## Obama's economic recovery plan on track in Senate

AP, Washington

US President Barack Obama's economic recovery plan is on track to pass the Senate after a handful of moderate Republicans and Democrats forced more than \$100 billion in cuts in programs that wouldn't create Obama's plan in the Senate many jobs right away.

away from a confrontation that threatened to kill the legislation altogether after White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel weighed in to urge Democrats make a final round of concessions.

Architects of the compromise included Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Ben Nelson, D-Neb., who represented a broader group of moderates unhappy that so much

they thought wouldn't create jobs. Eventually, every Republican except Collins and Arlen Specter, R-Pa., left the talks, which finally produced a deal with the White House late Friday afternoon.

within a few days, the deal But the group backed sets up difficult negotiations with the House. Officials put the cost of the bill at \$827 billion, including Obama's signature

tax cut of up to \$1,000 for

While ensuring passage of

working couples. Much of the new spending would be for victims of the recession, in the form of unemployment compensation, health care and food

stamps. In a key reduction from bill to a final vote.

money went into programs the bill that reached the Senate floor earlier in the week, \$40 billion would be cut from a "fiscal stabilisation fund" for state governments, though \$14 billion to boost the maximum for college Pell Grants by \$400 to \$5,250 would be preserved, as would aid to local school districts for the No Child Left Behind law and special edu-

> cation. A plan to help the unemployed purchase health insurance would be reduced to a 50 percent subsidy instead of two-thirds.

> Despite a 58-41 majority bolstered by the elections, Democrats need 60 votes to clear a key procedural hurdle tomorrow and advance the



Trucks stuck in a long queue at Akhaura land port yesterday as local traders continued an indefinite strike in protest at detention of a trucker and his assistant.

# School of poison

FROM PAGE 1

Despite repeated reports there is no significant change in the situation of Bakchar Govt Primary School. Once most of the students used to attend classes wearing masks and now they don't wear it any

The truth is the polluted smogs are still chocking the school and the residential areas around.

Asked about the situation, Md Sirajuddin, the newly appointed headmaster who joined the school six months ago, said, "The situation has improved." He said he has earlier.

But the students have the same complaints that they feel problems due to smog.

"Though the level of smog has decreased a little we feel problems in our throat and often suffer from cough," said student of class V. Fatema Akhter of class IV supported

It was 12:30pm yesterday when this correspondent was talking to the students. Smog from Rani Steel Mill and Al Islam Steel and Re-rolling Mill was coming out as usual. But smog from Sun Re-rolling Mill was less this time.

The serious hazardous environment has led to a significant fall in the number of students at the school.

A few years ago the school had around 1,600 students. regard.

The number came down to around 1,000 in 2007 and now roughly 600 children are there,

the school authorities say. Locals say in the last one decade a number of heavy mills including steel re-rolling and textile mills were established around the school

founded in 1964. The students are mostly from the families of lowincome group including small traders, rickshaw-pullers, vendors, industry workers and day labourers living in Telkol, Rasulpur, Bakchar and

Garments Colony. "The smog enters our heard the situation was worst houses as well," asserted Raihan of class four.

The Daily Star ran four reports, excluding this one, over the years depicting the schools situation. The Department of Environment (DoE), after one of the reports was run, issued notices to the Sharmin Akhter Sumana, industries to install fume extraction system.

Some industry owners reportedly installed it but the situation has not changed much.

The Ministry of Education on the other hand transferred the concerned assistant education officer, Nazmunnahar Begum, to Manikganj for not performing her duty properly.

Since then the education ministry allows the children to take lessons in the polluted environment and has not taken another step in this

# JS body sews legal wrap for CG rule

FROM PAGE 1 caretaker government that assumed office on January 12, 2007, cannot avoid the liability for the violation of the constitution, as its constitutional responsibility was to extend all out cooperation to the EC, so it could hold a free and fair parliamentary election within the 90 days.

ment's tenure beyond the timeframe stipulated by the constitution, the HC observed, "After dissolution of the parliament, a caretaker administration cannot be thought, expected and allowed to continue beyond such time, as is

provided by law, for failure of the election authority in holding the election. It could not be conceived in any democracy that the election authority would fail to hold an election within the time fixed by law."

About the tenure of the caretaker government, the HC said, "The caretaker administration under clause (1) of On the caretaker govern- article 58B of the constitution shall continue until a new prime minister enters the office after constitution of the parliament under article 11 of the constitution. Our Republic is a democracy and in such democracy unelected caretaker administration cannot be

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Corrigendum

15/02/2009

16/02/2009 up 12:00 noon.

