

Draft agreement on Iran uranium deal on table

Says IAEA chief

AFP, Vienna

The UN's atomic watchdog yesterday handed Iran and world powers a draft deal that could dramatically ease tensions over the Islamic republic's controversial nuclear programme.

The agreement was drawn up after crunch talks between Iran, Russia, the United States and France, and has been sent to the capitals for approval by Friday, said Mohamed ElBaradei, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

ElBaradei declined to reveal any details about the draft document, but diplomats said it included demands that Iran ship out most of its stockpile of low-

enriched uranium for further processing by another country.

The US, Russia and France had insisted on the point, because it would allow fears that the uranium -- which Iran's hardline rulers have produced in defiance of the United Nations -- could be used to build an atomic bomb.

"I have circulated a draft agreement that reflects in my judgment a balanced approach on how to move forward," ElBaradei told reporters.

"The deadline for parties to give, I hope, affirmative action is Friday."

"I would cross my fingers that by Friday we should have an OK and an approval by all the parties concerned."

Russia, France and the US have all been pushing Iran to move forward an agreement -- reached in principle in Geneva on October 1 -- under which Tehran would ship 1,200 kilograms of its own stockpiled uranium to Russia, and subsequently France, by the end of the year.

But ElBaradei did not reveal whether Iran had finally agreed to that key point after three days of talks in Vienna. Tehran had also made it clear that it did not want France to be part of any deal.

Iran has also insisted it wants to master the entire nuclear fuel cycle itself, rejecting past offers for the ultra-sensitive enrichment process to be conducted abroad.



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Mohammed El Baradei briefs media persons after the meeting of representatives from France, Iran, Russia and the United States at Agency's headquarters in Vienna yesterday.

6 hostages freed from Paris supermarket

AFP, Paris

Six supermarket employees were taken hostage by armed robbers in a store near Paris on Wednesday before being released unharmed and their two captors detained, police said.

Some 200 police deployed around the LIDL discount store in an industrial zone in Sevran north of Paris after it was attacked just before 8:00 am (0600 GMT) by thieves who took five women and a man hostage.

One of the attackers, a 25-year-old man, was armed with a automatic pistol and a canister of tear gas, said the police prefecture in nearby Sevran.

But the Paris management of the German supermarket chain confirmed none of the hostages had been hurt.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Three terrorists killed in Kashmir

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Jammu

At least three terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Mahre forests in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir early Wednesday morning, police said.

Acting on a tip off, the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Indian Army launched a joint operation in Mahre forests, where a group of Hizb-ul-Mujahadeen terrorists were hiding. Three terrorists were killed in the gun-battle.

Maoists blow up Bihar school

ANI, Banka

Maoists blew up a state-run primary school in Gerua village in Bihar's Banka District on Wednesday morning.

According to police, the incident took place at around 2:30 a.m. when a group of Maoists surrounded the building. They used dynamite to trigger the blast.

The roof of the three-room school caved in due to the explosion.

Senior officials are at the site and a search operation is underway for those responsible for the blast.



US President Barack Obama (R) shakes hands with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki on Tuesday at the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

Iraqi MPs fail to reach accord on election law

AFP, Baghdad

Iraqi MPs failed yesterday to agree on a new electoral law intended to establish more transparency for general elections due in January because of a stalemate over the oil-rich province of Kirkuk.

The latest in a series of delays has cast doubt on whether the poll, the second national vote since the overthrow of dictator Saddam Hussein in the US-led invasion of 2003, can be held on January 16 as scheduled.

Parliamentary speaker Iyad al-Samarrai told reporters the issue had been referred to a senior political council made up of Prime Minister

Nuri al-Maliki, President Jalal Talabani and the leaders of major political parties.

"Opinion of some political parties became more intransigent, and this made an agreement impossible," said Samarrai, adding that lawmakers would vote on the law on Monday if the council came up with a proposal by Sunday.

"The subject became bigger than the parliament and there was no way to negotiate."

The delay to the law was triggered by failed negotiations relating to the oil-rich province of Kirkuk, an ethnically-mixed province in northern Iraq which Kurdish leaders want incorporated into the autonomous Kurdistan region.

