

## Myanmar, N Korea loom large over Asia-Europe meet

AFP, Hanoi

Foreign ministers from Asia and Europe began two days of meetings Monday under the shadow of a North Korean nuclear test and the trial in Myanmar of opposition democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

"The two hottest subjects on the agenda are these two problems," said Czech Foreign Minister Jan Kohout, whose country currently holds the rotating European Union (EU) presidency.

Aung San Suu Kyi's detention would be part of discussions later Monday when delegates to the Asem (Asia-Europe) ministerial meeting hold a working dinner, said British junior foreign minister Bill Rammell.

He urged Asem to issue a "very strong statement" on the issue.

"In the face of Aung San Suu Kyi's arrest and trial, I think we need the strongest possible international response," Rammell told reporters.

"And we need nothing less

from the Asem conference in the next couple of days."

Aung San Suu Kyi is on trial on charges of violating her house arrest after an incident in which an American man swam to her house. She faces up to five years in jail.

The European Union (EU) on Monday called for the immediate release of the Nobel peace laureate, Kohout said. The message was conveyed to Myanmar Foreign Minister Nyan Win on the sidelines of the Asem meeting.

"We still maintain a deep concern with the situation" in Myanmar, Japanese foreign ministry spokesman Kazuo Kodama told reporters.

He said he hopes the working in a chairman's statement at the close of the Hanoi meeting will be similar to the United Nations Security Council proclamation issued Friday.

The Council renewed calls for the release of political prisoners in Myanmar and for talks with Aung San Suu Kyi, but refrained from urging a halt to her trial.

## World leaders voice anger over N Korean N-test

AFP, Washington

Global leaders quickly directed their anger at North Korea on Monday for carrying out a nuclear bomb test that US President Barack Obama called a threat to world peace.

While South Korea put its military on alert, the UN Security Council called an emergency meeting to discuss the North Korean explosion -- a much bigger follow-up to its first nuclear test in 2006 -- and reports that it also tested a short-range missile.

"These actions, while not a surprise given its statements and actions to date, are a matter of grave concern to all nations," Obama said in a statement.

"North Korea's attempts to develop nuclear weapons, as well as its ballistic missile programme, constitute a threat to international peace and security."

"The danger posed by North Korea's threatening activities warrants action by the international community," said the US president, whose military chief of staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, said the North was becoming "increasingly belligerent."

South Korea's President Lee Myung-Bak chaired a special national security council meeting and his spokesman, Lee Dong-Kwan, said the North's test posed a "grave challenge" to international non-proliferation efforts.

In Japan, government spokesman Takeo Kawamura warned of "stern action against North Korea."

"We have to coordinate among Japan, South

Korea and the United States and take firm action. For us, it raises tensions in the region extremely," said Prime Minister Taro Aso, whose country led calls for the UN Security Council emergency session which was to be held later Monday in New York.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, himself South Korean, said he was "deeply disturbed" at events.

The main powers on the council all strongly condemned North Korea with France urging sanctions against Kim Jong-Il's Stalinist administration.

Even China, the secretive North's closest international ally, called on its neighbour to ease tensions and expressed "resolute opposition" to the blast.

"China strongly demands that North Korea keeps its promise of denuclearisation and ceases all actions that could further worsen the situation," the Chinese foreign ministry said in a statement.

Russia, which has sought a role in efforts to end North Korea's nuclear weapons programme, called the test a threat to peace.

"The latest steps by North Korea provoke an escalation of tensions in northeast Asia and threaten the security and stability of the region," the Russian foreign ministry said in a statement.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown denounced the nuclear test as a "danger to the world". France called on the UN Security Council to impose tough new sanctions against North Korea.



South Korean conservative protesters burn a North Korea flag and portraits of North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il during a protest in Seoul yesterday against the North's latest nuclear test. North Korea said it carried out a second and more powerful nuclear test on Monday defying international pressure to rein in its nuclear programmes after years of six-nation disarmament talks.