16/02/2009 at 12:50pm.

This is for information of all concern that the tender notice vide Memo No-

Compi/793/01/09 date- 15/01/2009 is hereby amended as under-

In tender SI No- 14, 15, 16 will be replaced as follows:

Tender last selling date

Tender closing date and

Tender opening date

than the time, what is not necessary for a new prime minister to enter the office."

But in an additional comment Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam of the same HC bench

"By giving a rigid and mandatory interpretation of the provision of article 123 (3) and thereby holding that noncompliance of the same by not holding the election of the parliament within the time specified therein has violated the constitution, would not only be unwise and impractical, but in [sic] might lead to a 'severe consequence' affecting

expected to be in office more the whole nation jeopardising the sprit of article 7 of the constitution that ensures supremacy of the constitution declaring that all powers in the republic belong to the people."

> Meaning, article 123 (3) should not be interpreted dogmatically, and the sovereign people should be allowed a leeway to interpret the provision in accordance with their sovereign will.

In a parliamentary democracy, the parliament is the elected representative of the sovereign people.

Article 123 (3) of the constitution says a general election of members of parliament shall be held within ninety days after a parliament is dissolved, whether by reason of expiration of its term, or otherwise.

Explaining the implementation of constitutional provisions, the HC judgment said, "The constitutional provision is self-executing, it supplies sufficient rule by means of which the right it grants may be enjoyed and protected, or a duty which it imposes may be legislative enactment."

But, Justice Ashfaqul Islam added in his comments, "Framers of the constitution of ours might have thought in their wisdom that a time limit should be incorporated in the constitution for holding a

general election for the purpose of making the same positive and cohesive. But they consciously kept out of the scope what would be the fate or consequence if it cannot be perfected in compliance with the time limit."

He went on, "To my interpretation, certainly this provision is open to liberal and flexible construction of the provision. Circumventing the same by giving a rigid and mandatory meaning would defeat the whole purport of the constitution sublime."

"As I have mentioned .....that in a given situation the constitution has to be interpreted by taking all the relevant provisions of it together in a broader perspective and not in isolation...", he said.

Members of the special committee and some legal experts said the caretaker government should have sought the opinion of the Supreme Court under article 106 of the constitution to overcome the legal debate raised over the failure to hold the enforced without the aid of ninth parliamentary poll within the constitutionally stipulated time.

> On the Supreme Court's advisory jurisdiction, article 106 of the constitution says, "If at any time it appears to the president that a question of law has arisen, or is likely to arise,

#### Directorate General of Defence Purchase



which is of such a nature and of

such public importance that it

is expedient to obtain the

opinion of the Supreme Court

upon it, he may refer the ques-

tion to the Appellate Division

for consideration and the

division may, after such hear-

ing as it thinks fit, report its

opinion thereon to the presi-

Ministry of Defence New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 Web: www.dqdp.qov.bd E-Mail: info@dqdp.gov.bd

#### Tender/Re-Tender Notice

1. Sealed tender are invited in local/foreign currency from bonafide manufacturers/ dealers/suppliers/indentors (enlisted firms) for supply of the following item for Bangladesh "Army":

Ser	Nomenclature	Date of selling		Date of	Currency	Tender
No.		From	To	opening		No.
a.	Drafting Equipment Set No. 1 Bn, Quantity-10 Set (5th time)	10-02-09	24-02-09	25-02-09	Local	1434/P-7
b.	Spare Parts for Truck Dumper 6.5 Ton Isuzu FTS3\$F01 Quantity-09 Line items (1st time)	10-02-09	24-03-09	25-03-09	Foreign	1465/P-7

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per I/T selling rate (not-refundable) during office hour between 0800 to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hours and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of all tenderers (if present).

ISPR/Misc/09/2760 GD-627

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For Director General

Date: 28-01-2009

### All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged. It will be treated as a

DCC/PRD/326/'08-'09 GD-657

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System Analyst Computer Cell Dhaka City Corporation



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GD-681

tender meeting

Opening

Place/date/time of pre-

#### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Police Headquarters Dhaka

## Local Re-Tender Notice

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1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
2.	Agency	Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
3.	Procuring entity name	Inspector General, Bangladesh Police.
4.	Procuring entity code	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.

