

# US trying to 'trick' Iran over nuke deal, says Larijani

AFP, Tehran/Vienna

Iranian parliamentary Speaker Ali Larijani said yesterday that Washington was trying to "trick" Tehran through a high-profile nuclear fuel deal brokered by the UN atomic watchdog.

The conservative who was Tehran's former chief nuclear negotiator also said Iranians must avoid falling prey to US "smiles" as the Americans carry "hidden daggers."

"If we analyse the role of the United States in the Iranian nuclear issue, it turns out that there was a trick in this proposal. They felt that they can politically cheat" Iran, Larijani told the official IRNA news agency.

The UN-brokered deal envisages Iran sending most of its stock of low-enriched uranium (LEU) abroad for converting

into fuel for a research reactor in Tehran.

Iranian officials, including Larijani, have rejected the proposal, but world powers, including Washington, still hope Tehran could agree to the offer.

But Larijani warned Tehran must remain alert when negotiating with Washington.

"One should not fall for US smiles and tactics. Americans sometimes talk about peace and sometimes they smile at the Islamic republic's officials... but they have hidden daggers behind themselves."

"If the country's officials are smart, mature, and love the nation's interests, they will not fall for US smiles. It is a big mistake if we think they will change their behaviour just because there is a change in administration," the Iranian politician said.

US President Barack Obama's adminis-

tration has made repeated overtures towards Iran to end what is a three-decade old diplomatic tussle, which began since the 1979 Islamic revolution in Iran.

World powers want Tehran's LEU stock to be taken out of the country as they fear it would be further enriched to higher levels by Iran and used in making atomic weapons, a charge strongly denied by the Islamic republic.

Iranian officials insist the only way the LEU would leave Iran was through a simultaneous exchange of 20 percent enriched uranium required as fuel for the Tehran reactor.

Meanwhile, the UN atomic watchdog begins a two-day meeting Thursday, the last to be chaired by Egyptian diplomat Mohamed ElBaradei, who steps down on November 30 after 12 years at the helm of the IAEA.

## Iran arrests 7 alleged members of Sunni group

AFP, Tehran

Iranian authorities have arrested seven alleged members of the Sunni militant group Jundallah and will put them on trial, a judiciary official said yesterday.

"The charges against these seven people are that they are mohareb (fighters against God) and belong to the terrorist group of Abdulmalek Rigi," Ebrahim Hamidi, head of the Sistan-Baluchestan province judiciary, told Fars news agency.

Rigi heads the Jundallah (Soldiers of God) group which is engaged in an insurgency against Tehran's Shia rule in southeastern Sistan-Baluchestan province bordering Pakistan and Afghanistan.



PHOTO: AFP

Pakistani human rights activists light candles during a rally in Lahore on Tuesday to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (VAW).

