



Iranian MPs cast their votes for ministers in the cabinet proposed by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, at the parliament in Tehran yesterday.

## Iran MPs endorse cabinet with 1st woman minister

AFP, Tehran

Iran's parliament strongly backed yesterday a cabinet proposed by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that includes the Islamic republic's first woman minister and a man wanted for bombing a Jewish community centre in Argentina.

The conservative-dominated assembly approved 18 of 21 nominees, propelling Ahmadinejad into his second term at a time when the Islamic republic is battling its worst crisis since the hardliner's re-election in June.

The candidates who failed to garner the required majority of votes were the two other women proposed and the would-be energy minister.

In a move highlighting Iran's often maverick status in the world, nearly 80 per cent of lawmakers approved Ahmad Vahidi -- wanted by Argentina for a 1994 bombing in Buenos Aires -- as defence minister.

Following the vote, Vahidi said his selection, which was by a far greater margin than any other, was a "decisive slap to Israel," an arch-enemy of the country.

The first woman to join a cabinet in the Islamic republic will be Marzieh Vahid Dastjerdi, who will head the health ministry.

A gynaecologist and two-time former MP, Dastjerdi, 50, was approved despite never having held an executive job in government.

Dastjerdi described her selection as an "important step" for Iranian women.

"I think today women reached their long-standing dream of having a woman in the cabinet to pursue their demands," Dastjerdi told the parliamentary news service soon after the vote.

"This is an important step for women and I hold my head high."

The other two women, Sousan Keshvaraz and Fatemeh Ajorlou, fell short of the required number of votes to take over at education and at welfare and social security.

## Final farewell to Jackson

AFP, Los Angeles

Family and friends of Michael Jackson will bid a final farewell to the tragic King of Pop here yesterday as the singer is laid to rest in a private ceremony at a star-studded Los Angeles cemetery.

More than two months after Jackson's sudden death from a drug overdose on June 25, mourners will gather for a sunset service in a mausoleum at the Forest Lawn Memorial Park -- a cemetery that is home to a galaxy of celebrity graves.

The service will be in stark contrast to the lavish public memorial held at Los Angeles's Staples Centre in July, which was attended by 20,000 fans and beamed live around the world to an estimated audience of 1 billion.



Michael Jackson

Police in the Los Angeles suburb of Glendale on Wednesday urged Jackson devotees to stay away from the funeral, warning that the neighbourhood surrounding the cemetery's entrance would be on lockdown.

"A special request would be to encourage fans to stay at home," a statement said.

## World heading for climate 'abyss', says UN chief

AFP, Geneva

The world is accelerating towards a climate catastrophe, UN chief Ban Ki-moon warned yesterday, urging rapid progress in talks to cut emissions and tackle global warming.

"Our foot is stuck on the accelerator and we are heading towards an abyss," the UN Secretary General said in a speech to the World Climate Conference.

Ban, who this week visited the Arctic to witness first hand the changes wrought by global warming, warned that many of the "more distant scenarios" predicted by scientists were "happening now."

"Scientists have been accused for years of scaremongering. But the real scaremongers are those who say we cannot afford climate action -- that it will hold back economic

growth," he said.

"They are wrong. Climate change could spell widespread disaster," Ban warned. The UN leader pinned his hopes of a breakthrough on a summit of world leaders in New York this month to discuss climate change.

Talks on extending the Kyoto protocol on emissions cuts in time for December's Copenhagen conference had been too limited and slow, he said.

"We have 15 negotiating days left until Copenhagen. We cannot afford limited progress. We need rapid progress," he added, criticising "inertia" towards climate change.

"In New York, I expect candid and constructive discussions. I expect serious bridge building. I expect strong outcomes," Ban told delegates and ministers from some 150 countries at the meeting in Geneva.

## 40 killed in Mexico drug violence

AFP, Mexico City

A surge in drug-related violence the last 24 hours has seen at least 40 people killed in the troubled northern border region and President Felipe Calderon's home state.

At least 18 people were killed and five wounded late Wednesday when gunmen stormed into a drug treatment centre in northern Mexico's violence-plagued Ciudad Juarez.

Civil protection officials warned there might be more victims from the shootout. The city lies just across the border from El Paso, Texas, where feuding drug cartels are engaged in a violent struggle.

In an eerily similar attack last year, eight people were gunned down at a Mexican clinic treating drug addicts.

Wednesday's slaughter came after 21 people were killed overnight in drug-related violence in Chihuahua state; and the number two security official in Calderon's home state of Michoacan was gunned down.

