



Thatcher breaks arm in fall at home

AFP, London

Former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher broke her arm in a fall at her London home on Friday, her spokeswoman said after she was discharged from hospital.

"She tripped over at home this morning and has broken a bone in her upper arm. She was taken to the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, but she has been discharged and is on the way home now," she said.

Maoist rebels kill 11 policemen in eastern India

AFP, Ranchi

Maoist rebels killed 11 policemen in separate attacks Friday in apparent retaliation for the slaying of a rebel leader in eastern India, officials said.

Armed gunmen raided a bank in Jharkhand state's Bokaro city and shot dead two policemen, senior police officer Prashant Kumar said in state capital Ranchi.

Iranians vote to elect president

AFP, Tehran

Iranians began voting yesterday for a new president after a fiery campaign which has seen moderate ex-premier Mir Hossein Mousavi emerge as the main challenger to incumbent hardliner Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

"Polling started nationwide at 8:00 am (0330GMT). It is on schedule. It is going to last until 6:00 pm (1330 GMT)," the interior ministry, which is in charge of organising the election, said in a statement.

"We are expecting our dear citizens to come forward and vote in the early hours."

Polls, however, may remain open until midnight depending on turnout among the 46-million-strong electorate. Results are expected within 24 hours after voting ends.

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, one of the early ones to vote and who has the final say in the country's

strategic issues, urged people to remain "calm" and thwart any attempt to create "tension in polling stations."

"Voting is a right and duty of the people. I urge people to arrive at the polling stations from early hours to vote and have their share in choosing the highest management of the country," he told reporters.

The country's 10th presidential election since the 1979 revolution is a close two-horse race with passions running high after three weeks of mass rallies, stormy television debates and vicious mudslinging.

While Ahmadinejad, 52, is battling for a second four-year term in office, Mousavi, 67, is seeking to make a comeback after two decades in the political wilderness.

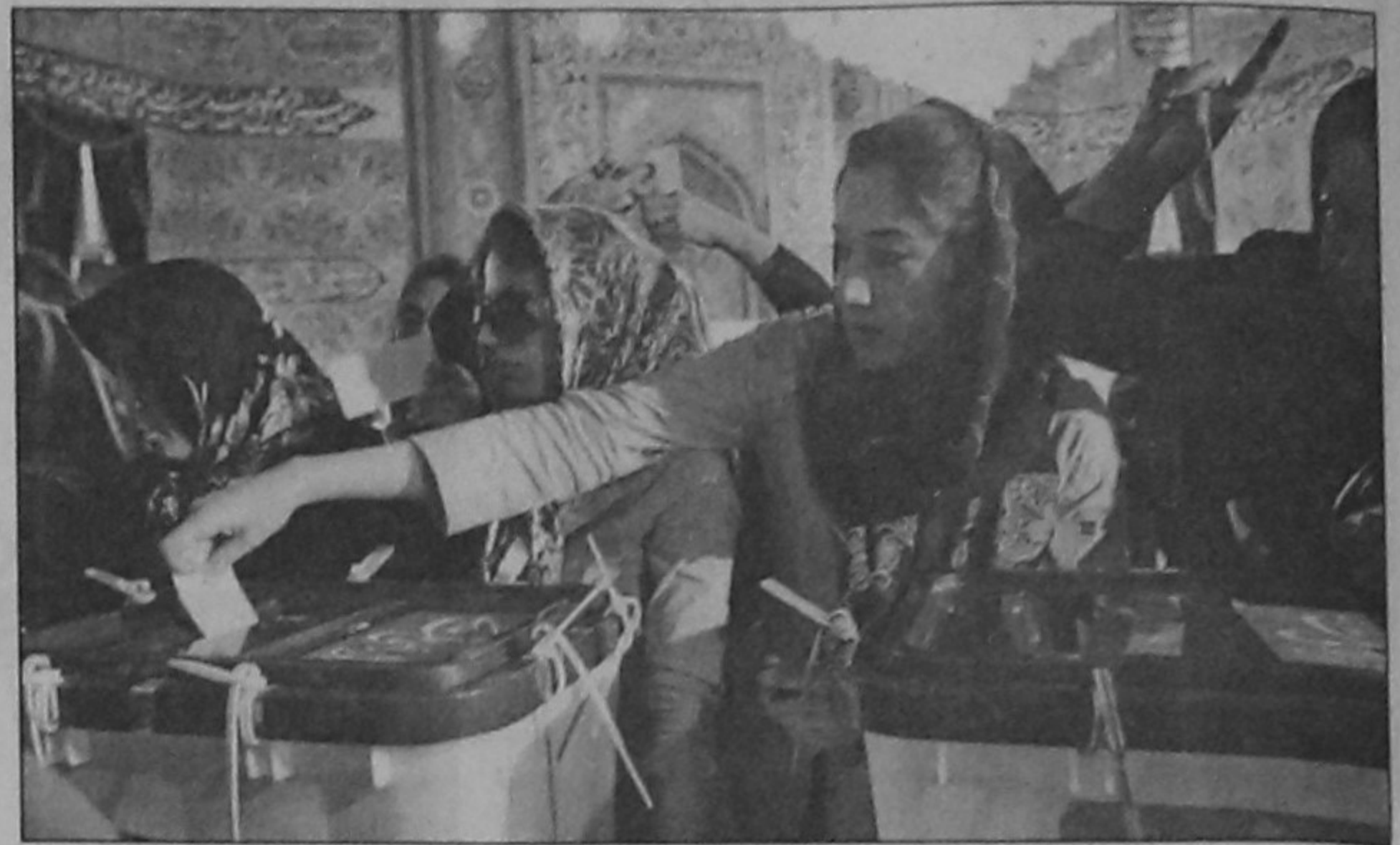
The election campaign turned a spotlight on deep differences within the Islamic republic after four years under Ahmadinejad.