6.	Invitation for		He l'ender Goods Multiple Lot.		
7.	Invitation Ref No		E&T/MV/19 (2008-2009).		
8.	Date		01/02/2009.		
KEYI	NFORMATION				
9.	Procurement method		NCT Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
FUND	DING INFORMATION				
10.	Budget and source of funds	S	Revenue Budget, GoB.		
11.	Development partner		N/A.		
PART	TICULAR INFORMATION				
12.	Tender publication date		08/02/2009.		
13.	Tender last selling date Tender closing date and time		22/02/2009.		
14.			23/02/2009 12:00noon.		
15.	Tender opening date and time		23/02/2009 12:30pm.		
16.	Name & address of the office(s)				
	- Selling tender document AIG (E&T), (principal)		, Room No. 220 (1st floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.		
	- Receiving tender	AIG (E&T)	, Room No. 220 (1st floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.		

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER Eligibility of tenderer As described in tender document

9.	Brief description of goods or works Tender document price			Shown at SI No. 21. Tk.750.00				
	Lot Identification of lot		Nature of purchase		Location	Tender security in Taka	Completion	
1.	01 02	Truck (Diesel, 1.5 Ton)-30 nos Water-Tanker (Diesel, 10,000 Litre)-07 nos	agree	e-work ement. Do	Rajarbag Police Lines, Dhaka Do	8,50,000.00 7,00,000.00	90 (ninety) days Do	
PRO	CURING	ENTITY DETAILS						

Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000

tender Operation Conference Room (1st floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.

Operation Conference Room (1st floor), Date

Name of official inviting tender | Md Sibgat Ullah, ppm-seba. Designation of official inviting | AIG (E&T), Bangladesh Police. tender Address of official inviting AIG (E&T), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka. tender Contact details of official Tel:+8802-9564779, +8802-7176129 E-mail: aige\_t@police.gov.bd inviting tender

Website: www.police.gov.bd

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. Md Sibgat Ullah, ppm-seba AIG (E&T), Bangladesh Police Police Headquarters, Dhaka

15/02/2009

Time

15:00 PM

Noble initiative please do something for us,' FROM PAGE 16 the programme also gave Jabbar Khan, a resident of the

assurance of resolving the problems of the local people like scarcity of water, water logging, grabbing of a playground and extortion.

Several hundred people who joined the programme titled 'lawmaker's accountability before people' highly applauded the state minister's initiative saying they are very happy to raise their problems before the lawmaker.

"Such programme is rare in the country's political culture and it is first of its kind in recent political history," Dr Khaja Nasiruddin, a resident of the area said.

"Mr Minister, you had assured us before the election of taking initiative to build a playground if you win in the poll but about one and a half month have been passed, could you tell us when our children will able to play on the ground," Belayet Hossain Khan, a resident of ward no 42, asked Nanok.

Replying to the above query Ahmed Ali Shah, an executive engineer of DCC, on behalf of the minister said instantly "There is a land in your area which will be made a playground for the children and its work will be started soon after calling a tender within 15 days."

"We are living in an inhuman condition at six Bihari camps where we are facing in water and poor sanitation, every month.

Bihari camp in the area, made the request before the state minister.

Following the request, the WASA and DCC officials assured of resolving the problems within 20 days after directives from the state minister.

Replying to another query, Officer-in-Charge of Mohammadpur police station assured the people of taking quick action to rescue a local club, grabbed allegedly by some local goons.

Several residents of the area pointed out that they are facing poor drainage system in the area and urged the state

WASA assured of taking immediate action to renovate the drainage system.

for the children of the area?

The programme started at 3:00 pm and ended after the evening. The state minister for LGRD also pledged to arrange the same programme in differmany problems like bad odor ent parts of his constituency in

# Ministry/Division

minister to resolve this prob-As per instant directives by Nanok, officials from DCC and

Adiba Hasan Pushpita, a juvenile girl, who after repeated efforts managed to get Nanok's attention asked him (Nanok) what will he do

In reply, Nanok said "I have a plan to build a children park, an udyan and a club in Mohammadpur area."

# সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড

(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী) Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (A Company of Petrobangla)

গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ। এর অপচয় রোধ গাছ লাগান, গাছের পরিচর্যা করুণ এবং করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন। পরিবেশ বাঁচান Ref: SGFL/08-09/HGF/Surma-1/1A/LP-66 Dated: 05-02-2009 Amendment of Tender

Tender No. SGFL/08-09/HGF/Surma-1/1A/LP-66 dated 06-01-2009 for Procurement, Supply, Construction & Commissioning of 4" DN High Pressure Gas Gathering Pipeline from Wellhead of Surma-1/1A to HGF Process Plant. The following amendment is made for the above tender:

1. The selling date of tender document is extended up to 01-03-2009 instead of 15-02-2009. 2. The submission and opening date of bid will be 02-03-2009 instead of 16-02-2009. All other terms & conditions and specifications will remain unchanged.

