

# Saudi king urges Obama to 'impose ME solution'

US president wraps up landmark Mideast, Europe trip

AFP, Riyadh/Paris

Saudi King Abdullah said Arabs were losing patience with the Middle East peace stalemate and called on US President Barack Obama to "impose a solution," a leading Arab newspaper said yesterday.

"We want from you a serious engagement to solve the Palestinian question and impose a solution if necessary," Abdullah reportedly told Obama during their talks on Wednesday, according to informed sources quoted in Al-Hayat.

A solution to the Palestinian issue would be "the magic key" to resolving all other conflicts in the region, Abdullah told Obama at their meeting in Riyadh.

## Ousted Blairite ministers plotted to topple Brown

ANI, London

Cabinet ministers supposedly loyal to former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, reportedly coordinated a plot to force incumbent Premier Gordon Brown to step down.

Cabinet Ministers Hazel Blears, James Purnell, John Hutton and Caroline Flint all claimed that they were work-

"Arab patience is running out," the king warned, saying Arabs would rather devote their time to "forming a new generation that can face the future with knowledge and (the ability to) work."

The Saudi monarch is behind a 2002 peace initiative which offers Israel normal relations with Arab states in return for its withdrawal from land occupied in 1967.

The Arab initiative was not "a result of weakness," Abdullah said, but came about because "Arabs want peace and they have a real, sincere desire to achieve peace and live in peace."

Obama met the Saudi monarch on the eve of a landmark speech in Cairo aimed at healing deep rifts with the world's Muslims.

In an interview published Saturday in Newsweek magazine, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal said Washington could use its aid as a lever to push Israel into a two-state settlement with the Palestinians.

Meanwhile, Obama on Sunday wrapped up a Middle East and Europe tour steeped in history and intense diplomacy, confident he has cleared the "debris" thwarting US relations with the Muslim world.

Obama, who visited Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Germany and France also believes he has made clear what he expects from all leaders in the strife-torn Middle East as he cranks up a regional peace drive, aides said.

### Iraq detains 5 Americans

AP, Baghdad

Officials say Iraqi authorities have detained five US citizens in connection with the death of an American contractor in Baghdad.

The case is the first test of Americans facing local justice under a joint security pact that took effect this year.

Interior Ministry official Maj Gen Hussein Ali Kamal says the detained Americans are from the same company as the slain contractor.

## Bodies found as Air France probe studies speed monitors

AFP, Paris

Salvage crews found bodies and a wing section from an Air France jet, which plunged into the Atlantic, as investigators probed Sunday a possible link between false speed measurements and the crash.

Six days after AF 447 from Rio to Paris disappeared while flying through violent storms

in the middle of the night with 228 passengers and crew on board, speculation is focusing on its airspeed monitors.

Brazilian naval and air force crews found two bodies on Saturday and were continuing to come across wreckage, including part of the twin-engine Airbus A330's wing as well as floating luggage, on Sunday.

## INVITATION FOR TENDER (WORKS)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.			
2	Agency	ICDDR,B			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Director, ICDDR,B			
4	Procuring Entity District	Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
5	Invitation for	Works			
6	Invitation Ref No & Date	Memo No. ICDDR,B/ Mohakhali/ Service Building/ 08/14 Date: 01.09.2008			
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
8	Budget and Source of Funds	IDA - GoB			
9	Development Partners	IDA			
10	Project / Program Name	Construction of Basement, Level 1, Mezzanine Level and Level 2 of 12-Storied Service Building of ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
11	Tender Package No.	Package No. 14			
12	Tender Package Name	Construction of Basement, Level 1, Mezzanine Level and Level 2 of 12-Storied Service Building of ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
13	Tender Publication Date	June 08, 2009			
14	Tender Last Selling Date	July 08, 2009			
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	July 09, 2009. Time: 11:30 Hours			
16	Tender Opening Date and Time	July 09, 2009. Time: 12:00 Hours			
17	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address			
	- Selling Tender Document	Treasury Unit, Cash Counter-2, Ground Floor, IPH Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka during 10.00 A.M. to 03.30 P.M.			
	- Receiving Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
	- Opening Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
18	Eligibility of Tenderer	Reputed construction firms enlisted in Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous organization having requirements are: (i) The Tenderer shall have minimum 10 (ten) years of general experience on building construction works including civil, sanitary, electrical & electro-mechanical works (ii) Tenderers having experience in successful completion of at least 1 (one) number building works including pile foundation and basement floor(s) of Tk. 8 (eight) crore in single work order comprising of civil, sanitary, electrical & electro-mechanical works within the last 5 (five) years. Evidence regarding successful completion of works in the form of Work order/award and Completion Certificate must be submitted signed by the appropriate authority. (iii) Minimum tender capacity Tk. 15 (fifteen) crore. (iv) The tenderers shall have a minimum average annual turnover during last 5 (five) years at least Tk. 12.00 (twelve) crore. (v) The tenderer shall have sanctioned credit line facilities/liquid asset at least Tk. 2 (two) crore. (vi) Tenderer must have qualified & experienced Technical Personnel Civil, Electrical & Mechanical and essential equipment as stipulated in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS) in the Tender Documents. (vii) Tenderers are required to submit price quotation correspond to 100% of the required items and quantities.			
19	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 3,000.00 (Taka three thousand) only			
20	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Months
	Construction of Basement, Level 1, Mezzanine Level and Level 2 of 12-Storied Service Building of ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	ICDDR,B, 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.	Tk. 20 (twenty) lacs in the form of Pay Order, Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee in favour of ICDDR,B, Dhaka from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh.	15 (fifteen) months	
21	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Abu Masum			
22	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Manager, Procurement			
23	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Gyanaloy Project, Finance Department, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
24	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel: 8860523-32, Ext: 3735 Fax: 9860620 e-mail: masum@icddr.org			
25	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.				
26	Special Instruction : (a) All activities in connection with the said procurement of Works will be guided as per rule of "The Public Procurement Rules 2008". (b) If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and same place.				



