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Iranian clerics, carrying portraits of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (L) and supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, flash the V-signs as locals celebrated the incumbent president's landslide victory in the Islamic republic's most hotly contested presidential election yesterday in the Shia holy city of Qom, 120km south of Tehran.

Rival candidate cries foul as Ahmadinejad reelected

AFP, Tehran

Hardline incumbent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad won a crushing victory in Iran's hotly-disputed presidential vote, according to official results yesterday that triggered mass opposition protests.

Riot police were out in Tehran as thousands of supporters of his defeated rival Mir Hossein Mousavi took to the streets shouting "Down with the Dictator" after final results showed Ahmadinejad winning almost 63 percent of the vote.

The moderate ex-premier Mousavi cried foul over election irregularities and warned of the "dangerous scenario" the vote had created, as some of his protesting supporters were beaten by baton-wielding police, an AFP correspondent said.

The interior minister said Mousavi had won less than 34 percent of the vote, giving Ahmadinejad another four-year term in a result that dashed Western hopes of change in the Islamic republic.

Mousavi, one of Ahmadinejad's three rivals in the most heated election campaign since the Islamic revolution, had earlier declared himself the victor, setting the scene for a tense power struggle.

The international community has been keenly watching the election for any signs of a shift in policy after four years of hardline rhetoric from the 52-year-old Ahmadinejad and a standoff over Iran's nuclear drive.

Mousavi said he "protested vigorously against the numerous and blatant irregularities" in the vote which officials said attracted a record turnout of around 85 percent of the 46.2 million electorate.

In the heart of Tehran, thousands of angry Mousavi supporters voiced their disbelief and frustration at the results, with some pelting stones at police who struck back with batons.

The vote has underscored a grass-roots movement for change after 30 years of restrictive clerical rule in a country where 60 percent of the population was born

after the revolution.

Reformist candidate Mehdi Karroubi, who came a distant fourth with less than one percent of the vote after ex-Revolutionary Guards chief Mohsen Rezaei in third, also declared the result "illegitimate and unacceptable".

"They have ruined the country and they want to ruin it more over the next four years," shouted an irate mob outside Mousavi's office.

But Iran's all-powerful supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei hailed Ahmadinejad's victory as a "feast".

"The enemies may want to spoil the sweetness of this event... with some kind of ill-intentioned provocations," he said. "The president elect is the president of the entire Iranian nation and... all should support and help him."

Mousavi had been hoping for a political comeback on a groundswell of support among the nation's youth, with pledges to ease restrictions particularly on women, and fix Iran's ailing economy.

NEWS ANALYSIS

UN sanctions on North Korea could be futile

AP, Seoul

Sanctions can hobble countries that have bustling global trade and whose leaders give higher priority to feeding their malnourished people than building a nuclear bomb.

But that's not North Korea. The United Nations' new sanctions against North Korea to punish it for its latest atomic test are mostly a symbolic, feel-good gesture by the international community the moves are unlikely to stop the Stalinist regime from trading weapons with rogue nations or hobble its already crumbling economy.

The sanctions approved late Friday by the UN Security Council toughened an arms embargo and authorised ship searches on the high seas in an attempt to thwart its nuclear and ballistic missile programmes.

The unanimous support for the resolution reflected the international disapproval for the North's defiance of the council after its second test on

May 25 that heightened global tensions to a fever pitch.

But even though its economy is in shambles, the North will likely be able to limp along, many experts say. In some ways, the nation's financial failures help stoke its desire for developing and selling dangerous weapons. Without the ability to nuke Japan or hit Alaska with a missile, the country is just another foreign aid-addicted Third World economic basket case that can be pitied and ignored.

"North Korea is so far behind South Korea in terms of the economy and military capability, and that trend is irreversible," said Lee Woo-young of the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul. "But a nuclear weapon is something that can put North Korea on an equal footing at very low cost and very effectively."

One sanction that will likely hit the North hard seeks to deprive it of financing and material for its weapons programme and bans the cash-

strapped country's lucrative arms exports, especially missiles.

Pyeongyang is believed to earn between \$500 million and \$1 billion in arms sales a year, compared with the its annual civilian trade of about \$3 billion.

The provision most likely to anger the communist nation, however, deals with searches of cargo, and calls on all countries to inspect North Korean cargo at their airports, seaports or on land if the ships are reasonably suspected of carrying banned arms, weapons or the materials to make them.

