

Iran's head of the Guardian Council Ahmad Janati delivers his speech at the Juma (Friday) prayers sermon in Tehran University yesterday. The powerful Iranian cleric said that some local British embassy staff will be put on trial for allegedly stoking post-election unrest, a move set to plunge already strained ties to a new low.

## Amnesty urges Malaysia to stop caning immigrants

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Rights watchdog Amnesty yesterday urged Malaysia to abolish caning, saying that tens of thousands of migrants had received the "inhuman and degrading" punishment in recent years.

Amnesty cited a statement in Malaysian parliament last week that said local authorities had caned at least 34,923 migrants between 2002 and 2008, 60 percent of them from neighbouring Indonesia.

"Amnesty International urges the Malaysian government to rid the country of this cruel punishment," the London-based group said in a statement.

## Medvedev, Obama to ink Afghanistan transit deal

AFP, Moscow

The Russian and US presidents plan next week to sign deals on replacing a Cold War-era missile treaty and the transit of US military supplies bound for Afghanistan, a Kremlin aide said yesterday.

The comments by Sergei Prihodko, the top foreign policy advisor to President Dmitry Medvedev, gave the clearest indication yet of the agenda when Barack Obama next week makes his first visit to Russia as US president.

The leaders plan to sign a "joint agreement on military transit to Afghanistan," Prihodko told reporters at a briefing in the Kremlin.

The transit will be via land and air, but mostly by air, Prihodko said. Currently,

the United States can only transit non-lethal goods across Russia by rail.

Such an agreement would be a major boost to Obama's efforts to step up the fight against Taliban militants in Afghanistan and would also complement transit agreements Washington has forged with Central Asian states.

"This is in line with the interests of the Russian state," Prihodko added.

The Kommersant newspaper last week said that such a deal could involve a dozen US planes flying over Russia each day with military cargos.

Obama's visit starting Monday is aimed at laying to rest a series of difficulties that dogged ties between the sides during the administration of his predecessor George W. Bush. Prihodko praised the new atmosphere.

"Today we sense a desire of our American partners to combine wide cooperation... with a readiness to breathe new life into the bilateral trade and economic cooperation," Prihodko said.

Prihodko said the two sides would also sign a declaration setting up the framework for the renewal of the Cold War-era Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), which is set to expire in early December.

Moscow and Washington have placed agreeing on a replacement of the treaty at the centre of their push to improve strained US-Russian ties.

The document on replacing the START treaty will not be a legally binding agreement but a broad political document with a set of guidelines for Russian and US officials, Prihodko said.

## Palestinians detain rivals to strengthen grip

### Israel mulls easing Gaza embargo

AP, Ramallah/Jerusalem

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' security forces have significantly widened a crackdown on Hamas in the West Bank in the past month.

They have doubled the number of detainees and are increasingly targeting the wives of activists, school teachers and others on the fringes of the Islamic militant group, Hamas officials say.

In the same period, police in Hamas-ruled Gaza have picked up dozens of Abbas loyalists, said officials in Abbas' Fatah movement.

The bitter rivals accuse each other of using the sweeps for political leverage, as they try to negotiate an elusive power-sharing deal and the terms of general elections in January. A Palestinian unity government is seen as crucial to US efforts to restart Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, since Israel says it can't make concessions to the divided Palestinians.

Tit-for-tat detentions have been carried out over the two years since Hamas overran Gaza, ousting the forces loyal to Abbas, who was left

with just the West Bank. Since then, each side has been trying to assert more control and wipe out the rival's power base, amid persistent allegations of mistreatment of detainees.

Meanwhile, Israel's Defence Ministry has recommended a partial lifting of the embargo on the Gaza Strip as a goodwill gesture toward the Palestinians to spur talks to free a long-held captive soldier, an Israeli news site reported Friday.

Israel has been linking the opening of Gaza's borders to the release of Sgt. Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier held by Hamas militants for three years. Hamas has been pushing for a deal to trade him for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.

Israel imposed a near-total embargo of the Gaza Strip in 2007 after Hamas militants violently took control of the territory.

Since June 2007, Abbas' security forces fearful of a Hamas takeover in the West Bank detained hundreds of Hamas activists, closed Hamas-run charities and dried up the group's funding.

