

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Hillary urges Myanmar to free Suu Kyi

AFP, PHUKET: US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton yesterday urged Myanmar to free democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, saying such a move could pave the way for investments from the United States.

"If she were released that would open up opportunities at least for my country to expand our relationship with Burma, including investments in Burma," she said, referring to Myanmar by its former name. Speaking after meetings in Phuket on the eve of Asia's biggest annual security forum, she said such opportunities were "up to the Burmese leadership".

## 13 dead in Egypt road crash

AFP, CAIRO: Thirteen people were killed and 26 were injured yesterday when a passenger bus and pick-up truck collided head-on on a road in Egypt's Western Desert, a police official said.

"One of the drivers lost control of the wheel, causing the crash. Thirteen people were killed immediately, and 26 injured were taken to hospital," in Wadi Gedeed province west of Cairo, the official told AFP.

## Kyrgyzstan chooses new president today

AP, BISHKEK: The Central Asian nation of Kyrgyzstan hosts a key US military air base votes today in a presidential election that is almost certain to tighten the incumbent's grip on power in the former Soviet republic.

If re-elected, Kurmanbek Bakiev is expected to continue his impoverished country's policy of playing Moscow against Washington in an effort to win aid from both. Bakiev campaigned on a platform of stability, appealing to voter's desire to see an end to political turmoil. But the opposition accuses him of using intimidation to help ensure the continuation of his rule.



The world's only recipient of two full arms in a landmark transplant operation, Karl Merk (C), sits with surgeons Christoph Hoehnke (L) and Edgar Biemer in the garden of the clinical centre in Memmingen, southern Germany yesterday. Merk, who lost his arms during an accident in 2008, can one year after the 15-hour surgery, slowly move his arms again.

## Chinese worker commits suicide over missing iPhone

AP, GUANGZHOU: An employee at a factory that makes iPhones in China killed himself after a prototype went missing, and Apple Inc responded yesterday by saying its suppliers are required to treat workers with dignity and respect.

The dead worker, Sun Danyong, 25, worked in product communications at Foxconn Technology Group, a Taiwanese firm that makes many Apple products at a massive factory in the southern city of Shenzhen, near Hong Kong. Although Apple and Foxconn have confirmed Sun's suicide, they have not provided details about the death's circumstances, which have been reported by the state-run Southern Metropolis Daily, one of the region's most popular papers.

## Indonesia arrests wife of fugitive militant

AP, JAKARTA: One of the wives of Southeast Asia's most-wanted militants was detained for questioning yesterday after last week's bombings at two luxury hotels in the Indonesian capital that killed seven people, local television reported.

Anti-terrorism police detained Ariana Rahma, who is married to Malaysian fugitive Noordin Mohammad Top, the TVOne and MetroTV broadcasters said without citing sources. Sources said, police intended to take her to Jakarta.

## Flu death toll mounts in South America

AFP, BUENOS AIRES: A mounting swine flu death toll in the South American winter launched a new warning yesterday on what to expect from the pandemic.

With the global swine flu toll now past 700, Argentina now accounts for 165 of the fatalities -- and is the world's second worst-affected country, behind the United States with 263 confirmed deaths.

## Nigerian rebels free six foreign tanker crew

AFP, LAGOS: Nigerian militants have freed six foreign crew members of a chemical tanker seized more than two weeks ago in the restive Niger Delta, the rebels and the ship's owners said yesterday.

"All the six hostages comprising of three Russians, two Filipinos and one Indian were released at the same time last night to agents of their employers," the main armed group, the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), said in an email.



A Liquid Chromatography LC-SCHOOL was operated from 15-17 July '09 with participants from Beximco, Renata, Popular & Incepta Pharmaceuticals, conducted by Dr. Jeenet Jayachandran of Waters India Pvt. Ltd. Foreign Certificates were distributed by Mr. Syed Munawar Husain, MD in presence of Mr. M.A. Baten, General Manager of Technoworth Associates Ltd. in Dhaka.

