

# Night fever sweeps Tehran as daytime protests quashed

West rejects Iran's 'meddling' charges

AFP, Tehran/London

Iranians are taking to the rooftops after dark to shout their defiance as the government cracks down on daytime demonstrations against the disputed results of the June 12 presidential election.

In Tehran the night belongs to protesters, starting at about 9:30 pm with a few voices calling "Allahu Akbar" or God is Greatest. As others join in, the cries swell to a wall of sound drowning out traffic noise and clearly audible inside homes.

The chorus of disapproval began a few days after the election and has gained in strength every night since as the opposition continues its campaign against what

it has branded a "shameful fraud."

The after-dark protesters have adopted an idea devised by revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini when he was still struggling against the shah's regime.

In the face of bloody repression of demonstrators in the streets of Tehran, he urged Iranians to go up to their rooftops and call out the phrase "Allahu Akbar" that the protesters are using again in the latest unrest.

The choice of words gave some measure of safety to the people who were shouting it but represented a major challenge to the power of shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, whose government was finally overthrown in 1979.

Mir Hossein Moussavi, who has fur-

iously protested his defeat to Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in the contested election, revived Khomeini's idea and encouraged his followers to do it every day.

Meanwhile, foreign powers urged citizens to avoid travel to Iran Monday as Tehran focused its anger on London and European leaders closed ranks against accusations of meddling.

Britain, Italy and Germany all warned its nationals against non-essential travel to Iran, with London also pulling out family members of embassy staff after radical students threatened its premises in Tehran.

France warned its tourists still in the country against taking pictures and said rallies should be avoided.



Iranian children demonstrate in front of passing motorists during a rally against the recent Iranian elections outside the Federal Building in Los Angeles on Monday.

## Families of UK embassy staff leave Iran

ANI, London

The ongoing violence in Iran is forcing families of British embassy staff to leave the country.

At least 12 relatives were packing bags last night. The British Foreign Office has advised its nationals to avoid going to Iran, where 17 protesters have died in violent protests.

"The ongoing violence has had a significant impact on the families of our staff who have been unable to carry on their lives as normal."

We are withdrawing dependants until the situation improves," The Sun quoted a Foreign Office spokesman, as saying.



Emergency personnel investigate the scene of a Metro subway train collision in Washington, DC, on Monday. Nine people were killed and scores of others injured in the rush-hour collision between two Metro trains in the US capital.

## 9 killed in Washington metro train crash

AFP, Washington

Rescue workers searched through a mangled mess after a Washington metro train rammed into another one during rush hour, killing at least nine people and injuring 76, officials and media said yesterday.

Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty described the Monday evening collision as the deadliest in the subway system's 33-year history, as local media reported that nine people were found dead.

Rescuers used powerful blades to cut through the wreckage to find any more people trapped after a train slammed into a stationary one, forcing one subway car

on top of the other and sending passengers hurtling through the air.

Fenty suggested the moving train may have been traveling too fast when it hit the stationary one.

The rear car of the lead train compressed like an accordion before leaping forward on top of it on an above-ground portion of track on the heavily-used Red Line.

"It was going at a speed that would have made that initial car literally compress to about one-fourth of the original size," Fenty told CNN, strongly hinting the toll could rise.

"We have to go in (to the compressed rear car) and find out if there's any remaining bodies."

## US, Kyrgyzstan reach deal on air base use

AP, Bishkek

A parliamentary committee on Tuesday backed a deal that allows the United States to ship non-lethal military supplies through a Kyrgyz air base to Afghanistan four months after the Central Asian nation ordered the eviction of US troops from the base.

The accord to use Manas airport as "centre of transit shipments" falls short of US hopes of maintaining the facility as a full-fledged military air base. But it would provide a much-needed logis-

tical support base as the US-led coalition ramps up operations against the increasingly bold Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters in Afghanistan.

The deal was backed by the Kyrgyz parliament's defence committee and now goes to the full parliament for a vote expected later this week.

Foreign Minister Kadyrbek Sarbaev told the committee that under the new agreement, rent for the base will increase to \$60 million per year from the current \$17 million.

US officials at the embassy in the Kyrgyz capital, Bishkek,

said they were unable to provide immediate comment on the deal.

President Kurmanbek Bakiyev stunned Washington in February by announcing that US forces would be evicted from Manas, saying Washington wasn't paying enough and citing other concerns.

In addition to the annual rent, the base also contributes \$150 million to the local economy every year through service contracts and aid packages and around 600 locals are employed there, according to US officials.

