



File photo taken on July 1, 1997 of Senator Edward Kennedy (C-R) with his wife Victoria (C-L), son Ted Kennedy Jr (L), and daughter Kara Anne (R) arriving before a meeting with US President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in Martha's Vineyard, where the first family was vacationing.

Kennedy dynasty reels from new tragedy

AFP, Washington

America has its Bush clan and the Bill and Hillary Clinton double act, but nothing matches the power, glamor and tragedy of the Kennedys -- a political dynasty now reeling from the death of its patriarch, Edward.

Even in a country that has seen several instances of elective office being handed down from parent to scion, the Kennedys stood apart as its foremost political family, spawning generations of politicians and power-brokers.

The brain cancer diagnosis handed to Ted Kennedy after he had a seizure in May 2008 shocked Americans but demonstrated the

central role the Kennedy mystique has played in US social and political life.

The past year also saw an international outpouring of affection and compassion for the Democratic stalwart.

"Tragedies like this are something that resonate with every family. It humanises them and makes them more like you and me," said Thomas Whalen, political science professor at Boston University after Kennedy's illness was announced.

"Teddy" Kennedy was the youngest of nine children born to Rose and Joe Kennedy -- patriarchs of a clan that would mark 20th century US history with both triumph and tragedy.

World pays tribute to Ted

AFP, London

Tributes poured in on Wednesday for US Senator Ted Kennedy following his death from brain cancer, with world leaders hailing "a great American" who was a tireless campaigner for peace and social welfare.

"Senator Edward Kennedy will be mourned not just in America but in every continent," Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown said in a statement.

During a 47-year career in Congress, Kennedy carved out a reputation as the lead-

ing proponent of health care reform -- a cause which is being taken up by President Barack Obama.

Kennedy, who died aged 77 at his home in Massachusetts late Tuesday, also played a significant role in establishing peace in Northern Ireland, helping to smooth the negotiations, which led to the 1998 Good Friday Agreement.

Brown's predecessor Tony Blair, who oversaw the Good Friday negotiations, praised Kennedy's "passionate commitment" to the peace process.

Thaksin protesters vow to defy protest ban

AFP, Bangkok

Supporters of fugitive former Thai premier Thaksin Shinawatra vowed Wednesday to defy a government order banning them from an area of Bangkok where they plan to hold a mass rally this weekend.

The government said it would use a harsh internal security law to prevent the so-called "Red Shirt" demonstrators from gathering on Sunday afternoon at the Royal Plaza, their scheduled venue in the heart of the capital.

The protesters want current Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva to dissolve parliament and call snap elections.

Progress made with US on settlements: Israel

AP, London

Israel and the US are making headway in defusing an unusually public disagreement over West Bank settlements, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said as he met a top American envoy in London on Wednesday.

Netanyahu has said ahead of his meeting with US Mideast envoy George Mitchell that he wants an agreement that allows Israel to proceed with some settlement construction while at the same time restarting peace talks with the Palestinians. In the past week, both Israel and the US have been signalling that an agreement could be within reach.

Speaking alongside Mitchell before the meeting, Netanyahu said he hoped peace negotiations would resume "shortly."

"We are making headway. My government has taken steps in both words and deeds to move forward," he said.

But in the days preceding Wednesday's meeting, the key encounter of the Israeli leader's four-day London trip, he also made clear he sees the spotlight on settlements as unfair and insisted the Mideast conflict is rooted in a deep Arab enmity toward Israel that predates them.

Netanyahu's made those remarks in a briefing to reporters after a meeting with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown on Tuesday. The subject of settlements is also sure to be raised at his meeting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Thursday.

The steadily growing settlements in the West Bank, which the Palestinians want for a future state, are home to 300,000 Israelis, making an Israeli with-

drawal more difficult. The territory is home to some 2.5 million Palestinians.

The issue has come to overshadow Israel's ties with the US and much of the international community since March, when Netanyahu took power with a hard-line government and President Barack Obama indicated that years of reluctant US tolerance for settlement construction had ended.

Netanyahu's aides have been dropping optimistic hints in recent days, saying a compromise with the US is growing closer and that peace talks could resume within two months, even floating the idea of a meeting between Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at the UN General Assembly in New York next month. US officials have also suggested an agreement could be close.

Local businesses want power pie

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The entrepreneurs argued in favour of protecting their investment and profitability, while promising very little regarding how fast they will be able to implement the power projects, meeting sources said.

