

Suicide bomber kills 12 at mosque in Iraq

AP, Baghdad

A suicide bomber yesterday opened fire on worshippers during prayers at a mosque in northern Iraq and then blew himself up after running out of ammunition, killing 12 people, police and hospital officials said.

The attacker walked into the Sunni mosque in Tal Afar and started firing on worshippers with an AK-47 rifle as the imam was delivering his sermon, a local police official said. Sixty-five people were wounded in the attack. When the shooter ran out of ammunition, he detonated his explosives belt, the official said.

The imam, Abdul-Satar Hassan, a member of Iraq's largest Sunni political party, was also killed in the attack, the official said. It was not immediately clear if the slain imam was the intended victim, although Sunni clerics have increasingly become targets in Iraq's sectarian

bloodletting.

Sahir Jalal, 37, who was at the mosque for prayers, said the imam had just begun delivering a sermon when a tall man stood up.

"Then he took out a small rifle from under his jacket and started to shoot," he said.

Seconds later, the man shouted "God is Great" and detonated explosives strapped to his body, Jalal said.

An official with the Tal Afar hospital confirmed the casualty count. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to release the information to the media.

Last week, a Sunni cleric driving home after delivering a sermon in Saqlawayah, 75 km northwest of Baghdad, was killed by a bomb attached to his car. Earlier this week, the cleric who leads the biggest Sunni mosque in Baghdad was wounded in a similar bombing.

A Sunni cleric in Mosul was killed in September, also by a

bomb attached to his car.

DESTINATION DEATH al-Qaeda bus found in Iraq

AFP, Abu Ghraib

The bombers had done their work well, and the bus found at a farm west of Baghdad appeared quite normal. But this one had been modified by al-Qaeda to transport death.

The Abu Ghraib farmstead, 20 kilometres (12 miles) from the Iraqi capital, had been abandoned by its Shi'ite owners amid the wave of sectarian violence that swept through the country in 2006 and 2007.

That was when Sunni insurgents from al-Qaeda moved in and set up their bomb factory, by all appearances a professional operation in which attention to detail was paramount.

When Iraqi security forces swooped down on the farm, they uncovered everything the bombers required to transform the ordinary into the horrific.

In addition to explosives everywhere they found electrical wiring, portable telephones, and batteries -- everyday items that could, in the wrong hands, wreak havoc.



PHOTO: AFP
Pakistani security personnel secure the site of a suicide car bomb blast after an attack on a police building in Peshawar yesterday. A suicide car bomb tore through a police building in Pakistan yesterday, killing 13.



4 Americans killed in Afghan bombing

AP, Kabul

Four US service members were killed by a bomb blast, with two killed instantly and two later dying of their wounds Thursday, the US said in a statement. No further details were released.

The deaths bring to 25 the number of American service members killed in Afghanistan this month, according to an Associated Press count.

A UN-backed panel has completed most of its investigation into whether the level of fraud in Afghanistan's presidential election will require a runoff, a spokeswoman said

yesterday as the US military announced the killing of four more American troops.

Afghanistan's ambassador to the United States says he expects a second round vote will be required.

Rising death tolls and the political crisis brought on by a fraud-marred election have prompted President Barack Obama's administration to review its entire Afghanistan strategy. The White House is considering various options, including a sharp increase in the number of US troops here or shifting the focus to missile strikes and special operations raids against al-Qaeda members hiding in neighbouring Pakistan.

Global warming threatens Canada

AFP, Ottawa

Canadian rivers are at risk from a variety of environmental challenges, including global warming, expanding agriculture, the construction of hydro-electric dams and increased urban consumption of water, a study said Thursday. Although Canada holds the world's largest freshwater reserves in thousands of lakes and rivers, this could quickly change as demands for water increase exponentially, warned the authors of the World Wildlife Fund report.

The WWF examined 10 Canadian rivers and found some of them are "dangerously close to drying up."

It also outlined three main threats: changing precipitation patterns due to global warming, causing drought,

flooding and the melting of glaciers; growing demand for water by cities for agriculture and industries; and increased demand for low CO2-emitting hydroelectricity, which could alter river flows and damage ecosystems.

