

News in Brief

19 die as boat sinks in Indonesia

AFP, Jakarta

An "overloaded" cargo vessel sank on a river on Borneo island Sunday, killing 19 people with 20 still missing, an official said.

The Sari Mula went down after hitting strong currents on the Bataras, 100 kilometres (60 miles) from the city of Banjarmasin, in South Kalimantan province, late Friday.

Cameroon train crashes kill 11

AP, Yaounde

Cameroon's state-run television says two train crashes within 24 hours have killed at least 11 people.

Minister of Communication Issa Tchiroma Bakary told the broadcaster Sunday that nearly 400 people were injured in the crashes in the capital Yaounde.

7 die in US trailer park homicide

AFP, Washington

Seven people were found dead and two critically injured Saturday after a homicide in a trailer park in the US state of Georgia, police said.

"There are seven people deceased, and two people critically injured," spokeswoman Candice Temple of the Glynn County Police Department told AFP.

Train looted in Bihar

PTI, Patna

A railway employee was killed and ten people injured when armed robbers looted cash and valuables from passengers of a local train in Bihar's Jamui district, police said yesterday.



A little girl (R) helps to cast a vote for her mother in Japan's general elections at a polling station in Tokyo yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

BJP slams UPA govt on rising prices as it completes 100 days in office

ANI, New Delhi

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Criticising the Centre's claims of implementing promises in its first 100 days in office, the BJP on Saturday alleged that the UPA had belied hopes of the people.

Addressing media persons, BJP spokesman Prakash Jaydekar said the Government had also failed to deliver on promises regarding the Women's Reservation Bill, strengthening the Right to

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Meanwhile, senior women political leaders on Saturday criticised the ruling Congress party for not keeping its promise on passing Women's Reservation Bill in the first 100 days after coming to power.

Brinda Karat, Polit Bureau Member of Communist Party of India (Marxist), said it's very important to have the Constitution amended for increased representation of women in Parliament.

Japan's next PM cooler on US ties, looks to Asia

AFP, Tokyo

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In an article published by The New York Times last week, Hatoyama launched a spirited critique of US-style capitalism and "market fundamentalism", which he called "void of morals or moderation" and said harmed people's lives.

Not mincing his words, he predicted that "as a result of the failure of the Iraq war and the financial crisis, the era of US-led globalism is coming to an end and that we are moving toward an era of multi-polarity."

Hatoyama, head of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ), stressed that "the US-Asia security pact will continue to be the cornerstone of Japanese diplomatic policy", as it has been since the end of World War II.

"But at the same time, we must not forget our identity as a nation located in Asia," he wrote. "I believe that the East Asian region, which is showing increasing vitality, must be recognised as Japan's basic sphere of being."

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Historic win the start of bumpy road for Japan's new leaders

AFP, Tokyo

Sunday's election blowout by Japan's centre-left opposition was an epochal event in the country's post-war history but the inexperienced new government has no time to rest on its laurels.

Exit polls signalled a sweeping victory for the untested Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) over the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), marking the dawn of a true two-party system after half a century of almost unbroken LDP rule.

"Monday morning a new era begins in Japanese politics and no-one can say with certainty how it's going to turn out."

Curtis said that "the biggest and most immediate challenge for the DPJ will be how they will organise themselves... There is almost no-one in that party who has any experience in running a government."

The landmark win "is just the beginning of a bumpy road ahead for the DPJ", said Hiroshi Hirano, politics professor at Gakushuin University, pointing to Japan's economic woes, with unemployment at a post-war high of 5.7 percent.

