



This undated handout picture released yesterday by pro-Tamil organisation Mercy Mission to Vanni shows what they claim are injured civilians resting at a makeshift hospital in Sri Lanka's northeastern coastal district of Mullaitivu. The United Nations on Monday condemned the weekend shelling of civilians in Sri Lanka as a "bloodbath" in which over 100 children died as the government and Tamil rebels blamed each other for carnage.

NGOs urge Japan to save Tamil civilians in Lanka

Army advances to last Tiger pockets

AFP, PTI, Colombo

Japan must "shoulder its responsibilities" and use its leverage to prevent a civilian bloodbath in Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict, human rights and conflict prevention groups said yesterday.

Japan, which is Sri Lanka's largest aid donor and holds two thirds of the island's foreign debt, needs to "play a more active role" in confronting the worsening humanitarian crisis there, the groups said.

The appeal was made in a joint letter to Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso from the heads of Human Rights Watch, the International Crisis Group, Amnesty International, and the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect.

"We believe that Japan ... has an important role to play in saving countless civilian lives," the letter said.

"It is time for Japan to show that it is prepared to shoulder its responsibilities," it added.

Meanwhile, a leading Tamil Tiger leader Rasiah Ilanthriyan was believed to

have been killed as Sri Lankan troops continued their march into the rapidly shrinking areas held by the rebels.

The offensive is bringing Army troops almost to a face-to-face confrontation with the Tiger top brass. But, the pace of advance appears to have been slowed down by heavy mining and fear of large scale civilian casualties.

Ilanthriyan, who was LTTE military spokesman was killed in a skirmish with the troops in Kariyamullaivaikkal along with LTTE, Sea Tigers' deputy chief Cheliyan.

As the Army moved deeper into the shrinking rebel enclave in the 'Civilian Safety Zone' in the embattled north, it faced condemnation from UN which said that in two days of shelling at least 430 ethnic Tamil civilians were killed and thousands other injured terming it as a "bloodbath".

The pro-LTTE website Tamilnet had reported yesterday that Ilanthriyan was seriously wounded in clashes. It said he was a senior cadre from Batticaloa and he had been in key posi-

tions in the LTTE.

But an army official said the security forces had no confirmation of Ilanthriyan's death, so far.

LTTE fighters have heavily mined the area obstructing the security forces' advance and continue mounting heavy mortars attacks from the guns positioned inside the "Civilian Safe Zone" itself, the official said.

After nearly 40 years of conflict, the Sri Lankan military is on the verge of defeating the Tamil Tiger rebels, having cornered the remnants of their once powerful army in a thin sliver of jungle on the northeastern coast.

Thousands of non-combatants are believed to be trapped in the conflict zone and the United Nations says up to 6,500 civilians may have been killed and 14,000 wounded in fighting since January.

"If the world continues to look away from the suffering of civilians in Sri Lanka, as it has largely done until now, it will be a failure of historic proportions," the letter said.

King Abdullah warns of ME war if no deal reached

AFP, London

Jordan's King Abdullah has warned that failure to reach an agreement for peace in the Middle East will lead to a new conflict between Israel and the Arab world within 18 months.

In an interview for Monday's edition of The Times newspaper in Britain, the king said the United States was putting the finishing touches to a "57-state solution" for peace.

He warned that President Barack Obama's credibility would be damaged if he failed to broker a deal.

"If we delay our peace negotiations, then there is going to be another conflict between Arabs or Muslims and Israel in the next 12-18 months," Abdullah said.

The monarch singled out talks between Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Washington later this month as crucial in hammering out the plan, saying the world needed positive signs from the meeting.

"If there are no clear signals and no clear directives to all of us, there will be a feeling that this is just another American government that is going to let us all down."

"If the call is in May that this is not the right time or we are not interested, then the world is going to be sucked into another conflict in the Middle East."

Iran sets free detained US reporter

AFP, Tehran

US-born reporter Roxana Saberi walked free from a Tehran jail on Monday after an Iranian court reduced her prison term for spying to a two-year suspended sentence, an AFP correspondent said.

It ends a five-month ordeal for Saberi, who was initially detained in Tehran's notorious Evin prison in January and sentenced last month to an eight-year jail term on charges of spying for the United States.

"The verdict of the previous court has been quashed," her lawyer Saleh Nikbakht said. "Her punishment has been changed to a suspended two-year sentence."

The ruling was greeted with joy and relief by Saberi's father, who has been in the country since March to push for her release and was waiting outside the prison to see his daughter.



Roxana Saberi

Trust deficit between India, Nepal

Says Prachanda

PTI, Kathmandu

Dismissing as "ridiculous" India's fears that Nepal was moving closer to China, Prime Minister Prachanda has, however, said there was a "crisis of confidence" between him and the Indian establishment.

