



Iranians carry the coffin of General Nur-Ali Shushtari, deputy commander of the Revolutionary Guards forces and other members of the revolutionary guardians, killed two days ago, near the Pakistani border, during a funeral in Tehran outside the Revolutionary Guard garrison yesterday.

## Iran ramps up pressure on Pakistan over blast

AFP, Tehran

Iran ramped up pressure on Pakistan yesterday, saying the group accused of launching a deadly suicide attack in the Islamic republic is based on its territory, a charge strongly denied by Islamabad.

Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said that members of the group accused of carrying out the attack on the elite Revolutionary Guards in southeastern Iran regularly cross

the frontier between Pakistan and Iran.

"They cross into Iran illegally. They are based in Pakistan," Mottaki said without naming the group directly.

"The hands of those behind the crimes in southeast Iran must be cut."

Iran's Intelligence Minister Heyder Moslehi demanded that Pakistan "clarify" its position regarding the accused group. The shadowy Jundallah (Soldiers of God), a rebel Sunni group has claimed the bombing.

## Nuclear talks held up after Iran questions French role

AFP, Vienna

Nuclear talks between Iran and world powers were held up Tuesday after Iran said it did not want France to be part of any deal on uranium enrichment.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) did not say however why the second day of talks had been delayed, even though all the delegations had gathered at the UN watchdog's headquarters.

The new twist came after Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said France was not needed at the talks, which also involve Russia, the United States and IAEA officials.

Iran has told the IAEA it needs fuel for a

research reactor and a proposal has been made for Russia and France to enrich below-weapons grade uranium for Iran. Western powers want greater control of Iran's uranium, which they fear is being used to build a nuclear bomb.

"The agency contacted some countries and the United States and Russia accepted to participate in the negotiations to supply the fuel," Mottaki said in Tehran.

"The negotiations will be conducted with these two countries in the presence of the agency. We do not need a lot of fuel and we do not need the presence of many countries. There is no need for France to be present."

Delegations from France, Iran, Russia,

the United States and the IAEA had gathered in the room at the agency headquarters before deciding to delay the start.

The teams from Tehran and Paris appeared to make a point of leaving the room together.

France and diplomats at the talks played down suggestions that the delay was over the foreign minister's comments.

"It is a meeting of experts, in which we are participating," French foreign ministry spokesman Bernard Valero said in Paris. "The discussions are continuing."

"There are many technical parameters to take into account for the supply of nuclear fuel and we will see later which states will take part," Valero said.

## UNGA to debate Gaza war crimes report

AFP, New York

The UN General Assembly will debate this year a report accusing both Israel and Palestinian militants of war crimes during the conflict in Gaza that erupted at the end of 2008, an official said Monday.

Assembly president Ali Taha received the controversial report of a fact-finding mission led by international war crimes prosecutor Richard Goldstone on Friday with the recommendation that it be considered by the year-end, his spokesman Jean-Victor Nkolo said.

### News in Brief

#### Kyrgyz govt resigns

AFP, Bishkek

The government of the Central Asian country of Kyrgyzstan resigned on Tuesday after President Kurmanbek Bakiyev called for sweeping reforms, a government spokesman said.

"Today the full cabinet submitted its resignation in connection with President Bakiyev's government reform announced today," the spokesman, Marat Kadyraliyev, told AFP.

Bakiyev gave a speech earlier on Tuesday calling for a major restructuring of the Kyrgyz government.

Kyrgyzstan, an impoverished former Soviet republic, hosts an air base used by the United States military to supply international operations in Afghanistan, as well as a Russian military base.

#### Kenya building collapse kills 6

AFP, Nairobi

At least six people were killed and 17 others reported missing after a building under construction collapsed near the Kenyan capital Nairobi, officials said yesterday.

Some of those trapped inside the rubble had used their mobile phones to contact relatives, Kenya Red Cross spokesman Titus Mungou said.

"We still have hopes of rescuing more people alive," said Mungou.

## Killer algae is key player in mass extinction

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Washington

Super volcanoes and crashing asteroids corner all the horrific glory for mass extinction, but a new theory suggests lowly algae may be the killer behind the world's great species annihilations.

Today, just about anywhere there is water, there can be toxic algae. The microscopic plants usually exist in small concentrations, but a sudden warming in the water or an injection of dust or sediment from land can trigger a bloom that kills thousands of fish, poisons shellfish, or even humans.

James Castle and John Rodgers of Clemson University think the same thing happened during the five largest mass extinctions in earth's history.

Each time these catastrophes occurred, they found a spike in the number of fossil algae mats called stromatolites strewn around the planet.

