

# UN urges Lanka, Tigers to avoid 'final bloody battle'

AFP, Colombo/Washington

The UN's humanitarian chief Saturday urged the two sides in Sri Lanka's civil war to avoid a "final bloody battle", expressing deep concern for the tens of thousands of civilians trapped in the combat zone.

Wrapping up a three-day visit to the island, John Holmes said it was the responsibility of the government and the Tamil Tiger rebels to spare civilians as the warring factions prepare for a final showdown.

Holmes said "tens of deaths and more injuries" of civilians are taking place daily inside the northern Wanni region, where security forces have hemmed the Tigers into a small stretch of jungle along the northeast coast.

"I urge both sides to do everything they can for a peaceful and orderly end to avoid a final bloody battle," he said, stopping short of calling for a ceasefire to allow civilians to leave the embattled areas.

"I remain hopeful... A final bloodbath is a process which will be dreadful for everybody, for civilians especially," he told reporters just before leaving the island.

The government estimates some

70,000 people are still trapped behind the front lines, while 36,000 civilians have crossed over into government-controlled areas since January 1.

Human Rights Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe said the Red Cross on Saturday evacuated another 300 wounded people and their relatives by sea from the war zone to the northeastern town of Trincomalee.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has evacuated 1,185 people by sea during the past two weeks.

Meanwhile, thousands of members of the Tamil diaspora rallied Friday outside the White House to demand US pressure on the Sri Lankan government as it pursues a major offensive against Tiger rebels.

The rally was met by a smaller counter-demonstration, mostly by members of Sri Lanka's majority Sinhalese community, who called for the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) to end their trademark suicide attacks.

The protests came just as the LTTE carried out a kamikaze-style air attack on Sri Lanka's capital Colombo, bombing the main tax building and killing two people.

Organisers said some 5,000 people -- mostly Tamil residents of the United States and Canada -- took part in the rally near the South Lawn of the White House, where they beat drums and chanted "Stop the genocide!"

Several protesters waved the LTTE's red flag and carried placards describing the group -- branded by the United States as a terrorist group -- as "freedom fighters."

"The United States is often reluctant to condemn a foreign government, especially when it says it is part of the 'war on terror,'" said Nalayani Gunanayagam, an organiser of the demonstration.

"But the 'war on terror' is only an excuse to carry out genocide," said Gunanayagam, a California resident who left Sri Lanka more than 40 years ago.

She said the United States could impose pressure by slapping trade sanctions on Sri Lanka, a major textile exporter.

Tens of thousands of people have died since the Tigers launched a campaign in 1972 to carve out a Tamil homeland. The military has been closing in on the rebels, who have lost 98 percent of the territory they controlled two years earlier.



A Sri Lankan soldier stands next to the wreckage of a Tamil Tiger light aircraft lying in a marsh in Katunayaka, near Colombo yesterday, a day after it was shot down by government forces just outside the island's only international airport.



A young protester yells out her protest chants towards US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Friday in front of the US Department of State against the genocide of Tamils in Sri Lanka.

## Modi slams Rahul, Cong calls BJP anti-people

IANS, Surat/New Delhi

Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday criticised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, asking him not to comment on the state's economic initiatives. The Congress responded by saying that Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was pro-corporate and had little concern for masses.

"Some people come from Delhi and give us advice on the Tata Nano project without full information," Modi said in Surat.

He was reacting to Congress General Secretary Rahul Gandhi's criticism of the Gujarat government. Gandhi, while visiting Surat on February 14, had said the Modi government had doled out special favours to Tata Motors for shifting its small car-Nano project from West Bengal to Sanand.

Referring to the downturn in the Indian diamond polishing industry, most of which is concentrated in Surat, Modi said: "It is for the central government to take care of the diamond industry. My government has already given VAT concessions."

In reply, the Congress said the basic problem with the BJP is its ideology, which is pro-corporate and has nothing to do with the masses.

"It is the fault of the party ideology which supports the corporate world. It is extremely sad that in the land of Mahatma Gandhi, the corporate world is favoured who are earning crores of rupees," Congress general secretary Digvijaya Singh said in New Delhi.

"The Modi government has nothing to do with medium and small scale industries," he added.

## Obama broadens US targets in Pakistan

AFP, PTI, Washington/ New York

US President Barack Obama's administration has broadened the number of radical groups targeted by the CIA inside Pakistan by attacking a militant network seeking to overthrow the Pakistani government, The New York Times reported yesterday.

After targeting al-Qaeda and Taliban militants in their 'safe havens' on the Pak-Afghan border, US forces have now also started hitting Pakistani Taliban.