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Invitation for Tender

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Shipping
02	Agency	Mongla Port Authority
03	Procuring entity name	Mongla Port Authority (MPA)
04	Procuring entity code	Not used at present
05	Procuring entity district	Bagerhat
06	Invitation for	Maintenance Dredging in front of Jetty # 8 & 9 and Sabur Beacon Turning Ground in the Pussur River of Mongla Port.
07	Invitation Reference	MPA/XEN/D-5/293/2009-13.
08	Date	24 August 2009.
KEY INFORMATION		
09	Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget & source of fund	Own fund of Mongla Port Authority (Revenue Budget of MPA).
11	Development partner	Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/program code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13	Project/program name	Not applicable.
14	Tender package No.	Nil
15	Tender package name	Maintenance Dredging in front of Jetty # 8 & 9 and Sabur Beacon Turning Ground in the Pussur River of Mongla Port.
16	Tender publication date	Within 15 September 2009.
17	Tender last selling date	13 October 2009, up to 1400 hrs.
18	Tender closing date & time	14 October 2009, up to 1200 hrs.
19	Tender opening date & time	14 October 2009, at 1230 hrs.
20	Name & address of the offices selling tender document	Tenderer or authorized representative are allowed to attend the opening of tender.
i) Chief Engineer (C&H), MPA, Mongla, Bagerhat.		
ii) Liaison Officer, Mongla Port Authority, 8/6, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.		
iii) Executive Engineer, Division-4, Mongla Port Authority, Khalishpur, Khulna.		
iv) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna.		
21	Name & address of the offices receiving tender document	Chief Engineer (C&H), Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat.
22	Name & address of the offices opening tender document	Chief Engineer (C&H), Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat.
23	Place/date/time of the pre-tender meeting	MPA Conference Room, Bandar Bhaban, Mongla, Bagerhat.
Date: 30 September 2009.		
Time: 1200 hrs.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
24	Eligibility of tenderer	The Reputed Local, Joint Venture Dredging Firms, Government Owned Enterprises and Semi-govt., Dredging Authority of Bangladesh experienced in channel dredging works. Tenderer must meet the qualifying and other eligibility criteria stated in the tender data sheet (Section-2) of tender document.
25	Brief description of works	Maintenance Dredging in front of Jetty No. 8&9 and Sabur Beacon Turning Ground in the Pussur River of Mongla Port for 2(wo) years, dispose of dredged spoil in the designated dredging compartment and remove or sell out of the dredged spoils at the own cost & responsibility of the contractor.
26	Tender document price	Tk. 10,000 (one thousand) only.
27	Tender security	Tk. 8,50,000 lac (eight lac fifty thousand) only.
28	Completion time	24 (twenty four) months from date of signing of the contract.

29	Name of official inviting tender	Md Fazlur Rahman.
30	Designation of official inviting tender	Chief Engineer (C&H).
31	Address of official inviting tender	Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat-9351, Bangladesh.
32	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone-04662-75270. Fax-04662-75224
33	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders or annul the process without incurring thereby any liability to the affected tenderer.	Email-mpa@btbb.net.bd web site-www.monglaport.gov.bd
34	In the event of unavoidable circumstances, if the selling, receiving and opening the tender can not be done on the abovementioned dates, the next normal working day will be treated as the valid date of selling, receiving and opening of the tender respectively. Time and place shall remain unchanged.	No. MPA/B&PR/PR/82

Top Japanese ruling party officials to quit

AP, Tokyo

A top official in Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party says that he and other officials plan to step down from their posts over its apparent crushing defeat in parliamentary elections.

LDP Secretary-General Hirofumi Hosoda said Sunday that he and two other top officials plan to submit their resignations to Prime Minister Taro Asō, who serves as president of the party.

Hosoda's comments came as Japan's left-of-center Democratic Party of Japan appeared to have won a landslide election victory, according to media projections, sending the LDP to defeat after 54 years of nearly unbroken rule amid widespread economic anxiety and desire for change.

Japanese vote for change

AFP, Tokyo

Braving muggy summer weather, an approaching typhoon and swine flu fears, Japanese went to the polls yesterday with many voters hoping for a political sea change after half a century of conservative rule.

"I think we need a change now," said pensioner Toshihiro Nakamura, 68, after voting at a Tokyo elementary school against Prime Minister Taro Asō's party, which has been in power almost continuously since 1955.

"It's nonsense to see four prime ministers in four years without asking for the people's opinion," she said, referring to frequent changes at the top since popular former premier Junichiro Koizumi stepped down in 2006.

"I expect the LDP's long-term rule in this country will end and a new politics will reflect people's voices," said another voter, 45-year-old Shuichi Tanaka.

Two hours before polls were due to close, 48.4 percent of people had voted on the day, down from 50.0 percent at the same time in the previous general election four years ago, as Typhoon Krosa dumped heavy rain on Tokyo.

In addition, more than 13 percent of eligible voters had cast advance ballots.

Worries about swine flu were also seen

as keeping some people away from the ballot box. Some voters wore face masks to guard against the virus blamed for seven deaths in Japan, while polling stations provided hand disinfectant.

"I decided to participate in a vote for the first time in my life because I want to share in the feeling of bringing about a power change," said a 35-year-old Internet company owner in Tokyo.

"As a taxpayer, I want to see our taxes spent in a fair way, unlike the old-fashioned practice of dumping our money into public works that merely enrich local construction workers."

The DPJ has promised better social welfare, which it says would help recession-hit families, boost domestic demand and raise the birth rate to reverse a projected decline of Japan's fast-greyning population.

"I feel it's not bad to let the opposition try at least once," said Chie Miyamoto, a 25-year-old nurse. "I hope the next government will pay more attention to social problems, including a lack of workers at hospitals."

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