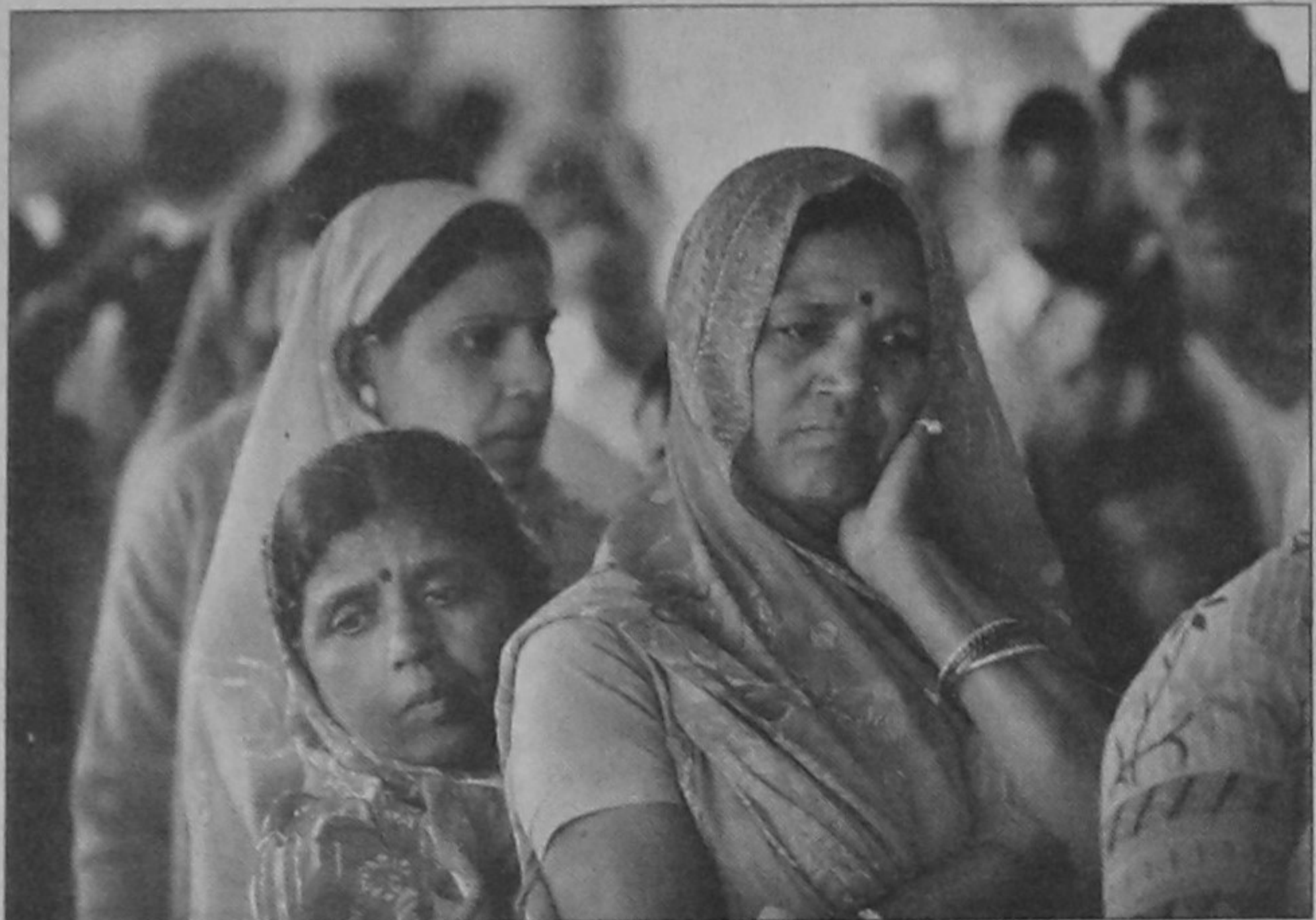


PHOTO: AFP

Indian villagers queue up to vote during the first phase of Jharkhand State Assembly elections in Kanke village near Ranchi yesterday.

# Obama 'doing nothing' on ME peace: Abbas

AFP, Buenos Aires

US President Barack Obama is "doing nothing right now" to restart the stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace process, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said in an interview published Tuesday.

"I hope he'll take a more important role in the future," Abbas told the Argentine daily Clarin during a visit to Buenos Aires.

The Palestinians "are waiting for the United States to put pressure on Israel so it respects international law, so it takes up the road map"

towards peace, he said, according to publication's Spanish translation.

"It can do two things: put pressure on the Israelis so they reject settlements, and put pressure so they accept withdrawing to the 1967 borders."

On Monday, in talks with Abbas, Argentine President Cristina Kirchner also said she wanted the United States to "do more" to restart Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

"We cannot ignore the role the United States has, by virtue of their particular weight, in bringing Israel back to the negotiating table," she told a

joint news conference.

Peace talks have been on hold since the beginning of the year and remain stalled over Israel's refusal to halt settlement construction, which the Palestinians have set as a precondition for negotiations.

Obama and his administration have repeatedly called on the Israeli government to halt settlement construction in accordance with the road map peace plan.

Last week, Obama criticised Israel's announcement that it would launch new construction in annexed east Jerusalem.

## British officials quizzed on WMD at Iraq inquiry

AFP, London

Top civil servants were grilled yesterday over fears Iraq was developing weapons of mass destruction -- used to support the 2003 invasion but never borne out -- at a British inquiry into the conflict.

On day two of public hearings in London, senior officials revealed they had found some evidence of contact between Iraq and al-Qaeda, but that this had scaled down after the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States.

They also addressed an infamous claim by Britain's government in 2002 that Iraq had WMDs and could launch a chemical or biological strike within 45 minutes.

Former British prime minister Tony Blair, who took Britain into the war shoulder-to-shoulder with then US president George W. Bush, will be among those giving evidence, although not until January.

Current premier Gordon Brown could also be called.

Among the most eye-catching revelations during often highly technical exchanges Wednesday were of links between Iraq and al-Qaeda extremists.

"We did find some evidence of contacts between Iraqi officials and individual members of al-Qaeda in the late 1990s," Tim Dowse, then Foreign Office head of counter-proliferation, told inquiry chairman John Chilcot.



PHOTO: AFP

Belgian man Rom Houben and his mother Josephine Nicolaas Houben are pictured at the hospital in Heusden-Zolder yesterday. Rom Houben, who is thought to have been in a coma for 23 years, has told of his "second birth" after doctors realised he was in fact conscious, the German weekly Der Spiegel reported on Nov 23.