Prachanda, the Maoist leader who resigned as Prime Minister last week after Nepal's President Ram Baran Yadav annulled his dismissal of the army chief Gen Rukmangad Katawal, said that India had backed the "extra-constitutional" action of the president.

"We are fighting for civilian supremacy (over the army) but directly or indirectly the new position of New Delhi is not consistent with civilian supremacy."

"To support the steps of the president which are extra-constitutional and to

support the army chief is not consistent with civilian supremacy," the caretaker Prime Minister said in an interview.

Asked if there was a lack of trust between India and Maoists, he replied, "May be. But we need to have more interaction and debate on the issue (with India). We shall have to review the process of understanding and I hope ultimately we will come to a new agreement and we will go ahead with the peace process."

To a question if there was a trust deficit between India and Nepal, Prachanda said, "Yes, there is a crisis of confidence...I hope ultimately we will be able to have a new understanding and level of confidence."

He warned that if the "peace process is derailed it will not be helpful to any country, Nepal or India."



Supporters of the Unified Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) chant slogans against Nepalese President Ram Baran Yadav during a protest near the President House in Kathmandu yesterday. Around four hundred Maoist protesters clashed with police on Monday as they tried to break a police cordon during the protest against the country's president in Kathmandu.

Bangladesh Football Federation
BFF House
Arambag, Motijheel, Dhaka

Invitation for the Pre-qualification of Construction Firms

- Agency: Bangladesh Football Federation
- Name of the work/Invitation for: Construction of 2-storied (Ground & 1st floor) Football Training Center under FIFA Goal Project at Barisal. Under FIFA Goal Project.
- Budget & Source of Funds: 12 (twelve) months from the Formal Agreement and Site Handover date, which one is latest.
- Time for completion of the work: During office hours up to 03-06-2009.
- Last date and Time for Selling of Pre-qualification Document: Tk. 500/- (Taka five hundred)
- Price of Pre-qualification Document: Office of the consultant, M/S. Design Associates Ltd, House#79, Road# 12/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.
- Name and Address of the Offices Selling Pre-qualification Documents: 04-06-2009 up to 12:00 P.M..
- Last date and time for submission of Pre-qualification Document: 04-06-2009 at 12:15 P.M. Office of the Secretary, Bangladesh Football Federation, BFF House, Arambag, Motijheel, Dhaka
- Date, Time, Name and Address of the offices opening Pre-qualification Document: This invitation for tender is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned below.
 - Reputed contractors/construction firms who have minimum 10 (ten) years of general experience in building construction works.
 - Having experience in successfully completion of at least 1 (one) no. 2-storied building Construction work including cast-in-situ pile amounting to minimum Tk.1.50 (one point five) crore during last 5(five) years time period in a single work order under any Govt., Semi Govt., autonomous organization authenticated by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer.
 - The tenderer must have a minimum liquid assets / cash flow / credit limit capacity of Tk.1 (one) crore for 6(six) months work.
 - The tenderer must have a minimum average annual turnover of Tk.2.00 (two) crore over the last 3 (three) years.
 - Having Electrical Contractors License (ABC) from Electrical Licensing Board renewed up-to-date.
 - Up-to-date Income Tax clearance certificate (assessment year 2007-2008 complete) with TIN no., VAT registration certificate and Trade License renewed up-to-date.
 - Tenderer must have necessary (approximately 10,000 sqft) steel shuttering materials with required nos. of steel props and 22 BWG plain sheet for the work as double Shuttering way, shall be applied for slab casting during construction List of contractor's equipment should be authenticated by any officer not below the rank of executive Engineer of a Govt./semi govt./autonomous body as per attached format. Those who have not minimum 10,000 sqft steel shuttering is not required to apply for participating in the tender.
- Eligibility of Applicant:
 - The procuring entity reserves to accept or reject all pre-qualification.
 - Furnishing of any false and misleading documents by the applicant shall result in rejection of his/her application.
 - The tender document will be issued to the short listed applicants only.

General Secretary
Bangladesh Football Federation
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Reports beyond public

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But the EC is yet to initiate steps to put those on its website.

Sources pointed out that there is no time limit for the EC to do this.

Against this backdrop, EC officials refused to give journalists access to the expenditure reports.

A total of 1,554 candidates contested the ninth parliamentary polls.

The EC Secretariat is yet to prepare any report on how many contestants failed to submit election expenditure reports within specified timeframe.

Contacted, Election Commissioner Muhammed Sohul Hussain said yesterday, "We will sit to decide whether the documents (expenditure reports) will be put on our website as it is or we will first examine and then get those published."

A number of EC officials concerned said there are inconsistencies in the reports of most of the political parties.

In the wake of EC's proposal, the immediate past caretaker government introduced the provision for getting all the documents concerned on the EC's website allowing people to see those.

Meanwhile, the EC had quickly put on its website all documents with the affidavits submitted by contestants in the last polls, giving people access to their particulars before the election.