## Andhra Pradesh CM killed in chopper crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and senior Congress leader YS Rajasekhara Reddy and four others were killed in a helicopter crash on Wednesday, the Indian government confirmed yesterday.

The copter went missing and lost contact with the base in heavy rains. The wreckage of the Bell 430 helicopter, that had taken off Wednesday morning from Hyderabad, the capital city of Andhra Pradesh, was located by Indian Air

Force helicopters in the forests on Nallamala Hills in Kurnool district around 8:30am yesterday, Indian Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram told the media persons.

He said the chopper crashed on a hillock burst into pieces and was charred in a mangled state leaving its occupants dead and incinerated.

The other two perished in the copter crash are P Subramanyam, special secretary to the late chief minister, his Chief Security Officer ASC Wesley and two pilots -- Group Capt S K Bhatia and Capt MS Reddy.

Chidambaram said para commandos slithered down from IAF helicopter on to the hillock and found the five

bodies, which would be flown to Hyderabad for cremation.

The helicopter had lost radio contact an hour after taking-off from Hyderabad's Begumpet airport at 9:20am Wednesday and around 2,000 security personnel, including 300 army commandos, backed by Indian Air Force helicopters and fighter aircraft were pressed into a massive search operation that lasted more than 24 hours.

A scheduled meeting of the Union Cabinet was cancelled following the tragic death of the chief minister who had led Congress to a spectacular victory in state legislature and parliamentary elections in Andhra Pradesh just five months ago.

## PM seeks int'l help to combat fallout

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nation could achieve is being eroded by repeated and increasing vagaries of nature.

"There is no doubt that human-induced climate change is, to a large extent, responsible for these phenomena and, ironically, the people of Bangladesh are least to be blamed for them."

She said tackling the formidable challenges facing Bangladesh due to the climate change calls for help of the international community.

To substantiate her call, the premier informed the conference that Bangladesh is among the countries severely affected

by climate change.

Estimates indicate that 20 million Bangladeshis would require relocation due to climate-change impacts by 2050.

A one-metre rise of sea level would inundate a third of Bangladesh, and this would result in mass migration northwards, imposing increasing pressure on land and resources and loss livelihood of about 40 million people, the PM said.

Hasina further pointed out that the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction has ranked Bangladesh as the most vulnerable country to floods, third most to tsunami and sixth most to cyclones, in terms of

human exposure.

To face natural disasters from global warming and climate change, Bangladesh government has decided to undertake a massive project of dredging all rivers.

Maintenance dredging would ensure sustained regulated water flow of the rivers, the PM told the audience.

Bangladesh, due to its geographical location, has faced natural disasters and, therefore, invested over \$ 10 billion since its independence on flood management schemes, Hasina continued.

Recently, she said, the government has established a

Climate Change Fund, with its own resources, to expand community-based disaster preparedness, and adaptation programs.

The PM also expressed Bangladesh's willingness to help the international community in facing the climate change challenges.

"Bangladesh is willing to share its experience in these areas with the international community, particularly with countries having similar vulnerabilities to natural disasters."

As for environmental pollution, a series of legal, policy, and institutional measures have been taken, Hasina con-

tinued.

The international community must also ensure affordable and eco-friendly technology transfer to developing countries, especially LDCs.

"The LDCs deserve special attention of the global community, due to their economic and climate vulnerabilities," she said, adding that some \$ 2 billion would be required to implement adaptation programs in the LDCs over next five years.

"Sadly, the LDCs have so far received a meagre \$ 172 million since its establishment. .... Additional funds should, therefore, be made available

through adaptation fund."

Hasina also said the freedom loving people of Bangladesh ultimately achieved democracy, with the universally acclaimed free, fair and credible parliamentary elections held on December 29, 2008.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, State Minister for Forest and Environment Hasan Mahmud, Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes, ambassador M Ziauddin, PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad and Permanent Representative to Geneva Mission Abdul Hannan were present.

## Vacancy Announcement



**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - Bangladesh** invites applications from highly qualified, energetic and experienced development professionals who want to join UNDP's dynamic working environment, for recruitment in the positions of **MDG District Facilitators** for the "Support to Monitoring Poverty Reduction Strategy and MDGs in Bangladesh" project offices in the selected districts of Rajshahi division.

For details of the Terms of Reference and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Applications should be received no later than 19 September 2009.

## Vacancy Announcement

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is seeking applications from Bangladeshi Nationals to fill the following professional position in its Dhaka Office: Please visit our website: [www.unicef.org.bd](http://www.unicef.org.bd) for details job descriptions.

