



US President Barack Obama is greeted by audience following a town hall meeting at the Museum of Science and Technology in Shanghai yesterday. The US leader, on the third leg of his debut tour of Asia, made a brief remarks to an audience described by the White House as "future Chinese leaders."

Musharraf okayed Blackwater's Pak terror operations

Says Gen Aslam Beg

ANI, PTI, Islamabad

Former Pakistan army chief Mirza Aslam Beg has claimed that former president Pervez Musharraf had given Blackwater the green signal to carry out its terrorist operations in the cities of Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar and Quetta.

He said that Blackwater was directly involved in the murder of Benazir Bhutto and Lebanese leader Rafiq Hariri.

It is pertinent to note that the foreigners affiliated with the notorious private military contractor Blackwater, whose security company Blackwater was later renamed as Xe Services LLC, arrived in Islamabad during the first week of November.

In connection with Baluch leader Nawab Akbar Bugti's murder case, Pakistan government will take action if authorities in Baluchistan make a request for the arrest of

former President Pervez Musharraf, Interior Minister Rehman Malik said.

The Baluchistan government has not yet made any demand for Musharraf's arrest, Malik told a TV news channel. If the federal government receives such a request, action will be taken, he said on Saturday.

Acting on a court's order, police in Baluchistan province registered a murder case last month against Musharraf and several of his key aides in connection with the killing of Baluch nationalist leader Nawab Bugti in a military operation in 2006.

A wave of fear and insecurity has been felt among residents due to alleged presence of operatives of Blackwater and the late night movements of suspicious foreigners and some locals clad in suits.

According to frightened residents of the locality, there was fair amount of activity between 11 pm and dawn.

Lanka president delays election announcement

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse yesterday asked his supporters for more time to announce dates for snap elections as he faced an unexpected challenge from his erstwhile military chief.

Rajapakse told the annual convention of his Sri Lanka Freedom Party that he wanted more time to consult the party hierarchy on the election. He had been widely expected to announce the vote timetable.

"You seem to want presidential elections before parliamentary elections," Rajapakse said at the nationally televised convention. "I will tell the party (leaders) and let you know at the right time."

Iran's nuclear 'enemies' defeated: Ahmadinejad

AFP, Vienna

Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said yesterday the "enemies" of his country's nuclear programme had been defeated ahead of the release of the latest UN report on the atomic drive.

International attention focused on the report as US President Barack Obama said "time is running out" for Iran to respond to a UN plan aiming to ease international fears that the Islamic Republic is working on a nuclear bomb.

Russia, meanwhile, announced that a controversial nuclear power plant it is building in Iran will not start operations by the end of 2009 as previously announced.

Ahmadinejad said the West would have to come to terms with Iran's nuclear progress, Iran's state broadcaster quoted the president as saying on his website.

"Enemies have politicised the nuclear issue using all of their abilities to try to make the Iranian nation surrender, but they have been defeated," Ahmadinejad said.

Nuclear cooperation with Iran is "beneficial to the Westeners because their opposition to it will make Iran stronger and more advanced," he added insisting that Iran's nuclear rights are "non-negotiable" and the research was being pursued "entirely under International Atomic Energy Agency supervision."

The IAEA sent its new report, having stated several times that Iran is not cooperating with UN Security Council demands, backed by three rounds of sanctions, that it halt uranium enrichment.

The new report will also give details of an October visit to an atomic site at Qom, that Iran had until recently kept secret.

Obama on Sunday won the strongest backing yet from Russian President Dmitry Medvedev over international frustration at Iran's failure to answer an offer to enrich uranium outside of Iran.

"Unfortunately, so far at least, Iran has been unable to say yes" to the proposal, Obama said after talks with Medvedev in Singapore. "We now are running out of time with respect to that approach."

Obama will accept Nobel prize with 'humility'

AP, Shanghai

President Barack Obama says he will accept the Nobel Peace Prize with "great humility", though it's not an honour he feels he deserves.

Obama says he believes the Nobel committee was inspired by the American people. He says he is a symbol of the shift in world affairs that his administration is trying to promote.

