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People negotiate a flooded railway track in the central Vietnamese province of Binh Dinh on Monday after the passage of tropical storm Mirinae, which has killed at least 40 people and left two missing after slamming into coastal central Vietnam.

N Korea raises threat to get US into direct talks

AP, Seoul

North Korea said yesterday that it has completed reprocessing thousands of spent nuclear fuel rods to extract plutonium to bolster its atomic stockpile, raising the stakes in an apparent effort to get the US into direct negotiations.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency said in a dispatch that the country finished reprocessing 8,000 spent fuel rods, which experts say yields enough plutonium for at least one atomic bomb.

The North is believed to already be in possession of enough plutonium to make at least half a dozen nuclear weapons. The latest announcement raises concern that the regime could enlarge its atomic stockpile.

The announcement came a day after North Korea's Foreign Ministry pressured Washington to accept its demand for direct nuclear talks.

North Korea restarted its once-mothballed nuclear facilities at its Yongbyon complex in April in anger over a UN rebuke of its rocket launch, which was denounced as a test of its long-range missile technology. It has also kicked out international nuclear monitors before conducting nuclear and missile tests.

In September, the North said it was in the final stage of reprocessing spent fuel rods. The North claimed at the time that it succeeded in uranium enrichment which would give the communist regime a second way of building atomic bombs.

Fiji expels NZ, Australian envoys

AP, Suva

Fiji's military leader Voreqe Bainimarama yesterday ordered the Australian and New Zealand envoys to leave within 24 hours over alleged interference in Fiji's judiciary.

"I have told the minister of foreign affairs to issue communications to the Australian and New Zealand governments that their respective heads of missions are to be recalled within 24 hours," Bainimarama said in a televised address.

"I have also informed them our high commissioner (ambassador) in Australia is to be recalled with immediate effect."

China ramps up anti-terror fight in Muslim region

AP, Beijing

Police in China's far west have launched a crackdown on terrorism and stepped up a hunt for suspects who took part in deadly ethnic riots there four months ago, the regional public security ministry said yesterday.

The "Strike Hard" campaign is to run from November through the end of the year and will cover all of the remote Xinjiang region, with police on high alert for terror plots, the ministry said in a faxed statement.

Hundreds have already been arrested and nine people sentenced to death following the July 5 riots, which saw Uighurs (WEE'-gurs) attacking Han Chinese in the regional capital of Urumqi. Nearly 200 people were killed in those attacks and in the revenge killings of Uighurs by Han Chinese in the days that followed.

Uighurs are a Turkic Muslim ethnic group linguistically and culturally distinct from China's majority Han. The Uighurs see Xinjiang as their homeland and resent the millions of Han Chinese who have poured into the region in recent decades. A simmering separatist campaign has occasionally boiled over into violence in the past 20 years.

China says overseas Uighur separatists orchestrated the riots to worsen ethnic divisions and bolster their campaign for independence but the government has provided little evidence to back up its claim.

Pressure builds on Iran to accept nuclear deal

AFP, Vienna

World powers turned up the heat on Iran to accept a UN-brokered nuclear deal, with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton saying Tehran was at a "pivotal moment" to show it did not want to be isolated.

As Iran said it wanted a review of the proposed deal, Britain and Russia urged it to accept the offer and France warned against "delaying tactics."

Pressure on the Islamic republic increased as Iran also indicated it prefers to buy nuclear fuel supplies directly rather than send its own uranium abroad for further enrichment.

Tehran's close ally Moscow urged acceptance of the high-profile proposal, which aims to apply the brakes to Iran's galloping nuclear programme.

"This is a pivotal moment for Iran," Hillary said. "Acceptance fully of this proposal would be a good indication that

Iran does not wish to be isolated and does wish to cooperate.

"We urge Iran to accept the proposal... (that) they agreed to in principle," she said, adding that Gulf states were closely monitoring "the developments in Iran because they will be the ones to feel the first effects of what Iran does or does not do."

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Mohamed ElBaradei called on Iran to "to be as forthcoming as possible in responding soon to my recent proposal," and also appealed for all sides to make compromises.

Iran's Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki, visiting Malaysia, called for a review of the proposed deal.

"We have considered this proposal, we have some technical and economic considerations on that," he told reporters.

"Two days ago we passed our views and observations to the IAEA, so it is very

much possible to establish a technical commission to review and reconsider all these issues."

Mottaki added that Iran will "continue enrichment" of uranium for nuclear power stations requiring fuel.

Earlier Ali Asghar Soltanieh, Iran's envoy to the IAEA, told AFP in Vienna: "We are ready to buy the fuel from any supplier under the full surveillance of the IAEA, as we bought from Argentina about 20 years ago with the cooperation of the IAEA."

He did not clarify whether Iran was rejecting the UN draft plan, which proposes shipping Tehran's low-enriched uranium (LEU) abroad for further processing and conversion into fuel.

On the other hand supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Tuesday that Iran will reject any dialogue if its outcome is pre-determined by Washington, raising the possibility of a mooted nuclear fuel deal may be derailed.



PHOTO: AFP
US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Kuwaiti Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sabah Al-Sabah (L) and Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al-Khalifa (R) attend a meeting in Marrakech on Monday. Hillary met her counterparts on the sidelines of the Sixth Future Forum, organised by Morocco and Italy.

HILLARY COMMENT ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENT

Palestinians downbeat despite US backtracking

AFP, Jerusalem

The Palestinians remained pessimistic about the likelihood of relaunching peace talks with Israel despite US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's attempt to clarify earlier remarks about settlements.