His hardline rhetoric on the nuclear standoff and against Israel has isolated the country from the West, and his expansionist economic policies have come under fire at home.

The campaign also highlighted the glaring internal divide, with towns and villages passionately backing Ahmadinejad and young men and women in big cities throwing their weight behind Mousavi.

Analysts have been reluctant to forecast a winner, suggesting the vote may mirror 2005 when the relatively unknown Ahmadinejad scored a stunning upset in a second-round runoff against heavyweight cleric Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

The 2009 campaign has been marked by street demonstrations and unprecedented public animosity among the candidates who traded insults and allegations of lying and corruption on prime-time television, ratcheting up the tension.



Iranian women cast their vote to elect a new president at a mosque transformed into a polling station in Tehran yesterday. Hundreds of voters standing outside one of the biggest polling stations in uptown Tehran, was an indication of a high voter turnout in the early hours of the presidential election in Iran.

S Korea braces for N-test by North UNSC set to adopt tougher sanctions

AP, Seoul

South Korea was bracing for a possible third nuclear test by the North, which a US official said was likely despite looming UN sanctions on the communist state for its previous test in May.

Given the North's track record of provocative behaviour and defiance of the United Nations, "common

sense" would dictate that it is preparing for another nuclear test, South Korea Defence Ministry spokesman Won Tae-jae told reporters Friday.

He said the test was "probably possible."

However, South Korea's Yonhap news agency quoted an unidentified intelligence official as saying there was no imminent indication that Pyongyang was restoring a test site where the

second underground blast took place on May 25.

The conflicting reports and uncertainty about Pyongyang's plans reflect the unpredictable and mysterious nature of the reclusive communist regime, which has defied the international community to push ahead with its military programme.

A third nuclear test would likely alienate the North fur-

ther from its allies China and Russia, who have agreed with Western nations on imposing new UN sanctions to curb Pyongyang's weapons exports and financial dealings. They would also allow inspections of suspect cargo in ports and on the high seas.

The UN Security Council is expected to approve a draft of the sanctions document later Friday.

No ME deal at Lebanon's expense: US envoy

AFP, Beirut

The United States will not sacrifice Lebanon as it seeks to reach comprehensive peace in the Middle East, visiting US envoy George Mitchell said on Friday.