India, China strike accord on climate change

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Even as a consensus eluded on a global deal to tackle climate change, Asian giants India and China yesterday signed an agreement for setting up a Joint Working Group to exchange views on the issue.

The Joint Working Group (JWG), which will hold meetings alternately in China and India every year, is also expected to discuss respective domestic policies and measures and implementation of related cooperative projects relating to global warming.

The JWG is part of the steps of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to boost cooperation on climate change issues signed by Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh and China's Vice Chairman of National Development and Reform Commission Xie Zhenhua here.

Ramesh said the MoA was first of its kind for both China and India and the cooperation has fructified within a span of less than a month.

US won't accept nuclear N Korea, says Gates

AP, Seoul

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates said Wednesday the United States will never accept a North Korea with atomic bombs, saying the communist regime poses threats "even more lethal and destabilizing" than before.

Gates arrived in Seoul on Wednesday for a two-day visit for annual defence ministers' talks with South Korea after a stop in Tokyo.

"There should be no mistaking that we do not today nor will we ever accept a North Korea with nuclear weapons," Gates told a group of American and South Korean troops at the US military

headquarters in central Seoul.

Gates said "the peril posed by the North Korean regime" has become "even more lethal and destabilizing."

He said the US is firmly committed to providing South Korea with deterrence against those threats "with the full range of military might, from the nuclear umbrella to conventional strike and missile defence capabilities."

The US keeps about 28,500 troops in South Korea to help defend the Asian ally against the North.

North Korea's nuclear and missile programmes have long been a key source of security concern in the region.

US lawmakers urge Obama to use Iran sanction powers

AFP, Washington

Fifty US lawmakers urged President Barack Obama on Tuesday to slap sanctions on foreign firms with investments of more than 20 million dollars in Iran's energy sector as called for under US law.

The group's letter to Obama came as talks between Iran and world powers, aimed at easing fears over the Islamic republic's suspect nuclear

drive, made slower-than-hoped-for progress in Vienna.

"As you continue to engage the Iranian government in negotiations about their nuclear programme, we urge you to prepare other measures that can be used if diplomacy cannot resolve this conflict," wrote the lawmakers, led by Republican Representative Mark Kirk and Democratic Representative Ron Klein.

The Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 calls for the president to punish non-US firms that invest more than 20 million dollars in Iran's energy sector,

but gives the White House the power to waive the sanctions.

Obama, like former presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, has used that authority, even as US firms are barred from doing business with Tehran.

The legislation requires the president to pick two of a menu of sanctions, including denying US bank loans of more than 10 million dollars in one year, a ban on US government contracts, or restrictions on imports.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ সরকারি কর্ম কমিশন সচিবালয়

পুরাতন বিমান বন্দর ভবন

তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২১৫

বিজ্ঞাপন

নং-বাসককস/ডিউ-১০/সঃ নিঃ-১/২০০৮(অংশ-২)/৯৪

তারিখঃ ১৮/১০/২০০৯খ্রিঃ

বিষয়ঃ পরিবেশ ও বন মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধীন সহকারী প্রোগ্রামার পদের সম্মিলিত রচনামূলক লিখিত পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ প্রসংগে।

সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, পরিবেশ ও বন মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধীন সহকারী প্রোগ্রামার পদের ২০০ নম্বরের সম্মিলিত রচনামূলক লিখিত পরীক্ষা নিম্নোক্ত সময়সূচি ও আসনবাহী অনুযায়ী অনুষ্ঠিত হবেঃ

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পরীক্ষার্থীদের জন্য লিখিত পরীক্ষা সম্পর্কিত নির্দেশাবলীঃ