## Comatose for 23 years Belgian feels reborn

AP, Brussels

Helped by a therapist, Rom Houben's outstretched finger tapped with surprising speed on a computer touchscreen, spelling out how he felt "alone, lonely, frustrated" in the 23 years he was trapped inside a paralysed body.

After a doctor found he was wrongly diagnosed as being in a vegetative state, and worked out a way for him to communicate, Houben said he now feels reborn.

"And just like with a baby, it happens with a lot of stumbling," the 46-year-old Belgian wrote, tapping out the words in Dutch for Associated Press Television News on Tuesday as an aide guided his hand.

A leading bioethicist, however, expressed scepticism that Houben was really communi-

cating, saying the responses seem unnatural for someone with such a profound injury and an inability to communicate for decades. The medical team guiding Houben said it had done special tests to verify it was Houben communicating.

Injured in a car crash in 1983 when he was 20, Houben was diagnosed as being in a vegetative state, though doctors now believe he was conscious the whole time.

An expert using a specialized type of brain scan that was not available in the 1980s says he finally realized Houben was suffering from a form of "locked-in syndrome," in which people are unable to speak or move but can think and reason, and provided him with the equipment to communicate.

## Khmer Rouge prison chief could get 40 years

AP, Phnom Penh

Prosecutors in the genocide trial of a former Khmer Rouge prison chief demanded a 40-year jail sentence Wednesday for a man they described as responsible for snuffing out innocent lives and spreading terror across Cambodia.

Victims of the Khmer Rouge regime called the requested sentence for Kaing Guek Eav unacceptable, with many saying prosecutors should have demanded a life sentence for the 67-year-old former school teacher.

Kaing Guek Eav, also known as Duch (pronounced DOIK), commanded the notorious S-21 prison where those accused of disloyalty to the xenophobic communist regime were held. He oversaw the torture and execution of about 16,000 men, women and children during the Khmer Rouge's 1975-79 rule.

## Israel readying new arms to face Iran's challenge

AP, Jerusalem

With cutting-edge anti-missile systems and two new submarines that can carry nuclear weapons, Israel is readying a new generation of armaments designed to defend itself against distant Iran as well as Tehran's proxy armies on its borders.

Having failed to crush Hamas' firepower in its Gaza offensive last winter, or Hizbullah's in its 2006 war in Lebanon, Israel is turning to an increasingly sophisticated mix of defensive technology.

A system that can unleash a metallic cloud to shoot down incoming rockets in the skies over Gaza or Lebanon has already been successfully tested, according to its maker, and is expected to be deployed next year. The army is developing a new generation of its Arrow defence system designed to shoot down Iran's long-range Shihab missiles outside the Earth's atmosphere.

It has three German-made Dolphin submarines and is buying two more. They can be

equipped with nuclear-tipped missiles, which analysts say could be stationed off the coast of Iran. Israel says Iran, despite its denials, is trying to acquire atomic weapons. It has never confirmed its Dolphin fleet has nuclear capabilities, but senior officials acknowledge that commanders are fast at work devising a strike plan in case diplomacy fails.

The missile projects have their critics in Israel, who question their effectiveness and say they are too costly. And many Israelis would probably agree with US former President Bill Clinton's recent warning to an Israeli audience that the country could achieve true security only by making peace with its enemies, who he said would always be able to improve their ability to attack.

"The trajectory of technology is not your friend," he said. "You need to get this done."

Under their overarching fear of nuclear annihilation by Iran, whose regime has repeatedly called for Israel's extinction, the more immediate threat is seen as coming from Iranian-backed Hizbullah and

Hamas.

Israel's military believes Hizbullah has tripled its prewar arsenal to more than 40,000 rockets, some of which can strike virtually anywhere in Israel a dramatic improvement over the short-range missiles fired in 2006.

Hamas has also increased its rocket arsenal since last winter's fighting, said a senior military official who spoke on condition of anonymity in accordance with army regulations. Hamas recently test-fired a rocket that can travel up to 60km, putting the Tel Aviv area within range for the first time, according to Maj. Gen. Amos Yadlin, Israel's military intelligence chief.

Israel's defence industry says it is close to deploying Iron Dome, a system that will use cameras and radar to track incoming rockets and shoot them down within seconds of their launch. The system is so sophisticated that it can almost instantly predict where a rocket will land, changing its calculations to account for wind, sun and other conditions in fractions of a second.

