



Participants listen as Special Envoy on Climate Change for the United Nations Secretary-General and former prime minister of Norway Gro Harlem Brundtland (on screen) delivers a speech on the opening day of the third international conference on the climate organised by the World Meteorological Organisation yesterday in Geneva.

## Israeli strike on Iran's nuke plan 'imminent'

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Los Angeles

If Iran does not accept international proposals to roll back its nuclear programme by next month, it faces an imminent Israeli strike, a newspaper article said.

In an opinion piece Sunday authored by Micah Zenko who is a political scientist with expertise in national security issues, the Los Angeles Times said Israel will act alone to stop the Islamic Republic from developing a nuclear weapon.

Under the proposals, Iran should suspend its uranium enrichment programme in exchange for a UN Security Council commitment to forgo a fourth round of economic and diplomatic sanctions.

Quoting Michael Mullen, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, the newspaper said:

"The window between a strike on Iran and their getting nuclear weapons is a pretty narrow window."

However, if Iran does not budge, Israel would attack its suspected nuclear weapons facilities without even informing the US, the newspaper said.

President Obama will learn about the operation from CNN rather than the CIA and Israel would rather explain later than ask for approval in advance of launching pre-emptive attacks, the newspaper said.

Those hoping that the Obama administration will be able to pressure Israel to stand down from attacking Iran as diplomatic efforts drag on are mistaken, the LA Times said.

It said Israel never informed the US before carrying out such four major military operations in the past.

## Opposition mounts to Ahmadinejad cabinet

AFP, Tehran

Top Iranian lawmakers voiced strong opposition on Monday to some of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's proposed ministers, including women, on the second day of a heated debate on his cabinet line-up.

Parliament is due to hold a vote of confidence on the 21-member cabinet on Wednesday but the hardline Ahmadinejad is battling to win support even from conservative MPs who complained about the inclusion of women and charged that many of his nominees lacked experience.

On Monday, lawmakers openly objected to one of the three women Ahmadinejad has picked, the first time in the 30-

year history of the Islamic republic that Iran would have female cabinet ministers.

Education minister-designate Soroush Keshavarz, dressed in a black chador, sought to win the support from a hostile parliament by showcasing her Islamic credentials and her plans for the post.

But parliament's education commission chief Ali Abbaspour, a powerful conservative, strongly opposed her candidacy.

"If Keshavarz gets the vote, then we have no choice but to impeach her," he warned. "She has only a year's experience... and is talking of the same programmes outlined by previous ministers. The president has to nominate a strong minister."

## Chinese chopper had violated Indian airspace in Kashmir

PTI, New Delhi

Admitting that a Chinese military helicopter had violated Indian airspace in Jammu and Kashmir two months back, Army Chief General Deepak Kapoor yesterday said New Delhi has taken up the matter with Beijing.

"Let me inform you one incursion of a Chinese helicopter (along the Line of Actual Control in Leh) took place some time back," he told reporters after taking over as the new chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee here.

He, however, said the matter has been taken up by India during the border personnel meet with the Chinese immediately after the incursion. "The matter has been taken up with China during meetings of border personnel of the two sides," Kapoor said.

## UN meet aims to boost global network against climate change

AFP, Geneva

Meteorologists opened the World Climate Conference yesterday in what a US official called a "critical" attempt to share information and so help communities worldwide adapt to climate change.

Some 2,500 experts gathered against the backdrop of troubled negotiations to strike a global agreement on climate change at another conference in Copenhagen in December, which are marked by a rift between rich and poor nations.

The Geneva conference would discuss how to boost long-term weather and climate forecasting, especially in Africa and developing nations, said Michel Jarraud, director general of the UN's World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).

"We have now come to the point that we feel there is a major gap that needs to be filled," he told journalists.

The proposed "Global Framework for Climate Services" under discussion in Geneva could shape decisions on water, agriculture, fisheries, health, forestry, transport, tourism, energy, and preparations for natural disasters.

It would largely build on successful, existing international cooperation on weather forecasting to expand the scope of climate predictions, Jarraud said.

Instead of looking at timescales of days and sometimes weeks ahead, the aim was to "extend the window" and produce forecasts that look seasons and even decades ahead, a US weather official explained.

The Geneva conference is not part of the Copenhagen process, which includes talks on steps to help countries prevent or adapt to the impact of more extreme weather conditions produced by global warming.

