



Rescue crews secure a US Airways flight 1549 floating in the water after it crashed into the Hudson River on Thursday in New York City. The Airbus 320 craft crashed shortly after take-off from LaGuardia Airport heading to Charlotte, North Carolina.

## Survivors describe miracle of Hudson crash

AFP, New York

This was an airplane passenger queue unlike any other -- a line across a sinking wing to escape death.

Within seconds of crash landing in the Hudson River, passengers from US Airways flight 1549 gathered on the wings, the frigid waters lapping around their feet.

Minutes earlier, the 150 passengers, including a mother with a baby, had been settling into their regular flight from La Guardia to Charlotte, North Carolina.

Then came every traveller's worst nightmare.

Both engines cut -- one of them apparently on fire -- and the pilot issued a terse instruction for everyone to brace.

Once the plane began gliding to Earth, the loudest sound was of people praying.

"There was a lot of silence at that point," said survivor Fred Berretta on CNN television. "People started praying. It was hard to take in."

The plane ploughed into the Hudson, just off Manhattan's 42nd Street.

Everyone, from President George W. Bush to astonished onlookers, praised the pilot's skill in managing that landing.

But ordinary people also

performed heroic acts -- a group effort that ended with everyone, even the baby, escaping alive and few suffering serious injury.

"It went eerily quiet. No one was actually talking," passenger Joshua Peltz said on CNN.

"I opened up the door and let the woman in the exit row past me. At this time the wing was still above the water but slowly (water) started rising above. It went to about knee level."

Berretta also recalled passengers' courage, with those in the emergency rows opening the doors almost immediately. "I don't recall panic really at all. People were amazingly calm."

## Pakistan committed to fighting militants

Islamabad assures Miliband

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's leaders yesterday assured visiting British Foreign Secretary David Miliband of their commitment to tackle militant groups blamed by India for the Mumbai attacks, officials said.

Miliband's visit comes on the heels of a high-profile trip to India, during which he called on Pakistan to show "zero tolerance" toward militants operating on its soil, as the probe into the Mumbai attacks continue.

The British foreign secretary, who arrived in Islamabad early Friday, went straight into talks with his counterpart Shah Mehmood Qureshi and Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani, officials from both countries said.

He was expected to meet President Asif

Ali Zardari and army chief General Ashfaq Kayani before departing Saturday, Pakistani officials said.

Gilani "reiterated that his government would do whatever it can (on Mumbai) and would move fast in acting against those who are proven to be involved," an aide to the prime minister told AFP.

"We are conducting our investigation in the light of the information provided by India. We are acting on our side," the aide said.

Miliband's visit comes one month after British Prime Minister Gordon Brown pledged six million pounds (nine million dollars) to help Pakistan tackle militancy during his own visit to Islamabad.

Both Brown and Miliband have said that London has a vested interest in com-

ing to Islamabad's aid, as the majority of terror plots investigated by British authorities in London have links back to Pakistan.

New Delhi has blamed the banned Pakistan-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), which is fighting Indian rule in divided Kashmir, for the November bloodbath in Mumbai, which left 174 people dead including nine gunmen.

Islamabad has said it is doing all that it can to crack down on militant groups, announcing Thursday that it had so far detained more than 70 members of an Islamic charity linked to LeT and placed 124 others under surveillance.

Pakistan has confirmed that the lone surviving Mumbai gunman is one of its citizens.

## Bush says he kept nation safe in farewell speech

AP, Washington

As Americans get ready to turn the page on George W. Bush, the president offered his own first draft of history.

Summarising eight - and at times turbulent - years in office, Bush told the country that while his policies have been unpopular, there can be little debate about the results: "America has gone more than seven years without another terrorist attack on our soil."

In a farewell address to the nation Thursday night, Bush harkened back to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11,

2001, a time when the public rallied around him and his approval ratings soared.

"As the years passed, most Americans were able to return to life much as it had been before 9/11," Bush said in a prime-time address from the East Room of the White House. "But I never did."

Leaving office with the highest disapproval rating since Richard Nixon, Bush said, "You may not agree with some of the tough decisions I have made, but I hope you can agree that I was willing to make the tough decisions."

## Obama hitting the road to sell his economic plan

AP, Washington

Seeking an early victory on a top priority, President-elect Barack Obama is pitching workers in the ailing Midwest on his plan for some \$825 billion in new spending and tax cuts to spur the troubled economy.

The president-elect on Friday was to tour a northern Ohio company that manufactures parts for wind turbines, a fitting backdrop to promote alternative energy dollars included in the mammoth stimulus package that could top \$1 trillion by the time Congress sends it to the White House.

