THE WORLD



Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse (R) introduces outgoing Sri Lankan Chief of Defence Staff General Sarath Fonseka (L) to visiting Myanmar leader Than Shwe (C) at the Bandaranaike International airport in Colombo yesterday. Sri Lanka's top general, Sarath Fonseka, who is widely tipped to challenge President Mahinda Rajapakse in elections next year, submitted his resignation as chief of defence staff after a ceremony welcoming Myanmar's junta leader at the airport.

Lanka's top general Lanka quits military

AFP, Colombo

Fonseka, the architect of the army's victory over Tamil more ceremonial position, source said.

Fonseka, who is widely tipped to challenge President Mahinda Rajapakse in elections next year, submitted his staff after a ceremony welcoming Myanmar's junta leader at the airport, the source said.

expects the government to ensure his security because he was the main figure responsible for crushing Tamil Tigers,"

located to the south of the

bridge, He offered Tk 30, 000.

The contractor has to com-

plete sand removal within 15

A BIWTA assistant engineer

Under the auction deal, the

will be engaged to supervise

bidders will remove the sand

piled up on the riverside nar-

rowing down the width of the

river. The bidders will take the

the four-member auction

committee and eviction drive.

The authorities, during an

the sand removal work.

sand away.

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the source close to him said. Fonseka, 58, the country's junta chief

Sri Lanka's top general, Sarath only four-star general, has been at loggerheads with the : AFP, Colombo government in recent rebels who was switched to a months after he was; Myanmar's junta leader removed as army chief and : General Than Shwe arrived in quit Thursday, a military made chief of defence staff, : Sri Lanka on a state visit responsibilities.

There was no immediate : honour. word from the government.

resignation as chief of defence visit to the United States last : Shwe at Bandaranaike month that he was willing to : International Airport, before shed his uniform and take up : the Myanmar general was "He gave his letter of resig- of the decades-old separatist: to hold talks, officials said. nation this afternoon and conflict to ensure economic : Sri Lanka and Myanmar

The source said he had : Buddhism and have had asked for his resignation to be cultural and religious ties effective from December 1.

eviction drive on October 20,

removed around thirty make-

shift structures from the west

bank of Shitalakhya and

ordered unauthorised sand

traders to remove earth within

two days. They did not pay any

demarcated the river areas

with concrete pillars where

erecting any kind of structures

tified around 60 unauthorised

destroying the river and its

Narayanganj district withinaweek.

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The authorities have iden-

are illegal.

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Narayanganj Executive sand traders who have long

Magistrate Shamsúzzoha led been doing illegal business

The authorities also

welcomes Myanmar

which has no command: Thursday to be greeted by a 21-gun salute and guard of

President Mahinda Fonseka declared during a: Rajapakse welcomed Than "social work" if politicians did : driven to the pilgrim town of not take advantage of the end: Kandy, where the two are due

: both practise Theravada : since the 11th century.

against 53 encroachers

eviction drive at the foot of

Kanchpur Bridge following

massive media reports on

encroachment and unauthor-

ised sand trading on the flood

BIWTA entered into a 30-day

contract with Maria Traders, a

sand extraction company, for

sand removal but the contrac-

tor retreated from the job

Soon after the media report

plains of the river.

BIWTA on July 9 began an

around three months back.

Fresh drive starts to free Shitalakhya administration filed a case

> The lone gas-fired power plant will be set up in Ghorashal with 200 MW capacity. In this project, only two power companies submitted their bids -- South African Entrerrios and Chinese North East Electric Power.

> In the Gopalganj 100 MW dual-fuel plant, three companies submitted bids --Entrerrios, Korean Hyundai and local Energypac. PDB sources say the readout price offer of Hyundai was found

> a single company China National Electric Ware & Cable Corp for Baghabari 50 MW and Daudkandi 50 MW

Iran mission official shot dead in Pakistan

Seven 'plotting attacks' in Karachi detained

AFP, Peshawar

Gunmen shot dead a Pakistani spokesman for the Iranian consulate at point blank range as he set off for work in the northwestern city of suicide attack that killed 42 people, including Peshawar yesterday, police said.

Attackers targeted Abu Al-Hasan Jaffry, Guard. director of public relations and protocol at the consulate in Peshawar, shortly after he left home in his car, senior police official Nisar Marwat told AFP. Bullet holes punctured his car, sending

shards of glass on to the road, according to television footage from Peshawar, which has international community. been hit by a wave of attacks.