But the North Koreans have proved to be wily traders in the past, and many of their customers may be nations like Iran and Syria that may not cooperate with UN sanctions.

Much of the freight can also be transported by plane, and one of the North's most prized products technical nuclear know-how is safe in the minds, hard drives and brief cases of their scientists who can travel without restrictions and transfer their knowledge in person.

Hamas grip on Gaza stronger than ever

AFP, Gaza City

Abu Moataz has never been a member of the Islamist Hamas movement, but two years after their takeover of the Gaza Strip he happily patrols the streets in the uniform of their paramilitary police.

"I have a wife and four children. I am a son of Fatah and I have my beliefs, but I cannot say this government is not good. They feed my children," the 32-year-old says.

In the two years since Hamas seized power in Gaza, the territory's residents have endured crippling economic sanctions and a devastating war with Israel, but the Islamist group's grip on power is as tight as ever.

Abu Moataz always supported the Fatah party of the Western-backed Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas, and even fought for its armed wing during the 2000 Palestinian uprising.

But when Israel slapped sanctions on Gaza in the wake of Hamas's June 15, 2007 defeat of Abbas's forces, the factory where he worked shut down and he turned to the Islamist group, now Gaza's most reliable employer.

He estimates that Fatah supporters like himself make up as much as a third of the employees of the Hamas-run government.

"International, regional and local opposition to Hamas has backfired," says Mukhaimer Abu Saada, a professor of political science at Gaza's Al-Azhar University. "Instead of squeezing Hamas, it has become stronger."

Israel's decision to seal Gaza off from all but basic goods has spawned a vast and lucrative trade through smuggling tunnels under the Gaza-Egypt border, one that is regulated and taxed by the Hamas-run government.

"Hamas is crying that we are under siege, the Palestinians are dying as a result of the siege and sanctions, but in the meantime it is Hamas and Hamas men, mainly, who are making money out of the tunnels," Abu Saada says.

Syria has integral role to play in ME peace: Obama envoy

AFP, Damascus

US envoy George Mitchell said yesterday that Damascus had an integral role to play in Washington's efforts to secure Middle East peace, after meeting Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

Mitchell, the highest-ranking US official to visit Syria since President Barack Obama took office in January, met Assad on the

latest leg of a regional tour aimed at pushing Obama's agenda of stepped-up peace efforts.

"The president and secretary of state have made clear that we seek peace between the Palestinians and Israelis, between Syria and Israel, between Lebanon and Israel and full normalisation between Israel and its Arab neighbours," Mitchell said in a statement after the meet-

ing.

"The peace we seek is truly comprehensive."

He echoed remarks made earlier this week in Jerusalem that the United States wants to move without delay.

"We are well aware of the many difficulties that lie ahead. Yet we share an obligation to create conditions for negotiations to begin promptly and end successfully," Mitchell said.



PHOTO: AFP
Around 250 people, some holding up Palestinian flags, protest in the northern Israeli town of Shfaram yesterday against the indictment of 12 Israeli Arabs for lynching an Israeli soldier after he opened fire on a bus and killed four people in a deadly rampage four years ago.



