



PHOTO: AFP
Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma (C) takes the oath administered by Chief Justice Pius Langa (L) as South Africa's fourth President since the end of the apartheid era in Pretoria yesterday while former president Thabo Mbeki (R) and his wife Zanele Mbeki look on.

S Africa swears in Zuma as new president

AP, Pretoria

Jacob Zuma took the presidential oath Saturday and became leader of the continent's economic powerhouse after overcoming corruption and sex scandals and a struggle for control of his party.

Zuma, the fourth president since apartheid ended 15 years ago, enjoys a popularity often compared to Nelson Mandela's. Many impoverished black South Africans believe Zuma's personal battles and eventual triumph give him special insight into their own struggles and aspirations.

Zuma survived corruption and sex scandals and an internal power struggle so vicious it led to a split in his African National Congress party. The ANC won last month's parliamentary elections and Zuma was elected president by parliament on Wednesday.

After Zuma signed the oath of office Saturday, a Zulu praise singer in traditional animal skins and pink feathers took to the stage

to extoll the virtues of Zuma.

Tens of thousands had broken into spontaneous song when Zuma arrived, beaming, accompanied by his senior wife, Sizakele Khumalo. Zuma's unabashed polygamy has raised questions about which of his three current wives may act as first lady. On Saturday, all three were reported present but only Khumalo accompanied him to the stage, where Zuma dropped down onto his knees before Mandela in a traditional sign of respect.

Sydney Mokoena, a 48-year-old Pretoria high school teacher, roused his 10-year-old daughter, Thula, at 4:30 a.m. to get to the lawn early. He said he admired Zuma for the calm he showed during his legal battles over corruption allegations that have now been dropped and a 2006 rape trial that ended with acquittal.

Mokoena also said that while Zuma may not have had much formal education, his leadership of the ANC's intelligence wing during the anti-apartheid struggle was proof he was smart enough to be president.



PHOTO: AFP
A rebel soldier lies dead while Chad soldiers carry out clearing up operations on Friday in the area of Am Dam, 130 km south of Abeche where fighting took place on Thursday against rebels who were stepping up an offensive against President Idriss Deby, with almost 250 reported dead in two days of fighting.

Obama renews sanction on Syria for a year

AFP, Washington

US President Barack Obama has renewed sanctions on Syria amid continuing concerns about its role supporting militants in the region, State Department spokesman Robert Wood said Friday.

"The president felt it was necessary to take these measures. These are not new sanctions," Wood told reporters.

"I think this shows you that we still have some very serious concerns about Syrian behaviour and activity in the world," he added.

"We've said to you before our concerns about what Syria is doing in Iraq, its support for terrorist groups. We've encouraged the Syrians to play a positive role in the Middle East," he said.

"We're willing to engage them in a dialogue to try to address not only our concerns but concerns that they may have.

"But there's... no secret. We have some very serious problems with the government of Syria. And we hope to be able to try to work out those differences, but a lot of it is going to be up to Syria," he added.

The United States accuses Syria and its non-Arab ally Iran of giving material support to Hamas and Hezbollah in their conflicts with Israel.

It also charges that Syria has turned a blind eye to Islamist militants entering Iraq through its border, while also accusing Iran of actively supporting anti-US militants in Iraq.

The renewal of the sanctions comes as the United States is trying to engage diplomatically with Syria and a senior US official Jeffrey Feltman returned to the country this week as part of those efforts.

In Damascus, Feltman said he held "constructive" talks on Thursday with Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem, on his second visit in two months to try to improve ties with Damascus.

Dialogue with S Korea out of question, says North

AP, Seoul

North Korea said Saturday that it would not even consider talking with South Korea, lashing out at Seoul for criticising the isolated country's human rights record.

South Korea had been planning to propose talks on the two countries' troubled joint industrial complex, but the statement put any such talks in doubt.

Relations between the sides have significantly deteriorated since Seoul's conservative President Lee Myung-bak took office in February last year. Since then, reconciliation talks were cut and all key joint projects except the factory park in Kaesong just north of the border were suspended. In late March, the North detained a South Korean worker for allegedly denouncing the communist country's political system a further strain on ties.