- প্রার্থীদেরকে বাংলা, ইংরেজি, সাধারণজ্ঞান এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট পদের জন্য প্রাসঙ্গিক টেকনিক্যাল বিষয়াদি বিষয়ের ২০০ নম্বরের ৩ ঘণ্টার একটি সম্মিলিত রচনামূলক লিখিত পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে।
- লিখিত পরীক্ষার জন্য প্রাথমিকভাবে যোগ্য প্রার্থীকে নিকট ভাকযোগে প্রবেশপত্র প্রেরণ করা হয়েছে। প্রার্থীদেরকে প্রবেশপত্রসহ পরীক্ষার হলে উপস্থিত হতে হবে। প্রবেশপত্র হারা কোন প্রার্থীকে পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে দেয়া হবে না।
- পরীক্ষার নির্ধারিত সময়ের অন্ততঃ ১৫ মিনিট পূর্বে আসন গ্রহণ করতে হবে। পরীক্ষা শুরু হবার ১৫ মিনিট পর কোন পরীক্ষার্থীকে পরীক্ষা কক্ষে প্রবেশ করতে দেয়া হবে না। পরীক্ষা শুরু হওয়ার পর ১ ঘণ্টা পূর্বে কোন পরীক্ষার্থীর পরীক্ষা কক্ষ ত্যাগ করা নিষিদ্ধ।
- পরীক্ষার সময় প্রার্থীদের একই সাথে ৪টি বিষয়ের জন্য ৪টি উত্তরপত্র প্রদান করা হবে। প্রার্থীগণ বাংলা, ইংরেজি, সাধারণজ্ঞান ও টেকনিক্যাল বিষয়াদি এর উত্তর প্রদানের জন্য ভিন্ন ভিন্ন উত্তরপত্র ব্যবহার করবেন। একই উত্তরপত্রে একাধিক বিষয়ের উত্তর প্রদান করা যাবে না। উত্তর প্রদান করলে উত্তরপত্র বাতিল হবে।
- প্রার্থীকে কলম বা বল পেনসিল কলম সাথে আনতে হবে।
- পরীক্ষা কক্ষে ব্যাগ, বইপত্র, মোবাইল ফোন আনা এবং কোন প্রকার যোগাযোগ যন্ত্র বহন করা সম্পূর্ণ নিষিদ্ধ। তবে পরীক্ষার হলে সাধারণ ক্যালকুলেটর ব্যবহার করা যাবে।
- হাজিরা তালিকা, উত্তরপত্র এবং অন্যান্য কাগজপত্র পরীক্ষার্থীর হাফের একই রকম হওয়া প্রয়োজন।
- পরীক্ষা কক্ষে কোন প্রকার অসামু পত্রা অবলম্বন এবং অশোভন আচরণের অভিযোগে সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রার্থীর বিরুদ্ধে যে কোন প্রকার শাস্তিমূলক ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণের ক্ষমতা কমিশন সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- যোগ্য কোন প্রার্থী প্রবেশপত্র না পেয়ে থাকলে তাকে ৩, ৪ এবং ৫ নভেম্বর, ২০০৯ তারিখ অফিস সময়ের মধ্যে ২ কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবিসহ কমিশন সচিবালয়ের ঢাকা প্রদান কার্যালয়ের ইউনিট-১০ এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করে ডুপ্লিকেট প্রবেশপত্র সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।
- পরীক্ষা শেষ হওয়ার পর পরিদর্শকগণ উত্তরপত্র সংগ্রহ না করা পর্যন্ত পরীক্ষার্থীগণ নিজ নিজ আসনে অবস্থান করবেন। পরিদর্শকগণ বিষয়ভিত্তিক উত্তরপত্র গণনা করে বুকে নেয়ার পর পরীক্ষার্থীগণ কক্ষ ত্যাগ করবেন।
- লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের ফলাফল পরবর্তীতে পত্রিকায় প্রকাশ করা হবে। লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে। নিম্নে পরীক্ষার হল ও আসনবাহী প্রদান করা হলোঃ