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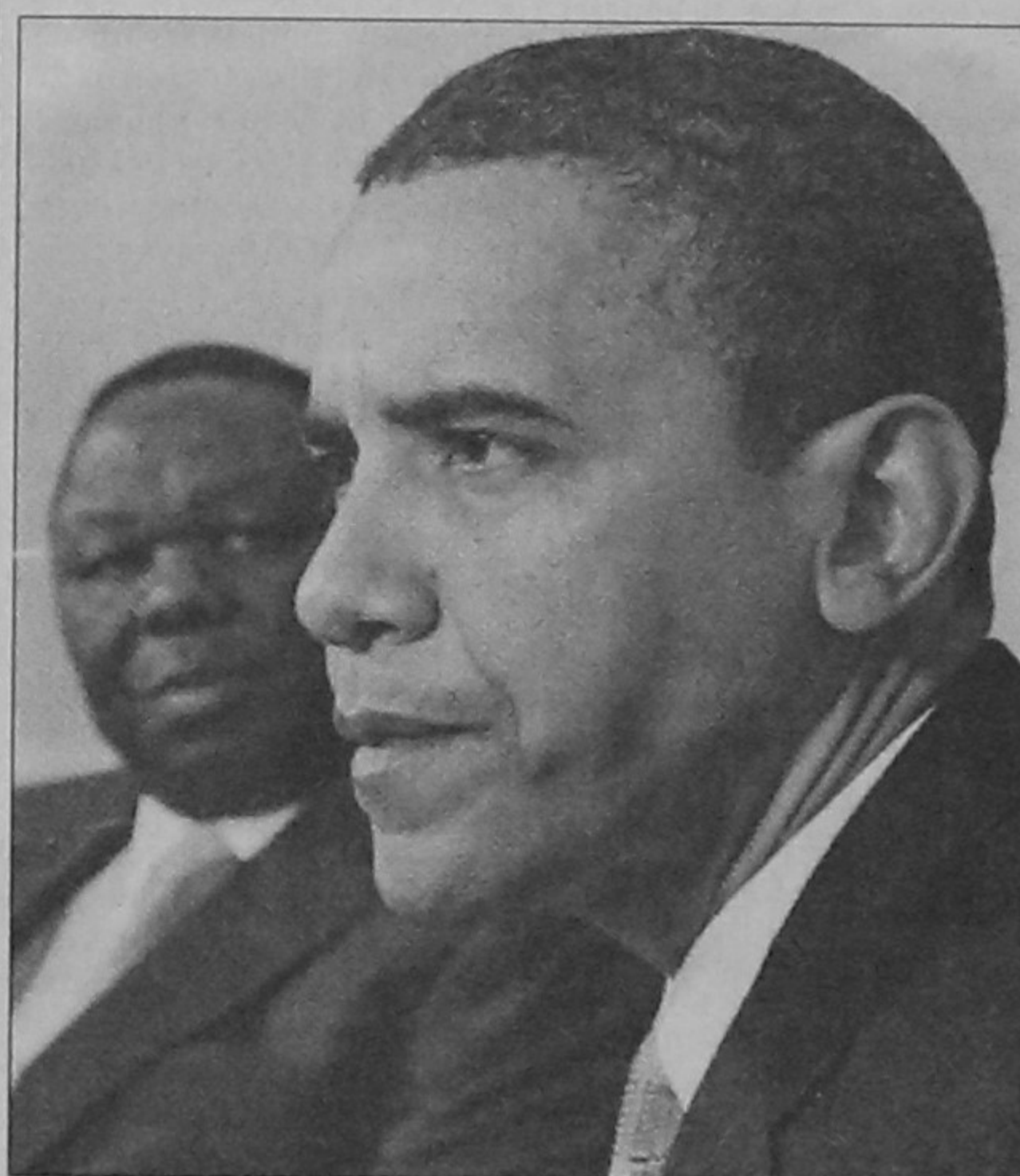


PHOTO: AFP
US President Barack Obama speaks alongside Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai during meetings in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington, DC on Friday.

US boosts effort to close Guantanamo

AFP, Washington

The United States continued its efforts this week to close the Guantanamo terrorism detention centre with a flurry of releases, capping with the transfer of three Saudi nationals back to their home country.

Heading forward on the politically delicate plan to close the controversial prison, President Barack Obama moved to transfer nine detainees to locations across the world from Chad to Iraq, and the Atlantic's Bermuda to the tiny Pacific island nation of Palau.

The moves mark "the largest number of transfers in a single week in well over a year," according to Matthew Olsen, head of the Obama administration's Guantanamo Review Task Force.

On Friday, the Justice Department announced three inmates -- Khalid Saad Mohammed, Abdalaziz Kareem Salim Al Noofayae, and Ahmed Zaid Salim Zuhair -- who had been approved for transfer

under former president, were sent back to Saudi Arabia, where they will undergo a "rehabilitation programme."

The transfers were made possible "due to the willingness of foreign governments to work closely with the United States on this important issue and to assist in the closure of the Guantanamo Bay detention facility," Olson said in a statement.

The Guantanamo camp in remote southeastern Cuba was established in 2002 to house "war on terror" detainees by then president George W. Bush. Since 2002, more than 540 detainees have been transferred from Guantanamo to at least 30 countries. Yet some 230 inmates still remain there, with Obama vowing to shut the facility by January 2010.

