

West warns Iran over protests

Britain summons envoy

AFP, London

Britain summoned Iran's ambassador yesterday as the international powers made new warnings to the Tehran leadership over the handling of election result demonstrations.

A European Union summit called on Iran not to use violence against peaceful demonstrators. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights expressed concern over the number of arrests in a clampdown on the protests.

Iran's ambassador to London was summoned to the Foreign Office, a British spokesman said, in a new sign of the diplomatic strains caused by the disputed election which Iranian authorities said returned Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to a second term as president.

The Foreign Office spokesman did not say why the ambassador, Rasoul Movahedian, was summoned, but the action came after Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei singled out Britain for criticism in a speech.

"Today, top diplomats of several Western countries who talked to us so far within diplomatic formalities are show-

ing their real face and most of all, the British government," Khamenei said in a speech in Tehran.

On Tuesday the Iranian government summoned the British and Czech ambassadors to protest against the British and EU reactions to deadly post-election unrest in Tehran.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said his government would carry on criticising Iran and that "the whole world is watching" the events in Tehran.

Brown and other EU leaders discussed the clampdown at a Brussels summit, which called on the Iranian government to allow peaceful protests.

The leaders "urged the Iranian authorities to ensure that all Iranians are granted the right to assemble and to express themselves peacefully," said a summit statement.

"The authorities should refrain from the use of force against peaceful demonstrations," it added.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy urged Iran not to "go beyond the point of no return."

Sarkozy said Europe should not give the impression that it is interfering in

Iran's domestic affairs. "I am always in favour of dialogue with Iran, but when we have to condemn, we condemn."

US President Barack Obama has been criticised by opposition Republicans of not giving strong enough support to the Tehran demonstrators.

Obama has stressed that universal rights to protest peacefully should be respected in Iran, but has refused to pick sides in the showdown between Ahmadinejad and his challenger Mir Hossein Mousavi.

He has warned that US "meddling" in Iran's internal politics would be counterproductive, and vowed to push forward his engagement policy with Iran.

It is a stance that has left some lawmakers fuming. Senator John McCain, Obama's Republican rival in the US election, described Obama's response as " tepid," and blasted him for abandoning "fundamental" US principles.

UN Human Rights Commissioner Navi Pillay expressed concern over the use of "excessive force" to quell the Tehran protests in which at least seven people have been killed.



A picture obtained from the election campaign website of Iran's defeated presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi (R), GHALAMNEWS.IR, shows the opposition leader addressing his supporters during a massive rally in Tehran's Imam Khomeini square on Thursday.

Britain mulls holding Iraq war probe in public

AFP, London

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown's office paved the way Thursday for a possible U-turn on holding an inquiry into the Iraq war in private, as criticism of the behind-closed-doors plan grew.

A Downing Street spokesman said it had never been an "issue of theology" that the inquiry should be held out of the public gaze and indicated it would be up to its chairman John Chilcot to decide the matter.

Meanwhile, in an unusual intervention, former conservative prime minister John Major described the plan for a private probe as "inexplicable," saying it risked being seen as a "white-wash."

And Lord Robin Butler, who led a previous Iraq inquiry, accused ministers of being guided "more by political interest than the national interest."

Muslim rebels killed 115 teachers in Thai south

AP, Bangkok

Muslim insurgents in southern Thailand must stop the "sickening trend" of attacking teachers, 115 of whom have been killed since the outbreak of the separatist rebellion five years ago, a human rights organisation said yesterday.

As part of a general recent escalation of violence, five teachers have been killed since the beginning of the new school term in May, the US-based Human Rights Watch said in a statement.

The insurgency in Thailand's three southern-most provinces of Pattani, Yala and Narathiwat has led to the deaths of more than 3,500 people, both Buddhist and Muslim, since early 2004.



Police members work next to wreckage of a car owned by Spanish police member Eduardo Puelles who was killed after a car bombing yesterday in the northern Spanish Basque city of Arrigorriaga, near Bilbao.

Zardari opts out of another meeting with Manmohan

PTI, Islamabad

In a sudden development, President Asif Ali Zardari has decided not to attend the NAM Summit in Egypt next month, apparently to avoid another meeting with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh whose blunt public comments appear to have annoyed Pakistan. Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani will lead the Pakistani delegation to the Summit at Sharm-el Sheikh on July 15, the Foreign Office announced, a day after Singh had told reporters that he and Zardari would be meeting on the sidelines of the Summit.

At the start of their ice-breaking meeting at Yekaterinburg in Russia on Tuesday, Singh had told Zardari in full glare of international media that his mandate was limited to telling that Pakistan should not allow its soil to be used for terrorism against India.