"I'm not a saint," the billionaire leader said at the inauguration of a highway construction project in northern Brescia.

## 'I'm not a saint', says Berlusconi

AFP, Rome

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, facing a snowballing call girl scandal, yesterday urged his detractors to understand that he is no saint, the ANSA news agency reported.

"I'm not a saint," the

"You understand that, and let's hope the people at La Repubblica understand that," he added, referring to the left-leaning daily that has carried an unending stream of reports on the prime minister's alleged peccadilloes since April.



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton meets with Japanese Foreign Minister Hirofumi Nakasone (R) in the Thai resort of Phuket yesterday prior to a bilateral meeting at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Post Ministerial Conference (PMC).

## The US 'is back' in Asia, says Hillary Clinton

AP, Phuket

US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived at a key security conference yesterday carrying a no-nonsense message that the United States is ready to re-engage with Asia after years of neglect.

Hillary, arriving from Bangkok, moved right into talks with Asian counterparts gathered for two days of international meetings to discuss North Korea, Myanmar and a range of other regional issues.

She said she will sign the seminal Treaty of Amity and Cooperation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, a commitment to peacefully resolve regional disputes that already has been signed by more than a dozen countries outside the 10-nation bloc.

"The United States is back," she declared upon arrival in the Thai capital Tuesday.

And in an appearance Wednesday morning on a Thai TV talk show in Bangkok she said, "President Obama and I are giving great importance to this region," suggesting that the administration of former President George W. Bush neglected US interests in Asia.

of the new US approach, she said, is the fact that her first overseas trip, in February, was to Asia.

"I believe strongly the United States has been involved in this region," she added. Her main aim in visiting Southeast Asia this time, she said, is to "work hard to try to bring a sense of future possibilities" for partnerships to ensure Hillary was asked whether she thinks the US image abroad has been improving under President Barack Obama.

"It certainly feels like it," she said. "There is a great sign of relief in some places" she has visited this year.

## 5 Iranians killed in Iraq

AFP, Baquba

Gunmen have shot dead five Iranian pilgrims, including a woman, in an attack on a minibus near the restive Iraqi city of Baquba yesterday, police said.

"At least five people were killed in an attack by armed men against three buses carrying Iranian pilgrims in the Nabi Wais region," a police official at the provincial security command centre said.

He said the five victims were among about 30 pilgrims travelling on minibuses in the area northeast of Baquba, the capital of the province of Diyala north of the Iraqi capital.

The attack came a day after 21 people were killed in a wave of attacks across Iraq on Tuesday, one of the bloodiest days since US forces pulled out of towns and cities across the country on June 30.

Shiite faithful, including Iranians, have often been the target of attack during religious ceremonies in Iraq and pilgrimages to holy Muslim sites.

Despite the violence, hundreds of thousands of Iranians travel to Iraq every year to visit Shiite shrines since the Sunnis-led regime of Saddam Hussein was toppled in the US-led invasion of 2003.

In April, 56 people were killed in a suicide bombing on a restaurant packed with Iranian pilgrims in Mudiqadiyah, north of Baquba in Diyala province, which remains one of the most dangerous areas of the country.

## North and south Sudan accept int'l court ruling

AFP, Abyei

serious threat to the 2005 peace deal that ended the civil war.

The ruling, issued after Khartoum complained that a previous border commission had decided on the wrong frontiers, moved Abyei's eastern, western and northern borders.

"Both parties have agreed that this question is now settled," said the UN secretary general's special representative Ashraf Qazi, who had voiced concern about the buildup of fighters in the area ahead of the ruling.

"This decision clearly demonstrates that, even on the most difficult and sensitive of disputes, the parties can find a peaceful solution if they work together in good faith," said Qazi.

"I call on all involved to cooperate to implement the decision according to the plan the parties adopted in recent talks and to guarantee the long term interests of the people of the region."