Obama's campaign-style event is the first of a series he's expected to hold to generate support for his plan to pull the country from recession. His trip comes a day after the Senate approved giving him access to the second half of last fall's \$700 billion financial industry bailout and after

House Democrats unveiled a stimulus plan largely shaped by the president-elect's team.

Citing an economy in crisis and worsening, Obama has spent the past two weeks securing lawmakers' backing for the eye-popping plan that has drawn scepticism from both Republicans and Democrats because of its price tag and tax provisions. He's now taking his pitch directly to the public and trying to sell the sweeping package to lawmakers' constituents.

The stakes are enormous for Obama. Passage of the plan, and bipartisan passage in particular, would mark a significant achievement at the outset of his presidency as he inherits a recession in its second year from President George W. Bush. Defeat would be a blow, coming not just in his first weeks in office but also as joblessness increases, bank failures continue, investment portfolios shrink and home prices drop.

## Mumbai suspects will be tried under Pak anti-terror law: Malik

PTI, Islamabad

Any Pakistani national found to be involved in the Mumbai terrorist attacks will be dealt "with an iron hand" and tried under the Anti-Terrorism Act in the country's special anti-terror courts, interior ministry chief Rehman Malik said.

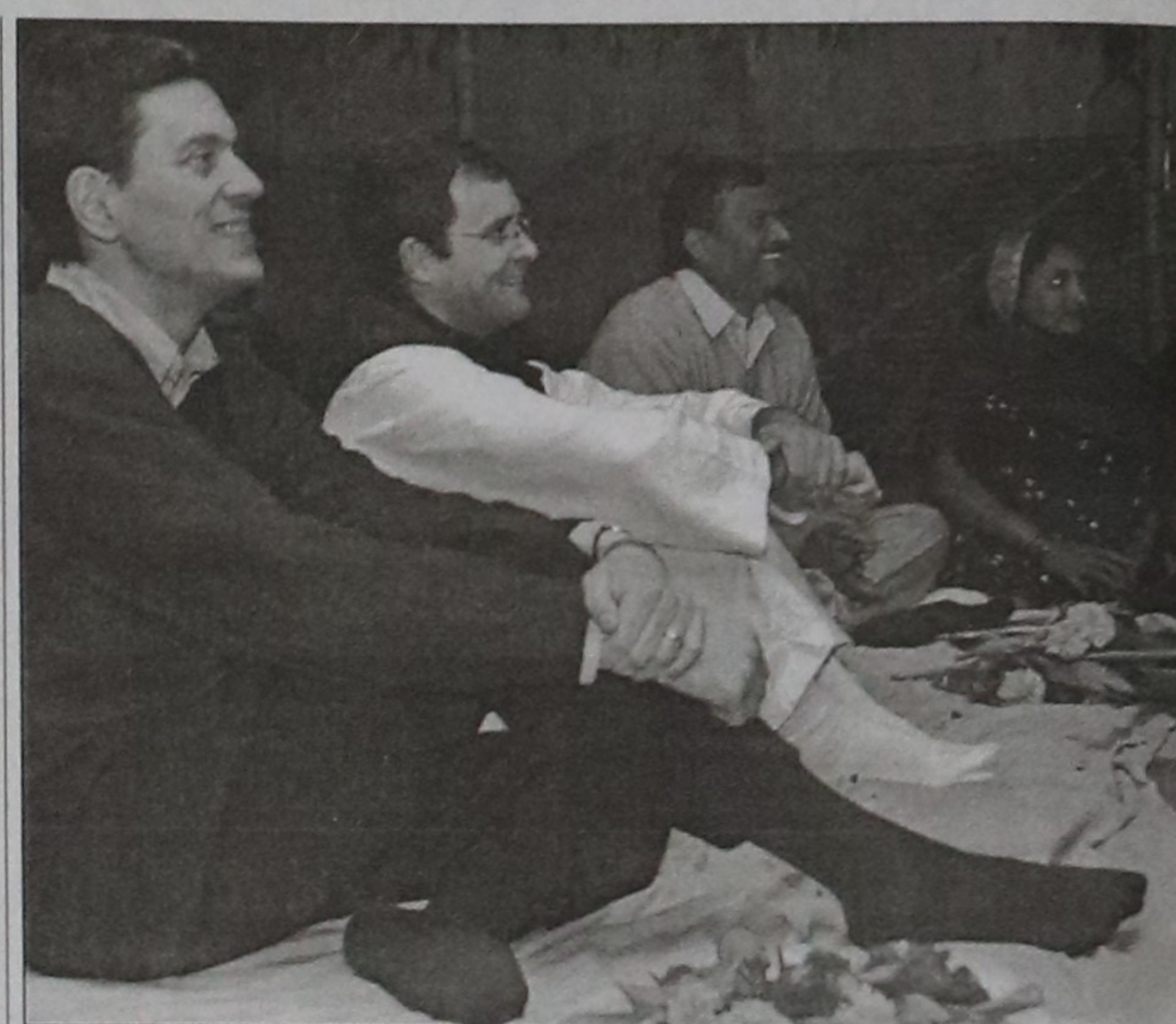
A three-member commission, headed by Additional Director General Javed Iqbal of the Federal Investigation Agency, had been formed to probe the Mumbai attacks, Malik said.

