

All babies with HIV to receive treatment in South Africa

AFP, Pretoria

South Africa will provide treatment to all babies who test positive for HIV, President Jacob Zuma said yesterday, announcing an expansion of AIDS care for mothers and children.

"All children under one year of age will get treatment if they test positive," Zuma said in a nationally televised speech to mark World AIDS Day.

Currently infants receive treatment based on how far their illness has progressed.

"This decision will contribute significantly towards the reduction of infant mortality over time," he said.

He also announced expanded treatment for pregnant women, in a bid to prevent the transmission of HIV to their children.

Vatican, Muslims condemn Swiss minaret ban vote

BBC ONLINE

Religious leaders across the world have criticised on Monday Switzerland's referendum vote to ban the building of minarets.

The Vatican joined Muslim figureheads from Indonesia and Egypt, as well as Switzerland, in denouncing the vote as a blow to religious freedom.

France's FM Bernard Kouchner expressed shock at the ban, which, he said, showed "intolerance" and should be reversed.

But European right-wing groups welcomed the result, calling for other countries to take similar measures.

World powers hasty in reacting to nuke plan: Iran

China calls for stepped up diplomacy on Tehran

AFP, Tehran/Beijing

Iran said yesterday world powers have been overhasty in reacting to Tehran's decision to build 10 new uranium enrichment plants.

"Officials of some countries have rushed into adopting stances, which is indicative of the fact that they are concerned or angry," said foreign ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast at a news conference televised on state-owned English language Press TV.

"It is natural but Iran has strategic plans for the long term. To meet its needs, we have to plan in advance," he said, indicating the reason for deciding to build the new uranium enrichment plants.

Mehmanparast said Tehran had to take the decision as it has doubts about whether those producing nuclear fuel would deliver it to Iran on time and so the Islamic republic felt it should have the option to make its own.

China on Tuesday called for stepped up diplomacy to resolve the Iranian nuclear crisis after Tehran said it would build new uranium enrichment plants in defiance of world demands.

"Under the current circumstances, all parties should step up diplomatic efforts for a comprehensive, long-term and proper settlement of the Iranian nuclear issue," foreign ministry spokesman Qin Gang told reporters.

China on Friday voted in favour of an International Atomic Energy Agency resolution demanding that Iran stop building a second uranium enrichment plant.

Qin said China, a close ally of Iran, reiterated China's long-held opposition to sanctions against Tehran.

Iran said on Tuesday it will complain to Russia and China, its close trading partners, for passing a UN atomic watchdog resolution condemning Tehran for building a second uranium enrichment plant.

World powers are angry after Iran announced on Sunday it plans to build 10 new uranium enrichment plants after it was rebuked by the UN atomic watchdog for constructing its second such plant near the Shia holy city of Qom.

Twenty-five of the 35 members of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) voted against Tehran and asked it to freeze the building of the plant.

Iran has been at loggerheads with world powers for several years over its nuclear programme, but relations deteriorated further in the past few weeks when Tehran refused an IAEA-brokered deal to supply it with nuclear fuel for a research reactor.

World powers backed the deal, which envisaged Tehran sending in one go its stocks of low-enriched uranium (LEU) abroad for conversion into fuel as required for the reactor.

But Tehran refused it, saying it would send the LEU only when it gets the fuel at the same time within its own borders.



Government soldiers ride a pick-up truck as they head to a frontline KM4 X-Control section of Mogadishu where earlier Islamist fighters belonging to the Al-Shabab attacked the stronghold of the Government positions yesterday morning. Somalia has been embroiled in conflict since 1991, but Western nations fearful of the country becoming an al-Qaeda safe haven hoped a government they backed led by Somali President Sharif Sheikh Ahmed would be able to restore some semblance of order. Instead, an offensive earlier this year by two Islamist groups has left the transitional government with control of only a small part of the Somali capital.

Iran vows to deal 'firmly' with Britons if found guilty

AFP, Tehran

A top aide to Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad yesterday confirmed the detention of five Britons in Gulf waters and vowed they will be dealt with "firmly" if found guilty.

Ahmadinejad's chief of staff, Esfandiar Rahim Mashaie, said the way to deal with the British nationals "arrested in the Persian Gulf by Iranian forces will be

decided by the judiciary," Fars news agency reported.

"If these people's ill-intention is proven, they will be dealt with seriously and firmly," he said, adding Tehran had in the past dealt firmly with people who "entered Iran illegally."

Britain said on Tuesday it has "no argument" with Tehran over sailors detained after straying into Iranian waters, stressing that the seizure was a purely consular matter.

Major sea level rise likely as Antarctic ice melts

BBC ONLINE

Sea levels are likely to rise by about 1.4m (4ft 6in) globally by 2100 as polar ice melts, according to a major review of climate change in Antarctica.

Conducted by the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), it says that warming seas are accelerating melting in the west of the continent.

Ozone loss has cooled the region, it says, shielding it from global warming.

Rising temperatures in the Antarctic Peninsula are making life suitable for invasive species on land and sea.

The report - Antarctic Climate Change and the Environment - was written using contributions from 100

leading scientists in various disciplines, and reviewed by a further 200.