This will be an Integral part of the tender document. Dy. General Manager (Procurement) GD-731

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#### Office of the Superintending Engineer Drainage (R&D) Circle & Project Director

Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City Project DWASA, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000

Memo No-66/D(R&D)C/DD-1

Invitation for Tender

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	Local Government, Rural Development & Co-operative.
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2.	Agency	Dhaka WASA.
3.	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City Project (RWLP).
4.	Invitation for	Manufacture & supply of 1524, 1370, 1200, 1050, 900, 750, 600 & 450 dia machine made RCC pipe for construction of storm sewer at Modda Pireerabagh, Jheelpar, Paikpara, SP Road, Kallayanpur New Bazar (Job No-D-16/08-09), Manda Road Mugda Boro Mosjid, Uttar Mugda, Basar Tower (Job No-D-104/07 & D-06/08-09), Moghbazar Wireless Road areas & Motijheel Ideal High School, Pirjongi Mazar areas, Package No-01.
5.	Invitation Ref. No.	66/D(R&D)C/DD-1.
6.	Date	28-01-29.
Key	Information	
7.	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
Fund	ding Information	
8.	Budget and source of funds	The Government of Bangladesh (GOB).
Parti	icular Information	
9.	Project/programme code	
10.	Project/programme name	Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City Project (RWLP).
11.	Tender publication date	
12.	Tender last selling date	During office hours from 05-02-2009 to 25-02-2009. No tender document will be sold in the day of opening of tender.
13.	Tender closing date & time	On 26-02-2009 up to 12:00 noon.
14.	Tender opening date & time	On 26-02-2009 at 1:00pm.
	e & address of the offices	
15.	Selling tender document	Janata Bank, Karwan Bazar Corporate Branch/Fakirapool Branch/Posta Branch/Mohammadpur Corporate Branch/Mirpur Section-1/Mohakhali Corporate Branch. Dhaka.

Agrani Bank, WASA Branch, Dhaka. Uttara Bank, Karwan Bazar Branch. HSBC, Gulshan Branch/Motijheel Branch/Dhanmondi Branch, Dhaka. One Bank Ltd, Karwan Bazar Branch, Dhaka. Accounts Division, Dhaka WASA (4th Floor), WASA Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. Office of the Superintending Engineer, Drainage (R&D) Circle & Project Director, Removal Receiving tender document of Water Logging in Dhaka City Project, DWASA, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.

Opening tender document Same as above. Information for Tenderer Manufacturing licence from the Ministry of Industry/Board of Investment. Eligibility of tenderer Tenderer must have a minimum value of machine made RCC pipe supply works under a single contract in the last five years should be of 2.0 (two) millions to any govt/semi govt/autonomous bodies supported by certificate from an officer not below

the rank of Executive Engineer. Manufacturing of 1524, 1200, 1050, 900, 750, 600 & 450mm dia meter machine made RCC pipe according to BS-556 Brief description of works

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18.	Brief description of related services	N/A.				
SI	Manufacture & supply of 1524, 1370, 1200, 1050, 900, 750, 600 & 450 dia machine made RCC pipe for construction of storm sewer at Modda Pireerabagh, Jheelpar, Palkpara, SP Road, Kallayanpur New Bazar (Job No-D-16/08-09), Manda Road Mugda Boro Mosjid, Uttar Mugda, Basar Tower (Job No-D-104/07 & D-06/08-09), Moghbazar Wireless Road areas & Motijheel Ideal High School, Pirjongi Mazar areas, Package No-01.		Location	Tender document price (Tk)	Tender security (Tk)	Completion time (days
(A)			Factory premise or stackyard or Dhaka WASA Central Store, Pagla or as per direction of Project Director	2,000/- (two thousand)	1,00,000/- (one lac)	60 (sixty)

Procuring Entity Details Engr Md Waliullah Sikder. 19. Name of official inviting tender Superintending Engineer, Drainage (R&D) Circle & Project Director, Removal Designation of the official inviting of Water Logging in Dhaka City Project (RWLP). Office of the Superintending Engineer, Drainage (R&D) Circle & Project Address of the official inviting tender Director, Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City Project (RWLP), Dhaka WASA, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000. 22. Contact details of official inviting tender Telephone: 9559142.

23. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject or accept any or all tenders. Engr Md Waliullah Sikder Superintending Engineer Drainage (R&D) Circle & Project Director WASA-PI-129/09 RWLP. Dhaka WASA