Seoul's Unification

Ministry spokesman Kim Honyeon said he still believes the North will agree to a meeting about the factory park because it would address Pyongyang's demand that the South pay more for using its workers and the land at the zone.

But Kim said the North could try to limit the talks only to issues related to its demand while refusing to discuss the fate of the worker or other broader issues about improving their relations.

Last month, the rivals held their first government-level meeting since Lee took office. But the talks, which lasted less than 30 minutes, produced little progress as the North refused to free the worker and made the demand for a raise in worker wages and land charges.

"There is no room for even considering dialogue between the South and the North," the North's committee for South Korean affairs said in a statement, carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

Obama picks Egypt for addressing Muslims

AFP, Washington

President Barack Obama will make his long-awaited address to Muslims in Egypt on June 4, accelerating his bid to mend the US image in the Islamic world from an epicentre of Arab civilisation.

The speech, fulfilling an Obama campaign promise, will focus on how Americans and Muslims abroad can secure the "safety and security" of their children in a more hopeful future, Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs said.

The trip, certain to unfold amid a massive security operation, will come as Obama tries to ignite stalled Middle East peace efforts, and will represent his most significant attempt yet to engage the Muslim world.

Arabs and Muslim believers across the world have been alienated by the war in Iraq, abuse of prisoners at Abu Ghraib jail outside Baghdad and the Guantanamo Bay "war on terror" camp, which Obama has ordered closed.

Gibbs said that the exact venue for the speech had yet to be decided, but most speculation will centre on Cairo, the capital of Egypt, the most populous nation in the Arab world.

"On June 4, the president will give a speech in Egypt. The speech will be about America's relations with the Muslim world," Gibbs said.



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Invitation for Tender (IFT) for Purchase of Generator, Lift & Sub-Station

Project Name	BRAC Construction Department		
Source of Fund	Own Fund		
Tender Package No	Gen-01/09	: <i>Diesel Generator</i> (700 KVA & 350 KVA)	
	Lift-01/09	: <i>Lift</i> (Capsule, Cargo, Passenger)	
	SST-01/09	: <i>Sub-Station</i> (1000 KVA)	
Reference No & Date	IFT/BRAC/BPD-Const/09-012 May 05, 2009		
Tender Name	Purchase of Generator, Lift & Sub-Station		
Time for Delivery	Maximum 90 Days for Generator and 120 Days for Lift & Sub-Station for each lot from the date of issuing Purchase Order / Contract.		
Price of the Tender Documents	<i>Non-refundable Tk. 1000.00 (One Thousand) per package only.</i>		
Tender Security	3% of Total Tender Value		
Tender Documents Available	Accounts Department, Annex Building, 5 th Floor, BRAC Center, 75, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.		
Date & Time for Selling Documents	May 12 to May 25, 2009 <i>Between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.</i>		
Tender Dropping Place, Date & Time	Procurement Department, Ground Floor, BRAC Center, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. <i>May 26, 2008 between 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.</i>		
Tender Opening Place, Date & Time	4 th Floor Staff Canteen, BRAC Center <i>May 26, 2008 at 3:30 pm.</i>		

Navy sinks Tiger boats as troops advance

Ground troops kill 35 rebels

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's navy sank two Tiger boats carrying 14 rebels yesterday as ground troops killed at least 35 guerrillas just outside the newly demarcated "safety zone" for civilians, the military said.

Sailors attacked the flotilla off the coast of Mullaitivu where the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) are making a final stand against advancing government troops, a military official said.

Two guerrilla boats were sunk and the navy believed that there were at least 14 Tigers on board, he said.

The sea battle came after security forces captured a mud embankment built by the LTTE and moved deeper into the remaining territory held by the guerrillas amid stiff resistance, the defence ministry said.

Security forces who captured a mud embankment built by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) on Thursday moved deeper into the remaining territory held by the guerrillas amid stiff resistance, the ministry said.

"In subsequent search operation conducted

in the area, troops have found 35 bodies of LTTE terrorists killed in fighting along with LTTE military hardware," the ministry said in a statement.

It did not give military casualties, but the latest report came as the government reduced the size of the "safe zone" for civilians trapped by the fighting.

