

## US publishes 'highly secret' nuke report

PTI, Washington

In a major goof-up, the US government has mistakenly made public a 'highly confidential' report that gives detailed information about hundreds of the nation's civilian nuclear sites and programmes, media reports said yesterday.

The publication of the 266-page document was revealed on Monday in an official online newsletter, says New York Times. It has triggered off a debate among nuclear experts about danger posed by the disclosures. It also prompted a flurry of investigations in Washington into why the document had been made public, the Times said.

After enquiry from the paper, the document was withdrawn from the website on Tuesday.

"These screw-ups happen," said John M Deutch, a former director of central intelligence and deputy secretary of defense. "It's going further than I would have gone but doesn't look like a serious breach, he said.

## Gordon under fire as more ministers go

AFP, London

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown lost his fourth minister within 24 hours yesterday as he faced taunts that his government was collapsing on the eve of polls which could seal his fate.

Amid talk that the wave of resignations may be the beginning of the end of his premiership, Brown faced a rowdy Prime Minister's Questions session at which Conservative leader David Cameron urged a snap general election.

"The government is collapsing before our eyes," said Cameron, tipped by opinion polls to oust Brown as premier within a year.

"Why doesn't he take the one act of authority left to him: get down to the palace, ask for a dissolution (of parliament), call that election?"

Nick Clegg, leader of the second opposition centrist Liberal Democrats, said Brown's Labour Party was "in total meltdown".

## N Korea starts assembling long-range missile

AFP, Panmunjom

North Korea appears to have begun assembling a missile believed capable of striking US soil, a report said yesterday as tensions rose along the land and sea border with the South.

The communist regime of ailing North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il has defied international criticism of its second nuclear test by firing a volley of short-range missiles and threatening to attack the capitalist South.

It is now said to be preparing to test-launch an intercontinental ballistic missile as well as several medium-range missiles.

The North is believed to have started putting together a long-range missile that may be a modified version of the Taepodong-2 which it fired over Japan in April, South Korea's JoongAng Ilbo daily reported Wednesday.

Although the missile is being kept under covers, "the length of its propulsion rocket seems to be longer than the last one fired in April although its shape looks similar," it quoted a government source as saying.

The North said its last long-range rocket

launch on April 5 was to put a satellite into orbit.

The United States and its allies said it was really a test of the Taepodong-2, which could theoretically reach Alaska at maximum range.

"After carrying out a missile test, it usually takes at least six months to adjust defects and prepare to fire another one," said an unnamed military official quoted by the JoongAng Ilbo.

"Now, the North is preparing to do it again after just two months. It seems the North is in quite a hurry."

Analysts believe Kim is trying to bolster his authority so he can put in place a succession plan reportedly involving his third son, 26-year-old Kim Jong-Un.

South Korean and US forces on the peninsula are on heightened alert after the North warned of a possible attack in response to Seoul's decision to join a US-led initiative to stop the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

The situation is tense along the heavily fortified land border, where North and South Korean troops eye each other warily from either side of the demarcation line.



Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz al-Saud (C-R) and US President Barack Obama (L) chat over coffee upon Obama's arrival at the King Khaled International Airport in Riyadh yesterday. Obama arrived in Saudi Arabia at the start of a mission to the Middle East where he will reach out to the world's Muslims and promote peace. Obama is due to hold talks with the king before heading to Egypt today to give a much-anticipated address to the Muslim world at Cairo University.

## al-Qaeda 'kills British hostage'

BBC ONLINE, London

Downing Street says there is "strong reason to believe" that a British citizen has been killed by al-Qaeda militants in north-west Africa.

Edwin Dyer was kidnapped in Niger in January, but was being held in Mali.

The group had said it would kill Mr Dyer if the British government refused to release radical Muslim cleric Abu Qatada from a UK prison.

UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown condemned what he called an "appalling and barbaric act of terrorism".

He later told the Commons: "I want those who use terror against this country, and against British citizens, to know beyond doubt that they will be hunted down and brought to justice."