Obama's Iran reaction sparks intense debate in US

AFP, Washington

US reaction to events in Iran has sparked fierce debate among American lawmakers, the media and the administration amid concern President Barack Obama has not voiced sufficient support for the demonstrators in Tehran.

By minimising policy differences between incumbent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad -- who claimed victory in last Friday's disputed presidential election in Iran -- and challenger Mir Hossein Mousavi, whose supporters have flooded the streets, Obama stirred the ire of several Republicans and put the White House and some Democrats on the back foot.

Senator John McCain, Obama's vanquished rival in

last year's US election, described the president's response as " tepid," and blasted him for abandoning the "fundamental principles" of the United States at a critical juncture for Iranians.

Obama has stressed that universal rights of peaceful protest should be honoured in Iran, but has refused to pick sides in the post-election showdown.

He has warned that US "meddling" in Iran's internal politics would be counterproductive, and vowed to push forward his engagement policy with Iran.

It's a stance that has left some lawmakers fuming.

"Their silence on the issue of human rights violations is very troubling to me," said Eric Cantor, the number two Republican in the House of Representatives.

US boosts Hawaii defence to counter N Korea threat

AP, Seoul

The United States says it has deployed anti-missile defences around Hawaii, following reports that North Korea is preparing to fire its most advanced ballistic missile in that direction to coincide with the US Independence Day holiday next month.

Last week, the communist regime vowed to bolster its nuclear arsenal and threatened war to protest UN sanctions in the wake of its May 25 nuclear test. It conducted its first nuclear test in April, and there are suspicions it is preparing for a third.

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday that the military has set up additional defences around Hawaii, consisting of a ground-based mobile missile system and a radar system nearby. Together they could shoot an incoming missile in midair.

"Without telegraphing what we will do, I would just say... we are in a good position, should it

become necessary, to protect Americans and American territory," Gates told reporters in Washington.

Gates' comments come after Japan's Yomiuri newspaper reported that North Korea might test fire a Taepodong-2 missile with a range of up to 4,000 miles (6,500 kilometres), sometime around the US holiday of Independence Day on July 4.

Yomiuri said the missile, which could be launched from North Korea's Tongchang-ri site, would fly over Japan but would not be able to reach Hawaii, which is about 4,500 miles (7,200 kilometres) from the Korean peninsula.

North Korea test-fired a similar long-range missile on July 4 three years ago, but it failed seconds after liftoff.

A spokesman for the Japanese Defence Ministry declined to comment on Yomiuri's report, which cited an analysis by Japan's Defence Ministry and intelligence gathered by US reconnaissance satellites.

Nasa blasts off two moon probes

AFP, Washington

Nasa blasted two probes into space Thursday on a landmark lunar exploration mission to scout water sources and landing sites in anticipation of sending mankind back to the



US astronaut Buzz Aldrin sits with an imprint he made with a space boot during a press conference in Hong Kong yesterday.

moon in 2020.

The launch marked "America's first step in a lasting return to the moon," a Nasa official said moments after a rocket carrying the probes launched at 5:32 pm (2132 GMT), a day after the US space agency scrubbed the shuttle Endeavour launch for the second time in a week because of a nagging hydrogen fuel leak.

The liftoff of the dual LRO and LCROSS missions atop an Atlas V rocket from Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida occurred one month shy of the 40th anniversary of Nasa's historic first landings on Earth's natural satellite in 1969.

Americans have been the only people to walk on the moon -- with the last such outing in 1972 -- and the new mission is the first step on the long journey to launch manned missions further into our solar system, to the planet Mars and beyond, from lunar colonies.

EU clinches deal on Irish treaty vote Say diplomats

AFP, Brussels

Ireland secured yesterday legal guarantees on sovereignty issues from European partners to pave the way for a second Irish referendum on the EU's reform treaty, the EU presidency confirmed.

"There is a full deal now on Irish guarantees," a spokesman for the Czech EU presidency said.

The guarantees affirm Ireland's military neutrality and taxation system, as well as its stance on social issues like abortion.

Irish voters rejected the Lisbon Treaty in a referendum a year ago.

Research found that people voted "no" then because of concerns of the military, tax and social issues and the Irish government has insisted on legal guarantees that the Lisbon Treaty would not affect these sovereignty issues.

This agreement means Irish

voters could return to the ballot boxes in September or October, and opinion polls suggest they will vote in favour of the package the second time around.