## California wildfires claim two lives, gain ground

AFP, Los Angeles

Raging wildfires Monday gained ground around Los Angeles where they have claimed their first two fatalities and left three other people injured while threatening thousands of homes.

Two firefighters died south of the town of Acton when their vehicle went off the road and rolled down a mountain slope, said Mike Bryant, a spokesman for the fire department.

## Colombian president has swine flu

AFP, Bogota

Colombian President Alvaro Uribe has the swine flu but is doing well, his spokesman said Sunday, just days after the leader returned from a regional summit in Argentina.

Deaths from swine flu in Latin America -- the worst-hit region in the world -- rose to over 1,300 this month.

Uribe, a conservative staunch US ally, began to suffer from symptoms of the flu on Saturday after returning from a summit meeting in Argentina, so he had a checkup which confirmed he had the A(H1N1) virus, according to a statement read out by his spokesman Cesar Velasquez.



Democratic Party of Japan leader Yukio Hatoyama (3rd R) attends a press conference at the party headquarters in Tokyo yesterday.

## Asian leaders seek closer ties after Japan power shift

AFP, Seoul

Leaders across Asia yesterday welcomed the historic shift in power after Japan's general election and sought closer ties with Tokyo, with only North Korea sounding a note of dissent.

Yukio Hatoyama's centre-left Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) won 308 seats in the 480-member lower house on Sunday, ending more than half a century of almost unbroken rule by the conservative Liberal Democratic Party.

North Korea urged Japan to break with its "crooked" past and apologise for coercing Asian women to serve in brothels for its troops in World War II.

"If Japan wants to secure international trust, it must squarely break with its crooked past," the ruling communist

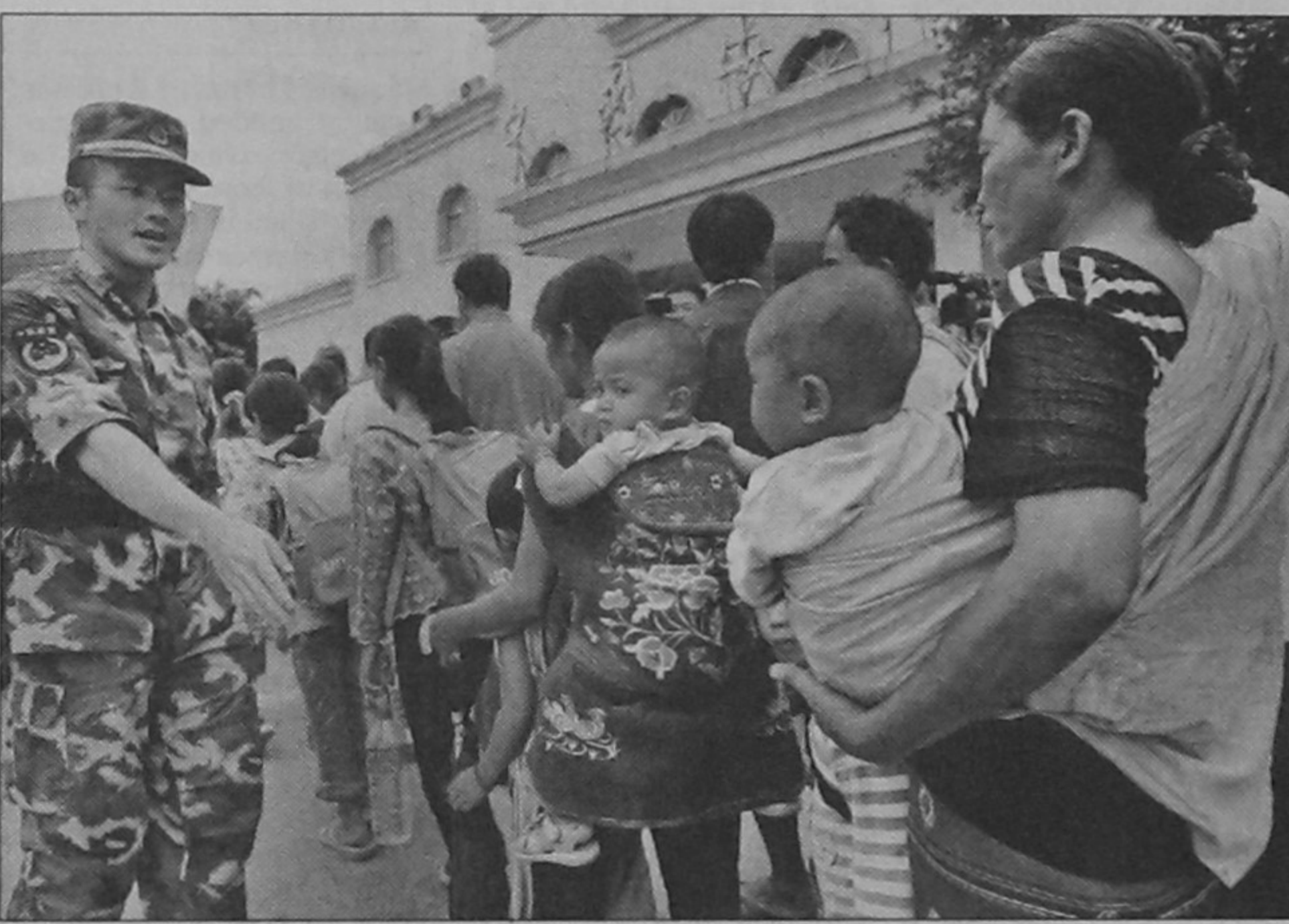
party newspaper Rodong Sinmun said in a commentary.