"The combined threats of climate change and growing demand for fresh water by cities, agriculture and industry are converging on Canada's rivers," Tony Maas, WWF Canada director of fresh water, said in a statement.

"Even seemingly remote northern waters like the Mackenzie (river) are at risk. As temperatures rise, and industrial water withdrawals and interest in hydropower increase, we must start planning now to protect river flows to ensure water security for the communities and economies that depend on them."

UN endorses Gaza report Israel urged to shun it

AFP, Geneva

The UN Human Rights Council on yesterday adopted a resolution that endorses a damning report accusing both Israel and Hamas of war crimes during the Gaza conflict.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has urged the UN Human Rights Council to reject on Friday a report accusing the Jewish state and Islamist Palestinian group Hamas of war crimes in the Gaza conflict.

With 25 states of the council voting for the resolution, six voting against and 11 abstaining, the "draft resolution ... is therefore adopted," said president of the Human Rights Council Alex Van Meeuwen.

The resolution calls for the endorsement of "the recommendations contained in the report" produced by a team led by international war

crimes prosecutor Richard Goldstone, which looked into a 22-day conflict ending in January that Israel launched in response to rocket fire from Gaza.

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"Responsible nations have to vote against this decision that supports terror and harms peace," Netanyahu told reporters late on Thursday after a meeting with visiting Spanish Prime Minister Jose

Luis Rodriguez Zapatero.

The special session on the human rights situation in the Palestinian territories and is to decide whether to endorse the report from the team led by former international war crimes prosecutor Richard Goldstone.

The probe said both Israel and Hamas, Gaza's rulers, committed war crimes and possible crimes against humanity during a 22-day conflict over the new year that Israel launched in response to rocket fire from the coastal enclave.

The conflict left 1,400 Palestinians and 13 Israelis dead.

Turkey insists Israel to end Gaza 'tragedy'

AFP, Ankara

Turkey urged Israel yesterday to end the "humanitarian tragedy" in Gaza, saying ties between the two allies cannot recover if Palestinian suffering continues and peace talks remain dead in the Middle East.

"Ending the humanitarian tragedy in Gaza, reviving peace efforts -- both on the Palestinian and Syrian track,

and most importantly -- re-instatement a prevailing spirit of peace in the region... this is what we want," Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu told reporters.

"When there is a return to the track of peace, these relations of trust (with Israel) will be re-established on the same level as before," he said.

Israel's ties with its chief regional ally took a sharp

downturn last week when Ankara excluded the Jewish state from annual joint military exercises, prompting a rebuke from the United States.

The row flared Thursday as Israel summoned the Turkish envoy to protest a Turkish state television series which it condemned as "inciting hatred against Israel" and "not worthy of being broadcast even in an enemy state."