## North Korea may fire more missiles

AP, Seoul

South Korea said yesterday it is closely monitoring North Korean military sites because the communist nation may fire more missiles, amid speculation that a long-range test launch aimed toward the US is possible in coming days.

The North fired four short-range missiles off its east coast Thursday, just ahead of the US Independence Day holiday that falls this weekend. The US and Japan called the North's move "provocative."

In 2006, North Korea launched its most advanced Taepodong 2 missile while the

US celebrated July Fourth, though the rocket broke apart shortly after takeoff and fell into the ocean.

"We are keeping a close watch on North Korea as it may fire more missiles," said an official with South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff. He added that North's no-sail zone announced last month for military drills remains in effect in waters off its east coast through July 10.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorised to speak to media, did not elaborate on whether the North could fire short-, medium- or long-range missiles.

## Swine flu 'unstoppable', says WHO chief

ANI, Mexico City

World Health Organisation head Margaret Chan has warned a forum in Mexico that the swine flu virus worldwide is now unstoppable.

The WHO says most H1N1 cases are mild, with many people recovering unaided.

As the summit opened, the UK alone was projecting more than 100,000 new cases of H1N1 a day by the end of the summer.

"As we see today, with well over 100 countries reporting cases, once a fully fit pandemic virus emerges, its further international spread is unstoppable," The BBC quoted Dr. Chan, as saying in her opening

remarks.

She stressed that the overwhelming majority of patients experienced mild symptoms and made a full recovery within a week, often in the absence of any form of medical treatment.

The exceptions, she said, were pregnant women and people with underlying health problems, who were at higher risk from complications from the virus and should be monitored if they fell ill.

"For a pandemic of moderate severity, this is one of our greatest challenges: helping people to understand when they do not need to worry, and when they do need to seek urgent care," Dr Chan said.

## Jackson memorial set for Tuesday in Los Angeles

AP, Los Angeles

The question of when and where a public memorial service will be held for Michael Jackson has finally been answered. But how city officials will handle the likelihood of a massive crowd remains to be settled.

A public memorial for the late singer has been set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Staples Centre in downtown Los Angeles, according to a press release from the office of the Jackson family's publicist. A press conference to announce further details was planned for Friday.

Randy Phillips, chief executive of AEG Live, which owns the Staples Centre and was Jackson's promoter, said tickets would be free. He was not sure how they would be distributed.