The government estimates that up to 20,000 civilians are being held by the LTTE as human shields. The United Nations has said the number could be as high as 50,000.

A military official said Tiger rebels had on Friday shot and killed a man who tried to escape. Another 12 civilians were wounded, but managed to reach a military post and receive medical attention, the official said.

Military spokesman brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara said the civilian safe zone was made smaller as fighting was raging on the outskirts.

The guerrillas have been confined to a five-square-kilometre (two-square-mile) area in the district of Mullaitivu and only three square kilometres of that would be the new "safe zone," Nanayakkara said.



PHOTO: AFP
Russian fighter jets fire signal flares while flying over the Kremlin during the nation's Victory Day parade in Moscow yesterday in commemoration of the end of WWII.

Russia displays military might on Victory Day

AP, Moscow

Rows of missiles and tanks rolled through Moscow's Red Square and dozens of combat jets roared overhead in the Victory Day parade Saturday in the largest show of Russia's military might in its post-Soviet history.

Victory Day, marking the defeat of Nazi Germany, is Russia's most important secular holiday, and the parade reflected the Kremlin's efforts to revive the nation's armed forces and global clout.

In a speech opening the parade, President Dmitry Medvedev said the nation's armed forces are "ready to give adequate response to any aggression."

Medvedev didn't specifically mention Russia's war with neighbouring ex-Soviet republic Georgia in August, but alluded to it when he said that "even today there are those who engage in military adventurism."

BPDB's International Tender Notice			
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource/Power Division.	
2	Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board.	
3	Procuring entity name	Director Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.	
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Spare for Bus Differential Protection System of 230 KV Sub Station of Barapukuria Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant, BPDB, Barapukuria, Dhaka.	
7	Invitation for tenders Ref No.	Pur-413/2009	
8	Date	03.05.09.	
KEY INFORMATION			
9	Procurement method	Open tendering method.	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10	Budget and source of funds	BPDB's Revenue Budget.	
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.	
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.	
14	Tender package No.	201(FY 2008-2009).	
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Spare for Bus Differential Protection System of 230 KV Sub Station of Barapukuria Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant, BPDB, Barapukuria, Dhaka.	
16	Tender publication date	03.05.2009	
17	Tender selling date	04.05.2009 to 16.06.2009.	
18	Tender closing date and time	17.06.2009 at 11.00 am.	
19	Tender opening date and time	17.06.2009 at 11.30 am.	
20	Name & address of the office	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.	
	Selling tender document (principal)	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.	
	Selling tender document (other)	Not applicable.	
	Receiving tender document	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.	
	Opening tender document	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.	
21	Place date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	N/A	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
22	Eligibility of tenderer	The manufacturer/tenderer shall have a minimum of three years of specific experience in the production & supply of similar goods.	
23	Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of Spare for Bus Differential Protection System of 230 KV Sub Station of Barapukuria Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant, BPDB, Barapukuria, Dhaka.	
24	Brief description of related services	N/A	
25	Price of tender document (BDT)	BDT. 2,000.00 (two thousand) as a Pay-Order (non-refundable) of any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.	
26	Lot	Identification of lot	Location
		Procurement of Spare for Bus Differential Protection System of 230 KV Sub Station of Barapukuria Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant, BPDB, Barapukuria, Dhaka.	Barapukuria Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant, BPDB, Barapukuria, Dhaka.
			Tender security amount in USD or BDT
			USD 1,000.00 (one thousand) or BDT 70,000.00 (seventy thousand) only
			Validity of shipment
			180 days from the date of opening of L/C
27	Validity of tender and tender security	120 (one hundred twenty) days and 148 (one hundred forty-eight) days respectively from the date of opening of tender.	
28	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Abduhu Ruhullah.	
29	Designation of official inviting tender	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
30	Address of official inviting tender	WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.	
31	Contact details of official inviting	Tel: +88 02 9550332, Fax: +88 02 7126151.	
32	Special instruction	Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected, and returned unopened to the tenderer. The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender, to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders, at any time prior to contract award.	
Md. Abduhu Ruhullah Director, Purchase BPDB, Dhaka			

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