## Europe leans right as voters choose EU Parliament

AP, Brussels

The EU parliament has evolved over five decades from a consultative legislature to one with the power to vote on or amend two-thirds of all EU laws. It has 736 seats and lawmakers serve for five-year terms.

Britain, Ireland, the Netherlands and five other EU nations cast ballots in the last three days, while the rest of the 27-nation bloc voted Sunday. Results for most countries were expected Sunday night.

For many, the Europe-wide elections were most important as a snapshot of national political sentiment.

High unemployment across Europe has increased voter dissatisfaction with mainstream national parties, and scepticism over the EU's power to help spur economic recovery.

French President's wife Carla Bruni-Sarkozy casts her ballot for the European parliamentary election yesterday in Paris.

## Israel to lay out ME policies next week

AFP, Jerusalem

when he would deliver his address, but a senior government official told AFP it would probably be next Sunday.

Netanyahu's comments were his first since US President Barack Obama's speech to the Muslim world on Thursday, in which he reiterated Washington's "unbreakable" bond with Israel, but vowed not to turn his back on Palestinian aspirations and repeated his call for a halt to Jewish settlements.

"I would like to make it clear -- we would like to reach peace with the Palestinians and with the Arab states with the maximum understandings of the United States," Netanyahu said.

"My goal is to reach a stable peace that is based on a solid principle of security for Israel and its citizens."

Over the past few months tensions between the United States and its staunchest ally have risen to levels not seen in 20 years as Washington pressed Netanyahu to publicly back the principle of a Palestinian state and freeze all settlement activity on occupied land.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

### RFP for Price Monitoring Database of Ministry of Commerce



UNDP Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested and well qualified organizations for the RFP for Price Monitoring Database of Ministry of Commerce.

To collect detail bidding documents please contact at [mohammad.naim@undp.org](mailto:mohammad.naim@undp.org)

Submission of Bid: The envelope should state "RFP for Price Monitoring Database of Ministry of Commerce" and should be marked as 'Confidential' and addressed to the **Procurement Unit, UNDP Bangladesh, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.**

The deadline for submission of Proposal will be **22 June 2009, 14:00.**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

### RFP for Online monitoring of distribution of widow allowance



UNDP Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested and well qualified organizations for the RFP for Online monitoring of distribution of widow allowance for the Department of Women Affairs under Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

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The deadline for submission of Proposal will be **21 June 2009, 14:00.**

## Request For Quotation (RFQ)

### Laptop Batteries for PERP



Sealed Bids are invited for "Laptop Batteries (Laptop Model: Dell D630) - 1,000 units from manufacturer/ authorized agents/ Dealers & Distributors with the detailed specification and price.

**Submission of Bid:** The envelope should state "Bid for Laptop Batteries for PERP" and should be marked as 'Confidential'. The selection of Bids will be done based on the UNDP procurement rules and regulations and only the successful bidder(s) will be contacted. However, UNDP, Dhaka reserves the right to accept or reject any bid(s) without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

The detailed bid documents are available: [parvin.akther@undp.org](mailto:parvin.akther@undp.org). Bid must be dropped to the Procurement Cluster of UNDP, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka. Bids must be submitted before **12.30 hrs on 14 June 2009.**