United States but the motive for the attack was not immediately clear.

Security officials said they suspected those responsible were part of the same group behind kidnappings last year in Peshawar of an Iranian diplomat and Afghanistan's ambassador-designate, and the killing of a US develop-

Energypac was found as the

Hyundai, Dong Feng.

Daewoo and Energypac filed

bids for in Shantahar 50 MW

project where Energypac's

offer was primarily found to

bidders are Hyundai, Dong

Feng, Energypac and

Daewoo and the lowest read-

out price offer was made by

Sumec Group of China filed

bids for Bera (Pabna) 70 MW

project and the offer of Sumec

project, Enterrious, Guang

Dong Power of China and

Elsewedy submitted bids, In

Dohazari 100 MW, the partic-

ipants are Entrerrious and

The PDB aims at complet-

ing the tender evaluation

process within 45 days from

running behind schedule

with the evaluation of eight

rental power projects in

which 63 offers were

complete the evaluation

within three days or the first

week of November. Sources

say the evaluation would not

The PDB had targeted to

dropped.

Guang Dong Power.

In Hathazari 100 MW

came out to be the lowest.

Hyundai, Energypac and

In Faridpur 50 MW, the

Egyptian Elsewedy,

ment worker.

Relations between Iran and Pakistan are warm but tensions rose last month when Tehran blamed Pakistan-based militants for a 15 members of Iran's elite Revolutionary

Iran's foreign ministry condemned Jaffry's assassination.

The US embassy in Islamabad condemned Thursday's assassination, which it said "represents a new tactic by extremists hoping to isolate Pakistan from its supporters in the

Meanwhile, Pakistani police said they The killing was condemned by Iran and the arrested seven suspected Taliban militants on Thursday accused of plotting suicide attacks in the nation's financial capital Karachi.

"We have arrested seven men and recovered four explosive-filled jackets and detonators," city police chief Waseem Ahmed told a news conference. A large quantity of explosives were also seized in the Thursday raid, he added.



Obama tops Forbes list of world's most powerful people

AFP, Washington

The leader of a Mexican drug cartel made Forbes' magazines list of the world's most powerful people, well ahead of France's President Nicolas Sarkozy and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

The magazine's list of the world's most powerful persons was led by President Barack Obama, followed by China's President Hu Jintao, and Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

Joaquin "Chapo" Guzman, head of the feared Sinaloa cartel, was number 41 on the Forbes list, published Thursday on the business magazine's website.

The magazine said he was believed to have shipped between six and 19 billion dollars worth of cocaine to the United States over the last eight years, using elaborate tunnels to evade border controls.

Poor response to PDB

lowest.

be the lowest.

Energypac.

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port city of Karachi.

was hard or discouraging for investors.

FRENCH SUB DEAL

'Zardari got

kickbacks'

PTI, Paris/Islamabad

\$4.3million in

Pakistan President Asif Ali

Zardari allegedly received

millions of dollars in kick-

backs for the purchase of three

French submarines for the

Pakistani Navy in 1994, a

by it, the daily 'Liberation' in

Tuesday's edition claimed

Zardari received \$4.3 million

in kickbacks from the sale of

three Agosta-90 submarines

for 825 million euros (cur-

In addition, the daily said

investigators believed that the

non-payment of the full

amount of the agreed kick-

backs might have led to the

deaths of 11 French nationals

in a 2002 terror attack in the

rently \$1.23 billion).

Citing documents acquired

French daily has reported.

To participate in this tender, bidders have submitted \$1 million bid bond for the 200 MW power plant, \$300,000 for 100 MW plant, \$240,000 for a 70 MW plant and \$150,000 for a 50 MW plant.

The payment term is hard and does not give investors confidence about timely payment of investment, comments an executive of a power company.

In addition, some investors are not fully confident about the government's payment capacity against such huge number of power projects taken up in one go.

All except one of these power projects will have dual-fuel system. They would have the system to run on natural gas or heavy fuel oil or diesel.

lowest in this bid.

There was only one bid by projects. These tenders are likely to go for re-tender due



Filipino activists shout anti-US slogans during a lightning rally in Malacanang, Manila yesterday demanding the abolition of the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA), during a two-day visit by US Secretary of the State Hillary Clinton to the Philippines.

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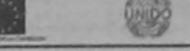
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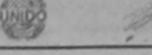
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