

Japan, Russia discuss islands row

BBC ONLINE
Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev have held talks on resolving a decades-old territorial dispute.



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (L) speaks as Indonesian Foreign Ministry Hassan Wirajuda listens during their joint press conference in Jakarta yesterday.

N Korea nuke, missile programmes "serious threat", says S Korea

AFP, Seoul
South Korea yesterday described North Korea's nuclear and missile development as a serious threat to the world, as a media report said the communist state is operating a secret atomic programme.

Saudis applaud as Qaeda man turns self in

AFP, Riyadh
Saudi Arabia's rehabilitation programme for militants and ex-Guantanamo prisoners is working effectively, an official said yesterday after an Al-Qaeda operative handed himself in to the authorities.

Syria urges better ties with US

BBC ONLINE, London
President Bashar al-Assad of Syria has urged the US in a newspaper interview to engage in talks with Damascus and restore full diplomatic ties.

Israeli cabinet links Gaza truce to release of soldier

AP, AFP, Jerusalem
Israel's security cabinet voted yesterday to condition a Gaza truce on the release of a captive soldier, a move that risked further complicating Egyptian efforts to broker a lasting ceasefire.



A picture dated February 17 shows a Palestinian girl playing with a ball near tents housing those who lost their homes during Israel's 22-day offensive in the northern Gaza Strip refugee camp of Beit Lahia.

Office of the CMES (Army) Chittagong
Notice for Invitation of Tender
1 Ministry/Division Ministry of Defence
2 Agency Military Engineer Services.

UK may deport Abu Qatada to Jordan

AFP, Amman
Abu Qatada, a radical Muslim cleric once described as Osama bin Laden's right-hand man in Europe, faces a retrial in Jordan on terror charges, an official said yesterday.

Arab novelist Tayeb Salih dies in London

AFP, Khartoum
Sudanese writer Tayeb Salih, one of the most respected Arab novelists of the 20th century, has died in London where he spent most of his life, one of his friends said yesterday.

Social Development Foundation (SDF)
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL CONSULTANT FOR DRMU, BARISAL
Government of Bangladesh has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) to implement two new programs under Social Investment Program Project (SIPP) through Social Development Foundation (SDF) to help restore the livelihood of rural communities affected by the 2007 floods and by Cyclone Sidr.