It urged Tokyo to emulate Germany, which apologised and paid compensation for crimes committed under Nazi rule during World War II.

Historians say more than 200,000 women, mostly from Korea and China, were forced to work as sex slaves for Japanese troops when Japan imposed brutal colonial rule over Korea from 1910-45.

Relations between the South and Tokyo have also frequently been prickly since the colonisation, amid historical and territorial disputes.

Seoul voiced hopes of a further improvement in relations, with President Lee Myung-Bak congratulating Hatoyama, who is expected to be confirmed as prime minister in mid-September.



Refugees walk past a Chinese soldier yesterday towards the border separating China and Myanmar, in the Chinese border town of Nansan, around 700km from Kunming, Yunnan province.

## Myanmar refugees in China head home

AFP, Nansan

Refugees who fled Myanmar into China after deadly clashes between junta forces and ethnic rebels trickled back across the border Monday, but some said they feared going home to more unrest.

Officials in China's southwestern Yunnan province said 37,000 refugees had streamed into the country from the former Burma following days of fighting in Kokang, a mainly ethnic Chinese region of Myanmar's Shan state.

Eight rebel fighters and 26 security forces were killed in the clashes in Myanmar's remote northeast, state media there reported late Sunday, saying the unrest had ended. Two Chinese nationals were also killed, officials here said.

At the border crossing in the Chinese town of Nansan, refugees were crossing into Myanmar in groups of about 40 at a time, AFP reporters witnessed. The occasional person came into China.

"The Myanmar government has told us through diplomatic

channels to send them back," Yunnan provincial government spokesman Li Hui told reporters.

"Those who want to go back can return. We are finding that most of these people want to go back to their homes," he added.

"The Myanmar government is saying that it is calm over there. From what we see, we don't think that there is any armed fighting."

But refugees interviewed by AFP in Nansan said they remained unconvinced by the junta's claims that calm had been restored in Kokang, a town of about 150,000.

"They were shooting ordinary people. I saw it myself. We don't believe what they say. We are afraid to go back," said 24-year-old farmer Li Jun.

"They say they will not shoot again but they will shoot."

Rows of blue tents have been set up in Nansan, nestled in rugged and lush mountains, to accommodate the refugees. China has provided them with food and medical care -- but has warned Myanmar to resolve the conflict quickly.

### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ICDDR,B invites applications from suitable candidates for the position of **Project Research Physician for MNCH Programme** with the Matlab Health Research Centre under the Public Health Sciences Division in Matlab, Chandpur District. The appointment will be made on a Contractual Service Agreement (CSA) basis for 10 months, which may be extended depending on performance.

**Salary** - Tk.25,948/- (consolidated) per month inclusive of house rent and conveyance allowances. No other benefit is admissible.

For detailed job profile and requirements, please visit our website: [www.icddr.org](http://www.icddr.org). Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements should submit an **online application** by **10 September 2009**. Only short-listed candidates shall be invited for the interview.



### Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd. (DESCO)

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#### Corrigendum

Due to typographical error the tender notice for the Procurement of 230 V, Single Phase, 2-Wire, 5(60) A (Whole Current) Electronic KWhr Meters vide memo no.-DESCO/Pro./LT./2009/649 dated: 27/08/2009 is hereby revised as follows:

10. Tender Name	
14. Brief Description of goods	Replace "10 (40) A" by "5 (60) A"
16. Description of Package	

All other contents of the Tender Notice shall remain unchanged.