Energy Adviser to the Prime Minister Dr Towfique-e-Elahi Chowdhury, State Minister for Power Enamul Haque, Power Secretary M Abul Kalam Azad, and PDB Chairman ASM Alamgir Kabir were also present.

"The entire country is looking at us to see when we increase power generation. We want power as fast as possible and for cheap," Dr Towfique told reporters after the meeting.

Moazzem Hossain's company Energy Prima was awarded four rental power projects during the last caretaker government regime for implementation in three

months, but the company could not even launch two of them more than a year behind schedule.

Most of the local investors spoke strongly against foreign investment in the power sector saying, foreign companies have been draining money out of the country, and demanded that local investors be given priorities.

They said local companies will not participate in the bidding if current conditions stay in place. In reply the PDB chairman said inexperienced companies will be allowed to work in consortium with experienced companies.

The entrepreneurs also demanded an increase in land allocation for power plants, in reply to which PDB said it will review the current relevant policy.

They also demanded low interest rates on bank loans, and posting of tender documents on the PDB website.

One local investor however said there is no need to increase the timeline for setting up rental power projects.

Another entrepreneur said rental power projects are not viable for the country as only a few local companies are experienced enough in setting those up, and it is not cost effective either.

PDB Chairman ASM Alamgir Kabir made a presentation on the government's strategy and plan, saying long, medium, and short term plans are there to address the nagging crisis in power generation.

He said tenders will soon be invited for setting up eight rental power plants which will go into production within nine months of installation, producing a total of 530 megawatt of power.

Nine more peaking plants will be installed within 18 to 24 months from now, for generat-

ing a total of 800 megawatt, he added.

Only the ministry and PDB will not be able to solve the power generation problem, rather an integrated effort of all concerned is required for that, said the power secretary.

The energy adviser to the prime minister said yesterday's meeting with potential investors had been arranged to facilitate setting up of rental power plants in different areas within a year under the government's short-term plan.

He said the government wants to design a strategy under which local investors will also be able to participate.

Dr Towfique also said the government wants to bring diversity in the country's fuel source for power generation, and import duty on furnace oil was withdrawn to that end.

"We want to bridge the gap

between demand and supply within a year," he added.

He noted that the country's GDP growth could have been 8 to 10 percent had there been no power shortage.

The state minister for power said the government wants to increase power generation in the shortest possible time.

"It's a challenge and we want to face it together," he said adding, "The people want electricity, not promises."

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry President Annisul Huq suggested that a period longer than 9 months should be allowed for setting up rental power plants, and the rental contracts should be for more than three years.

Moazzem Hossain suggested lowering of interest rates on bank loans for encouraging the local private sector to invest in the country's power sector.

News in Brief

22 killed in Mexico

AFP, Ciudad Juarez

Attackers armed with AK-47s shot dead five youths outside a house in Ciudad Juarez Tuesday afternoon, local police said, adding to 17 more deaths in the border city in the past 24 hours.

Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas, is the epicentre of spiralling suspected drug violence which has left almost 10,000 dead since the start of last year, despite a military crackdown on the country's warring drug gangs.

BJP asks Shourie for explanation

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

While the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leadership was divided over initiating disciplinary action against senior leader Arun Shourie, who Monday created a flutter by calling his party a 'kati patang' (a kite adrift) and its chief Rajnath Singh 'Humpty Dumpty', the BJP Tuesday sought his explanation for his adverse remarks.

Swine flu kills 15 more in Mexico

AFP, Mexico City

Mexico's swine flu death toll rose to 179 after 15 more deaths were recorded within a week, the health ministry said Tuesday.

The number of cases from A(H1N1) rose to 20,681, in the third worst affected country after the United States and Argentina. All regions in the country where the outbreak began in April have now been affected, with central and southern regions worst hit.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Department of Archaeology

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Memo No. Prata/L:M/24/09-10/377