The strikes are another sign that Obama is continuing, and in some cases extending, Bush administration policy in using American spy agencies against terrorism suspects in Pakistan, as he had promised to do during his presidential campaign.

recent missile strikes on training camps run by Baitullah Mehsud represent a broadening of the US military campaign inside Pakistan, which has been carried out largely by drone aircraft.

Under former president George W. Bush, the United States frequently attacked militants from al-Qaeda and the Taliban but stopped short of targeting Mehsud and his followers.

Mehsud was identified early last year by US and Pakistani officials as the man who had orchestrated the assassination of Pakistani former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, the report said.

Bush included Mehsud in a classified list of militant leaders whom the CIA and American commandos were authorised to capture or kill, according to the paper.

However, he did not do anything to implement the authorisation.

But last Saturday and Monday, US missiles hit camps run by Mehsud's network, The Times said.

The Saturday strike was aimed specifically at Mehsud, but he was not killed, the paper reported, citing unnamed Pakistani and US officials.

Last week, American drones attacked a camp run by Hakeem Ullah Mehsud, a top aide to the militant leader. But the Pakistani Taliban chief himself was not killed.

By striking at the Mehsud network, US may be seeking to demonstrate to Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari that the new administration is willing to go after the insurgents of greatest concern to Pakistani leaders.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training

89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000

No-Kallyan Tahbil-15608/2008/1346/ Date: 18-02-2009

#### Invitation for Tender (2<sup>nd</sup> Call)

1. Ministry	Ministry of Expatriates, Welfare & Overseas Employment.		
2. Agency	Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training.		
3. Procuring entity name	Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training.		
4. Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.		
5. Invitation for tender	Tender for Printing of Special Privilege Card for Expatriate Bangladeshi Remitter.		
6. Invitation Ref No. & date	Kallyan Tahbil-15608/2008-1346 Date: 18-02-2009.		
7. Procurement method	Open tendering method.		
8. Budget and source of funds	Wage Earners Welfare Fund.		
9. Tender package No.	1 (one).		
10. Tender package name	Tender for Printing of Special Privilege Card for Expatriate Bangladeshi Remitter.		
11. Tender last selling date	05-03-2009 Time: 2.30 pm.		
12. Tender closing date and time	08-03-2009 Time: 12.00 noon.		
13. Tender opening date and time	08-03-2009 Time: 12.30 pm.		
14. Name & address of the office	Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.		
-Selling tender document	Accounts Section, Wage Earners Welfare Fund, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Briefing Center, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.		
-Receiving tender document	Additional Director General (ES), 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, BMET, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.		
-Opening tender document	Additional Director General (ES), 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, BMET, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.		
15. Date/time/place of pre-tender meeting (optional)	03/03/2009, Time: 11.30am (if necessary), Director (Welfare), 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, BMET, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.		
16. Eligibility of tenderer	The tenders should have the following requirements. 1. Valid trade license. 2. Experience of supplying similar types of goods (three years of overall experience & 2 years specific experience). 3. Up-to-date Income Tax certificate and VAT registration. 4. Bank solvency certificate & credit facilities certificate. 5. Affidavit in support of ownership of the firm. 6. Other conditions as per STD.		
17. Brief description of goods or works	Tender for Printing of Special Privilege Card for Expatriate Bangladeshi Remitter. (As per sample).		
18. Price of tender document	Tk. 1,000/- (one thousand).		
19. Package No.	Description	Location	Completion time
1.	Printing of Special Privilege Card for Expatriate Bangladeshi Remitter (As per sample)	BMET Head Quarter	20,000/- in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order 30 days from the date of notification of award
20. Name of official inviting tender	Dr Md Kawser.		
21. Designation of official inviting tender	Director (Welfare).		
22. Address of official inviting tender	Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.		
23. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 9361820	Fax:	--

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

**Dr Md Kawser**  
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Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training  
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### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা ইনস্টিটিউট স্থাপন প্রকল্প

শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, শিক্ষা ভবন, ঢাকা

স্মারক নং-শিম/আমাই/ফার্মিচার/ক্রম/১৯/২০০১/১০১৩ তারিখঃ ১৮/০২/০৯

#### পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১. মন্ত্রণালয়/সংস্থা/বিভাগ	শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়।
২. প্রকল্পের নাম	আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা ইনস্টিটিউট স্থাপন প্রকল্প।
৩. তহবিলের উৎস	জিওবি।
৪. দরপত্রের বিষয়	অফিস আসবাবপত্র ক্রয়।
৫. দরপত্র আহ্বানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	স্মারক নং-শিম/আমাই/ফার্মিচার/ক্রম/১৯/২০০১/৯৭১, তারিখঃ ১৩/০১/০৯
৬. সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
৭. দরপত্র সিডিউল মূল্য এবং আনুমানিক	সিডিউল মূল্য ১,০০০/- (অফিসের যোগ্য) টাকা কোড-১-২৫০১-৬৩৮৪-২৩৬৬ খাতে ট্রেজারী চালানের মাধ্যমে এবং দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত মূল্যের ২% আনুমানিক পে-অর্ডার মারফত প্রকল্প পরিচালক, আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা ইনস্টিটিউট স্থাপন প্রকল্প, শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, শিক্ষা ভবন, ১৬, আব্দুল গণি রোড, ঢাকা-১০০০ এর বরাবরে জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।
৮. দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির স্থান	আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা ইনস্টিটিউট স্থাপন প্রকল্প, শিক্ষা ভবন, ৩য় তলা, ১৬, আব্দুল গণি রোড, ঢাকা-১০০০।
৯. দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রির তারিখ ও সময়	২৫-০২-২০০৯ হতে ০৭-০৩-২০০৯ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
১০. দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	০৮-০৩-২০০৯ তারিখ বেলা ১২:৩০টা পর্যন্ত।
১১. দরপত্র দাখিল ও খোলার স্থান	দাখিলের স্থান-প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, শিক্ষা ভবন, ৩য় তলা, ১৬, আব্দুল গণি রোড, ঢাকা-১০০০/বিকিং নং-৬, রুম নং-১৭০২, শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা। খোলার স্থান-প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়।
১২. দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৮-০৩-২০০৯ তারিখ ৩:০০টা। দরপত্রের আবেদন/আবেদনের প্রতিনিধির উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হবে।
১৩. দরপত্রের আবেদন/আবেদনের বিবরণ	ক) দরপত্রের সাথে সিডিউল ক্রয়ের মূল রশিদ, আইএসও সনদ, হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদ অথবা আয়কর জমা দেয়ার রশিদ এবং ব্যাংক কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত আর্থিক স্বচ্ছতার সনদের ১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা সত্যায়িত করে দাখিল করতে হবে। খ) দরপত্রের আবেদন/আবেদনের সর্ববৃহৎ কালো অক্ষর ০৫ (পাঁচ) বসনের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে এবং এর অনুকূলে প্রমাণপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। গ) বিক্রয়কার ০৩ (তিন) বসনের লেবা প্রদানের সুবিধা ও অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে এবং এর অনুকূলে প্রমাণপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৪. বিশেষ নির্দেশিকা	কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন দরপত্র সম্পূর্ণ/আংশিক গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

শিপ্রিন আশতার প্রকল্প পরিচালক

আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা ইনস্টিটিউট প্রকল্প  
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### Office of the CMES (Army) Chittagong

Chittagong Cantonment, Chittagong

#### Notice for Invitation of Tender

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence.		
2. Agency	Military Engineer Services.		
3. Procuring entity name	CMES (Army) Chittagong.		
4. Procuring entity district	Chittagong.		
5. Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).		
6. Budget and source of funds	Revenue budget & Govt. of Bangladesh (GOB).		
7. Tender invitation Ref No. & date	3027/180/E-3 Date 08-02-2009		
8. Tender publication date	22-02-2009		
9. Tender last selling date	08-03-2009		
10. Tender closing date and time	09-03-3009 at 12.00 hrs.		
11. Tender opening date and time	09-03-3009 at 12.30 hrs.		
12. Name and address of the office for selling, receiving and opening tender document	CMES (Army) Chittagong, Chittagong Cantonment.		
13. Eligibility of tenderer	MES enlisted 'D' & 'E' class contractors and enlisted with other govt./semi govt./other organization having security clearance from DGFI.		
14. Brief description of goods or works	As per SI-No-17 (a).		
15. Brief description of related services	N/A		
16. Price of tender document (Tk)	As per shown on SI No. 17 (a).		
17. Name of works & location	Tender security in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of CMES (Army) Ctg Cantt (TK)	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Completion time in weeks/months
a)	Supply of different materials for SDO B/R-1 Sub-division under AGE (Army) Bhatary, Chittagong (Yearly).	19,000/-	500/- 01 (one) year
18. Name of official inviting tender	CMES (Army) Chittagong.		
19. Designation of official inviting tender	Superintendent Engineer.		
20. Address of official inviting tender	Chittagong Cantonment, Chittagong.		
21. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel Mil No. 3046	Fax No. NA	E-Mail-NA
22. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
23. If the date of selling, submission and opening is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstance, next working day at same time and same place will be applicable for the same respectively.			

Date 08 Feb 2009

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