"There will be no hiding place for them and no safe haven for terrorists who attack our country."

## Israel 'does not intend to bomb Iran'

AFP, Moscow

Israel "does not intend to bomb" Iran, Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said yesterday, after repeated warnings from the Jewish state that Tehran is courting danger over its nuclear drive.

"We are not intending to bomb Iran," Lieberman told reporters in Moscow. "It is not a problem for Israel, it is a problem for the Middle East."

"No one is going to get their problems solved through our hands. We do not have claims on Iranian territory, we do not have a common border with Iran," he added.

Israeli officials in the past few years have refused to rule out the option of a military strike on Iran.

## NEWS ANALYSIS

# US looks for Saudi help in SE Asia

AP, Kabul

The United States, grappling with how to counter the spread of Taliban militants on both sides of the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, is turning to Saudi Arabia for help. But so far the kingdom seems wary of diving into the thorny conflict.

Pakistan will be on the agenda when President Barack Obama meets with Saudi King Abdullah in Riyadh, according to Mark Lippert, deputy national security adviser.

Obama's defense secretary, Robert Gates, has already asked the Saudis for help in staving off the spread of militants in Pakistan and encouraging Pakistani officials to work together in countering the terrorist threat.

"Saudi Arabia clearly has a lot of influence throughout the entire region, and a long-

standing and close relationship with Pakistan," Gates said after a visit to the kingdom last month.

Many experts say the Sunni Arab powerhouse could be crucial in mediating some form of reconciliation with the Islamic extremists wreaking havoc in both countries. Saudi Arabia could also help cut off large sums of money that flow to militants from wealthy Saudi donors and Islamic charities.

Saudi Arabia has historical ties with the Taliban. The kingdom and Pakistan worked together to facilitate the rise of the radical Islamic movement in the 1990s and they, along with the United Arab Emirates, were the only countries to recognize Taliban rule in Afghanistan.

Saudi relations with Pakistan are equally deep. Riyadh and Washington worked through Pakistan's intelligence services to pro-

vide money and weapons for Islamic fighters battling the Soviets in Afghanistan in the 1980s. Saudi Arabia also holds a special religious status as the land of Islam's two holiest cities, Mecca and Medina. The kingdom is reluctant to take an overt mediation role unless all sides are clearly ready to make peace, said Ali Awadh Asseri, the former Saudi ambassador to Pakistan, who left his post in May.

Saudi Arabia learned from its experience in the 1990s after the Soviets left Afghanistan, he said. At the time, the kingdom invited the warring Afghan factions to Mecca and brokered a peace deal, but they returned home and resumed fighting.

But that doesn't mean the Saudi role has been nonexistent.

Saudi Arabia has contact with Taliban leader Mullah

Omar and other militants in Pakistan and Afghanistan, according to Arsala Rahmani, a former Taliban deputy higher education minister, who also attended.

"If Saudi Arabia can't convince the Taliban to negotiate, nobody can," said Rahmani.

The Saudis could be better help in policing the large sums of money that flow into the countries, especially Pakistan, from wealthy donors and Islamic charities in the kingdom, said Daniel Markey, an Afghanistan and Pakistan expert at the Council on Foreign Relations.

The Saudis have insisted they are doing all they can to rein in terror financing. Many experts believe they could do more but say the Saudis are wary about angering religious conservatives in the country who are key government supporters.

## Israel uneasy over Obama overture to Muslim world

AFP, Jerusalem

On the eve of US President Barack Obama's much-heralded address to the Muslim world, there was deep unease in Israel yesterday that any reconciliation may come at the expense of the Jewish state.

"The American president has the right to try to reconcile with the Muslim world and compete with Al-Qaeda or Iran for its heart," said Transport Minister Yisrael Katz, a close ally of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"We have to make sure that this will not harm our common interests," Katz told army radio shortly before Obama arrived in Saudi Arabia on the first leg of his trip.