## Israel frees Palestinian parliament Speaker

AP, Tulkarem

The Hamas-affiliated speaker of the Palestinian parliament was freed Tuesday from an Israeli prison after serving the bulk of his three-year sentence.

Abdel Aziz Duaik is the most senior of dozens of Hamas politicians arrested after Gaza Strip militants loyal to the group captured an Israeli soldier in June 2006. The soldier, Sgt. Gilad Shalit, will mark three years in captivity on Thursday.

Hamas would not say whether Duaik, who was released into the West Bank, would resume his

duties as parliament speaker. But the Palestinian parliament has not functioned since Hamas seized control of Gaza in June 2007, in effect creating a two-headed Palestinian government with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas ruling the West Bank.

In December, an Israeli military court sentenced Duaik to 36 months in prison for belonging to Hamas. Duaik is in his early 60s and suffers from high blood pressure and diabetes. His lawyer, Fadi Kawasimi, said inmates' terms routinely are shortened by several months for good behaviour.

## Russia, US resume nuclear talks

AFP, Geneva

US and Russian negotiators met in Geneva on Tuesday to negotiate new cuts in nuclear weapons arsenals, in their last scheduled round of talks before a summit between their presidents next month.

The third round of talks on replacing the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) was due to last two days.

"The negotiations restarted

at 11.00 am (0900 GMT) today at the Russian mission," a Russian diplomat said.

Negotiators also met on Monday, Russian and US diplomatic sources added.

The attempt to strike a new deal to succeed START, which expires on December 5, symbolises a thaw in US-Russian relations in recent months, although the Russians are insisting on concessions on the US missile defence shield.

## US, China hold defence talks amid N Korea tension

AFP, Beijing

US and Chinese defence officials met in Beijing yesterday for talks in which the Americans were expected to nudge China towards supporting more pressure on North Korea.

The US delegation led by Michele Flournoy, undersecretary for defence, was also expected to push for closer US-China defence ties following

concerns in Washington over Beijing's expanding military and recent stand-offs at sea.

"China and the US discussing the situation on the Korean Peninsula is a natural thing and we take this consultation very seriously, and hope that we can get positive results out of it," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Qin Gang told reporters.

Flournoy met with Ma Xiaotian, deputy chief of the

general staff of the People's Liberation Army, at the start of the closed-door talks Tuesday, a US embassy spokeswoman told AFP, without providing further details.

Both sides were to brief the press separately on Wednesday.

A Pentagon official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told reporters in Washington over the weekend that "North Korea will factor in very strongly" in the talks.



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin (R) shakes hands with United Arab Emirates' Crown Prince Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan (L) near Kaluga yesterday. The two politicians discussed issues of bilateral importance.

## British Speaker choice sparks fresh splits among MPs

AFP, London

Prime Minister Gordon Brown pledged a "new chapter" yesterday after lawmakers replaced their scandal-tainted speaker, but the choice sparked fresh splits among MPs reeling from a damaging expenses row.

Struggling to draw a line under weeks of political turmoil, members of parliament (MPs) elected John Bercow in a secret ballot on Monday night, to succeed Michael Martin, the first speaker to be forced out in over 300 years.

But critics say that Brown's ruling Labour party only backed him for tactical reasons ahead of elections it expects to lose next year, noting that Bercow is deeply unpopular within his own opposition Conservatives.

"It was a vindictive political act on behalf of the Labour Party towards what they see to be the future Conservative government and the British people," said Tory MP Nadine Dorries.

Media reports suggest that only a handful of Bercow's fellow Tory MPs voted for the 46-year-old -- who is seen as close to Labour -- adding that the

Tories could try to oust him after elections due by next June.


A new survey by the Harris polling institute Tuesday put the Conservatives on 30 percent, Labour on 17 and the Liberal Democrats on 14 percent.

Bercow, 46, promised to be a "clean-break candidate" ready for reform after the expenses scandal, which claimed the scalps of about 20 ministers and lawmakers -- including Martin, accused of failing to help clean up the system.

The speaker is required to be strictly neutral, renouncing his party membership as the public face of the lower house of parliament. The role involves chairing debates and curbing the famously rowdy behaviour of MPs.

But Bercow will also be expected to lead lawmakers in moving past the expenses row, which has caused widespread public anger and disillusionment.

"We have faced quite the most testing time, which has left many members feeling very sore and vulnerable but large sections of the public also feel angry and disappointed," he said after his election.