## Palestinian state vital to ME peace: Sarkozy

AFP, Dubai

Creating their own state is a "legitimate right" for Palestinians and necessary for Middle East peace and Israeli security, French President Nicolas Sarkozy has told the UAE state news agency WAM.

"No one would think seriously about peace in the Middle East without giving the Palestinians a state they have been persevering for years. It is their legitimate right," he said ahead of a formal visit to the United Arab Emirates.

"The best guarantee for security of Israel is setting up an independent, democratic, modern and viable Palestinian state."

Sarkozy said that the construction of settlements in the occupied West Bank should stop as it is an obstacle to peace, adding that he would not compromise Israel's right to live in peace.

"He who knows me is aware I'm a true friend of Israel and will not compromise the right of Israel to live in peace and security," he told WAM.



Nepal's new Prime minister Madav Kumar Nepal (R) is sworn in by Nepalese President Ram Baran Yadav (L) as Chairman of the Constitutional Assembly Subhas Nerwang (2nd R) looks on at the President House in Shital Niwas in Kathmandu yesterday.

## Nepal's new PM sworn in after Maoist walkout

AFP, Kathmandu

A moderate leftist leader was sworn in as prime minister of Nepal on Monday, three weeks after the resignation of his Maoist predecessor over a dispute with the army.

Madhav Kumar Nepal of the Communist Party of Nepal-UML took the oath of office from President Ram Baran Yadav in a ceremony in the capital Kathmandu.

Nepal, a 56-year-old political veteran, was elected unopposed by lawmakers at the weekend -- ending a deadlock caused by Maoist chief Prachanda's resignation.

Prachanda, who led the Maoist rebels in a decade-long civil war until 2006, came to power in elections last year but quit after his bid to fire the army chief failed.

"I will carry out my duty by remaining within the boundary of Nepalese law without any fear, discrimination and ill intentions," Nepal said in his oath as dignitaries and foreign

diplomats looked on.

Nepal won the backing of an alliance of 22 parties that holds 350 seats in the 601-member constituent assembly.

The Maoists said they would boycott the new parliament and vowed to keep up street protests against the president, who blocked their attempt to sack the army chief.

The political crisis has raised fears about the 2006 agreement that ended the civil war -- in which at least 13,000 people died -- and the new prime minister immediately stressed that the peace deal was his priority.

"This government has a historic responsibility to take the peace process to a positive conclusion and draft the constitution on time," Nepal told reporters shortly after the swearing-in ceremony.

"I have become the prime minister in order to fill the political vacuum and I will try my best to bring the Maoists into the government."

## Tk 12,600cr of railway stuck

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Had the arrears been realised, the money could be used for development of the loss-incurring BR, which now runs on government subsidy, said the BR director general.

CAG office sources however said they will be able to assist the BR in realising the long-standing arrears if the PAC-formed sub-committees look into the matter.

The four sub-committees will examine the audit objections and make recommendations for the PAC to dispose the objections either by realising the money from the people responsible for the financial damage or settling the objections, if necessary.

"We shall finalise the terms of reference for the sub-committees soon," PAC Chairman KH Rashiduzzaman told reporters after the meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) Bhaban.

He said the PAC would take necessary steps on recommendations of the sub-committees.

He, however, declined to give details about the sub-committees.

Officials attending the meeting said Awami League (AL) lawmakers Prof Ali Ashraf, Khandaker Asaduzzaman and Khan Tipu Sultan and BNP lawmaker MK Anwar were made chiefs of the sub-committees. Other members will be included soon, they added.

The CAG in its report said a total of 98 audit reports with 1,742 objections were placed before the parliament since FY 2000-2001. The office of CAG has already submitted 78 more audit reports on FY 2003-2004, FY 2004-05 and FY 2005-06 to the president and those will be placed before the parliament soon.

**AUDIT OBJECTIONS AGAINST BR**

CAG office sources said they prepared the audit report on BR under the communications ministry in FY 2000-2001, examining BR's previous accounts.

"We found that a huge amount of money remained unrealised," a senior high-up of the office of CAG said referring to the longstanding objections on collection of transport fares.