The team has the power to

take into custody any person suspected of having "direct or indirect links" to the Mumbai incident or of having helped "through the internet or other means".

The team had also been authorised to "share information directly with Indian investigation organisations so that this process could be completed at the earliest", GeoNews said.

The Pakistan government has already ruled out the possibility of handing over any terror suspects linked to the Mumbai suspects to India.



British Foreign Secretary David Miliband (L) sits next to General Secretary of the Indian ruling Congress Party Rahul Gandhi (2nd L) inside a hut during a visit to Gandhi's constituency of Amethi on Thursday. Miliband spent the night in the hut of a Dalit or "untouchable" in an Indian village, sleeping on a wooden cot.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROJECT  
Emergency 2007 Flood Restoration And Recovery Assistance Program  
(Municipal Infrastructure)  
Pourashava : Bera  
District : Pabna

Memo No. BPS/Engr./2009/88 Date : 13-01-2009

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)  
IFT No- 06/2008-2009

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received credits from International Development Association (hereinafter referred to as IDA) towards the cost of the Emergency 2007 Flood Restoration And Recovery Assistance program (Municipal Infrastructure) and intends to apply part of the credits to cover eligible Payment under the contract(s) as mentioned in para-2 Tender is open to all Tenderer from eligible source countries as defined in the guideline for Procurement under IBRD loans and IDA credits.
- The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Government of the People Republic of Bangladesh, through Mayor, Bera Pourashava, District: Pabna invites sealed Tenders from eligible Tenderers for the implementation of the following works.

Contract Package No.	Name of the Work	Tender Scrutiny in Taka	Time for Completion (Days)	Price of Tender Document (Tk)
BER-FDR 2007-04	a) Rehabilitation of Road starting from Brishalika Nawsher Mia's shop to Amjad house via Army Salam house (Ch.0+00-0+538m). b) Rehabilitation of Road starting Taghori-Upazila main road to Mohonganj Bazar via Jaonathpur (Ch.0+00-1+000m)	3,40,000.00 (Taka Three lac Forty Thousand)	180	3000.00

- The Tenderers May inspect the Tender Documents, obtain further information and clarification at the office of the Mayor, Bera Pourashava District Pabna, Tel- 07323-75009 or the office of the Upazila Engineer, Bera Upazila, District Pabna, Tel 07323-75016. For award of contract the Tenderer must be qualified in post qualification as specified in the Tender document.
- A Pre-Tender Conference will be held on 10-02-2009 at 11.00 am in the office of the undersigned and all Tenderers are requested to attend the conference on time.
- A complete set of Tender Documents may be purchased by any eligible Tenderer from the office of (i) the Project Director, Municipal Service Project (Address: LGED Bhaban (Level-6) Agargaon, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207) or (ii) the Deputy Commissioner, District: Pabna or (iii) the Executive Engineer LGED District: Pabna or (iv) Upazila Engineer, Upazila: Bera, District: Pabna, or (v) the undersigned upon payment of a non-refundable fee as mentioned in para-2 for each set in the form of pay Order/Bank Draft from may scheduled Bank in Bangladesh drawn in favor of the Mayor, Bera Pourashava, District: Pabna. Additional sets of Tender Documents may be purchased at the same price. Tender Documents will be available during office hours from 09.00 a. m. to 05.00 p. m. up to 16-02-2009.
- Tender shall be valid for a period of 63 (sixty three) Days after Tender Opening and all Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security of amount as mentioned in table para-2 in the form of Bank Draft /pay Order in favor of the Mayor, Bera Pourashava, Pabna or Upazila Engineer, Bera Upazila, District: Pabna.
- All Tenders must be delivered to the office of the undersigned on or before 2.00 pm on 17-02-2009.
- Tenders will be opened at 2.15 pm on 04-02-2009 at the office of the undersigned in presence of the Tenderers or their authorized representatives who choose to attend.
- Tenders may deliver/submit Tenders personally or by registered mail or by courier services etc. and Tenders must reach to the office(s) mentioned at para-7 on or by before 2.00 pm on 17-02-2009.
- A General Information regarding the Tender Notice may be available in the CPUT Web Site (<http://www.cput.gov.bd>)
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders without assigning any reason.