## US base in Okinawa should stay: Gates

AP, Tokyo

US leaders expect Japan's new government to stick with already-forged agreements between the two nations, America's top defence official said Tuesday amid debate over whether to shutter a US military air field on Okinawa.

Pentagon chief Robert Gates did not specifically mention the controversy over the Futenma base, a major US Marines hub, during brief remarks with Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada.

But the defence secretary made clear that the Obama administration would frown on any action by Tokyo to block a new runway at another base on Okinawa when Futenma is closed.

"As your government exercises its new responsibilities, I want you to know the United States stands with you," Gates told Okada at the start of their half-hour meeting in Tokyo.

## Yudhoyono sworn in for second term

AFP, Jakarta

Liberal ex-general Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono was sworn in as Indonesia's president on Tuesday after winning a second five-year term with promises of economic growth and political reform.

The softly-spoken leader swore on the Koran, Islam's holy book, to uphold the constitution during a ceremony in the national assembly in Jakarta that was broadcast around the archipelago of 234 million people.

"By Allah I swear I will adhere to the constitution as faithfully as possible, and will commit myself to the country and the people," Yudhoyono said.



Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (C) gestures as Sultan Hasanol Bolkhah of Brunei (L) approaches First Lady Ani Yudhoyono (R) after Yudhoyono was sworn-in for a second presidential term at the Merdeka palace in Jakarta yesterday.

## Former nurse's aide in US becomes Ugandan king

AP, Kasese

For years, Charles Wesley Mumbere worked as a nurse's aide in Maryland and Pennsylvania, caring for the elderly and sick. No one there suspected that he had inherited a royal title in his African homeland when he was just 13.

On Monday, after years of political upheaval and financial struggle, Mumbere, 56, was finally crowned king of his people to the sound of drumbeats and thousands of cheering supporters wearing cloth printed with his portraits.

At a public rally later in the day, Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni officially recognized the 300,000-strong Rwenzururu Kingdom. Museveni restored the traditional kingdoms his predecessor banned in 1967, but has been adamant that kings restrict themselves to cultural duties and keep out of politics.

## Tender Notice for Interior Decoration & Furniture Works

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by Prime Bank Limited for the 'Interior Decoration & Furniture Works' of (i) Wari Branch, Dhaka, (ii) Jatrabari Branch, Dhaka & (iii) Sirajdikhan Branch, Munshigonj from the reputed and eligible Interior Contractor(s)/ Architectural & Engineering firms. Details of the notice are as follows.

- The interested bidders should fulfill the following minimum qualifications and requirements for their participation in the said tender.
  - Should have experience (minimum 10 years) in similar job of any Bank(s) Branch of minimum Tk.50.00 lac in a single tender.
  - Must have efficient technical team to execute the work within the stipulated time.
  - Should have valid Registration Certificate, updated VAT & Tax certificate, Trade License, TIN Number, and updated Bank Solvency Certificate.
- The bidder shall submit an application to the undersigned for participating in the tenders supported by documentary evidence like certificates (as mentioned in serial no.1 (i, ii, iii), year of establishment, list of key personnel, at least 2 (Two) completion/performance certificates of similar jobs etc. **at the time of receiving the Designs & Tender Documents from our end.** Tender documents & designs will be issued only after satisfactory verification of the above documentary evidences. The enlisted firms of category-F of Prime Bank Limited having minimum 5 (Five) years experience may receive the design & tender document through an application only.
- Each Tender document along with design & drawings for renovation, interior decoration & other related works of the following Branches will be available from the office of the undersigned on payment of **Tk.1,000.00** (Taka One Thousand) only in the form of pay order (non-refundable) favoring Prime Bank Limited issued by any of its branches during office hours (10:00 am to 4:00 pm) on all working days as per following schedule.

Sl.	Name of the Branches	Tender purchase date		Last date of submission
		from	to	
1.	Wari Branch, Dhaka	21.10.2009	27.10.2009	28.10.2009
2.	Jatrabari Branch, Dhaka	21.10.2009	27.10.2009	28.10.2009
3.	Sirajdikhan Branch, Munshigonj	21.10.2009	27.10.2009	28.10.2009

- No tender document will be issued after last date of purchase as mentioned above.
- The successful bidder must maintain the completion period as mentioned in the tender document.
- Each tender must be submitted in sealed envelope. Earnest money (refundable) equivalent to 2.5% of the quoted value of works in the form of pay order/bank draft in favor of Prime Bank Limited issued by any of its branches shall have to be furnished along with each tender document **without which the tender will be rejected out right.**
- The bidders must quote rates for items of works both in figures and in words clearly and legibly.
- The bidder must visit the site and get acquainted with the conditions & limitations of the site and the scope of works before submission of tender.
- Each tender to be submitted to the office of the undersigned latest by **16:00 hours** on aforesaid stipulated date and may be opened at 16:30 hours on the same day in presence of the participants or their representatives, if any.
- Prime Bank Management reserves the right to accept, modify or reject any or all the tenders or may divide the works amongst the participants without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) (RE-ADVERTISEMENT) PROMOTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING IN THE CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS (CHT)

The Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility (CHTDF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh, seeks proposals from interested and well qualified national/international NGOs/Organizations in response to the following RFP in the CHT.