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)			
1 Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare		
2 Agency	Improved Financial Management		
3 Procuring entity name	Joint Secretary (FMD), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare		
4 Procuring entity code	8500 (IFM-MoHFW)		
5 Procuring entity district	Dhaka		
6 Expression of interest for selection of	Hiring of Private Audit Firm for carrying out Internal Audit of HNPSP of MoHFW for the Financial Year ending on 30 June 2010		
7 EOI Ref. No.	MoHFW/FMAU/outsource audit/2009/2010		
8 Date	October 15, 2009		
9 Procurement method	Fixed budget		
10 Budget and source of funds	Improved Financial Management, MOHFW-OP (IDA Credit No. 4052 BD)		
11 Development Partners	IDA Pool Fund		
12 Project/Program code	8500 (IFM-MoHFW)		
13 Project/Program name	Improved Financial Management, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare		
14 EOI closing time, date and place of submission	November 02, 2009 at 3:00 pm c/o Team Leader, Management Support Agency (MSA), House # 15, Apt. 502, Road # 128, Gulshan 1, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh		
15 Brief description of assignment	Review of adequacy of internal control environment and system and tools, their compliance and effectiveness. This includes identification of specific weaknesses in the system.		
Assurances that all funds allocated for HNPSP are used for the purposes intended, properly accounted for and provide value for money			
Assurances that the organization's risks are being adequately managed and that controls are operated as intended			
Concrete recommendations on ways to improve internal controls			
Undertake a training programme to address the skill needs and enhance the capacity of the core audit and spot check team members of the MOHFW			
16 Experience, resources and delivery capacity required	Minimum 10(ten) years experience on audit, resources and delivering capacity.		
17 Other details requested	Interested firm(s) are invited to provide the following information:		
1. Background with brochures and area of expertise			
2. Description of similar assignment with documents			
3. Supporting documents of experience of the last 10 years and spell out professional capacity of staff, adequate and appropriate resources to carry out the assignment			
The firms are requested to submit TIN certificate and VAT registration certificate. Shortlisted qualified firms will be invited to submit proposals. Shortlisting and selection will be subject to the availability of funds.			
The firm will be selected in accordance with the PPR 2008.			
Request of Expression of Interest for above mentioned assignment to be clearly marked on the top cover. Those who have submitted EOI earlier need to submit a fresh EOI again.			
18 Association with foreign firm is	N.A.		
19 Ref No. / Phases of services	Location	Indicative start date	Indicative completion date
1 Start/Completion dates	Dhaka	15 December 2009	16 August 2010
2 Submission of inception report	Dhaka	Within one month of award of Contract	
3 Submission of interim report	Dhaka	30 April 2010	
4 Submission of final report	Dhaka	16 August 2010	
20 Name of official inviting EOI	Joint Secretary (FMD) & Line Director, Improved Financial Management		
21 Designation of official inviting EOI	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka		
22 Address of official inviting EOI	Tel: 8802 7161706 Fax: 02-7166669		
23 Contact details of official inviting EOI	E-mail: fmau@mhfw.gov.bd		
24 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOIs			

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) invites applications from the eligible candidates for the following post on contract basis:

SI #	Name of the post	No. of post	Educational qualification and experience
1.	Director (Accounts)	01 (one)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The candidate must have M.Com/BBA/MBA with major in Accounting with minimum age of 45 years. CA/ACMA will be preferred. Should have at least 10 years experience in senior position in any large national or multinational organization in the relevant field. Should be able to organize and manage cost control, budget and budgetary control and analysis of the financial performances. He/She shall coordinate the accounts and should be capable of handling all finance related issues and implement proper system for controlling and monitoring performances. Must be capable of preparing an annual business plan and must be capable of monitoring the same plan. Capable of handling independently overall accounting functions including payroll, banking, inventory control, hire purchase, installment sales, MIS and finalization of accounts, import and export procedure, direct/indirect taxes, VAT etc.

Salary will be finalized by negotiation. Interested candidates may apply with full Curriculum Vitae with 3 copies passport size recent photographs to the Chairman, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, 684-686, Bara Maghbazar, Dhaka-1217 on or before 30 October 2009. Departmental candidates may apply through proper channel. The candidates must attach Pay Order/Bank Draft of Tk. 200/- (two hundred) only (non-refundable) with their applications in favour of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and write the name of post on the envelope. The eligible candidates will be selected through an interview. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any applications.

Secretary General

Notice of Addendum of Tender/Request for Proposals for 530 MW Rental Power Plants

"বিদ্যুৎ সার্কুলেরি বাতি
ব্যবহার করুন"

Invitation Ref. No. 701-PDB (Sectett)/Dev-175/2009

Dated: 09-09-2009

1. Following words is to be added after the word "services" at 2nd line of Section-A 2(c) and 3rd line of 2.1 of form G-5 of RFP Volume-1 of 2
"or shall have experience in development, operation and maintenance of captive power plants".
2. Last selling date of RFP document shall be 28-10-2009 instead of 21-10-2009, tender closing date and time shall be 29-10-2009, 11.00 hrs instead of 22-10-2009 and opening date and time shall be 29-10-2009, 11.30 hrs.

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