"Lebanon will play a key role in the long term effort to build lasting, comprehensive peace and stability in the Middle East," Mitchell said after meeting separately with President Michel Sleiman and Prime Minister Fuad Siniora.

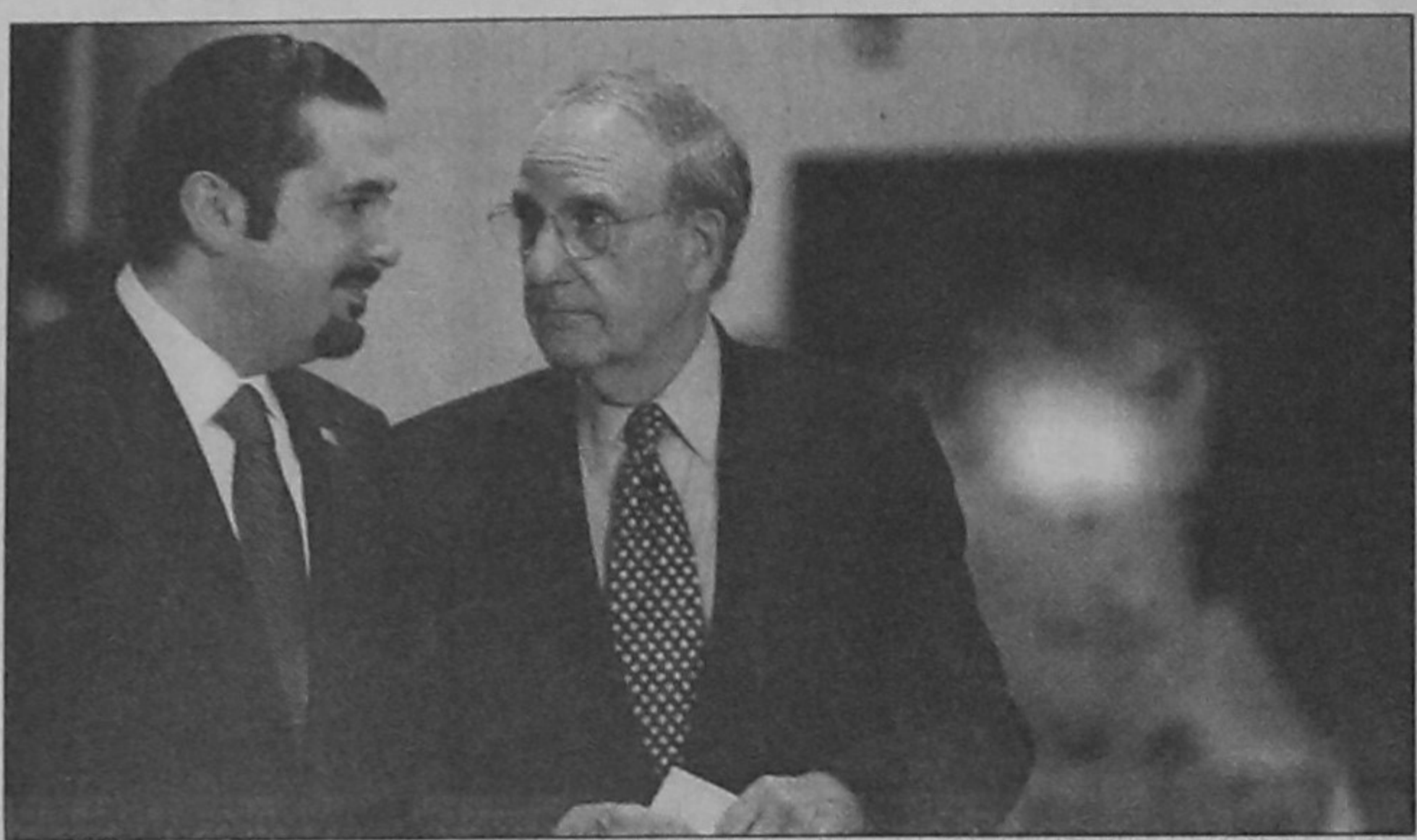
"Clearly, there can be no lasting solution reached at Lebanon's expense and we look forward to continuing to work with Lebanon to build

this solution."