**"RFP to operate Mobile Medical Teams/Satellite clinics in 4 Upazilas of Rangamati District"**  
Four Upazilas are Bilaichari, Rajasthali, Langadu and Jurachari.

The first advertisement was appeared in two national daily newspapers on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2009. All the bidders who submitted their proposals in response to that advertisement are requested to resubmit their proposals if they are willing to participate in this bidding. Only the proposals received in response to this advertisement will be considered for evaluation. The RFP is re-advertised because the first advertisement did not produce any responsive bid.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 at 3 pm at CHTDF, UNDP, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, IDB Bhaban, Dhaka.** Maximum two (2) participants from each organization are allowed.

The RFP along with the instructions for submission can be downloaded from UNDP website: [http://www.undp.org.bd/proc\\_more.php](http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_more.php)  
The deadline for submission of proposal is **29<sup>th</sup> October 2009 (Thursday) 05:00 pm (Local Time).**



Bangladesh

"বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে সশ্রমী হউন"

**Rural Electrification Board (REB)**  
**Request for Expression of Interest**  
**For selection of Pre-shipment Inspection Agent.**

- Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) has taken a program to procure and distribute 10.5 million Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) in high-energy demand areas of the country in exchange of incandescent lamps under the Efficient Lighting Initiatives of Bangladesh (ELIB).
- GOB has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of procuring 10.5 million CFLs and associated Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) services. An International Competitive Bidding has already been invited for procurement of 10.5 million CFLs:
  - Lot No. ELIB-1.1 for 3,300,000 Nos. CFL of 13~14 watts
  - Lot No. ELIB-1.2 for 3,000,000 Nos. CFL of 13~14 watts
  - Lot No. ELIB-1.3 for 2,200,000 Nos. CFL of 20~23 watts
  - Lot No. ELIB-1.4 for 2,000,000 Nos. CFL of 20~23watts.

The tender is expected to be awarded by mid-November 2009 with delivery at 'first carrier' in January 2010.
- The Rural Electrification Board (REB) now invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in providing the Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) services. The objective of the PSI services will be to ensure that all (either one or four different) manufacturer(s)/ supplier(s) under the above lots supply CFLs that are in compliance with the requirements of REB as mentioned in the technical specifications of the bidding document for procurement of CFLs (the bidding document is available at [www.reb.gov.bd](http://www.reb.gov.bd)).
- The services of the PSI agent will include sample collection from manufacturing batch/ consignment of CFL to be supplied to REB, sending the collected samples for tests at Efficient Lighting Initiative (ELI) certified test laboratory within the region of manufacturer/supplier's facility, and physical inspection prior to shipment of goods by the manufacturer(s)/supplier(s). A detailed TOR is available at the REB website ([www.reb.gov.bd](http://www.reb.gov.bd)).
- The service of the PSI agent is likely to commence in December 2009 and end in February 2010, with the pre-shipment inspection to be carried out before the delivery of shipment at the port of discharge.
- The PSI agent should be experienced and reputed in the similar field, have qualified inspectors, and presence of local offices with wide geographical spread around the globe. Interested firms should submit the following information in sufficient detail including brochures, description of experience in similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, summaries of firms' technical and managerial expertise, availability of resources and snapshots of relevant transactional experience etc. The EOIs would be reviewed on the basis of the following:
  - Registration of firm
  - Experience in Similar assignment and in similar conditions
  - Firm's technical and managerial expertise
  - Availability of resources
  - Support services of the firm(s)
- On preliminary selection, Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued to the selected short-listed firms for submission of offer in a single stage two envelope system on Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method mentioned in IDA Procurement Guide Line.
- Interested firms may obtain additional information and Application Form from the office at the address below during the office hours that is 0900 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday (application form also available at REB website [www.reb.gov.bd](http://www.reb.gov.bd). Expression of interest (3 copies) must be delivered to the address by 04<sup>th</sup> November 2009. This EOI document is also available at REB website [www.reb.gov.bd](http://www.reb.gov.bd).

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