

## France summons Israeli envoy over warning shots

AFP, Paris

France has summoned Israel's ambassador to protest after Israeli troops fired warning shots as European diplomats were blocked at a Gaza border crossing, the foreign ministry said yesterday.

A diplomatic convoy carrying France's consul general was halted by Israeli troops at the Erez border crossing on Tuesday and held for six hours as it tried to leave the Gaza Strip and return to Jerusalem, a spokesman said.

"The convoy, which included other European diplomats, was subject to two warning shots from Israeli soldiers," French foreign ministry spokesman Eric Chevallerier told reporters during a briefing.

"The foreign minister has summoned Israel's ambassador in France to protest this unacceptable incident and demand an explanation," he said.

Israel's ambassador in Paris is Daniel Shek. The Israeli embassy was not immediately in a position to comment.

For three weeks until January 18, Gaza saw fierce fighting between Israeli forces and Hamas, the Palestinian Islamist group which controls the territory, that left 1,300 Palestinians dead, according to Gaza medics.

Both sides have declared ceasefires but tensions remain, and international diplomats are attempting to broker a lasting end to Hamas attacks in Israel and an end to Israel's blockade of the impoverished territory.



PHOTO: AFP

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (R) and his Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Ghiet (L) meet with newly appointed US Middle East envoy George Mitchell in Cairo yesterday. Mitchell is at the start of a regional tour to bolster a truce in Gaza and revive Israeli-Palestinian talks.

## UN to back attack on Congo rebels

BBC ONLINE

The UN mission to DR Congo (Monuc) says it will provide support to the joint DR Congo-Rwanda operation against Hutu rebels in the east of the country.

The UN force said it would provide transport for troops and medical assistance, but would not participate directly in the operation.

Rwandan troops entered DR Congo last week and

arrested Congolese Tutsi rebel leader Laurent Nkunda. The joint operation is now advancing to flush out the Hutu rebels of the FDLR.

The Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR) presence in eastern DR Congo has been a key factor in more than a decade of instability in the region.

It is a largely ethnic Hutu militia, some of whose leaders are accused of involvement in Rwanda's 1994 genocide.

Rwanda twice invaded DR Congo in the 1990s, saying it was pursuing the Hutu force.

Gen Nkunda always said his own rebellion was necessary to protect his Congolese Tutsi community from the FDLR.

Members of Gen Nkunda's group, the National Congress for the Defence of the People (CNDP), are joining the Congolese army following a split.

## Hillary begins to leave mark on State Department

AFP, Washington

Less than a week after taking over the reins of US foreign policy, Hillary Clinton has left her mark on the State Department with a politician-style charm offensive.

Since she arrived Thursday at the austere hub of US diplomacy, the former first lady set the tone for a "new era for America" marked by openness and dialogue.

Greeted with cheers from employees, she immediately thrust herself into a crowd worthy of the intense presidential election campaign she waged for more than a year before yielding to her Democratic rival Barack Obama.

In order to break clearly with former president George W. Bush's administration, which was accused of resorting too readily to military force, she reiterated US foreign policy along three lines: diplomacy, development and defense.

In her first news briefing on



Hillary Clinton

Development where she promised employees extra funds and political will before plunging into the crowds to shake hands.

In a further show of the new lead on global development, the State Department announced Tuesday it has made an initial contribution of 125 million dollars toward the 2009 operations of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Within days of her arrival Clinton outlined the new US priorities with the naming of three envoys: former senator George Mitchell for the Middle East; diplomat Richard Holbrooke for Afghanistan and Pakistan; and Todd Stern, a former advisor of her husband and ex-president Bill Clinton, to deal with climate change.

Unlike her predecessor Condoleezza Rice, who was courteous but brief and formal at similar appointments ceremonies, Clinton has given such events the air of a campaign rally.

## Early voting begins in Iraq election

AFP, Baghdad

Polling stations opened across Iraq yesterday amid tight security in the first stage of the country's landmark provincial elections, the nation's first balloting since 2005.

The early voting started ahead of Saturday's main polling day to try to avoid the security, logistical and electoral fraud problems of four years ago, when all eligible Iraqis had to vote on the same day.

About 614,000 police, soldiers, hospital patients and prisoners were eligible to cast ballots at 1,672 established voting centres that opened at 7 am (0400 GMT) and will close at 5 pm.

"At seven in the morning voting began that included army, police, patients and detainees," Hassan al-Waeli, chief of the electoral commission in Diwaniyah province told AFP.

"There were around 20,000 voters at 12 of our polling centres," he said.

## Iranian leader demands US apology

BBC ONLINE

Iran's president has welcomed the possibility of a change in US foreign policy but demanded an apology for past US "crimes" committed against Iran.

The US "stood against the Iranian people in the past 60 years," Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said yesterday during an address in the western region of Khormenshah.

"Those who speak of change must apologise to the Iranian people and try to repair their past crimes," he said.

The White House has offered to extend a hand if Iran "unclenched its fist".

President Barack Obama discussed the possibility of a softening of US policy towards Iran in an interview recorded with a Saudi-owned Arabic TV network on Monday.