Dt. 25.08.09

Invitation for Tender

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| 1. | Agency | Department of Archaeology. |
| 2. | Procuring entity | Director General, Department of Archaeology. |
| 3. | Procuring entity code | 3431. |
| 4. | Invitation for | As stated in Serial No. 20. |
| 5. | Invitation Ref No. | Prata/L:M/24/09-10/ |
| 6. | Date | 25-08-09. |
| 7. | Procurement method | Open Tendering Method (OTM). |
| 8. | Budget and source of funds | GOB. |
| 9. | Tender package No. | 01/2009-10. |
| 10. | Tender package name | Installation of 85 HP Submersible Water Pump at Lalbagh Fort Dhaka. |
| 11. | Tender publication date | Before 12-07-09. |
| 12. | Tender last selling date | 14-09-09 up to office hours. |
| 13. | Date and time of tender closing | 15-09-09 at 2.00 pm. |
| 14. | Date and time of tender opening | 15-09-09 at 2.30 pm. |
| 15. | Name & address of the offices for selling and receiving tenders | Department of Archaeology, Pratnatattva Bhaban, F-4A, Agargaon Admn. Area, Dhaka-1207. |
| 16. | Name and address of the offices opening tender document | Department of Archaeology, Pratnatattva Bhaban, F-4A, Agargaon Admn. Area, Dhaka-1207. |
| 17. | Eligibility of tenderer | As per TDS. |
| 18. | Brief description of the goods or works | Installation of 85 HP Submersible Water Pump at Lalbagh Fort Dhaka. |
| 19. | Brief description of related services | Installation of 85 HP Submersible Water Pump at Lalbagh Fort Dhaka. |
| 20. | Identification of supply of goods or works | Location Price of tender document in (Tk) Tender security amount in (Tk) Completion time in days |
| | Lot 1: Installation of 85 HP Submersible Water Pump at Lalbagh Fort Dhaka. | Lalbagh Fort, Dhaka. 1000/- 70,000/- 120 |
| 21. | Special instructions: (a) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. (b) At the time of purchase of tender the tenderers must show all the original relevant documents including papers in support of eligibility. (c) All procurement activities must be maintained by "The Public Procurement Regulations-2008" and Archaeological Works Code. (g) In under any unavoidable circumstances tender document selling, receiving and opening are disturbed, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively. | |

Md Safiqul Islam
Director General (Joint Secretary)

GD-3954

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Uttara Bank Limited invites applications from young, smart & energetic persons for appointment as Probationary Officer.

Candidates fulfilling the following criteria are eligible to apply :-

01. Academic Qualifications :-

(a) "Four-years Integrated Honours" or Post Graduation Degree from any recognized University/Educational Institution in any of the following disciplines :-
(i) Economics (ii) Accounting (iii) Management (iv) Banking (v) Finance (vi) Finance & Banking (vii) Marketing (viii) English (ix) International Relations (x) Computer Science (xi) Computer Engineering (xii) Computer Science & Engineering.

Or

BBA/MBA/MBM from any recognized University/Educational Institution.
(b) There must be at least 02 (Two) First Divisions / classes in the Board & University examinations. No third Division / class is acceptable.
(c) In case of the results published in grading system the previous 1st, 2nd & 3rd Division/ class will be determined against the existing GPA/CGPA as under :-

(i) For the results of S.S.C. and H.S.C examinations or equivalent examinations thereof :-

| GPA obtained | | |
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| In case of S.S.C examination or equivalent examination thereof for the years 2001, 2002 & 2003 & in case of H.S.C examination or equivalent examination thereof for the year 2003. | In case of S.S.C & H.S.C examinations or equivalent examinations thereof for the year 2004 & its subsequent periods. | Previous equivalent class/Division |
| 3.50 or above | 4.00 or above | 1st Division |
| 2.50 or above but below 3.50 | 3.00 or above but below 4.00 | 2nd Division |
| 1.00 or above but below 2.50 | 1.00 or above but below 3.00 | 3rd Division |

(ii) For CGPA given by the recognized University/Educational Institution.

| CGPA obtained | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| In the Scale of 4.00 | In the Scale of 5.00 | Equivalent class/ Division |
| 3.00 or above | 3.75 or above | 1st class/Division |
| 2.25 or above but below 3.00 | 2.813 or above but below 3.75 | 2nd class/Division |
| 1.65 or above but below 2.25 | 2.063 or above but below 2.813 | 3rd class/Division |

02. Age : Not over 30 years as on 31st August, 2009.

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TIME EXTENSION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

"RFP FOR CONDUCT A BASED BASELINE SURVEY AND MAPPING OF HEALTH AND EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND FACILITIES IN THE CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS"

All interested organizations/NGOs are hereby informed that the deadline for submission of proposal for the above mentioned RFP is extended till **9th September, 2009 (Wednesday) 05:00 pm** (Bangladesh Local Time).

The RFP along with the instructions for submission; the **Pre-bid meeting minute; Socio-Economic Baseline Survey Report of Chittagong Hill Tracts; and CHTDF Baseline Survey Education Indicators** are available for downloading from UNDP website http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_more.php.