Mitchell said his latest tour of the region as well as previous visits were clear proof that US President Barack Obama's administration was committed to "actively and aggressively" seek peace in the region.

"This includes supporting the establishment of a Palestinian state as a homeland for the Palestinian people as soon as possible," Mitchell said.

He also hailed the June 7 election in Lebanon as "a milestone" for the country and said Washington remains steadfast in its support for a "sovereign, free and independent Lebanon".



Lebanese parliamentary majority leader Saad Hariri talks with US envoy George Mitchell (R) after their formal meeting in Beirut yesterday. Mitchell arrived in Beirut on the latest leg of a tour aimed at reviving the stalled Middle East peace process.

British soldier, 2 dozen more killed in Afghanistan

AFP, Kabul

A British soldier was among more than two dozen people killed in a surge of attacks in Afghanistan, authorities said Friday, with violence at record levels two months ahead of presidential elections.

The new bloodshed was announced as General David Petraeus, commander of US

forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, warned Thursday of more "tough months" ahead in the battle against extremist insurgents here.

The British soldier, serving in Nato's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), was killed in a bomb attack near the southern city of Kandahar on Thursday, the British defence ministry

said.

A similar bomb blast killed three Afghan soldiers Friday in the eastern province of Paktika, the provincial government said.

Late Thursday, meanwhile, insurgents attacked a police post in southern Helmand province, kicking off heavy fighting, the interior ministry said.

Iran playing 'double game' in Afghanistan: Gates

AFP, Brussels

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates accused Iran Friday of playing a "double game" in Afghanistan, by professing to want good ties while undermining Nato-led efforts to provide security.

"Iran is playing a bit of double game in Afghanistan," he told reporters at Nato headquarters in Brussels at the end

of two days of talks with his allied counterparts.

"They are an important trading partner for Afghanistan, they profess to have warm relations with the Afghan government," he noted.

"At the same time, they're sending in a relatively modest level of weapons and capabilities to attack Isaf (International Security Assistance Force) and coalition forces.



Palestinian youths throw stones at an Israeli military vehicle during a protest against the construction of the West Bank separation barrier in the village of Nilin, near Ramallah yesterday.

Sunni MP among 5 die in Baghdad mosque attack

AFP, Baghdad

A teenage gunman went on the rampage in a Baghdad mosque on Friday, killing a Sunni Muslim MP and four other people in a grenade and gun attack, Iraqi officials and witnesses said.

Another 12 people were wounded and the gunman, who witnesses said appeared to be around 15 years old, was killed as he tried to flee the scene.

In two other attacks, one in Baghdad and the other north-east of the capital, three people, including a teenage girl, were killed and 11 wounded, two days after Iraq's bloodiest attack since May 20.

"A young man entered the mosque, shot down the MP and his bodyguard, and then threw a grenade that killed three people and wounded 12," an interior ministry official said.

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APPOINTMENT OF SHORT TERM CONSULTANT (2nd Call)

Essential Drugs Company Limited, 100% share owned by the Government of the people's Republic of Bangladesh is interested to appoint a short term consultant for plan, design, preparation of tender documents of "Field Latex Processing Plant" at rubber garden preferably at Modhupur, Tangail including ETP and Process Recovery System. Assisting in field Latex processing & Latex Compounding Technology (Pre-vulcanized and Post vulcanized) is required. Field Latex Processing Plant shall supply latex (60% DRC) to Khulna Condom Manufacturing Plant being financed by Government of Bangladesh implemented by Essential Drugs Company Limited. Interested firm may drop their offer application in our Procurement & Planning Deptt. within 30th June, 2009.

Application should accompany with all relevant papers, certificates and documents in support of their experience in different reputed Ltex Processing Industry for preliminary evaluation and selection by the authority. Interested firms may also submit their expected remuneration either in percentage of total project work or giving break up like (i) design & drawing including preparation of tender documents (ii) works inspection & supervision (iii) validation of system etc.

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Director Operation & Incharge
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Ashuganj, B.Baria-3402, Bangladesh.