Obama told Chinese students at a town hall-style event that "all of us have obligations for trying to promote peace in the world."

President Barack Obama also says one of the United States' strengths is its diversity and a family gathering in his home "looks like the United Nations."

A Chinese student yesterday asked Obama what he would do to foster diversity. Obama cited his own story as a son of a white mother from Kansas and a black father from Kenya. He says his sister is half-Indonesian and is married to a Chinese-Canadian husband.

UN summit approves new approach to fight hunger

AP, Rome

World leaders at a food summit on Monday rallied around a new strategy to fight global hunger and help poor countries feed themselves, but failed to pledge funds sought by the UN.

The summit approved its final declaration during its first hours in a show of broad consensus. Countries pledged to substantially increase aid to agriculture in developing nations, so that the world's 1 billion hungry can become more self-sufficient.

The summit did not commit to a specific figure of \$44 billion a year for agricultural aid that the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation says will be neces-

sary in the coming decades.

The agency, which is hosting the three-day summit at its Rome headquarters, had also hoped countries would adopt 2025 as a deadline to eradicate hunger. But the declaration instead focused on a pledge set nine years ago to halve the number of hungry people by 2015.

Shortly before delegates approved the declaration, the UN chief called on rich and powerful countries to tackle "unacceptable" global hunger.

"The world has more than enough food," UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told delegates at the meeting in Rome. "Yet, today, more than 1 billion people are hungry. This is unacceptable."



(From L) Picture shows United Nations chief Ban Ki-moon, Italian Senate President Renato Schifani and head of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Jacques Diouf during the inaugural ceremony of the World Summit on Food Security organised by the FAO yesterday at its headquarters in Rome.

Apology for kids shipped from Britain to colonies

AP, Canberra

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd issued a historic apology Monday to thousands of impoverished British children shipped to Australia with the promise of a better life, triggering calls for compensation for the abuse and neglect that many suffered.

The British government has estimated 150,000 British children may have been shipped abroad between 1618 and 1967, most from the late 19th century onward. After 1920, most of the children went to Australia through programs run by the government, religious groups and children's charities.

The programs, which ended 40 years ago, were intended to provide the children with a new start and the Empire with a supply of sturdy white workers. But many children ended up in institutions where they were physically and sexually abused, or were sent to work as farm labourers.

At a ceremony in the Australian capital of Canberra attended by tearful former child migrants, Rudd apologized for his country's role in the migration and extended condolences to the 7,000 survivors of the program who still live in Australia.

"We are sorry," Rudd said. "Sorry that as children you were taken from your families and placed in institutions where so often you were abused. Sorry for the physical suffering, the emotional starvation and the cold absence of love, of tenderness, of care. Sorry for the tragedy the absolute tragedy of childhoods lost."

TENDER NOTICE



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North South University (NSU) is inviting sealed offer from the bona fide / reputed organization / distributors/business partners/agents for supplying the Items as mentioned below :

SL. No.	Description of items	Quantity
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Lot-02	Printer	03
Lot-03	Scanner	01

Interested bidders may collect schedules of tender from the Accounts Department of the NSU from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Sunday through Thursday on all working days till November 24, 2009** by paying non refundable taka 500.00 (Five Hundred) only in cash for each schedule.

The bidders must submit **earnest money @ 2.5%** of quoted price in the form of pay order issued from any scheduled bank drawn in favor of North South University along with their offer. The sealed offer must be submitted **on or before November 25, 2009 at 03.00 p.m.** at the office of the undersigned. Bidders can bid for all or any of the Lot. The offers will be opened at 03:15 p.m. on the same day. Representatives of the participating bidders may remain present at the time of opening the bids. NSU authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason.

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REQUEST FOR Proposal (RFP)

Minimum Conditions Assessment of Union Parishads



United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested, registered, and well qualified institutions to Minimum Conditions Assessment of Union Parishads under the project "Local Governance Support Project - Learning & Innovation Component".