August 31, 2009

Memo No: DESCO/Procurement/2009/658

Khandaker Najibul Alam  
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## Request For Proposal (RFP) Production of two separate documentary / Docudrama on e-Governance

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested, registered, and well qualified vendors to provide proposals for "Production of two separate documentaries / Docudrama on e-Governance".

**Submission of Proposal:** The envelope should state "Proposal for "Production of two separate documentary / Docudrama on e-Governance" and should be marked as 'Confidential' and addressed to the UNDP Operations Registry, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207. The deadline for submission of Proposal is 12.00 PM on 10th September 2009.

All interested firms may request the Bidding Documents from [procurement.bc@undp.org](mailto:procurement.bc@undp.org) 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.

**Submission Procedure:** The offer should comprise of 2 separate sealed envelopes of technical and financial proposals.



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**Subject: Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Consultant Firm (National) for Architectural & Engineering Consultancy Services**

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Science and Information & Communication Technology.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission.
3. Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission.
4. Project name	Establishment of Atomic Energy Centre, Chittagong.
5. Procuring entity code	2605
6. Expression of interest for	Selection of Consultant Firm for Architectural & Engineering Consultancy Services
7. EOI Ref. No. with date	Ref. No. AECC-2(8)/2009, 25/08/2009.
8. Procurement method	Open tendering method (NCT).
9. Budget and source of fund	GOB
10. Project code (if applicable)	7200
11. Development partners (if applicable)	None
12. Brief description of assignment	Consultancy Services in connection with designing of 2 (two) storied laboratory building with 6 (six) storied foundation, construction of boundary wall, gate & guard house with other related services for the Construction of Establishment of Atomic Energy Centre, Chittagong.

- Detail Survey of the Site.
- Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) if needed.
- Sub-soil Investigation.
- Preparation of Architectural Drawing.
- Preparation of structural design, drawing (including design basis report).
- Design and preparation of drawings for water supply, sanitary, internal electrification, fire detection and fire protection system & network system etc.
- Preparation of technical specifications, schedule of items, bill of quantities (BOQ), cost estimates, tender documents (STD) of the abovementioned works including electrical sub-station, generator, etc. as per Standard Tender Documents (STD) under "the Public Procurement Rules-2008".
- Preparation of 3-D Model & computer generated 3-D perspective view of the project area and the individual buildings.
- Supervision of the construction works (if any) as per requirement of the client.

- The applicant (the consultant firm) must have at least 10 (ten) years of overall experiences in consultancy and implementation project (including preparation of master plan) in the gov't/semi-gov't/autonomous organization. The designed project must have at least 1 (one) No. 6 (six) storied and having floor area not less than 3000 square meter in last five years including water supply, sanitary, electrification, fire detection and fire protection system, telephone & networking system and land scaping etc. The designed project & building should be successfully implemented/constructed, and completion of construction as stated above should be furnished from at least an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer/Equivalent Officer.
- Should have sufficient number of well experienced design Architect, Structural Designer, Water Supply, Sanitary Design Engineer, Electrical & Mechanical Engineers in their pay roll.
- Should have up-to-date trade license, VAT registration with TIN number. Latest Income Tax clearance certificate, bank solvency certificate from schedule bank of Bangladesh.
- Consultant firm(s) may associate with other consulting firms to enhance their qualifications with legal documents. But should mention whether the association is in the form of a 'Joint-Venture' or of association.
- Intended consultant firms are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services submitting their brochures, description of similar assignments, experiences in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate professional qualifications and experiences among staffs etc.
- Interested firms may obtain further information at address above during normal office hours.

14. Last date, time and place of submission of the EOI

• 27/09/09 on 12.00 noon in sealed envelope at the office of Engr. Md Monirul Islam, Chief Engineer, Engineering Division, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, E-12/A Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 and clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Consultant Firms (National) for Consultancy Services in connection with designing of the office building and other related services for Construction of Establishment of Atomic Energy Centre, Chittagong".

15. The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all EOI without assigning any reason. EOIs received after last date and time of submission shall not be considered for short listing. Consultant will be selected in accordance with the guidelines of GOB's "The Public Procurement Rule-2008".

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