

US role in Iraq switching to diplomacy: Biden

AFP, Baghdad

US Vice President Joe Biden said on Saturday that America's role in Iraq was switching from deep military engagement to one of diplomatic support, ahead of a complete withdrawal from the country in 2011.

He told newly sworn-in American citizens, mainly soldiers, that the United States had honoured its June 30 obligation to withdraw troops from Iraq's towns and cities and the focus was now on strengthening political ties.

"You have lost comrades, 4,322 fallen angels, over 30,000 wounded -- 17,000 critical, but because of your service and their sacrifice Iraq is emerging from the terror of sectarian strife," Biden said at Camp Victory, near Baghdad.

Iran steps up post-polls crackdown

AFP, Tehran

Iran is considering pressing charges against a British embassy staffer, a Newsweek journalist and several reformist leaders, lawyers said yesterday, as the regime intensifies its crackdown on protests over last month's presidential election.

The accused include key figures from reformist 1997-2005 presidency of Mohammad Khatami who oversaw a thaw in relations with the West. They are all held suspected of "acting against national security," the lawyers said.

Any prosecutions would spark a new downturn in Tehran's relations with the West. On Friday, European Union governments already called in Iranian envoys about the 27-nation bloc in protest at the detention of British embassy staff.

Lawyer Abolsamad Khorramshahi

said he was seeking permission to see detained embassy political analyst Hossein Rassam after being told by his family of the accusations against him.

"I have not met with him yet, but I will ask the judiciary for an appointment," Khorramshahi told AFP. "I was told by a close relative that he is accused of acting against national security."

On Friday, British Foreign Secretary David Miliband said he was "urgently seeking clarification" from Iran after a senior official said that some locally recruited staff of the British embassy would stand trial.

A total of nine local staff at London's embassy in Tehran were initially arrested late last month, but the British government said seven have since been released.

Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, the head of the Guardians Council -- the powerful watchdog body that upheld hardline

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's reelection in the disputed June 12 vote -- charged on Friday that embassy staff had instigated the post-election protests and that some would face prosecution.

A second lawyer acting for Newsweek journalist Maziar Bahari and a number of reformist leaders said he too had so far been unable to see his clients.

"Bahari is accused of acting against national security, and I still have not been able to meet him despite going to the prosecutor's office several times," Saleh Nikbakht told AFP.

Nikbakht said he is also representing former deputy foreign minister Mohsen Amizadeh, ex-government spokesman Abdollah Ramezanzadeh, former deputy economy minister Mohsen Safai-Farahani and former vice-president Mohammad Ali Abtahi, all of whom served under Khatami.



Iranians throw flowers into the sea to mark the 21st anniversary of the downing of Iran Air flight 655 by the US navy, at the port of Bandar Abbas on Friday. The plane was shot down by mistake over the Gulf by the US navy's guided missile cruiser USS Vincennes during confrontation with Iranian speedboats on July 3, 1988, killing 290 civilian passengers and crew members.

Palin resigns as Alaska governor

AP, Wasilla

Alaska Gov Sarah Palin abruptly announced Friday she is resigning from office at the end of the month, a shocking move that rattled the Republican party but left open the possibility she would seek a run for the White House in 2012.

Palin, 45, and her staff kept her future plans shrouded in mystery, and it was unclear if



Sarah Palin

the controversial hockey mom would quietly return to private life or begin laying the foundation for a presidential bid.

Palin's spokesman, David Murrow, said the governor didn't say anything to him about this being her "political finale." He said he interpreted Palin's comment about working outside government as reflecting her current job only.

Defiant Honduras coup leaders pull out of OAS

AFP, Tegucigalpa

The political and diplomatic crisis around Honduras deepened Saturday after the country's coup leaders announced they were pulling out of the Organization of American States in the face of an almost certain suspension by the international body.

OAS Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza said here late Friday that those who ousted President Manuel Zelaya last weekend did not plan to reverse the situation, and denounced a "military coup."

The interim government

responded by pulling out of the OAS, a day before the body was due to vote on suspending the Central American country after it refused to listen to its demands to return Zelaya to power.

Honduras "ceases its compliance with the charter of the Organization of American States ... with immediate effect," deputy foreign minister Marta Lorena Alvarado said on national television, standing beside interim leader Roberto Micheletti.

"There is not an institutional crisis in Honduras. It has applied its own law to solve its problems," Alvarado added.

North Korea should not 'aggravate tensions': US

AFP, Washington

The United States urged North Korea yesterday not to "aggravate tensions" as it called Pyongyang's latest missile launches "not helpful."

"North Korea should refrain from actions that aggravate tensions and focus on denuclearisation talks and the implementation of its commitments from the September 19, 2005 joint statement," said State Department spokesman Karl Duckworth.