"When they say 'we want to make changes', change can happen in two ways," Ahmadinejad said.

"First is a fundamental and effective change... The second ... is a change of tactics. It is very clear that, if the meaning of change is the second one, this will soon be revealed," he said.

## Madagascar toll rises to 34 as more demos loom

AFP, Antananarivo

Madagascar President Marc Ravalomanana accused his main rival yesterday of stoking political unrest in the capital that has claimed at least 34 lives.

Anti-government demonstrations called by Mayor Andry Rajoelina turned violent on Monday as mobs looted and set fire to the state radio building and ransacked Ravalomanana's private TV station.

The 34-year-old mayor, who portrays Ravalomanana as a dictator, had announced a temporary suspension of his protest campaign but his deputy said demonstrations were to resume soon.

Hundreds of his supporters gathered at a city park where Rajoelina held a huge weekend rally and called for a general strike.

## Over 3,000 dead from cholera in Zimbabwe

AFP, Geneva

The death toll from the cholera outbreak in Zimbabwe has now passed the 3,000 mark, the UN's World Health Organisation said yesterday.

A total of 3,028 people are now known to have died from the water-borne disease while 57,702 have been affected, the organisation said in its latest update.

The latest death toll represents an increase of more than 1,000 deaths in the past 15 days in the country, which is in the midst of a political and economic crisis which has led to the collapse of the health services.



## Employment Opportunity

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Humanitarian Aid

RDRS Bangladesh is inviting applications from qualified persons for the following positions of 'Gaibandha Food Security Project for Ultra Poor Women' supported by EC and co financed by ICCO, The Netherlands for immediate appointment.

### 1. Project Manager Finance (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.40,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Masters in Accounting/MBA major in Finance/CA Intermediate /CA course completed with 7 years working experience in accounting in any reputed organization/Firm. Proficiency is required in MS word, Excel, knowledge of accounting software like ACCPAC and Tally is preferred. Good communication skill is desired. **Age :** Maximum 45 years.

### 2. Coordinator Field Office (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.35,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Masters in any discipline with sound knowledge of poverty reduction for hardcore poor. Minimum 6 years experience in senior management position with responsibility of project management, staff supervision, report writing and budgetary control. Ability to deal with NGO partnership liaison with government line agency and donor representatives is necessary. Excellent communication and leadership skills are desired. **Age :** maximum 45 years.

### 3. Coordinator Human Resources (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.30,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Masters in any discipline (not below second class/division in academic record). MBA major in HR from reputed institution or equivalent training is preferred. Must have minimum 7 years professional work experience in HR Management in a reputed organization. Sound understanding on HR policy, development issues and skills in report writing. The candidate must have good command over English and Bangla. Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines is needed. **Age :** Maximum 45 years.

### 4. Coordinator Training & Awareness Raising (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.30,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Masters in any discipline (not below second class/division in academic record). 6-8 years experience in training (3 years in senior managerial position). Good track record in development and management of training program. Trainer by profession and have expertise on module, material and method. Able to lead a team of senior and mid-level trainers and guide/supervise management of training facilities in the field. Experience in action research and commercial training will be an added advantage. **Age :** maximum 45 years.

### 5. Coordinator Asset Transfer (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.30,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Masters in any discipline (not below second class/division in any exam) with sound knowledge of rural IGA, human development and economic empowerment for extreme poor women. Minimum 5 years experience in NGO field activities, asset procurement and management. Good communication and coordinating skills are desirable. **Age :** maximum 40 years.

### 6. Coordinator Monitoring & Evaluation (FSUP).

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.30,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Minimum Masters, preferably in Statistics. Minimum 8 years experience in monitoring and evaluation. Ability to survey, mobilize resource and provide input for advocacy. Knowledge on research methodology/ type, IT, computer application, report writing and database management is necessary. Excellent communication and leadership skills are desirable. **Age :** maximum 40 years.

### 7. ICT Specialist (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.25,518 per month**

**Requirements :** Masters Degree in computer science. The incumbent should have 5 years IT knowledge/experience. Experience working as a team leader or working as a knowledge specialist. 2-3 years interacting with directly with clients. Microsoft Office application (Word, Excel). **Age :** 35 years.

### 8. Field Officer Monitoring & Evaluation IGA (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.24,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Masters in any discipline with sound knowledge of project monitoring, variance analysis, database management and data collection. Minimum 5 years working experience in M&E tools, field survey, data compilation and report generation. Sound knowledge of MS Excel, Access and database design is necessary. Good communication and coordinating skills desirable. **Age :** maximum 40 years.

### 9. Field Officer Asset Transfer (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.24,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Masters in any discipline, with sound knowledge of rural IGA, human development and economic empowerment for extreme poor women. Minimum 3 years experience in NGO field activities, asset procurement and management, training and IGA follow up. Good communication and coordinating skills desirable. **Age :** maximum 35 years.

### 10. Field Trainer IGA (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.24,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Masters in any discipline, 3-5 years experience in conducting/managing training programs, develop training modules, curriculum flip chart etc. Should have valid motorcycle driving license and willingness to drive project areas frequently. **Age :** maximum 35 years.