Officials in the finance division of BR said the jute ministry

alone owes Tk 9,239 crore to the BR as transport fares while some arrears date back to 1955.

"The actual amount of arrears was quite small in the beginning. But, it got bigger every year with the addition of interests," the BR director general told The Daily Star.

Most jute mills including Adamjee were shut down without paying their outstanding dues to the BR while the amount continued to grow with the addition of interests.

The Department of Relief and Rehabilitation under the food and disaster management ministry owes the second largest amount of arrears totalling Tk 2,752 crore to the BR.

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) owes about Tk 7.39 crore to the BR.

The DCC constructed Nagar Bhaban at Fulbaria and the city corporation market on BR's lands without paying any price.

When contacted, DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka told The Daily Star, "The land was allotted to the Dhaka City Corporation before I took office. Nobody informed me about the outstanding dues during my tenure."

## 98 skulls found in dry pond in northern India

AP, Lucknow

Nearly 100 human skulls and other skeletal remains were discovered in a dried-up pond in northern India, officials said Monday. The remains likely belonged to people whom police could not identify and were dumped there to avoid having to organise cremations.

The grisly discovery was made by children playing in a pond that had dried up over the summer in Aligarh, a city 75 miles (120 kilometres) southeast of New Delhi.

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Sealed Quotations are invited from reputed local manufacturers for supply of Oral Contraceptive "Progestin only Pill" (POP). Detail specification, quantity, terms & conditions have been mentioned in the Tender Schedule. The intending supplier shall have to apply to the undersigned in their letter head pad, for issuance of tender documents.

Tender documents will be issued on cash payment of TK.500.00 (five hundred) only (Non-refundable) on all working days during office hours (8.30 am. to 5.15 pm. With a break from 1:15 p.m. to 2:00 pm) from **26.05.09 to 24.06.09**. No tender documents will be issued after **24.06.09**.

Earnest Money @ 5% (five) of the total Tender amount price in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft / Bank Guarantee from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh must be submitted along with the Tender without which the Tender shall be rejected outright. Tenders will be received in the office of the undersigned up to 15:00 hours on **25.06.09** and will be opened on the same day at 15:15 hours in presence of Bidders who may like to be present. No Tender shall be received after the above mentioned date and time.

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### Save the Children USA

Save the Children envisions a world in which every child is ensured the right to survival, protection, development and participation as set forth in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

#### Vacancy Announcement

Save the Children USA is the leading independent organization that creates real and lasting change for children in need in the United States and around the world, invites application from qualified and experienced candidates for the following positions.

- 1. Program Director - Integrated Child Development (01 position based in Dhaka with 60% field visit)**  
This position is responsible for managing an integrated child friendly community development program in Meherpur district which includes programs on education, health & nutrition and adolescent development. In addition to strategic leadership, this position will also manage budget, staff and partners. Requirements: Master degree in any relevant subject, 12 years of working experience with 5 years in managing any integrated multi sector or multidisciplinary programs at senior level, having professional expertise in one of the key program areas - priority will be given to education, and having proven track record on managing budget, staff and partner will be essential for the position.
- 2. Impact Area Manager (01 position based in Meherpur)**  
This position will be responsible for the overall planning and management of all interventions in Meherpur District through ensuring adequate integration among all programs. S/he will also oversee operational budget, supervise staff and coordinate with all stakeholders including Partners. Requirements: Master degree in relevant field with 10 years of experience (negotiable) out of which 4 years in a managerial position especially with integrated program, strong ability in decision making, excellent in resource and people management, excellent communication skills will be essential for the position.
- 3. Finance Officer - Sub-Grant Monitoring (01 position based in Dhaka)**  
The position is responsible for carrying out the monthly and quarterly monitoring of Partner NGOs' financial activities. S/he will review and check relevant documents pertinent to the monthly financial report of Partner NGOs for releasing or adjusting funds as per guidelines. Additionally, this position will be assigned for monitoring financial compliances as required. **Minimum Requirements:** Master degree in relevant field with 4 years of experience in the field of Finance or PNGOs' Financial Management, excellent skills on budget preparation, financial report monitoring and analysis, hands on skills on donor reporting preferably with multi donors, excellent skills on using spreadsheet, ability to handle multiple tasks under pressure, excellent interpersonal communication skills will be essential for the position.