During a visit to Morocco, Hillary told Arab leaders that Washington remained opposed to all Israeli settlement activity after she had praised an Israeli offer to ease construction as "unprecedented" during a visit to Jerusalem.

Palestinian foreign minister Riyad Al-Malki said Monday he was "satisfied" with Clinton's clarifications, but the Palestinian Authority (PA) insisted on Tuesday it would

not relaunch talks without a complete settlement freeze.

"Clinton's backtracking on her remarks, especially with regard to the partial freeze of settlements, is not sufficient to restart negotiations with Israel," PA spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeina told AFP.

The administration must compel Israel to halt all settlements in the Palestinian territories, including natural growth and settlement activity in east Jerusalem."

The Palestinian press remained intensely pessimistic that US President Barack Obama would follow through on his demand that Israel halt settlement activity, seen as the main obstacle to relaunching the peace process.

Ethiopian desert rift likely the beginning of new sea

ANI, Washington

Scientists from several countries have confirmed that the volcanic processes at work beneath the Ethiopian rift are nearly identical to those at the bottom of the world's oceans, and the rift is indeed likely the beginning of a new sea.

The new study suggests that the highly active volcanic boundaries along the edges of tectonic ocean plates may suddenly break apart in large sections, instead of little by little as has been predominantly believed.

In addition, such sudden large-scale events on land pose a much more serious hazard to populations living near the rift than would several smaller events, according to Cindy Ebinger, professor of earth and environmental sciences at the University of Rochester and co-author of the study.

"This work is a breakthrough in our understanding of continental rifting leading to the creation of new ocean basins," said Ken Macdonald, professor emeritus in the Department of Earth Science at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and who is not affiliated with the research.

"For the first time, they demonstrate that activity on one rift segment can trigger a major episode of magma injection and associated deformation on a neighbouring segment. Careful study of the 2005 mega-dike intrusion and its aftermath will continue to provide extraordinary opportunities for learning about continental rifts and mid-ocean ridges," he added.

Atalay Ayele, professor at the Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, led the investigation, painstakingly gathering seismic data surrounding the 2005 event that led to the giant rift opening more than 20 feet in width in just days.

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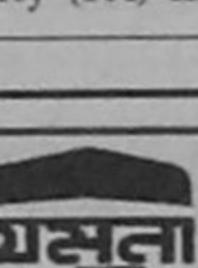
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মহাব্যবস্থাপনক (রাবার)



Jamuna Oil Company Limited

(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)

Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad, Chittagong

Appointment Notice

Name of the post	No. of post	Duration of contract	Compensation package/salary & allowance per month	Qualification and experience	Age
Head of the Department DGM (Finance) DGM (Audit)	01 01	Initially for a period of 2 (two) years. But renewable subject to satisfactory performance	Consolidated salary Tk. 1,00,000/- (one lac) per month which is inclusive of house rent, medical allowances & transportation. Income Tax will have to pay by the employee. Leave (sick & casual) as per company's rule. Two annual bonus in a year will be provided at the rate of 40% of consolidated salary. No other benefits will be provided	Candidate should be qualified Chartered Accountant (FCA) with at least 7 (seven) years of practical experience after having Chartered Accountancy certificate in senior position of large govt/semi-govt/autonomous/ industrial/commercial/multinational organization	50 years (maximum)

Duties & responsibilities:

DGM (Finance): Will be the Chief of Finance of the company reporting to the Managing Director. He will be responsible for the overall financial management of the company including treasury functions, financial and management accounting, costing and taxation. Other field of important activities will include maintaining computerised billing and management accounting system, negotiations with financial institutions for commercial credits, foreign exchange transactions and development of an internal system of delegation of financial powers.

DGM (Audit): Will be the Chief of Audit of the company reporting to the Managing Director. He will be responsible for the functional area of accounting and auditing management and will be entrusted with the responsibility to assist the audit committee and the management of JOCL in the effective discharge of their responsibilities by providing an independent, objective and critical review of the business including financial discipline, accounting system, management process, internal control system, risk identification, mitigation and management.

Interested candidates may apply with their detail CV and two copies of recent passport size photograph, attested copies of all academic and experience certificates to the Deputy General Manager (Personnel), Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. The application should reach to the mentioned address at the latest by 24-11-2009. Any persuasion will disqualify the candidature. Please mention the position applied for on top of the envelope. GD-4981

Invitation for Tenders (IFT)

Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide contractors/construction firms for re-construction, renovation & vertical extension of existing RCC boundary wall at Bangladesh Bank Colony, Faridabad, Dhaka. Necessary information are given below:

- 01 Procuring entity : Common Services Department, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
- 02 Source of funds : Bangladesh Bank.
- 03 Invitation for tender No. : CSD-34/2009.
- 04 Method of procurement : Open tendering method (OTM).
- 05 Eligibility of tenderer : This invitation for tender is open to all (except tenderers from Israel) eligible contractors/constructions firms who have satisfactorily completed at least 02 (two) works of similar nature worth not less than Taka 30.00 (thirty) lac in a single contract, in any government/semi-government/autonomous organization/firms registered with Joint Stock Companies of Bangladesh during the last 5 (five) years. The tenderers shall have to furnish certificates in this respect from officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent. Tenderers shall have to fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the tender data sheet & other terms and conditions of the tender documents.
- 06 Name & address of the offices selling tender document : i) Common Services Department, CR & D Section (1st floor of 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
- 07 Name & address of the offices receiving tender document : ii) General Manager, Common Services Department (Civil Engineering Section, 6th floor of 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
- 08 Last date and time for selling tender document : 24/11/2009 during office hours.
- 09 Last date and time for submission of tender document : 25/11/2009 up to 2-30pm.
- 10 Date, time and