### 11. Artist for Extension, Training & Awareness Material (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.20,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Masters in Fine Arts. Minimum 5 years work experience in printing, painting, graphics and interior design and documents, skills in writing news, feature, report and developing training materials. The incumbent must be computer literate and have good communication skill in both English and Bangla, willingness to drive motorcycle and make frequent field visit. **Age :** Maximum 35 years.

### 12. Accountants (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.20,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Masters in Accounting/MBA Major in Accounting/B.com with CA course completed with at least 5 years relevant experience. The candidate must have sound knowledge and expertise in Accounting. Proficiency in MS Excel, MS word is also a prerequisite for this position. **Age Limit :** Maximum 35 years.

### 13. Admin Officer (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.12,000 - Tk.15,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Minimum Bachelor Degree. 3-4 years relevant experience. Understanding about office management, filling system. Administrative support is needed. The incumbent must have skills in computer with a good keyboard speed in both English and Bangla. The candidates should have good command over English and Bangla. **Age Limit :** Maximum 35 years.

### 14. Union Supervisors (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.15,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Masters in any discipline with 3 years experience. Good communication skills both in writing and speaking. The incumbent responsible for writing reports, assessing training needs and conducting training to group members, volunteers and staff, follow-up of training at field level, extension and adoption of technologies and information at group level. The incumbent must have willingness to make field visit frequently with motorcycle. Candidates for this position must have mentality to drive motorcycle. Candidates having motorcycle-driving license will be preferred. **Age :** 35 years.

### 15. Store keeper (FSUP)

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.13,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Minimum Bachelor degree. At least 2-3 years work experience in store activities. The candidates should have good skills on material receives, ledgers maintain and procurement. Experienced on computer operating will be given advantage. **Age Limit :** 35 years.

### 16. Group Development Agents

**Gross Salary : TK. 8,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Minimum Bachelor degree with 1 year working experience in any recognized NGO. Willingness to work in harsh conditions in remote areas & riding motorcycle/bicycle is essential. Good communication and coordinating skills desirable. **Age :** 30 years.

### 17. Driver

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.12,000 per month**


**Requirements :** Minimum Higher Secondary Certificate and at least three years driving experience with valid driving license. Having primary knowledge and experience on repairing light vehicle like jeep, microbus, etc. **Age limit :** 35 years.

### 18. Office Assistant.

**Salary : Consolidated Tk.7,000 per month**

**Requirements :** Bachelor Degree. 2-3 years relevant experience. Qualification may be relaxed for highly experienced person. Understanding about office management. The incumbent must have skills in computer with a good keyboard speed in both English and Bangla. **Age Limit :** 35 years.

**How to apply :** Qualified applicants should apply to the Human Resources Coordinator, RDRS Bangladesh, Radhaballab, Jail Road, Rangpur within **10 February 2009** with detailed CV including **contact telephone/ cell phone number**, 3 copies of recent passport size photographs, copies of all academic and experience certificates. Please enclose a **bank draft of Tk.100 for positions of 1- 15 and Tk.50 for the position of field supervisor (Sl. no. 16 - 18) as non-refundable commitment fee in favor of RDRS Bangladesh**, drawn on any scheduled bank in Rangpur. Applicants are requested to write the name of the position applied for on the envelope. Only short-listed candidates will be called for interview. Any persuasion will disqualify candidature.



**পাওয়ার গ্রীড কোম্পানী অব বাংলাদেশ লিঃ**  
**Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd.**  
 (An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)  
 Institution of Engineers Bangladesh, New Bhaban (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floor) 8/A, Ramna, Dhaka - 1000  
 Web: <http://www.pgcb.org.bd>

Invitation for Local Tender	
1. Agency	Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCB)
2. Invitation for	Procurement of Brand New 5Nos 1300 ± 5% C.C. Car
3. Invitation Reference No. & Date	Ref.: 07-PGCB/Proc: Vehicles/2009/180 Date: 25-01-2009
4. Tender Selling Last Date & Time	25-02-2009, 5:00 PM
5. Tender Closing Date & Time	26-02-2009, 12:00 Noon
6. Tender Opening Date & Time	26-02-2009, 12:15 PM
7. Place of Selling Tender	Account Division, Head Office, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. IEB Bhaban (4 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Ramna, Dhaka-1000
8. Place of Receiving Tender	Procurement Division, Head Office, PGCB Ltd.
9. Place of Opening Tender Document	Office of Manager, Procurement Division, Head Office, PGCB Ltd.
10. Eligibility of Tender	The bidder will be a reputed Manufacturer or the authorized local agent of bonafide supplier.
11. Brief Description of Works	Supply of Brand new, Latest Model, 1300 ± 5% C.C. Car, all RHD, dual fuel option (Petrol & CNG), with standard equipments, tools & other comfortable accessories.
12. Price of Tender Document	Taka 1000/= (One thousand) only (Non refundable) payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of "Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd."
13. Tender Security	A bid security of Taka 2,50,000/= (two lac fifty thousand) only shall have to be submitted along with the bid documents in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of "Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd."
14. Completion Time of Work	30 days from the date of issuing Work Order.
15. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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