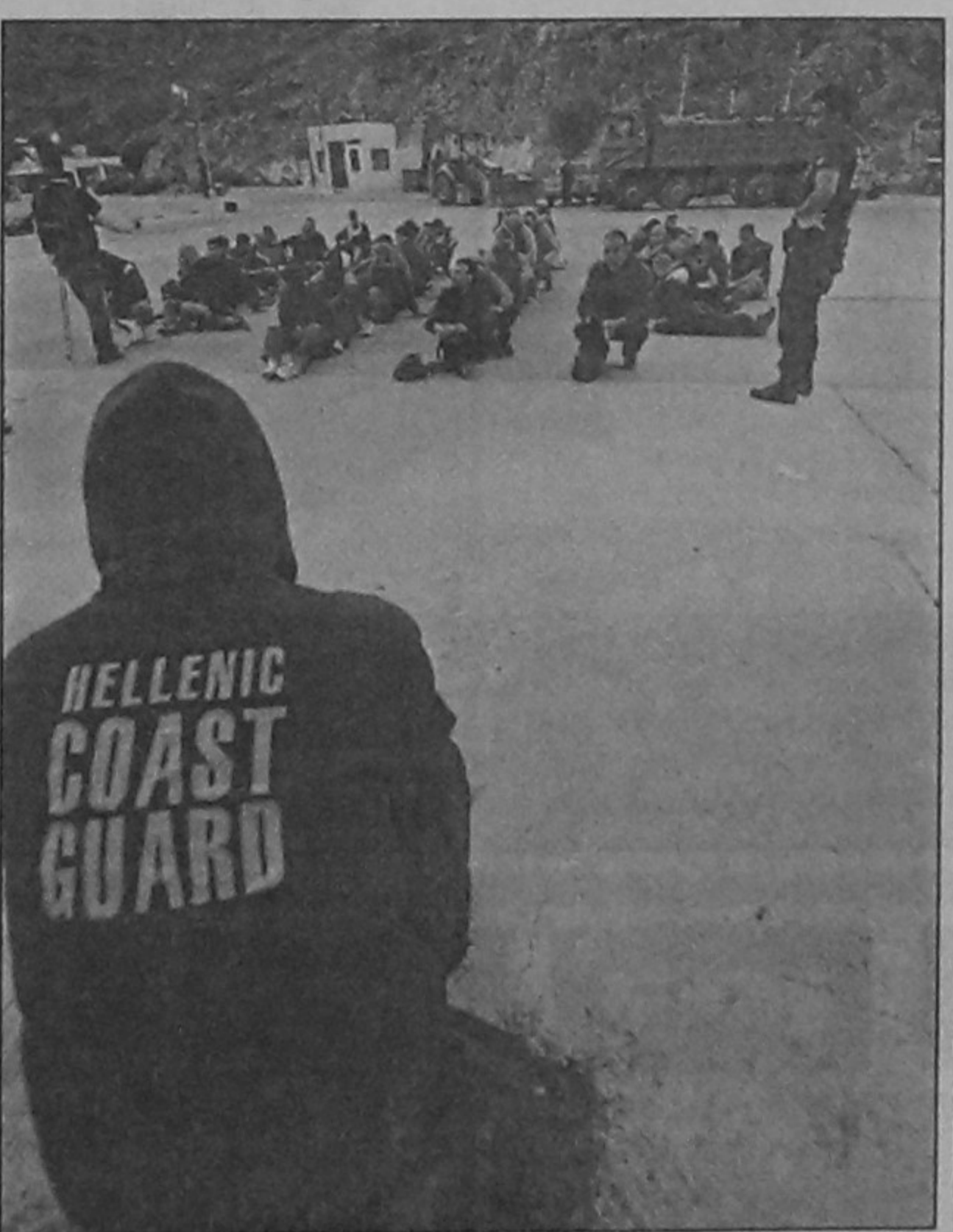
Over the past few weeks, tensions between the staunch allies have risen to levels unseen in 20 years as Obama's administration has repeatedly demanded that Israel halt all settlement activity in the occupied West Bank and commit to the creation of a Palestinian state.