## OFFICE SPACE WANTED

Description	Parameter
Floor Area	4,000-5,000 Square Feet (preferably in Ground/1 <sup>st</sup> floor).
Lease period	Initially 2 years may be extended for another 1 year
Occupants	35 persons
Power	60 to 70 KW three phase power facilities with necessary generator backup.
Air conditioning	Fully air conditioned.
Toilets	At least 4 toilets. Separate Male and Female toilets (two for each) with a minimum of two sets of fixtures in each preferable.
Parking	Minimum of 4 designated parking spaces.
Safety	24-hour Security and Emergency Exit.
Lift(s)	Two lifts preferable in case of 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor and above
Small kitchen	For making tea/coffee and space for a small refrigerator.
Construction	Newly constructed building or the life of building not more than 5 years. Construction following Standard Building Code with good interior and exterior.
Right to change	Center might change interior at its own cost when required.
Documents/ certificates	All relevant document - Ownership/Title document, land/lease deed, RS/CS records, current tax, Rajuk construction permission, current bill for WASA/DESA and City Corporation Tax clearance to be submitted with the tender documents(s).
Location	Gulshan-1, Mohakhali DOHS, Niketon, Shahinbag (within 1-2 km of ICDDR,B) access road should not be less than 12 feet.
Office setup	Landlord have to furnish office setup as per design of ICDDR,B.
Maintenance & Utility	Landlord will bear full maintenance and Utility cost.
Tender Schedule	Will be available at the Cashier's teller located on the ground floor of IPH Building, ICDDR,B, 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka -1212 from December 01, 2009 to December 10, 2009 between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on all working days on payment of Tk.500/- (Non-refundable).



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**Request for Proposal (RFP)**  
for  
**Construction of a Multistoried Parking Lot cum Multi-purpose Commercial Complex at Gulshan-2 (North) and Gulshan-2 (South) Dhaka with Sponsor's own finance**

1	Ministry/Division	Local Government Division.
2	Agency	Dhaka City Corporation.
3	Procuring entity name	Dhaka City Corporation.
4	Invitation for request for proposal (RFP) for	1. The construction of Multistoried Parking Lot cum Multi-purpose Commercial Complex, with multi-layer basement/car parking and commercial complex at Gulshan-2 (North), Dhaka (plot: approx. 3.5 bigha of land area) at specified site conditions along with all necessary support facilities. 2. The construction of Multistoried Parking Lot cum Multi-purpose Commercial Complex, with multi-layer basement/car parking and commercial complex at Gulshan-2 (South), Dhaka (plot: approx. 4.0 bigha of land area) at specified site conditions along with all necessary support facilities.
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
5	Budget and source of funds	The sponsor shall arrange the entire fund for the proposed project and the owner (DCC) will take on financial responsibility.
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
6	RFP Package No.	RFP1 & RFP2
7	RFP package name	1. The construction of Multistoried Parking Lot cum Commercial Complex, with multi-layer basement/car parking and commercial complex at Gulshan-2 (North), Dhaka. 2. The construction of Multistoried Parking Lot cum Commercial Complex, with multi-layer basement/car parking and commercial complex at Gulshan-2 (South), Dhaka.
8	RFP publication date	25/11/2009
9	RFP last selling date	01/02/2010
10	RFP closing date and time	02/02/2010 01.00pm
11	RFP opening date and time	02/02/2010 02.00pm
12	Name & address of the office(s)	Address: Executive Engineer (I&M), Traffic Engineering Division, Level-14, Room No. 1208, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka-1000.
-Selling RFP document (principal)		
-Receiving RFP document		
-Opening RFP document		
13	Place/date/time of Pre-tender meeting	Place: Office of the undersigned. Date: 04/01/2010 Time: 12:00 noon
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
14	Eligibility of tenderer	As described in the RFP documents.
15	Brief description of works	Design & Build the Multistoried Parking Lot cum Multi-purpose Commercial Complex, with multi-layer basement/car parking and commercial complex at Gulshan-2 (North) and Gulshan-2 (South), Dhaka at specified site conditions along with all necessary support facilities with Sponsor's own finance.
16	Price of tender document (Tk)	Prospective Sponsors are invited to purchase RFP document on cash payment of Tk. 5,000/- (five thousand) only (non-refundable) to 11 (B) miscellaneous, Current Account No-30, Sonali Bank, Nagar Bhaban.
17	Tender security	The tenderer shall have to submit with technical proposal a tender security of Taka 1% of estimated price of the tenderer only in the form of a Pay- Order or Bank Guarantee issued by any scheduled Bank in Bangladesh in favour of Mayor, Dhaka City Corporation.
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
18	Name of official inviting RFP	Khondoker Mahbub Alam.
19	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer (I&M), TED, DCC.
20	Address of official inviting tender	Level-14, Room-1208, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka-1000.
21	Contact details of official inviting tender	9557180-81 Ext. 173
22	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	

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- নিয়োগ প্রক্রিয়ায় বিদ্যমান সরকারী বিধি-বিধান পালন করে হবে।
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