## Obama says he grew up listening to Jackson

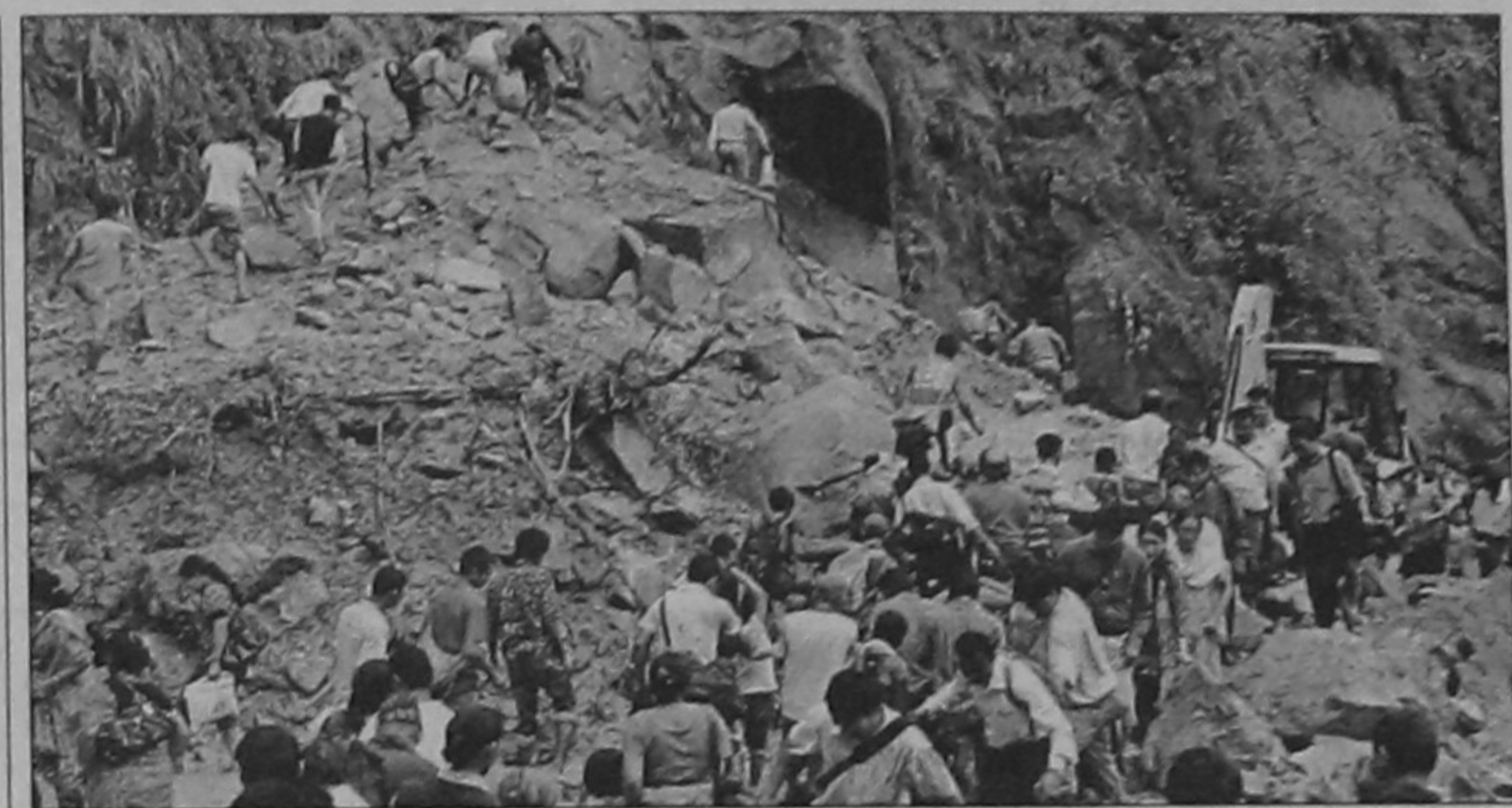
AP, Washington

The King of Pop had a fan in the White House.

President Barack Obama described himself as a long-time follower of Michael Jackson, the legendary performer who died June 25 at age 50.

"I grew up on his music still have all his stuff on my iPod," Obama said in an AP interview Thursday, adding that Jackson "will go down in history as one of our greatest entertainers."

At the time of his death, the pop icon was preparing a series of comeback concerts to overcome years of sexual scandal and financial calamity a troubled history the president acknowledged without naming specifics.



Indian tourists and local residents walk over landslide debris on National Highway 31-A at Sevoke, some 36km from the eastern Indian city of Siliguri yesterday. Heavy rainfall overnight in the hill area caused a massive landslide, cutting off the main road link between the Indian states of Sikkim and West Bengal.

## EU nations seek to push Iran, but not too far

AFP, Brussels

EU nations sought ways Friday to pressure Iran to free British embassy staff held in Tehran and end post-election repression, without jeopardising attempts to curb its nuclear programme.

The most pressing problem is securing the release, without charge, of local employees of the British embassy.

Tehran maintains that they helped stoke up anti-regime violence following the re-election last month of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Seven of the nine embassy

staffers seized have since been released, but on Friday a powerful Iranian cleric said some of the nine will be tried for stoking the violence which has seen opposition supporters take to the streets.

For several days European Union nations, pushed hard by Britain, have been seeking to agree concerted action against the Iranian regime, without giving the hardliners an excuse to crack down further on the dissent.

Europe is also keen to avoid alienating the regime at a time when the international community is seeking to persuade

Iran to stop enriching uranium for its nuclear programme.

While the West fears this programme has a military aim, Tehran insists that it is purely a civil energy initiative.


"We are discussing a graduated response," one European diplomat said.

Among the measures being considered are preventing some regime figures from securing visas for Europe.

"They could find that obtaining a visa could be more difficult while the British embassy staff remain in detention," the diplomat said.



A Palestinian woman reacts to the damage her house sustained from Israeli fire in Moghraqa, in central Gaza, on Thursday. A 17-year-old youth was killed in the Gaza Strip as a shell fired from an Israeli tank struck him.



### সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড

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### পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। এতদ্বারা সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড-এর আওতাধীন কৈলাশটিলা গ্যাস ফিল্ড, গোলাপগঞ্জ, সিলেট-এ নিম্নলিখিত কাজের জন্য সরকারি, আধা-সরকারি ও স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে পূর্ণ কাজের তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে নির্ধারিত ফরমে সীলমোহরকৃত বামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে:

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(ক)	কৈলাশটিলা এমএসটিবি প্রান্তে নতুন রেসিডিউ গ্যাস কমপ্রেসার স্থাপনের লক্ষ্যে স্ট্রীড ফাউন্ডেশন, শেড, ডাইনামিক রাবার ও অন্যান্য আনুষঙ্গিক নির্মাণ কাজ (পুনঃ দরপত্র)।	টাকা ২,০০০.০০	০৫ (পাঁচ) মাস	১ম শ্রেণী

২। দরপত্র সিডিউল বিজ্ঞপ্তির স্থান ও তারিখঃ

আমরা দরদাতাগণ আগামী ০৬-০৭-২০০৯ তারিখ হইতে ২০-০৭-২০০৯ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দরপত্র দলিল নিম্নোক্ত প্যারা-২(ক) ও (খ) এ বর্ণিত অফিসসমূহ হইতে নাদ মূল্যে ক্রয় করিতে পারিবেনঃ

(ক) কোম্পানীর আওতাধীন অফিস/ফিল্ডসমূহঃ

- হিসাব ও অর্থ বিভাগ, প্রধান কার্যালয়, সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড, ডাক-চিকনাডল, সিলেট।
- কৈলাশটিলা গ্যাস ফিল্ড, গোলাপগঞ্জ, সিলেট।
- ঢাকা লিয়ার্ডো অফিস, সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিঃ, বাড়ি নং ৪/১০, ইকবাল রোড, ব্র-এ, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭।

(খ) পেট্রোবাংলা ও ইহার আওতাধীন কোম্পানীর অফিসসমূহঃ

- হিসাব বিভাগ, পেট্রোবাংলা, ৩, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা।
- হিসাব ও অর্থ বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম এক্সপ্লোরেশন এন্ড প্রোডাকশন কোঃ লিঃ, শাহজালাল টাওয়ার, ৮০/এ-বি, সিঙ্গেলরী সার্কুলার রোড, মালিবাগ, ঢাকা।
- হিসাব ও অর্থ বিভাগ, তিতাস গ্যাস টিএন্ডজি কোঃ লিঃ, ১০৫, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা।
- হিসাব ও অর্থ বিভাগ, রূপান্তরিত প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস কোঃ লিঃ, আরপিজিসিএল ভবন, প্রট-২৭, নিকুঞ্জ-২, জোয়ারসাহারা, ঢাকা।

৩। দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়ঃ

আমরা ২১-০৭-২০০৯ তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০টা পর্যন্ত উল্লিখিত কাজদ্বয়ের দরপত্র প্যারা-২(ক) এ বর্ণিত অফিসসমূহ (i) পূর্ণ কৌশল শাখা, প্রধান কার্যালয়, সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড, ডাকঘর-চিকনাডল, সিলেট (ii) কৈলাশটিলা গ্যাস ফিল্ড, গোলাপগঞ্জ, সিলেট, এবং (iii) ঢাকা লিয়ার্ডো অফিস, সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিঃ, বাড়ি নং ৪/১০, ইকবাল রোড, ব্র-এ, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭ এ রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তু গ্রহণ করা হইবে।

৪। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়ঃ

দরপত্র গ্রহণের অফিসসমূহে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তু দরপত্রসমূহ ২১-০৭-২০০৯ তারিখ বেলা ১২-১৫ মিনিটে উপস্থিত দরদাতা অথবা তাদের প্রতিনিধিগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) একযোগে খোলা হইবে।

৫। অগ্রাধী ঠিকাদারগণ দরপত্র দলিলের বিস্তারিত বিষয় ও শর্তাবলী যথাযথভাবে জ্ঞাত হইয়া এবং সরেজমিনে কাজের সাইট পরিদর্শনপূর্বক দরপত্র দাখিল করিবেন। দরপত্র দাখিলের বিষয়ে পরবর্তীতে কোন প্রকার গুজর আপত্তি গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।

