualifications should apply through College for equivalency to GPA score after depositing Taka 1000/- in pay order in favour of DGHS, Mohakhali for local students and Taka 3000/- for foreign students and report must be submitted before last date of receiving application forms.

**Admission Forms:** Application forms will be available in the College Office from 14th November 2008 to 24th November 2008 during office hour up to 2:00 P.M. on payment of Taka 2,000/- (Two thousand) + Vat @ 4.5% in cash. Ask for separate forms for free studentship, regular studentship and staff quota candidates. The application forms should be submitted with all relevant documents.

**Last date for receiving applications forms:** 25th November 2008 during office hour up to 2:00 P.M.

**Written Test will be held on Thursday the 27th November 2008 at Uttara Adhunik Medical College** at 10:00 a.m. The result of admission will be published in College Notice Board.

**Free Studentship:** Free studentship will be awarded to two meritorious but financially handicapped students. Candidates must have at least GPA 9 in the SSC and HSC examinations taken together to become eligible for free studentship (Minimum 4 GPA in SSC or HSC).

**Interview of Free Studentship guardians:** 24th November 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Applications for free studentship will not be permitted to transfer to other categories of Applications and vice versa.

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**Bangladesh Cricket Board**  
**Invitation to Bid**

**Sponsorship Rights for Sri Lanka Tour, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe & Bangladesh Tri-Nation ODI Series & Zimbabwe/Bangladesh ODI Series**

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) invites bids from parties who wish to acquire **TITLE SPONSORSHIP** and/or **IN-STADIA ADVERTISING** rights for the Sri Lanka Tour of Bangladesh, Tri-Nation ODI series involving Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe & Bangladesh & ODI Series between Zimbabwe & Bangladesh comprising of 2 (Two) Tests & 7 (Seven) One Day International Matches to be played during the month of December 08 & January 09 (beverages, branded bottled drinking water, online/internet service provider and Tobacco product excluded). The items for which the bids are invited are as per the following table:

<b>TITLE SPONSORSHIP RIGHTS</b>	Title Sponsorship rights for 2 Test Matches against Sri Lanka and 7 One Day Internationals Matches between Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe & Bangladesh as per the schedule.
<b>IN-STADIA ADVERTISING RIGHTS Package-1</b>	24 (Twenty Four) Perimeter /Ground Boards (Size: 1m x 6m). Mid-walls/First Tier Branding for Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur Only. Flood Light Tower Branding at SBNS
<b>IN-STADIA ADVERTISING RIGHTS Package-2</b>	Naming Rights to the Bowling Ends. 4 (Four) Mid-Wicket Pitch Mats. Boundary Rope.

1. A detailed schedule for bid has been developed incorporating all necessary details and documents, including a draft copy of the Sponsorship Rights Agreement.

2. A bidder may bid for all the Rights (Title Sponsorship, In-Stadia Package 1 & 2) or may choose to bid for separate rights. BCB reserves the right in its discretion to cancel or amend the entire bidding process at any stage and to reject any or all bids without providing any reason. The same advertisement is posted at [www.tigercricket.com](http://www.tigercricket.com)

3. Interested parties may obtain the schedule from the Finance Department, Corporate Office, Bangladesh Cricket Board, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh against payment of non refundable BDT 25,000/= (For locally incorporated organizations) or USD 350 (For overseas organizations). Such payment needs to be transferred /remitted to BCB (Account No.: 01-7537131-01, Account Name: Bangladesh Cricket Board, Bank: Standard Chartered Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh, SWIFT: SCBLBDDX). Please send your request for schedule (soft or printed version) along with evidence of bank transfer / payment of above.

4. Schedule will be available from 12<sup>th</sup> November 08 until 20<sup>th</sup> November 08 between 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Bangladesh Local Time except Fridays and Public Holidays in Bangladesh.

5. All Offers / Bids (Prepared in accordance with schedule) must be delivered to BCB as directed in the schedule (BCB Office, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka 1216) at 2:00pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2008.

6. A floor price / reserve price will be announced by the BCB on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 at 10:00 am Bangladesh local time at the BCB Office, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka 1216. Bidders at their own responsibility shall obtain the information (Floor price) from BCB and it will also be available at the BCB Official website ([www.tigercricket.com](http://www.tigercricket.com)).

7. Potential bidders may contact BCB at the address below for details on obtaining schedule:

Manager Marketing & Commercial, Bangladesh Cricket Board, Corporate Office, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh. Phone : +880 2 803 1001/4, Fax : +880 2 803 1199, Cell: 01713046501 email : [sahmed@bcb-cricket.com](mailto:sahmed@bcb-cricket.com)

BCB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers at any stage of the Bidding process without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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November 12, 2008

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to large organizations including UN agencies, diplomatic missions, and international organizations.

Tender should be submitted duly signed by appropriate authority along with company profile detailing background, experience certificate, financial strength, management strength and any other relevant information and documents.

Cash section of ICDDR,B finance office will sell tender document between 11am to 3:30pm up to November 27, 2008 on all working days. Interested tenderers have to pay cash Tk.1,000 (non-refundable) for each set of tender document.

Tender should be dropped in the box kept in procurement office up to 11am on November 30, 2008 and Tender will be opened at 12pm on the same day in presence of representative of firms if any.

ICDDR,B management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason, whatsoever.

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