The EC had earlier announced that it would get the expenditure reports audited by chartered accountants. But EC officials said there has been no progress in this regard.

In the past, successive ECs did not disclose expenditure reports submitted by candidates since there was no specific law for it. And the ECs did not also examine whether those were correct or not, and took no action for submission

of false reports or non-submission of reports.

The present EC headed by ATM Shamsul Huda has repeatedly said they would not follow the past ECs.

RMG workers

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Officer-in-charge (OC) of Fatulla police station Jiban Kanti Sarkar said no one was arrested till filing of this report at 7:00pm.

BKMEA president Fazlul Hoque termed it a conspiracy against the knitting industry to embarrass the five-month-old government.

Addressing a press conference at Narayanganj Press Club, the BKMEA president said some outsiders and criminals in the guise of workers did it.

Meanwhile, a correspondent from Davao reports that workers of Doel Group put up barricade on busy Dhaka-Aricha highway at about 2:45pm and continued it till 4:00pm causing long traffic gridlock. The workers vandalised over 30 vehicles and set fire to a police pick-up van.

Witnesses said police charged baton and fired rubber bullets and teargas canisters at the protesters to bring the situation under control.

Among the 50 injured workers, one person with bullet injury was admitted to a nearby clinic, police said.

The workers of Doel Group started agitation inside the factory around 2:30pm demanding three months' arrears and later blocked the highway.

According to the witnesses, the garment workers went berserk after police clubbed them.

Movement of vehicles resumed after Rab and police chased the protesters off the busy highway.

Additional police and Rab forces were deployed in the area.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Directorate General of Health Services
EPI and Surveillance
Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

TENDER INVITATION

Memo no. DGHS/EPI/Admin/TTBF-203/2008/892 Date: 10/05/2009

Sealed Tender is hereby invited from Supplier/Local agent/ Distributor for Procurement of Tyre-Tube, Battery & Filter. As per PPR-2008 Terms and conditions are as follows:

KEY INFORMATION					
1 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare				
2 Agency	EPI and Surveillance Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)				
3 Procuring Entity Name	Director, PHC & Line Director, ESD, DGHS Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.				
4 Procuring Entity Code	8000				
5 Procuring Entity District	Dhaka				
6 Invitation for	Tyre-Tube, Battery & Filter				
7 Tender Ref. No	DGHS/EPI/Admin/TTBF-203/2008/892				
8 Date	10/05/2009				
9 Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM)				
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10 Budget and Source of Funds	EPI & Surveillance				
11 Developments Partners	GoB-(Dev)				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12 Project/Program Code	8003				
13 Project/Program Name	EPI and Surveillance				
14 Tender Package No	GoB-007				
15 Tender Package Name	Tyre-Tube, Battery & Filter				
16 Tender Publication Date	12/05/2009				
17 Tender Last Selling Date	01/06/2009				
18 Tender Closing Date and Time	03/06/2009 at 11:30 A.M.				
19 Tender Opening Date and Time	03/06/2009 at 02:30 P.M.				
20 Name and address of the Office's					
a) Selling Tender Documents	a) Program Manager, Child Health & Limited Curative Care EPI Bhaban, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka b) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka				
b) Receiving Tenders Documents	a) Program Manager, Child Health & Limited Curative Care EPI Bhaban, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka b) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka				
c) Opening Tender Documents	Assistant Director, EPI & Surveillance, EPI Bhaban, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka (Room no 408, 3 rd floor) In presence of Tender if any				
21 Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	N/A				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
22 Eligibility of Tenderers	All Tenderers regardless of whether enlisted or not enlisted with the employer & as per qualification mentioned in the tender documents.				
23 Brief Description of Goods	Tyre-Tube, Battery & Filter				
24 Lot No	Identification of lot	Location	Price of Tender Document in Taka	Tender Security Amount in Taka	Completion Time
01	Tyre-Tube Battery & Filter	EPI, HQ	Lot no. 1 Tk= 1000/- (One thousand) only only by Treasury Chelan with CTR Code No-1-2711-0000-2366 in Sonali Bank or Bangladesh Bank (Non-refundable)	Lot no 1 Tk= 18,000/- (Eighteen thousand) only Bank draft or Bank guarantee or Pay order in favor of "Line Director, ESD, DGHS"	4 Weeks from signing of contract
25 Name of Official Inviting Tenders	Dr. ABM Jahangir Alam				
26 Designation of Official Inviting Tenders	Director, PHC & Line Director, ESD				
27 Address of Official Inviting Tenders	Room no-405, 3 rd floor, EPI Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212				
28 Contact details of Official Inviting Tenders	EPI Bhaban, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka Phone No. 8811741/9898797, Fax No. 8821914 (EPI)				

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

(Dr. ABM Jahangir Alam)
Director, PHC & Line Director, ESD