Netanyahu, the head of a largely right-wing cabinet, has so far refused to do both and answering US calls would likely topple his government, many analysts say.

"Obama seeks reconciliation with the Muslim world and Israel will pay the price," wrote one commentator on the Ynet news website on May 20, in a sentiment echoed throughout the Israeli press over the past few weeks.

"Obama plans to teach Netanyahu about tough love," wrote the Haaretz newspaper.

In a move that could further wrack up tensions, Haaretz reported that Obama intends to give Netanyahu up to six weeks to present an "updated position" on settlement construction and the two-state principle.



In this file photo released yesterday, a Greek coast guard sits in front of immigrants on May 30, 2009 in the port of the small Greek Aegean Sea island of Agathonissi after a rescue operation at the maritime border between Greece and Turkey. Over 1,200 immigrants have landed since January.

## ঢাকা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড

উত্তরা শাখা, বাড়ী নং-০১, রোড নং-১৩, সেক্টর-১, উত্তরা, ঢাকা-১২৩০।

### বন্ধকী সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় বিজ্ঞপ্তি

অর্থগণ আদালত আইন, ২০০৩ (২০০৩ সনের ৮ নং আইন) এর ১২(৩) ধারা অনুযায়ী মেসার্স নজরুল ইসলাম এন্ড সন্স একটি ব্যক্তি মালিকানাধীন প্রতিষ্ঠান যাহার স্বত্বাধিকারী মোঃ নজরুল ইসলাম, ১৩৮, কাশাপুর, রাজপাড়া, রাজশাহী-৬০০০-এর নিকট হইতে খেলাপি ঋণ বাবদ অত্র আর্থিক ব্যাংকের ০১/০৬/২০০৯ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত সুদসহ পাওনা ২৬,৯২,৫৯৪.৯২ টাকা এবং আদায়কালতক সুদ আদায়ের নিমিত্তে স্বগ্রহণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বপ্নের বিপরীতে মোসাম্মদ হামিদা ইসলাম, স্বামী-মোঃ নজরুল ইসলাম, ১৩৮, কাশাপুর, রাজপাড়া, রাজশাহী-৬০০০ কর্তৃক অত্র ব্যাংকের অনুকূলে বন্ধকীকৃত ও আম-মোক্তারনামা বলে বিক্রয়ের ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত নিম্ন তফসিলি বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি বিক্রয়ার্থে অগ্রহী ক্রেতাপ্রাণ হইতে সীল মোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা হইতেছে।

**Schedule of the property**

(i)

All that piece and parcel of land measuring 5 (five) decimals out of 11 (eleven) decimals, situated within District-Rajshahi, Police Station-Boalia, Sub-Registry Office-Rajshahi Sadar, Mouza-Kasabpur, C.S. Khatian No. 49, S.A. Khatian No. 29, R.S. Khatian No. 33, C.S. Dag No. 34, S.A. Dag No. 63, R.S. Dag No. 76; butted & bounded by:

On the North: Land of Mosammat Hamida Islam.

On the South: Proposed land of Mosammat Nasima Begum.

On the East: Land of Nurunnahar.

On the West: Land of Dilara Begum.

alongwith all structure and building constructed or to be constructed thereon together with all rights, interests, benefits, easement etc. attached thereto.

(ii)

All that piece and parcel of land measuring 5 (five) decimals, situated within District-Rajshahi, Police Station-Boalia, Sub-Registry Office-Rajshahi Sadar, Mouza-Kasabpur, C.S. Khatian No. 52, S.A. Khatian No. 29, R.S. Khatian No. 33, C.S. Dag No. 31, S.A. Dag No. 63, R.S. Dag No. 76; butted & bounded by:

On the North: Land of S.A. Dag No. 59 & R.S. Dag No. 73.

On the South: Road.

On the East: Land of Mosammat Hamida Islam.

