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Screenshot released by RTL TV station shows German Chancellor Angela Merkel (CDU) and the Social Democrats' (SPD) main candidate and challenger Frank-Walter Steinmeier answering questions by four TV journalists Frank Plasberg (Das Erste), Peter Kloepfel (RTL), Maybrit Illner (ZDF) and Peter Limbourg (N24/SAT.1) during Germany's fourth ever TV election debate on Sunday in Berlin.

Merkel stays on course for election win despite dull debate

AFP, Berlin
German Chancellor Angela Merkel remained on track on Monday to win re-election in two weeks after her rival failed to land a killer blow in a crunch head-to-head live TV debate, analysts said.
Merkel's challenger, Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, performed better than expected but came away with a narrow points victory rather than the clear knock-out punch needed to close a double-digit deficit in the polls.
And the lack of passion displayed during 90 minutes of what most newspapers dismissed as a dull debate suggested to many that both candidates would be content to continue their "grand coalition" government for another four years.
According to the centre-left

Berliner Zeitung, Steinmeier "was unable -- and seems fundamentally unable -- to muster the necessary brutality and ruthlessness" to score points ahead of the September 27 vote.
"It was more like Tom and Jerry: they both attacked each other but nobody was really hurt," complained the Welt daily.
"Yes we yawn," was the mass circulation daily Bild's verdict, a play on words on Barack Obama's famous "Yes we can" slogan in his 2008 campaign to become US President.
During the debate, the only one in the campaign, one of the moderators described the pair as "like an old married couple," trying in vain to get them to lock horns. Another complained: "This is a duet, not a duel."

Sonia sets an example, flies economy class to Mumbai

ANI, New Delhi/Mumbai
Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Monday flew by economy class to Mumbai to attend a rally of party workers and also to hold discussions with the leadership of the Sharad Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).
Gandhi's decision to fly economy class followed a similar act by Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee and an announcement by External Affairs Minister S. M. Krishna that he would be undertaking official trips to Belarus and Turkmenistan.

Israel rules out complete settlement freeze

AFP, Jerusalem/Cairo
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ruled out a complete freeze in settlement activity as demanded by the US and said talks with Washington were ongoing over how long any halt would last.
"The Palestinians are expecting a complete freeze in construction and it is clear that this will not happen," a senior official quoted Netanyahu as telling parliament's foreign affairs and defence committee.
Speaking a day before he was to meet US Middle East peace envoy George Mitchell, the hawkish premier said there was still no agreement with Washington on

how long any halt in settlement construction would last.
"The reduction of construction will only be temporary and there is no agreement yet with the Americans on how long it will last."
Netanyahu also reiterated that building would continue in Arab east Jerusalem, which Israel annexed following the 1967 Six Day War in a move not recognised by the international community.
"Jerusalem is not a settlement and construction there will continue as normal," he said.
Israel sees Jerusalem as its "eternal, undivided" capital, while the Palestinians want to make the annexed eastern sector

the capital of their promised state.
Washington has for months been pressing Israel to stop settlement activity in the whole of the occupied West Bank including east Jerusalem in order to jumpstart the stalled peace process.
The Palestinians have demanded an Israeli settlement freeze in order to resume peace negotiations that were suspended in late December amid Israel's war in Gaza.
In Cairo, Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak urged Israel to halt "all settlement activity" and warned of the dangers it posed in Jerusalem, in talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday.



PHOTO: AFP
This handout image provided by the US-based terror monitoring group IntelCentre yesterday shows a still image from a video titled "Message to the American People" released by al-Qaeda's As-Sahab media, which contains an audio statement from al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

Powerless Obama can't halt Afghanistan war

AP, Cairo
The remarks by the terrorist leader were released two days after the eighth anniversary of the Sept 11, 2001, attacks that he ordered. Bin Laden typically addresses the American people in a message timed around the Sept 11 anniversary.
Bin Laden, who is believed to be hiding in the mountainous region along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, said current White House officials are merely following the strategy of former president George W Bush and former vice president Dick Cheney to "promote the previous policies of fear to market the interest of big companies."

Jupiter made comet its temporary moon for 12 yrs

ANI, Washington
An international team of astronomers has discovered that Jupiter had captured the comet 147P/Kushida-Muramatsu as its temporary moon in the mid-20th century, in an irregular orbit for about twelve years.
There are only a handful of known comets where this phenomenon of temporary satellite capture has occurred and the capture duration in the case of Kushida-Muramatsu, which orbited Jupiter between 1949 and 1961, is the third longest.
The phenomenon was detected by an international team led by Dr. Katsuhito Ohtsuka that modelled the trajectories of 18 "quasi-Hilda comets", objects with the potential to go through a temporary satellite capture by Jupiter that results in them either leaving or joining the "Hilda" group of objects in the asteroid belt.