Candidates meeting the above requirements should send their Bio-Data mentioning two professional references along with a cover letter to The Director - HRD&M, Save the Children USA, House No. 1A(2), Road No. 91, Gulshan-2, Dhaka -1212 by **June 04, 2009**. Applicants are requested to go through and understand the SC Child Safety policy before applying. Pls. visit [www.vacancy.somee.com](http://www.vacancy.somee.com). Only short listed candidates will be invited for interview. Please write the position applied for at the top of the envelope. **Women are especially encouraged to apply.**

## Banqladesh Cricket Board

### INVITATION FOR TENDER

Ref No: BCB/Admin/G&F/2009/650 Date: 25th May 2009

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from eligible Tenders as per terms and conditions stated below:

1	Employer	Banqladesh Cricket Board
2	Procuring Entity	Chief Executive Officer, BCB
3	Invitation for	1) Development of outer Practice Ground at SBNCs, Mirpur, Dhaka 2) Extension of BCB Office at SBNCs Complex, Mirpur, Dhaka.
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Banqladesh
5	Invitation Ref:	No-BCB/2209/2010
6	Procurement Method	Open tendering Method
7	Budget and source of Fund	Banqladesh cricket Board
8	Tender Publication date	26/05/2009
9	Tender last Selling date	25/06/2009
10	Tender Closing date and Time	26/06/2009 at 12.00 pm
11	Tender Opening date and Time	26/06/2009 at 12.30 pm
12	Name and Address of the Selling Tender	Finance & Accounts Department, Banqladesh Cricket Board
13	Receiving & Opening Tender	Office of the CEO, BCB
14	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender meeting (Optional)	To be notified by the consultant
15	Eligibility of Tenders	The intending firm must fulfill the following eligibility criteria: <b>Package 1</b> i) The firm should be Special class enlisted contractor of Gov/Semi Govt. and Autonomous organization. ii) The firm must have at least 10(Ten) Years of experience in construction field. iii) The firm must have experience in successful completion of a similar nature of job like construction of playing field & Building on a single contract of over Tk 50 Lacs during the last 5 years under Govt./Semi Govt/Autonomous organization. iv) The Average annual construction turnover shall be over Tk. 5.00 crore during the last 3 years. The firm Must have credit facilities not less than Tk 50 lacs <b>Package 2</b> i) The key person / Firm/Contractor must be a member of Institute of Architects Banqladesh (IAB), ii) The firm should be Special class enlisted contractor of Gov/Semi Govt. and Autonomous organization. iii) The firm must have at least 10 (Ten) Years of experience in construction field. iv) The firm must have experience in successful completion of a similar nature of job like construction of Building & Interior decoration works on a single contract of over Tk 50 Lacs during the last 5 years under Govt./Semi Govt/Autonomous organization. v) The Average annual construction turnover shall be over Tk. 5.00 crore during the last 3 years. The firm Must have credit facilities not less than Tk. 50 lacs
16	Brief Description of Goods or works	1) Civil works (Sand filling, drain, boundary wall, Gnl & fencing), Sprinkler 2) Civil works, Interior decoration works & Air Condition.
17	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Tk. 5000/- (Five thousand) Each Schedule non-refundable.
18	Identification of Package	<b>Location</b> <b>Tender Security</b> <b>Completion Time in Week/ Month</b> i) Development of outer Practice Ground at SBNCs, Mirpur, Dhaka      Tk 2.5%      12 (Twelve) Months ii) Extension of BCB Office at SBNCs Complex, Mirpur, Dhaka.      of Quoted Amount
19	Address of the Official Inviting Tender	Banqladesh Cricket Board, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216. Phone: 8031001-4. Fax: 8031199
20	The Procuring Entity Reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	

Chief Executive Officer  
Banqladesh Cricket Board