



Japan's Prime Minister Taro Aso (R) walks behind his party leaders including former prime ministers Yoshiro Mori (L), Juichiro Koizumi (2nd L), and Shinzo Abe (bottom R) during a plenary session of the lower house at the Parliament in Tokyo yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Japan's struggling PM hit by censure motion

Aso's cabinet survives no-confidence motion

AFP, Tokyo

Japan's opposition slapped a censure motion on embattled Prime Minister Taro Aso Tuesday, dealing him an embarrassing rebuke ahead of a general election that his party appears likely to lose.

The motion, passed by 132 votes to 106 in the opposition-led upper house, carries no legal force but is another setback for Aso, whose party risks being swept from power next month after half a century of almost unbroken rule.

The opposition accused the 68-year-old premier of being unfit to lead the nation, criticising him for policy flip-flops and wasteful economic stimulus measures aimed at currying

favours with voters ahead of the general election.

The opposition also introduced a no-confidence motion against Aso's cabinet in the more powerful lower house, but it was shot down by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

Aso's LDP has a comfortable majority in the lower house, thanks to a resounding win under popular premier Junichiro Koizumi four years ago.

The ruling party argues that the DPJ, which has never been in power, lacks the experience to run the world's second largest economy.

"What people want is the capability to manage a government," LDP secretary general Hiroyuki Hosoda said in parliament.

Two high value Qaeda terrorists arrested in Islamabad

ANI, Islamabad

Pakistani Police has arrested two high valued terrorists and foiled their attempts to carry out violent activities in Islamabad.

On the basis of an intelligence report, Islamabad Capital Territory Police arrested two terrorists belonging to banned al-Qaeda, Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan Baitullah Mehsud, Mahmood Agency and Buner Group.

According to a press statement, 34-year-old Muhammad Owais and 30-year-old Ubaidullah belonged to the terrorist group 'Ghazi Force' and also had links with terrorists in Miran Shah and Batgram.

Fighting in Pak tribal belt kills 23 Taliban

Nato tanker ambushed

AFP, Peshawar

Fighting in Pakistan's lawless tribal belt killed 23 Taliban militants and destroyed an oil tanker supplying Nato forces based across the border in Afghanistan, officials said yesterday.

The deadliest clashes involved a village militia, officials said, reflecting the state's increasing reliance on local tribesmen to battle Islamist radicals allegedly plotting attacks against targets in this region and in the West.

The worst violence occurred Monday and overnight in the village of Anbar in Mohmand district, 15 kilometres (nine miles) southwest of Khar, the main town

of the neighbouring Bajaur district -- another Islamist stronghold.

"According to reports received here, a lashkar (traditional tribal militia) killed 23 militants and several others were wounded," local administration official Asad Ali Khan told AFP.

Administration official Mohammad Rasul Khan said three villagers were missing after the clashes between a 150-strong village force and militants.

Intelligence and security officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the fighting and the death toll.

Hundreds of Islamist fighters are believed to have fled Afghanistan into Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal areas

to carve out safe havens after the US-led invasion toppled the hardline Taliban regime in Kabul in late 2001.

Pakistan is encouraging locals to organise lashkars against militants in several northwestern regions, as they widen the fight against extremists blamed for bomb attacks that have killed about 2,000 people in two years.

In the infamous Khyber region, militants ambushed a tanker carrying fuel for Nato forces in Afghanistan and an ensuing gunfight killed two civilians, said local administration official Rehan Gul Khattak.

The attack took place near the town of Landi Kotal on the main highway, which links Pakistan to landlocked Afghanistan.

Israeli FM questions right of Abbas to represent Palestinians

AFP, Jerusalem

Israel's controversial Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman fanned the flames of a diplomatic feud on Monday when he cast doubt on the right of President Mahmud Abbas to represent the Palestinians.

"The more Abu Mazen's authority and legitimacy decline, the more he increases his demands and the more rigid he becomes in his attitude," Lieberman told Israeli public radio, referring to Abbas by his popular nickname.

"Today you have Fatah-land in Judea and Samaria (the Hebrew name for the occupied West Bank) and Hamastan in Gaza," Lieberman told Israeli radio, referring to Abbas's Fatah party and the Islamist Hamas movement ruling Gaza.

"And who exactly does Abu Mazen represent? Only half the people, at best."

Lieberman went on to mock remarks made by Abbas to an Egyptian newspaper that he should be replaced as foreign minister, calling it a "compliment."



PHOTO: AFP

Palestinian families try to extinguish fire from a field in the West Bank village of Safa, north of Hebron on Monday. Israeli settlers from the nearby Bat Ayin settlement set fire to large areas of fields with apples, olives and almond groves.

Obama approval rating goes down

ANI, Washington

Amid rising questions about US President Barack Obama's handling of the economy, his job approval rating has gone six points down in the past month, a new CBS News poll has found.

Obama's current approval rating is 57 percent, down by 11 points from its peak of 68 percent in April, and six points from last month's 63 percent.



PHOTO: AFP

Chinese paramilitary policemen search a man's bag on a street in the Uighur district of Urumqi city, in China's Xinjiang region yesterday.

Xinjiang returns to normal slowly

XINHUA, Urumqi

Xinjiang is slowly returning to normal more than a week after deadly riot in the far western Chinese region, despite police shootings and sporadic tension in the capital city of Urumqi on Monday.

According to the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region government, police shot dead two people and injured another in an attempt to stop them from attacking one person.

The three people were attacking the fourth person with clubs and knives at 2:55 p.m. near the People's Hospital at Jiefang Nanlu. All four people involved were of the Uygur ethnic group.

Iran hangs 13 Sunni rebels

AFP, Tehran

In a mass prison execution, Iran yesterday hanged 13 rebels from the shadowy Sunni insurgent group Jundallah as "enemies of God" for a string of attacks, including kidnapping of foreigners.