On the West: Land of Md. Elahidat Khan.

alongwith all structure and building constructed or to be constructed thereon together with all rights, interests, benefits, easement etc. attached thereto.

**নিলাম ক্রয়ের শর্তাবলীঃ**

- ১। নিলাম ক্রেতা বা দরদাতা তার নিজস্ব প্যাডে বা সাদা কাগজে স্পষ্ট অক্ষরে নিলাম ক্রেতার নাম, ঠিকানা ও প্রস্তাবিত দর অংকে ও কথায় উল্লেখপূর্বক সীলমোহরকৃত খামে আগামী ১৭/০৬/০৯ইং তারিখ বিকাল ৪ (চার) ঘটিকার মধ্যে ঢাকা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, উত্তরা শাখা, বাড়ী নং-০১, রোড নং-১৩, সেক্টর-১, উত্তরা, ঢাকায় রক্ষিত বাস্তবে দরপত্র জমা দিতে হইবে এবং এদিনই বিকাল ৪ (চার) ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্রদাতাদের সামনে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলা হইবে।
- ২। প্রত্যেক দরপত্রদাতা উদ্ধৃত দর অনুর্ধ্ব ১০,০০,০০০.০০ (দশ লক্ষ) টাকা হইলে উহার ২০% উদ্ধৃত দর ১০,০০,০০০.০০ (দশ লক্ষ) টাকা অপেক্ষা অধিক এবং অনুর্ধ্ব ৫০,০০,০০০.০০ (পঞ্চাশ লক্ষ) টাকা হইলে উহার ১৫% এবং উদ্ধৃত দর ৫০,০০,০০০.০০ (পঞ্চাশ লক্ষ) টাকা অপেক্ষা অধিক হইলে উহার ১০% এর সমপরিমাণ টাকা জামানত স্বরূপ ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার-এর মাধ্যমে ঢাকা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, উত্তরা শাখা, বাড়ী নং-০১, রোড নং-১৩, সেক্টর-১, উত্তরা, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে। (এক্ষেত্রে অর্থগণ আদালত আইন, ২০০৩ (২০০৩ সনের ৮নং আইন) এর ২৩/১০/২০০৭ তারিখের প্রদত্ত সংশোধনী প্রযোজ্য হইবে।)
- ৩। একই তফসিলের সম্পত্তির জন্য দরপত্রদাতার আংশিক দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।
- ৪। অনুর্ধ্ব ১০,০০,০০০.০০ (দশ লক্ষ) টাকার উদ্ধৃত দর গৃহীত হইবার পরবর্তী ৩০ (ত্রিশ) দিবসের মধ্যে, ১০,০০,০০০.০০ (দশ লক্ষ) টাকা অপেক্ষা অধিক এবং অনুর্ধ্ব ৫০,০০,০০০.০০ (পঞ্চাশ লক্ষ) টাকার উদ্ধৃত দর গৃহীত হইবার পরবর্তী ৬০ (ষাট) দিবসের মধ্যে এবং ৫০,০০,০০০.০০ (পঞ্চাশ লক্ষ) টাকার অধিক উদ্ধৃত দর গৃহীত হইবার পরবর্তী ৯০ (নব্বই) দিবসের মধ্যে দরদাতা সমুদয় মূল্য পরিশোধ করিবেন এবং তদ্ব্যবহায় ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ জামানতের টাকা বাজেয়াপ্ত করিবে।
- ৫। উপরোক্ত ৪নং শর্তের অধীনে জামানত বাজেয়াপ্ত হইলে ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ দ্বিতীয় সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতাকে সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতার দর প্রদান করার শর্তে সম্পত্তি নিলামে খরিদ করিতে আহবান করিবে। দ্বিতীয় সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা উক্ত আহবানে সম্মত হইলে সম্মতির তারিখ হইতে নতুন সংশোধনী অনুযায়ী মূল্য পরিশোধ করিবেন এবং নতুন সংশোধনী অনুযায়ী নির্দিষ্ট সময়ে দরপত্রের উদ্ধৃত টাকা পরিশোধে ব্যর্থ হইলে তাহার জামানতের টাকা বাজেয়াপ্ত করা হইবে।
- ৬। তফসিল সম্পত্তির উপর কোন সরকারী, আধা-সরকারী, বা স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের, সিটি কর্পোরেশনের, ওয়াশা, পিউবি, গ্যাস সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান, উন্মুদন কর ইত্যাদিসহ অন্য যে কোন পাওনারের পাওনা বা দাবী থাকিলে তাহা পরিশোধের কোন দায়িত্ব ব্যাংক বহন করিবে না।
- ৭। সফল দরদাতাকে সরকারী বিধি-বিধান মোতাবেক যাবতীয় রেজিস্ট্রী খরচ, স্ট্যাম্প ডিউটিসহ অন্যান্য আনুষঙ্গিক খরচাদি বহন করিতে হইবে।
- ৮। দরপত্রে সম্পত্তির প্রস্তাবকৃত মূল্য আত্মসাৎকৃতভাবে অপর্যাপ্ত বা কম প্রতীয়মান হইলে কর্তৃপক্ষ দরপত্র বাতিল করিতে পারিবেন।
- ৯। দরপত্র গৃহীত না হইলে জামানতের টাকা ফেরত দেওয়া হইবে।
- ১০। কোন রকম কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