**Post Title: Education Officer (Early Learning), NO-A, Education Section**

Applications with CV should be forwarded to the HR Officer, Human Resources Section, UNICEF-Bangladesh, Sheraton Annex, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000, by 19 September 2009. Please mark on the envelope the post applied for. **Only short-listed candidates will be called for written test/interview. Any attempt to unduly influence UNICEF's selection process will lead to automatic disqualification of the applicant.**

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**United Nations World Food Programme  
Dhaka, Bangladesh**

## Request for Expressions of Interest from qualified engineering firms for renovation of existing warehouses at Kutupalong and Nayapara, Cox's Bazar

1. The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) invites applications from reputed, bonafide, and eligible consulting firms for providing consultancy services in terms of designing, supervision and implementation of renovation/construction of two warehouses located at Kutupalong and Nayapara (Ukhia and Teknaf Upazilas), Cox's Bazar.

2. The services to be provided (but not limited to) are:

a. Design Phase: Design and drawing, BOQ and estimate of all civil and electrical work of two warehouses (230 MT at Kutupalong and 350 MT at Nayapara camp) and adjacent food distribution centres. In Kutupalong there should be a separate warehouse for biscuit storage (8 mt capacity, to house 1600 x 5 kg cartons with the dimensions 20 cm x 22 cm x 25 cm) with separate access point from main warehouse.

b. Selection Phase: Preparation of Request for Proposal (RFP) and Tender Documents, evaluation and assisting selection of construction firm/company.

c. Implementation and Contract Phase: Preparation of Contract/Agreement, Construction Phase Supervision and Quality Control of Works, ensure Delivery/Handover of works performed by different Contractor and their Warranty/Undertaking, etc.

3. Expressions of Interest (EOI): Expressions of interest are invited from interested and experienced local engineering firms having similar experience in warehouse design, supervision and construction management. The selected firm will be required to undertake complete supervision of the work from the design to completion.

4. The interested firm must consult with key stakeholders including WFP Cox's Bazar Office, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Cox's Bazar), GOB and UNHCR as appropriate.

5. EOI Procedure: Interested firms are requested to submit the following information with its EOI:

a. Corporate Overview/Profile of firm including history, financial audited accounts and taxation details, certificate of incorporation, resumes of key staff anticipated using for the task.

b. Description of approach and time frame for execution of the work

c. Any other information that is appropriate to this proposal.

6. The proposal should be dropped in the tender box kept in the WFP Office on 17 floor on or before 10 September 2009 by 12:00 hrs, addressed to:

Country Director  
World Food Programme  
IDB Bhaban (17th floor)  
E/8-A, Rokyha Sharani  
Sher-e-Banglanagar, Dhaka-1207.



## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

**National Housing Finance And Investments Limited**

National Housing is looking for immediate appointment for the following positions:

### Company Secretary:

**Responsibilities:** Shall independently handle Board matters. Share Department. Ensure compliance to the requirements of RJSC, SEC and other regulatory authorities etc.

**Requirements:** Masters Degree from a reputed university. Diploma in Chartered Secretaries/ACMA/ACA shall be preferred. Candidate should be conversant with companies Act, Laws and regulations of RJSC, SEC, and Share management under CDBL. Right issues etc. Good command in English as well as Bengali along with in depth knowledge in Computer Operating System. Ideal candidates should be within the age limit of 35-45 years having minimum 10 years service experience preferably in a Bank / Financial Institution.

### Law Officer:

**Responsibilities:** Candidates shall handle legal documentation and Mortgage formalities against our Home Loan / Lease Finance.

### Requirements:

- L.L.B (Hon's) and L.L.M with at least one first division /class. With no third division.
- 1/2 years an experience in the field of professional practice is preferred.
- Candidates should have to handle Mortgage documentation under supervision of seniors / Penal lawyers.
- Age between 24 to 35 year(s) is encouraged to apply.

**Salary & Benefit:** Attractive compensation package and other benefits will be offered commensurate with the qualification, experience and suitability. In exceptional cases, condition may be relaxed.

Candidates are requested to send their resume with a recent photograph & certificates within 07 days from the date of publication of this advertisement to following address :

**Head of Human Resource, National Housing Finance And Investments Limited, National Plaza (7th floor), 109 Bir Uttam C.R. Datta Road (Sonargaon Road), Dhaka-1205, or by post/courier.**



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**Sr. Executive - Sales & Technical - Textile Specialities - MALE - 1 POSITION, Dhaka**

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- Better Industry Relationship.
- Must be Computer literate & good command in English.

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