● Conduct Minimum Conditions Assessment of Union Parishads

Submission of Proposal: The envelope should state the name of the **subject as well as project** and should be marked as '**Confidential**' and addressed to the **UNDP Procurement Unit, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.** The deadline for submission of Proposal is **November 26, 2009, 11:00 AM.** Bids should be submitted in the bid box in IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.

All interested firms may request the Bidding Documents from **procurement.bc@undp.org** by formal request to UNDP that will register firm on the list of participants, so that any correspondence, questions regarding the bidding documents and their respective answers can be sent to all bidders.

Submission Procedure: The offer should comprise of **2 separate sealed envelopes** of **technical proposal** and **financial proposal**.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Mobil Jamuna Lubricants Limited, a joint venture Company in the downstream energy sector of the country, seeks motivated individuals for immediate appointment with following positions:

PRODUCTION ENGINEER (Based in Chittagong)

Responsibilities:

- Control and coordinate blending activities of the plant; ensure that products are manufactured on time and in accordance with production plan; monitor blending equipment to ensure correct blending as per formulation; maintain documents in compliance with the quality management practices.

Qualifications and experiences:

- B.Sc. Engineering degree- preferably in chemical from a reputed university; working experience under ISO compliance would be an added advantage; at least 2 years experience in any process plant

TRAINEE CHEMIST (Based in Chittagong)

Responsibilities:

- Perform in-house calibration of laboratory equipment, and to conduct preventive maintenance and trouble shooting of laboratory equipment; assist Chief Chemist to set up, organize and implement test procedures; implement good housekeeping and waste disposal practices in conformance with Company/Government regulations; conduct tests of different lubes as directed by the supervisor.

Qualifications and experiences:

- M.Sc. in Chemistry from a reputed university; minimum 2 years experience as Lab Assistant with a manufacturing concern; familiarity with the use of modern laboratory equipment and testing techniques

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Responsibilities:

- Plan and carry-out regular preventive maintenance and emergency repairs; monitor and control the expenditure in mechanical department.

Qualifications and experiences:

- B. Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from a reputed university; minimum 2 years experience in relevant field; familiarity with process instrumentation equipment, and general electrical/ mechanical / electronic equipment.

ASSISTANT PRODUCTION ENGINEER (Based in Chittagong)

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate with the supervisor that products are manufactured on time and in accordance with weekly production plan; assist supervisor in calibrating blending equipment, and setting equipment for specified blending types.

Qualifications and experiences:

- B. Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from a reputed university; minimum 1 year experience in relevant field; familiarity with process instrumentation equipment, and general electrical/ mechanical / electronic equipment.

SUB- ASSISTANT ENGINEER (Based in Chittagong)

Responsibilities:

- Responsible for all filling and decanting activities in the plant; ensure that operations are in accordance with Company's safety and quality standards; perform periodic checks of all filling and packaging equipment to ensure optimum efficiency during operations.

Qualifications and experiences:

- Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from a reputed institution; minimum 2 years experience in relevant fields; familiarity with process instrumentation equipment, and general electrical/ mechanical / electronic equipment.

QA ENGINEER / SH&E OFFICER (Based in Chittagong)

Responsibilities:

- Ensure that all manufacturing activities are in compliance with company's safety and compliance standards; ensure that that products are blended and packed as per company's quality guidelines; responsible for ensuring that all packaging materials are as per strict guidelines of the company.

Qualifications and experiences:

- B. Sc. Engineering in Mechanical / Environmental Science from a reputed university; minimum 2 years experience in relevant fields; training in safety, health & environment systems would an added qualification.

If you possess the requisite skills and qualifications, we invite you to send a resume with covering letter and a recent passport size photograph to following address by **November 24, 2009**, through post mail (or by email: **career@mobilbd.com**) The position being applied for should be marked clearly at top of the envelope:

Human Resource Department, Mobil Jamuna Lubricants Ltd.

Mobil House, CWS (C) 9, Gulshan 1, Dhaka 1212

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview. Any persuasion after submission of application will automatically disqualify the candidature.

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