 <h1>Bangladesh Power Development Board</h1> <h2>Invitation for International Tender</h2>					
1	Ministry/Division				
2	Agency		Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB).		
3	Procuring entity name		Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.		
4	Procuring entity code		Not used at present.		
5	Procuring entity district		Dhaka, Bangladesh.		
6	Invitation for		Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (PAC) for Chittagong Power Station, BPDB, Raozan, Chittagong.		
7	Invitation Ref No.		Pur-332/2009		
8	Date		16-06-2009		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>					
9	Procurement method		Open tender method.		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>					
10	Budget and source of funds		Revenue Budget (Cash Foreign Exchange Allocation) of BPDB.		
11	Development partners (if applicable)		Not applicable.		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>					
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)		Not applicable.		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)		Not applicable.		
14	Tender package No.		133 (FY 2008-2009).		
15	Tender package name		Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (PAC) for Chittagong Power Station, BPDB, Raozan, Chittagong.		
16	Tender publication date		16-06-2009.		
17	Tender last selling date		04-08-2009 during office hours.		
18	Tender closing date and time		05-08-2009 at 11.00am (BST).		
19	Tender opening date and time		05-08-2009 at 11.30am (BST).		
20	Name & address of the office (s)		Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 12-Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Selling tender document (principal)		Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 12-Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Selling tender document (others)		Not applicable.		
	Receiving tender document		Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 12-Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Opening tender document		Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 12-Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)		Not applicable.		
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>					
22	Eligibility of tenderer		As per tender document.		
23	Brief description of goods or works		Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (PAC) for Chittagong Power Station, BPDB, Raozan, Chittagong.		
24	Brief description of related services		As per tender document.		
25	Tender document price		Not refundable BD Taka 1000/- (one thousand) only in the form of Pay-Order in favour of Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.		
	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount	completion time in weeks/months
26	1	Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (PAC)	Chittagong Power Station, BPDB, Raozan, Chittagong	USD 1,800.00 or BDTk-1,25,000/-	120 days from date of L/C opening
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>					
30	Name of official inviting tender		Md. Abduhu Ruhullah.		
31	Designation of official inviting tender		Director.		
32	Address of official inviting tender		Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 12-Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
33	Contact details of official inviting tender		Tel. 7126144 Fax 7126151.		
34	Special instruction		The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders, at any time prior to contract award.		
This tender will be performed according to "The Public Procurement Rules-2008".					
			Md. Abduhu Ruhullah Director Directorate of Purchase BPDB, Dhaka		
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# BPDB's International Tender Notice

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource/ Power Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board.
3	Procuring entity name	Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Saidpur.
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Security Spares for Combustion Inspection (CI) of Saidpur Gas Turbine Power Station, BPDB, Saidpur, Bangladesh.
7	Invitation for tenders Ref No.	Pur-415/2009.
8	Date	16.06.2009.

## KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
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## FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	BPDB's Revenue Budget.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.

## PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14	Tender package No.	42 (FY 2008-2009).
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Security Spares for Combustion Inspection (CI) of Saidpur Gas Turbine Power Station, BPDB, Saidpur, Bangladesh.
16	Tender publication date	16.06.2009.
17	Tender selling date	17.06.2009 to 09.08.09.
18	Tender closing date and time	10.08.2009 at 11.00am.
19	Tender opening date and time	10.08.2009 at 11.30am.
20	Name & address of the office	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
	Selling tender document (principal)	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
	Selling tender document (other)	Not applicable.
	Receiving tender document	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
	Opening tender document	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	N/A.

## INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of tenderer	As per tender document.			
23	Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of Security Spares for Combustion Inspection (CI) of Saidpur Gas Turbine Power Station, BPDB, Saidpur, Bangladesh.			
24	Brief description of related services	N/A.			
25	Price of tender document (BDT)	BDT 5,000.00 (five thousand) as a Pay-Order (non-refundable) of any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.			
26	Lot	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount in USD or BDT	Validity of shipment
	--	Security Spares for Combustion Inspection (CI)	Saidpur Gas Turbine Power Station, BPDB, Saidpur	USD 4,000.00 or BDT 2,80,000.00	180 days from the date of opening of LC
27	Validity of tender and tender security	120 (one hundred twenty) days and 148 (one hundred forty eight) days respectively from the date of opening of tender.			
28	Name of official inviting tender	Md Abduhu Ruhullah			
29	Designation of official inviting tender	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.			

## PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

30	Address of official inviting tender	WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
31	Contact details of official inviting	Tel: + 88 02 9550532 Fax: + 88 02 7126151
32	Special instruction	Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected, and returned unopened to the tenderer. The purchaser reserve the right to accept any tender, to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders, at any time prior to contract award.

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