ম্যানোজার, ঢাকা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, উত্তরা শাখা, বাড়ী নং-০১, রোড নং-১৩, সেক্টর-১, উত্তরা, ঢাকা-১২৩০

<b>Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC)</b> Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208			
<b>Invitation for Re-Tender (Local)</b>			
<b>Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</b>			
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Industries.	
2	Agency	Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC).	
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC), Bogra Project.	
4	Procuring entity code	3905.	
5	Procuring entity district	Bogra.	
6	Invitation for	Procurement of air cooler.	
7	Invitation Ref No.	BITAC/Bogra/PC/2(42)/2006-2nd.	
8	Date	01.06.2009.	
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
9	Procurement method	Open tender method (OTM).	
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>			
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB.	
11	Development partners (if applicable)	(if Not applicable.)	
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	(if 8390.	
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC), Bogra Project.	
14	Tender package No.	N/A.	
15	Tender package name	Procurement of air cooler.	
	Date		
16	Tender publication date	03-06-2009	
17	Tender last selling date	17-06-2009	
	Date	Time	
18	Tender closing date and time	18-06-2009 11.00am	
19	Tender opening date and time	18-06-2009 11.30am	
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address	
	- Selling tender document (principal)	(i) Cashier, Cash Section, Ground Floor, Administrative Building, Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC), Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.	
	- Selling tender document (others)	N/A.	
	- Receiving tender document	Purchase Section, 1st Floor, Admin Building, BITAC, Dhaka.	
21	- Opening tender document: Place/date/time	Conference Room, BITAC, Dhaka. 18-06-2009 11.30am	
	Pre-tender meeting (optional)	N/A	
22	Eligibility of tenderer	(i) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years experience in supplying goods and related services. (ii) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 (three) years specific experience in supplying of similar goods and related service. (iii) Tenderer must have up-to-date trade licences, up-to-date income tax payment certificate, VAT registration certificate and bank solvency certificate issued within the date of tender schedule purchasing and dropping. Lot No-01: Air cooler.	
23	Brief description of goods	Lot No-01: Air cooler.	
24	Brief description of related services	N/A.	
25	Price of tender document	Tk. 500.00 (five hundred) only, for each lot (non-refundable).	
26	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
	Lot-01	Air cooler	BITAC, Nishindara, Tk. 5,000.00
			Completion time in weeks/months
			04 weeks from the date of issuing NOA
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>			
27	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Shahjahan Ali.	
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director.	
29	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC), Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.	
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 02-8824729, 880-9897801, Fax No. 880-02-9889255 9897798 Ext: 120	
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.		
<b>Md Shahjahan Ali</b> Project Director BITAC, Bogra Project			