Student leader in dock as Iran resumes protesters' trial

AFP, Tehran
A student leader and five other protesters who opposed the re-election of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad were in the dock on Monday as Iran resumed the mass trial of anti-vote demonstrators.
The official IRNA news agency said six protesters went on "trial", including Abdullah Momeni, a student leader.
IRNA later reported that the trial judge ordered that media should not name those being tried.
Iran has already put about 140 protesters on trial for contesting the re-election of Ahmadinejad in the June 12 presidential poll, which the opposition alleges was massively rigged.
Those charged include leading reformist politicians, activists and employees of the British and French embassies.
The opposition has denounced what it has called a "show trial."
The post-election unrest killed 36 people, according to Iranian officials, but opposition groups say 72 people died, some of them in police custody.
Meanwhile, Iran has freed a close aide to opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi and a prominent lawyer who belongs to Nobel prize winner Shirin Ebadi's rights group, the LLNA news agency reported on Sunday.
Alireza Beheshti, the aide, was freed on Saturday night, LLNA said.
He was arrested on Tuesday following a raid on his office, which was set up to probe alleged post-vote prisoners' abuse.
ILNA also said that lawyer Mohammad Ali Dadkhah was freed on Sunday after posting bail of five billion rials (500,000 dollars).

IAEA appoints Japan's Amano as new chief

AFP, Vienna
The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Monday formally appointed Yukiya Amano of Japan as its new director general from December 1, succeeding Mohamed ElBaradei.
The 150 member states of the UN nuclear watchdog approved Amano -- who has been Tokyo's ambassador to the IAEA -- by acclamation on the first day of the agency's annual week-long general conference.
ElBaradei is stepping down at the end of November after 12 years in office.

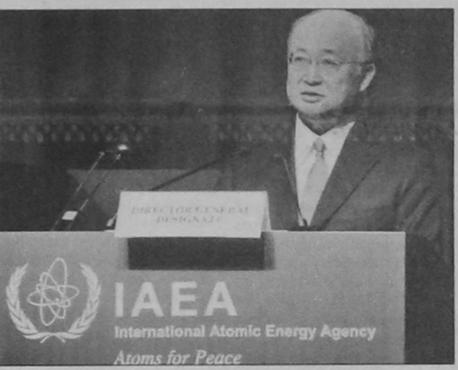


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International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) new Director General Yukiya Amano of Japan delivers a speech during the General conference yesterday in Vienna.

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ASHUGANJ POWER STATION COMPANY LIMITED

(An enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)
Ashuganj, B.Baria-3402, Bangladesh.

Memo No. APSCL/Pro-01/2009/1220 date: 13/09/2009

"Invitation For International Tender"

01. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Power Division
02. Agency	: Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd.
03. Procuring Entity	: Deputy General Manager (Maintenance)
04. Procuring Entity District	: Brahman Baria, Bangladesh
05. Invitation for	: Supply of Castable Refractory (Fire Cement) for Boiler Division of APSCL.
06. Invitation Ref No	: Memo No. APSCL/Pro-1/2009/1220
07. Date	: 13/09/2009
08. Procurement Method	: Open International Tendering Method.
09. Source of Funds	: APSCL'S Own Fund.
10. Tender Publication Date	: 13/09/2009
11. Tender Last Selling Date	: 26/10/2009 during office hour
12. Tender Closing Date and Time	: 27/10/2009 at 12:00 BST
13. Tender Opening Date and Time	: 27/10/2009 at 12:15 BST
14. Name & Address of the Offices	
a. Selling Tender Documents.	(i) Director (Purchase), Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Bhavan (9 th floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. (ii) Manager (Finance), APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria.
b. Receiving & Opening Tender Documents	: Office of the Convener, Procurement Committee, APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria
15. Eligibility of Tenderer	: Renowned Supplier having experience of supply as specified in the Tender Document.
16.	:

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Price of Tender Documents	Amount of Tender Security	Completion time
a.	Supply of Castable Refractory (Fire Cement) for Boiler Division of APSCL	Non refundable Tk. 700.00 In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh	US\$ 385.00 or BDT 27,000.00 In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft/ Bank Guarantee from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh.	60 days from the date of L/C opening
17.	Name of official Inviting Tender	: A M M Sazzadur Rahman		
18.	Designation of official Inviting Tender	: Convener, Procurement committee		
19.	Address of official Inviting Tender	: Ashuganj Power Station Co. Ltd. Ashuganj, B-Baria, Bangladesh.		
20.	Contract details of official Inviting Tender	: Tel : 0088 08528 74033 Fax :0088 08528 74044, E-mail:procurement@apscl.com, Website : www.apscl.com		
21.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders			

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