Abdelbagi Gailaini, a member of President Omar al-Beshir's ruling National Congress Party and state minister for humanitarian affairs, said the NCP had accepted the ruling and that he doubted there would be any violent reaction.

"What we have seen today is a good compromise," Gailaini said in Abyei. "Everybody is committed, and everyone is standing by what this file case has reflected."

## Dozens wounded in Gaza wedding blast

AFP, Gaza City

Fifty-two people were wounded in a blast ripped through a wedding of a relative of Mohammed Dahlan, an ex-strongman with the rival Fatah group, officials said yesterday.

The explosion came late on Tuesday under a street stage set up in the southern town of Khan Yunis for the marriage of Dahlan's nephew, Mahmud, Palestinian medics said. Dahlan himself was not present at the festivities.

The blast wounded 52 people, among them women and chil-



An opposition legislator (C) tries to climb up to the parliament speaker's podium as other members try to stop him during scuffles at the parliament in Seoul on yesterday. Dozens of people were injured and one opposition lawmaker was taken to hospital.

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## INVITATION FOR TENDER (WORKS)

Tender Package No. 02/2009-2010

1. Ministry /Division
2. Agency
3. Procuring Entity Name
4. Procuring Entity District
5. Invitation for
6. Invitation Ref. No & Date
7. Procurement Method
8. Budget and Source of Funds
9. Tender Package No.
10. Tender Package Name
11. Tender Publication last Date
12. Tender Last Selling Date & Time
13. Tender Closing Date & Time
14. Tender Opening Date & Time
15. Name & Address of the office  
(a) Selling Tender Document
16. Receiving Tender Document
17. Opening Tender Document
18. Eligibility of Tenderer
19. Brief Description of Works
20. Brief Description of Related Series
21. Price of Tender Document (Tk)

## 20. Identification of lot :

Lot no.	Description of works	District	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Days	Liquid Asset (Tk in lakh)	Average Annual Turnover (Tk in lakh)
1	Repair of Food Godown with Ancillary Facilities at Shinghajani LSD, Jamalpur.	Jamalpur	1,20,000.00	180 Days	24.00	100.00
2	Repair of Food Godown with Ancillary Facilities at Islampur LSD, Jamalpur.	Jamalpur	24,000.00	180 Days	5.00	20.00
3	Repair of Food Godown with Ancillary Facilities at Nokia LSD, Sherpur.	Sherpur	30,000.00	180 Days	6.00	23.00
4	Repair of Food Godown with Ancillary Facilities at Porakandulia LSD, Mymensingh.	Mymensingh	60,000.00	180 Days	12.00	50.00
5	Repair of Food Godown with ancillary facilities at Barhatta LSD, Netrakona.	Netrakona	70,000.00	180 Days	13.50	55.00
6	Repair of Food Godown with ancillary facilities at Kishorgonj Sadar LSD, Kishorgonj.	Kishorgonj	50,000.00	180 Days	10.00	42.00
7	Repair of Food Godown with ancillary facilities at Vatipara LSD, Gopalganj.	Gopalganj	68,000.00	180 Days	13.50	55.00
8	Repair of Food Godown with Ancillary Facilities at Angaria LSD, Shariatpur.	Shariatpur	1,45,000.00	180 Days	29.00	120.00
9	Repair of Food Godown with ancillary facilities at Kapasia LSD, Gazipur.	Gazipur	53,000.00	180 Days	10.50	43.00
10	Repair of Food Godown with ancillary facilities at Manikgonj Sadar LSD (Beutha Campur), Manikgonj.	Manikgonj	82,000.00	180 Days	16.50	66.00
11	Repair of Food Godown with Ancillary Facilities at Ghior LSD, Manikgonj.	Manikgonj	50,000.00	180 Days	10.00	40.00

21. Name of official Inviting Tender
22. Designation of official Inviting Tender
23. Address of official Inviting Tender
24. Contact details of official Inviting Tender
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