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পরিচালক

ফোনঃ ৯১১৭৪৬

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BPDB's Local Tender Notice

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB).
3	Procuring entity name	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Tender invitation for	Procurement of Earth Wire and Guy Wire.
7	Invitation Ref No.	Pur-128/Rev/Earth&Guy Wire/2009
8	Date	13-10-2009.
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	BPDB'S Revenue Budget (Local).
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Director, Electrical Equipment, BPDB, Dhaka.
14	Tender package no.	GDL-27 (FY: 2009-10).
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Earth Wire and Guy Wire.
16	Tender publication date	13-10-2009.
17	Tender selling date	20-10-2009 to 17-11-2009.
18	Tender closing date and time	18-11-2009 at 11.00am.
19	Tender opening date and time	18-11-2009 at 11.30am.
20	Name & address of the office	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
	-Selling tender document (principal)	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
	Selling tender document (others)	N/A
	Receiving tender document	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
	Opening tender document	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	N/A
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of tenderer	Renowned local manufacturer/supplier.
23	Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of Earth Wire and Guy Wire.
24	Brief description of related services	N/A
25	Price of tender document (BDT)	Tk 3,000.00 (three thousand) (non-refundable) in shape of Pay-Order from schedule bank.
26	Identification of lot	Location of delivery Tender security amount in Tk Completion of time in days/weeks/months
	Lot-1 Procurement of Earth Wire	Tongi Store Tk 1,50,000/- 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of contract sign.
	Lot-2 Procurement of Guy Wire	Tongi Store 1,30,000/- 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of contract sign.
27	Validity of tender	120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of opening of tender.
28	Validity of tender security	148 (one hundred forty-eight) days from the date of opening of tender.
29	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Abdul Wahed.
30	Designation of official inviting tender	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
31	Address of official inviting tender	WAPDA Building (9 th floor), Motijheel C/A, BPDB, Dhaka.
32	Contact detail of official inviting	Tel: + 88 02 9550532, 7120887, Fax No. + 88 02 7126151
33	Special instructions	Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected, and returned unopened to the tenderer. The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders at any time prior to contract award.
34	This tender will be performed according to "The Public Procurement Rules-2008".	
	Md. Abdul Wahed Director (Incharge) Directorate of Purchase BPDB, Dhaka	

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New method to keep fruit, vegetables fresh for longer periods

ANI, Washington

A Georgia State University professor in the US has developed an innovative new way to keep fruit, vegetables and flowers fresh for longer periods of time.

Microbiologist George Pierce's method uses a naturally occurring microorganism - no larger than the width of a human hair - to induce enzymes that extend the ripening time of fruits and vegetables, and keeps the blooms of flowers fresh.

The process does not involve genetic engineering or pathogens, but involves microorganisms known to be associated with plants, and are considered to be helpful

and beneficial to them.

"These beneficial soil microorganisms serve essentially the same function as eating yogurt as a probiotic to have beneficial organisms living in the gastrointestinal system," Pierce said.

The process works by manipulating the organism's diet so that it will over express certain enzymes and activities that work in the ripening process and keeping the flower blooms fresh.

Pierce analogises this to using diet and exercise to improve the performance of an athlete.

"We change the diet of the organism, and we can change its performance," Pierce said.

Turkey hails 'surrender' of PKK rebels

AFP, Diyarbakir

Turkey on Tuesday hailed the "surrender" of Kurdish rebels in support of plans to end a 25-year conflict as thousands greeted militants released after more than 24 hours of questioning.

Rebel commanders insisted that they were not giving up arms yet and would fight on to achieve their rights a day after a 34-strong "peace group" of militants and sympathizers came in from Iraq carrying a list of proposals to end the violence.

Prosecutors initially released 25 of the group -- most of them Turkish Kurdish refugees -- pending trial on charges of links to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and asked a court to put five others under formal arrest on similar charges. Muharem Erbey, a lawyer following the proceedings, said.

The judge, however, also released them pending trial, he told AFP, adding that the four children who came with the group were not questioned.



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 3 Upazilas of Bandarban District"

Three Upazilas are Ruma, Thanchi and Alikadam.

The first advertisement was appeared in two national daily newspapers on Tuesday, 11th 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, 25th October, 2009 at 3 pm at CHTDF, UNDP, 7th 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

The deadline for submission of proposal is **31st October 2009 (Saturday) 05:00 pm (Local Time).**