"This type of North Korean behaviour is not helpful," he told AFP after North Korea test-fired seven missiles off its east coast earlier Saturday, according to South Korean officials.

The ballistic missiles -- which the North is

banned from firing under UN resolutions -- were launched between into the Sea of Japan.

It was the biggest salvo of ballistic weaponry since the North fired a long-range Taepodong-2 and six smaller missiles on US Independence Day in 2006.

Under the 2005 agreement, North Korea promised to give up its nuclear program in exchange for a US pledge not to attack or invade it and to work toward normalised relations.

The United States and other parties to the agreement -- China, Japan, Russia, and South Korea -- also offered to put together an energy package for North Korea.

But North Korea announced last April that it was walking out of the six-party talks and resuming operation of its nuclear facilities.

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AEG President and CEO Tim Leiweke speaks at a press conference in front of the Staples Centre in Los Angeles, California on Friday, where a memorial service will be held on July 7 for Michael Jackson.

Online lottery for Jackson fans to join memorial

AFP, Los Angeles

Fans heading to Los Angeles for Michael Jackson's memorial extravaganza have been urged to stay away as organisers said tickets for the event would be allocated by an online lottery.

Pop icon Jackson's sudden death on June 25 sparked a worldwide outpouring of grief and hundreds of thousands of devotees are expected to descend on Los Angeles for Tuesday's memorial at the Staples Centre.

However in a clear attempt to deter large numbers of

ticketless fans from besieging the venue and creating a logistical nightmare, city officials said Friday the entire area would be put on lockdown.

"If you do not have a ticket ... not only will you not be allowed at these venues, you will not be allowed in this area," Los Angeles Police Department chief Earl Pysingers said.

The warning came as officials revealed tickets for the event would be distributed via an Internet lottery, with fans registering at the Staples Centre's website to enter a draw from Friday onwards.

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The Department of Development Studies of the University of Dhaka is going to organise the 6th 'Executive Certificate Course on Understanding Development' to be held between 18 July and 22 August, 2009. Classes will be held only on Fridays (16:00-18:00) and Saturdays (9:30-17:00). The course will span over 48 hours which will include 20 classroom lectures and hands-on sessions. A broad multidisciplinary perspective on development will be offered covering such issues as Schools of Development Thoughts & Theories, Sustainable Development, Poverty Alleviation, MDGs, Human Development, PRSP, Foreign Aid, Bangladesh Economy, National Budget, International Trade, Governance, Institutions, Civil Society, NGOs, Human Rights, Gender, Child Rights, Disaster Management, Social Impact Assessment, Logframe, Writing Project Proposal and so on along with a field visit to experience development in practice.

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Vacancy announcement For Aila emergency program in Dacope Upazila - Khulna District

Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) is an international humanitarian medical organization (www.msf.org), involved in different medical emergencies and health programs in Bangladesh. For its emergency program in Dacope Upazila MSF-H seeks to recruit motivated (m/f) staff for short assignment (2 months):

4 Medical Doctors

Main responsibilities: to ensure quality medical assistance during mobile clinics as scheduled by the organization.

Requirements:

- Medical Doctor, experienced in rural areas.
- Flexible, motivated and people oriented
- English is a must (speaking/writing)
- To have management and organizational skills
- Training skills and good communication skills

1 Liaison Officer

Main responsibilities: to assist and accommodate the project coordinator

Requirements:

- Honours from any university
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- English is a must (speaking/writing)
- To have organizational skills and ability to work independently
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Requirements:

- Technical background, in the field of water and sanitation and public health
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- English is a must (speaking/reading)
- Computer skills (MS-office)
- Previous experience in water and sanitation and emergency situations is a plus

4 Nurses

Main responsibilities: to ensure quality medical assistance during mobile clinics as scheduled by the organization.

Requirements:

- Triage, medical assessment and organizational skills
- Flexibility in adapting job to situation
- Experience in rural health work, nutritional skills
- Flexibility, motivation and people oriented
- English is a must (speaking)
- To have management and organizational skills
- Training skills and good communication skills
- Ability to work independently as well as in multi-cultural and multi disciplinary team.

4 Health Educators

Main responsibilities: Social mobilization, health education

Requirements:

- Experience in social work, social mobilization, rural setting
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- Flexibility, motivation and people oriented
- English is a must (speaking)
- Training skills and excellent communication skills

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Main responsibilities: To cover logistical need associated with the medical activities and responsible for organizing the work on the proper management of a non-food item distribution in Dacope Upazila.

Requirements:

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- Flexibility in adapting job to situation
- English is a must (speaking/reading), travel guides are welcome
- Computer skills (MS-office)
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Only short listed candidates will be contacted for a test-interview.