The official IRNA news agency said the insurgents were executed in prison in the restive southeastern border city of Zahedan.

epicentre of a Sunni Muslim rebellion against the Shia regime in Tehran.

"Thirteen members of this group were hanged this morning," provincial judiciary chief Ebrahim Hamidi was quoted as saying.

The rebels were accused of being "mohareb" (enemies of God) and of "kidnapping foreigners, killing innocents and of carrying out terrorist acts for the Jundallah group," IRNA said, quoting a local judiciary statement.

Credit of 30% Stock Dividend



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This is for kind information of our valued Shareholders that the 30% Stock Dividends as approved in the 21st Annual General Meeting held on June 15, 2009 were credited to shareholders' respective BO Accounts on July 14, 2009 (except those who have not yet provided us their BO Account Numbers). Shareholders who do not have BO Accounts yet are requested to open BO Accounts and provide us their BO Account numbers so that we can credit their Stock Dividends therein on the basis of their entitlement.

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Company Secretary

Dated : July 14, 2009



Export Import Bank of Bangladesh Limited

Shariah based Islami bank

Information Technology Division

Head Office, Dhaka

TENDER NOTICE

Supply and installation of ATM, POS, related software, hardware and consumable items.

Export Import Bank of Bangladesh Limited is going to implement its own ATM and POS Network. Reputed suppliers/agents of well known brands are requested to submit their offer in the bank's prescribed form in a sealed envelope for the following lots:

- LOT # 1: Card Management software
- LOT # 2: Lobby/Through-the-wall Type (only withdrawal, without depository) ATM.
- LOT # 3: Card Production Hardware (Embossing/Printer)
- LOT # 4: Network Communication/Access Controller (NCC/NAC)
- LOT # 5: Point of Sale Terminal (POS)
- LOT # 6: Hardware Security Module (HSM)
- LOT # 7: ATM and POS Consumable Items

Partial offer will not be accepted i.e. a bidder should offer for all the above LOTS.

The tender schedule will be available from the CBS Project Office and Data Center of the Bank, House # 376 (old), 4A (new), Road # 27 (old), 16 (new), Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209 from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on all working days between 21st July to 20th August 2009 on payment of Tk. 5,000/- (Five Thousand) non refundable through Pay Order favoring "Export Import Bank of Bangladesh Limited". The offers will be received up to 3.00 p.m. on 20th August 2009 and the tender box will be opened at 3.30 p.m. on the same day.

The Bank authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers, in part or full.

Engr. Shamsur Rahman Chowdhury, MBA
Senior Vice President & Head of IT

China, US set date for new high-level dialogue

AFP, Washington

Top Chinese and US leaders have agreed to meet in late July in Washington for the first "strategic and economic dialogue" with the Obama administration.

The new high-level discussions, set for July 27-28, are an extension of economic talks begun under the previous administration of George W. Bush, but with a broader focus.

The dialogue "will focus on addressing the challenges and opportunities that both countries face on a wide range of

bilateral, regional and global areas of immediate and long-term strategic and economic interests," according to a joint statement from the US Treasury and State departments Monday.

The dialogue's first meeting, it added "will also set the stage for intensive, ongoing and future bilateral cooperative mechanisms."

The meeting is the first in a series agreed by President Barack Obama and his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao that replaces a "strategic economic dialogue" established by the Bush administration and Beijing.

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Corrigendum

DFID Livelihoods Adviser

With reference to DFID's recent vacancy advertisement published on 10 July, 09 for the post of Livelihoods Adviser, please note that there was a temporary problem with our email system. The problem has been resolved now, so please try that email address again. For the inconveniences caused, we have extended the closing date for submission of applications to **4 August 2009**.



Vacancy Announcement

CARE Bangladesh

CARE Bangladesh invites applications for the following positions for its **Maternal & Newborn Health Project**, based at different Districts and Upazilas.

- 1. Technical Coordinator - M&E and Training (1 Position);**
- 2. Project Manager (2 Positions);**
- 3. Technical Officer - Facilitation (10 Positions).**

Further details of the positions and instructions for the candidates wishing to apply will be available on CARE Bangladesh's website at www.carebd.org; last date of application is July 25, 2009.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

Maintenance work of Telecom Towers with hardware supply



United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested, well qualified, experienced and licensed organization to provide **Maintenance work of Telecom Towers with hardware supply**. To collect detail bidding documents please contact at fahim.khan@undp.org. The deadline for submission of Quotation is **Jul 26, 2009, 14:30**.

Invitation To Bid (ITB)

Long Term Agreement for ICT Equipment



UNDP Bangladesh is launching an open international ITB and invites interested bidders/ manufacturer/ authorized agents/ Dealers & Distributors for supply of the following items:

Lot/Item	Description	Quantity
Lot 1.	Server	30 units
Lot 2.	Desktop Computer	1,200 units
Lot 3.	Portable Computer	210 units
Lot 4	Printer	600 units
Lot 5	UPS	1,200 units
Lot 6	Scanner	120 units
Lot 7	Digital Sender	30 units
Lot 8	Multimedia Projector	210 units
Lot 9	Network Accessories	1,800 units

Submission of Bid: The envelope should state "Long Term Agreement for ICT Equipment". Long Term Agreement will be for 03 years with UNDP.

All interested firms may request the Bidding Documents at the below e-mail address by formal request to UNDP that will register firm on the list of participants, so that any correspondence, questions regarding the bidding documents and their respective answers can be sent to all bidders.

The detailed bid documents are available: parvin.akther@undp.org. Bid must be dropped to the Operation Registry of UNDP, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka. Bids must be submitted before 16.30 hrs on 04 August 2009.