Mayor  
Bera Pourashava, Pabna.  
Ph-07323-75009 (Office)

## Thousands of civilians flee Lankan rebel area

AP, Colombo

Thousands of civilians have fled Sri Lanka's northern war zone in recent days, crossing the front lines amid fierce fighting as the army closed in on the rebels' last stronghold, the military said yesterday.

The government says it hopes the exodus represents the start of a mass flight that will remove hundreds of thousands of bystanders from harm's way as the military

tries to crush the Tamil Tigers' decades-old insurgency.

Aid workers and diplomats have expressed growing concern over the fate of the civilians trapped in what remains of rebel-controlled territory in the northeast after months of fighting.

While the military has so far avoided large-scale civilian deaths, there have been increasing reports of civilian casualties.

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Corrigendum

This is for information of all concerned that due to unavoidable circumstances the notice for Invitation Tender Notice- 05/2008-09 of Contract Package No- BER-FDR-2007-02, circulated vide this office memo no-BPS/Engr./2009/74 dated 06/01/2009 has been amended as follows.

Original	Amended
Memo no-BPS/Engr./2009/74 dated 06/01/2009	Memo no-BPS/Engr./2009/74 dated 07/01/2009
Para No.6- Tenders shall be valid for a period of 63 (sixty three) days after Tender Opening and all Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security amount as mentioned in table, para-2, in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favor of the Mayor, Bera Pourashava, District Pabna or Upazila Engineer, Bera Upazila, District Pabna.	Para No.6- Tenders shall be valid for a period of 120 (One Hundred Twenty) days after Tender Opening and all Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security amount as mentioned in table, para-2, in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favor of the Mayor, Bera Pourashava, District Pabna or Upazila Engineer, Bera Upazila, District Pabna.

All other terms and condition of the tender documents will remain unchanged.

Mayor  
Bera Pourashava  
District Pabna

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Police Headquarters  
Dhaka

International Tender Notice

Sealed tender are hereby invited from the Manufacturers/Suppliers/Local Agents in their official pad for the purchase of the following items for DMP.

No.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs
1.	Agency	Police Headquarters, Dhaka
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Inspector General, Bangladesh Police
4.	Procuring Entity Code	
5.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6.	Invitation for	Tender Goods Single Lot
7.	Invitation Ref No	E&T/18 (2008-2009)
8.	Date	14/01/2009

KEY INFORMATION

9.	Procurement Method	International (ICT) Open Tendering Method(OTM)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10.	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget, GoB
11.	Development Partner	N/A

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12.	Tender Publication Date	17/01/2009
13.	Tender Last Selling Date	02/03/2009
14.	Tender Closing Date and Time	03/03/2009 12:00 PM
15.	Tender Opening Date and Time	03/03/2009 12:30 PM
16.	Name & Address of the Office(s)	
	-Selling Tender Document(Principal)	AIG(E&T), Room no. 220(1 <sup>st</sup> Floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000
	-Receiving Tender Document	AIG(E&T), Room no. 220(1 <sup>st</sup> Floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000
	-Opening Tender Document	Operation Conference Room(1 <sup>st</sup> Floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000
17.	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Operation Conference Room(1 <sup>st</sup> Floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000 Date: 26/02/2009 Time: 14:30 PM

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

18.	Eligibility of Tenderer	As described in Tender Document
19.	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Shown at Sl no. 21
20.	Tender Document Price	1,000.00 Tk.
	Lot No	Identification of Lot
21.	01	Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Maintenance and training of Shooting Simulator (Live & Laser)
		Location
		Tender security in Taka
		Completion time
		90 (ninety) days

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

22.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Sibgat Ullah, ppm-seba
23.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	AIG (E&T), Bangladesh Police
24.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	AIG (E&T), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka
25.	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel: +8802-9564779, Fax: +8802-7176129 E-mail: aige_t@police.gov.bd Website: www.police.gov.bd

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders

15/01/2009  
(Md. Sibgat Ullah, ppm-seba)  
AIG (E&T), Bangladesh police  
Police Headquarters, Dhaka