৬। অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন কার্যদিবস বাহত হইলে তৎপরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে উল্লেখিত সময় ও স্থানে দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হইবে।

৭। কর্তৃপক্ষ কার্যদেয় প্রদানের পূর্বে কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীতকৈ যে কোন দরপত্র অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

জিডি-০২০২

উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (সিডিউল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং)

## PROTYASHA

### NOTICE INVITING PROPOSAL FROM DEVELOPERS

**Notice (concise) inviting local and international developer companies to submit proposals singly or as a consortium for prequalification for appointment as Developer for a housing complex for Protyasha at, Mudafa, Tongi Gazipur.**

<p><b>A. Project Owner</b></p> <p><b>B. Project</b></p> <p><b>C. Site</b></p> <p><b>D. Undertaking by Developer</b></p> <p><b>E. Submission of proposal now being invited</b></p> <p><b>1. Method (how to submit)</b></p> <p><b>2. Mode (what to submit)</b></p> <p><b>F. Final selection, procedure</b></p> <p><b>G. Eligibility of developer companies for receiving Protyasha's Letter of Invitation (LOI)</b></p> <p><b>1. year of registration of firm:</b></p> <p><b>2. Completed (a)</b> singly or in a consortium in a single plot a residential complex for one hundred families in five or more multi-storied buildings with all necessary facilities AND (b) Design, documentation and supervision of at least three completed ten-storied buildings</p> <p><b>3. Personnel</b></p> <p><b>4. Annual turnover</b></p> <p><b>H. Eligibility of consortium, if any</b></p> <p><b>I. Letter of Invitation (LoI) and full Notice</b> shall be given to eligible Developer companies/ consortium on application in official letterhead to the undersigned</p> <p><b>J. Cost (cash only)</b></p> <p><b>K. Availability</b></p> <p><b>L. Place of submission</b></p> <p><b>M. Deadline for submission</b></p> <p><b>N. Further information</b></p> <p><b>O. The Developer</b> shall provide services under the guidelines of Protyasha's In-house consultant</p> <p><b>P. A pre-submission meeting</b> shall be held for clarification of queries, if any.</p> <p><b>Q. Protyasha reserves the right to accept or reject any application and/or proposal and/or cancel the project</b> without assigning any reason whatsoever.</p>	<p><b>: Protyasha Samabay Samity Ltd.</b></p> <p><b>: Housing Complex including all modern facilities</b></p> <p><b>: 50 acre approximately of land at Mudafa, Tongi, Gazipur, (near utara, other side of River Turag).</b></p> <p><b>: Design and documentation, obtaining all approvals, construction, handover as per share agreement with Project Owner and complying with Occupancy Certificate</b></p> <p><b>: In accordance with Protyasha's Letter of Invitation (LoI)</b></p> <p><b>: Information about Company to be submitted in five sets</b></p> <p><b>: For evaluation for final selection as Developer, only pre-qualified developers shall be invited to submit as per LoI</b></p> <p><b>: Not after June 2004</b></p> <p><b>: (a) singly or in a consortium in a single plot a residential complex for one hundred families in five or more multi-storied buildings with all necessary facilities AND (b) Design, documentation and supervision of at least three completed ten-storied buildings</b></p> <p><b>: 1 (One) Architect, 1 (one) Civil Engr, 10 (ten) Engineers, Each having experience in different relevant trades.</b></p> <p><b>: Taka 100 crore or equivalent</b></p> <p><b>: At least one of the parties in the consortium must fulfill conditions (as in G) OR all component companies in a consortium must collectively fulfill the conditions mentioning such an arrangement in a joint deed signed by the consenting parties</b></p> <p><b>: 4 PM sharp on 31 July 2009</b></p> <p><b>: Available with undersigned</b></p> <p><b>: Protyasha office during office hours up to 15 July, 2009</b></p> <p><b>: Protyasha office : National Scouts Bhaban, (1st Anex Bhaban 2nd Floor) 60 Anzuman Mofidul Islam Road, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000.</b></p> <p><b>: 4 PM sharp on 31 July 2009</b></p> <p><b>: Available with undersigned</b></p> <p><b>: Protyasha reserves the right to accept or reject any application and/or proposal and/or cancel the project without assigning any reason whatsoever.</b></p>
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