"We can confirm that a deal has been reached on legally binding guarantees and a protocol for Ireland at the summit," an Irish government source said on the second day and last day of an EU summit in Brussels.

Details of the deal were not immediately revealed, but the word "protocol" was key to the Irish government.

Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen had arrived at the summit insisting on guarantees with "full treaty status" through a legal protocol.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown had opposed a "protocol" and wanted a simple, though legally-binding, EU "decision", which would not force nations to ratify the text and potentially reopen the whole Lisbon debate in countries that have already approved it.



Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited

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পরিবেশ বাঁচান

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Preparation of Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and Land Acquisition Plan (LAP)

1.	Ministry/Division	Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2.	Agency	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited.
3.	Procuring entity name	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited.
4.	Procuring entity district	Dinajpur.
5.	Expressions of Interest (EOI) for selection of	Consulting firm for preparation of Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and Land Acquisition Plan (LAP).
6.	EOI Ref No.	BCMCL/11/35/EOI/1030
7.	Date	15/06/2009
8.	Procurement method	QCBS (Quality and Cost Based Selection).
9.	Budget and source of funds	Company's revenue budget.
10.	Project/programme name	Not applicable.
11.	EOI closing date and time	06/07/2009 up to 12:00 noon
12.	Brief description of assignment	Government has planned to acquire the entire mine area of Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited including its zone of influence covering more or less 263 hectares of habitable and cultivable land. Due compensation will be paid to the affected people as decided by the government and the people are to be relocated or rehabilitated elsewhere if they so desire. The objectives of the consultancy services is to prepare a Land Acquisition Plan (LAP), Resettlement Plan (RP) which sets out strategies to mitigate adverse effects and to maintain living standards of those affected by land acquisition and any other resettlement effects. It will set the parameters for the entitlements package for those affected, the institutional framework, mechanisms for consultation and grievance resolution, the timeframe and cost estimates. The agreed entitlement package will include both compensation and measures to restore the economic and social base for those affected. It will address the policy objectives of the Government of Bangladesh and of the ADB's/WBs and of the coal companies in the neighboring countries related to land acquisition and resettlement. The following are the main objectives of the consultancy services: a) Review the primarily prepared LAP. b) Prepare a realistic LAP. c) Review the framework of RAP. d) Prepare RAP according to the guideline of approved RF. e) Prepare Master Plan of Resettlement site and supply drawing, design of common facilities in the resettlement site. The consultancy services stated above shall be done as per ToR.
13.	Experience, resources and delivery capacity reqd	a) The consulting firm/firms shall have experience for preparing of Land Acquisition Plan (LAP), Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) in a big project in the last ten years. b) Interested consulting firm/firms are invited to provide information along with brochures indicating that they are qualified to perform the required services, giving description of similar assignments, experience in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate professionals, requisite qualification and experience among their staff.
14.	Other details (if applicable)	a) Short-listed firms will be selected using the selection method in accordance with the PPR-2008. b) An applicant may associate with other firm/company to enhance their qualifications. It is expected that the service will commence on August 2009 and has to be completed in a month's time. c) RFP (Request for Proposal) will be issued to short-listed firms. d) The interested firm/firms shall have to submit two sets of EOI in closed envelope with marking as "EOI for consultancy services for Land Acquisition Plan, Resettlement Action Plan of mining area including Zone of influence of Barapukuria Coal Mine". Submission is to be made at the Liaison Office of the company, 75/C, Indira Road, Dhaka-1215 on or before date of closing EOI.
15.	Name of the official inviting EOI	Meer Abdul Matin
16.	Designation of official inviting EOI	General Manager (Mining).
17.	Address of official inviting EOI	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur, Liaison Office: 75/C, Indira Road, Dhaka-1215.
18.	Contact details of official inviting EOI	Phone: 05327-56200 Ext. 8013 Fax: 05327-56299
19.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOs without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

Meer Abdul Matin
General Manager (Mining)

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LOCAL TENDER NOTICE

EDCL invites Short Dated Local Tender for Supply & Installation of Pharmaceutical Machine for EDCL, Dhaka Factory on urgent basis:

S.L No.	Tender No. Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
01.	EDCL/Pur/Local/Tender/ Machine/2009/3 12 Dated: 18/06/2009	Supply & Installation of following Machine For Dhaka: 01) Air Compressor with Tank Complete 01 unit	Tk. 1,000,00/- Non-Refundable	Closing : 09/07/2009 at 11.00 AM Opening: 09/07/2009 at 11.15 AM

Tender Schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

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Md. Feroze-ul-Alam
Director Operation & Incharge
Planning & Procurement Deptt.
For: Managing Director.