Memo No. APSCL/Pro-01/2009/742

date: 10/06/2009

"Invitation For International Tender"

01.	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Power Division
02.	Agency	: Ashuganj Power Station Co. Ltd.
03.	Procuring Entity Name	: Convener, Procurement Committee, APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria.
04.	Procuring Entity District	: Brahman Baria, Bangladesh
05.	Invitation for	: Supply of 35600 Litres Ion-Exchange Resin for water Treatment Plant of APSCL.
06.	Invitation Ref No	: Memo No APSCL/Pro-1/2009/
07.	Date	: 10/06/2009
08.	Procurement Method	: International Open Tendering Method.
09.	Source of Funds	: APSCL'S Own Fund.
10.	Tender Publication Date	: 10/06/2009
11.	Tender Last Selling Date	: 22/07/2009 during office hour
12.	Tender Closing Date and Time	: 23/07/2009 at 12:00 Noon
13.	Tender Opening Date and Time	: 23/07/2009 at 12:30 PM
14.	Name & Address of the Offices	
a.	-Selling Tender Documents.	: (i) Director(Purchase), Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Bhavan (9 th floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. (ii) Deputy Director (Finance), APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria.
b.	Receiving & Opening Tender Documents	: Office of the Convener, Procurement Committee, APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria
15.	Eligibility of Tenderer	: Renowned Supplier having experience of supply as specified in the Tender Document.
16.	SL No	
01.	Name of Item	: Price of Tender Documents
	Amount of Tender Security	: Completion time
	Supply of 35600 Litres Ion-Exchange Resin for water Treatment Plant of APSCL.	: Non refundable Tk. 1,000/- In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh
		: US\$ 2,572.00 or BDT 1,80,000/- In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft/ Bank Guarantee from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh
		: 120 days from the date of L/C opening
17.	Name of official Inviting Tender	: MR. A.M.M Sazzadur Rahman
18.	Designation of official Inviting Tender	: Convener, Procurement committee
19.	Address of official Inviting Tender	: Ashuganj Power Station Co. Ltd. Ashuganj, B-Baria, Bangladesh.
20.	Contract details of official Inviting Tender	: Tel: 08528-74033 Fax: 08528-74044, E-mail: procurement@apscl.com , Website: www.apscl.com
21.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders	

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Memo No. APSCL/Pro-02/2009/739

Date: 09/06/2009

"Invitation For Tender"

01.	Ministry / Division	: Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources / Power Division.
02.	Agency	: Ashuganj Power Station Co. Ltd.
03.	Procuring Entity Name	: Convener (Procurement Committee), APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria.
04.	Procuring Entity District	: Brahman Baria, Bangladesh
05.	Invitation for	: Supply of 01 (one) Brand New Double Cabin Pickup Converted to CNG for Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited.
06.	Procurement Method	: Open Tendering Method.
07.	Source of Funds	: APSCL'S Own Fund.
08.	Tender Publication Date	: 09/06/2009
09.	Tender Last Selling Date	: 01/07/2009 during office hour
10.	Tender Closing Date and Time	: 02/07/2009 at 12:00 Noon
11.	Tender Opening Date and Time	: 02/07/2009 at 12:30 PM
12.	Name & Address of the Offices	
a.	Selling Tender Documents.	: (i) Asstt. Chief Engineer (Generation), Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Bhavan, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. (ii) Manager (Finance), APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria.
b.	Receiving & Opening Tender Documents	: Office of the Convener (Procurement Committee), APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria
13.	Eligibility of Tenderer	: Renowned Supplier having experience of supply as specified in the Tender Document.
14.	Name of Item	: Price of Tender Documents
	Amount of Tender Security	: Completion time
	Supply of 01 (one) Brand New Double Cabin Pickup Converted to CNG for APSCL.	: Non refundable Tk. 1,000.00 In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh
		: BDT 35,000.00 In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft/ Bank Guarantee from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh
		: 30 days from the date of contract signing
15.	Name of official Inviting Tender	: A.M.M Sazzadur Rahman
16.	Designation of official Inviting Tender	: Convener, Procurement committee
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