Many of the inmates have already been cleared for release, but US officials are having difficulty finding countries that will take them in, and meeting resistance at home from lawmakers unwilling to allow their housing on US soil.

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লোকাল অফিস, আদমজী কোর্ট, ১১৫-১২০, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা-১০০০।

অস্থাবর সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় বিজ্ঞপ্তি

অর্থায়ন আদালত আইন, ২০০৩ (২০০৩ সনের ৮ নং আইন) এর ৩৩(৫) ধারার বিধান মোতাবেক অস্থাবর মেশিনারীজ বিক্রয়ার্থে আগ্রহী ক্রেতাপণ হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আবেদন করা যাইতেছে।

SCHEDULE

LIST OF THE MACHINERY (যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে)

SL	NAME OF THE MACHINES
1.	Agfa Verticla Process Camera (Negative making machine)
2.	Agfa auto rapid contact copying unit
3.	Agfa rapid printing down frame
4.	Heavy duty high speed POLAR paper cutting machine
5.	China cutting machine-old
6.	Heidleberg CORD single color Off-set print machine
7.	Single color ROLAND MIEHLE off-set print machine
8.	25inch. x 36inch Roland Parva-2-color off-set print machine
9.	25inch. x 36inch Roland Miehle 2-color off-set print machine
10.	22inch x 32 inch straight cylinder dia cutting and creasing machine
11.	18 inch x 30 inch Straight cylinder dia cutting and creasing machine
12.	Folding & Gluing machine
13.	Roller perforated & numbering machine
14.	Single inch sticher machine
15.	Fork lift 3000 lb. capacity
16.	Ink mixing machine

অনুপূর্ণ অন্যান্য অস্থাবর সম্পত্তি

নিলাম ক্রয়ের শর্তাবলীঃ

- ১। নিলাম ক্রেতা বা দরদাতা তার নিজস্ব প্যাডে বা সাদা কাগজে স্পষ্ট অক্ষরে ক্রেতার নাম, ঠিকানা, প্রস্তাবিত দর অঙ্কে ও কথায় উল্লেখপূর্বক সীলমোহরকৃত খামে আগামী ০২ জুলাই ২০০৯ ইং তারিখ বিকাল ৪ (চার) ঘটিকার মধ্যে ঢাকা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, লোকাল অফিস, ঢাকায় রক্ষিত বাস্তব দরপত্র জমা দিতে হইবে এবং ঐদিনই বিকাল ৪ (চার) ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্রদাতাদের সামনে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলা হইবে।
- ২। প্রত্যেক দরপত্রদাতা উক্ত দর অনূর্ধ্ব ১০,০০,০০০.০০ (দশ লক্ষ) টাকা হইলে উহার ২০%, উক্ত দর ১০,০০,০০০.০০ (দশ লক্ষ) টাকা অপেক্ষা অধিক এবং অনূর্ধ্ব ৫০,০০,০০০.০০ (পঞ্চাশ লক্ষ) টাকা হইলে উহার ১৫% এবং উক্ত 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, লোকাল অফিস এর অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
- ৩। একই তফসিলের সম্পত্তির জন্য দরপত্রদাতার আংশিক দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।
- ৪। দরপত্র গৃহীত হইবার ১০ (দশ) কার্যদিবসের মধ্যে সমুদয় মূল্য পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে। বার্থতায় 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 আহ্বান করিবে। দ্বিতীয় সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা উক্ত আহ্বানে সম্মত হইলে সম্মতির তারিখ আহৃত হইবার তারিখ হইতে পরবর্তী ১০ কার্যদিবসের মধ্যে মূল্য পরিশোধ করিবেন এবং নির্দিষ্ট সময়ে দরপত্রের উক্ত টাকা পরিশোধে ব্যর্থ হইলে তাহার জামানতের টাকা বাজেয়াপ্ত করা হইবে।
- ৬। দরপত্রে সম্পত্তির প্রস্তাবকৃত মূল্য অস্বাভাবিকভাবে অপর্যাপ্ত বা কম প্রতীয়মান হইলে কর্তৃপক্ষ দরপত্র বাতিল করিতে পারিবেন।
- ৭। দরপত্র গৃহীত না হইলে জামানতের টাকা ফেরত দেওয়া হইবে।
- ৮। কোন রকম কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

ম্যানেজার

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