SCAR's executive director Dr Colin Summerhayes said it painted a picture of "the creeping global catastrophe that we face".

"The temperature of the air is increasing, the temperature of the ocean is increasing, sea levels are rising - and the Sun appears to have very little influence on what we see," he said.

SCAR's report comes 50 years to the day after the Antarctic Treaty, the international agreement regulating use of the territory, was opened for signing, and a week before the opening of the potentially seminal UN climate summit in Copenhagen.

Autism treatment works in kids as young as 18 months

AP, Chicago

The first rigorous study of behaviour treatment in autistic children as young as 18 months found two years of therapy can vastly improve symptoms, often resulting in a milder diagnosis.

The study was small just 48 children evaluated at the University of Washington but the results were so encouraging it has been expanded to several other sites, said Geraldine Dawson, chief science officer of the advocacy group Autism Speaks.

Dawson, a former University of Washington professor, led the research team.

Early autism treatment has been getting more attention, but it remains controversial because there's scant rigorous evidence showing it really works. The study is thus "a

landmark of great import," said Tony Charman, an autism education specialist at the Institute of Education in London.

There's also a growing emphasis on diagnosing autism at the earliest possible age, and the study shows that can pay off with early, effective treatment, said Laura Schreibman, an autism researcher at the University of California at San Diego.

The National Institute of Mental Health funded the study, which was published online Monday in Paediatrics.

Children aged 18 months to 30 months were randomly assigned to receive behaviour treatment called the Early Start Denver model from therapists and parents, or they were referred to others for less comprehensive care.

Suspect in Philippine massacre charged with murder

AP, Manila

Philippine prosecutors charged the heir of a powerful clan with murder yesterday in the massacre of 57 people, more than half of them journalists and their staff who were accompanying the family and supporters of an election candidate.

At least 10 witnesses will testify they saw Andal Ampatuan Jr leading the gunmen, including police officers, who blocked his rival's election caravan moments before the Nov 23 massacre, prosecutor Al Calica told The Associated Press.

Hours later, troops found the bullet-riddled and hacked bodies near the highway sprawled in the grass and hastily buried in three mass graves by a backhoe together with three vehicles.

Ampatuan turned himself in last week and denied the charges.

He is the scion of a clan allied with President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo that has ruled southern impoverished Maguindanao province unop-

posed for years. His father, the family's patriarch, and six other family members also are considered suspects but have not been charged.

In a separate development, leaders of the influential Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines on Tuesday accused President Arroyo of being drunk on power and urged her to quit her bid to join congress in next year's vote.

Prosecutors initially filed 25 murder charges against Ampatuan in southern Cotabato city, whose regional trial court is nearest to the massacre site in Ampatuan Township.

The five prosecutors handling the murder case carried two box loads of evidence and affidavits from witnesses from Manila to Cotabato city aboard two air force helicopters. They are expected to ask the court to try the case in Manila for security reasons.

"The evidence is strong," Calica said, adding that at least 10 witnesses provided written testimonies linking Ampatuan to the killings.

November death toll lowest since Iraq invasion

AFP, Baghdad

A total of 122 people died as a result of violence across Iraq last month, the lowest toll since the US-led invasion of 2003, official data showed yesterday.

Statistics compiled by the ministries of defence, interior and health showed that 88 civilians, 22 policemen and 12 soldiers were killed last month.

The figures were all markedly lower than those for October, when violence killed a total of 410 people across Iraq, most notably in twin suicide vehicle bombings near government offices in Baghdad that left more than 150 dead.

In addition to those killed in attacks in November, 332 civilians were wounded along with 56 policemen and 44 soldiers. Thirty-eight insurgents were killed and 510 arrested, according to the ministries.

Obama briefs Karzai on new US strategy

BBC ONLINE

President Barack Obama has spoken to his Afghan counterpart Hamid Karzai about the new US strategy for Afghanistan, due to be unveiled later.

Karzai's staff said the two men had talked for an hour by video link.

Obama is expected to announce the deployment of about 30,000 additional troops to fight the Taliban.

He will make the announcement in a speech at the US Military Academy at West Point. Obama has already briefed leaders from allied countries.

On Monday British Prime Minister Gordon Brown announced he would send 500 more soldiers to the country.

The US currently has about 68,000 troops in Afghanistan, with foreign forces overall totalling more than 100,000.

Obama's announcement comes amid growing domestic concern over the Afghan war.

Both the rise in foreign troop deaths and the chaos that followed August's general election in Afghanistan have concerns over America's strategy for the conflict.

Earlier this year, however, the US military commander in Afghanistan, Gen Stanley McChrystal, warned that America risked failure in Afghanistan unless troop numbers were increased.

He requested 40,000 more soldiers, but Obama is expected to order around 30,000 to the country.

On Monday White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said that the "commander in chief has issued the orders" for the deployment.

The plan is expected to focus on securing cities and on training Afghan security forces to assume more responsibility.



RURAL POWER COMPANY LIMITED

Tender Notice For Security Service

Rural Power Company Limited (RPCL), a power generating company of Bangladesh, wants to engage a well-reputed Security Company to render security services for its 210MW Mymensingh Power Station located at Shambhuganj, Mymensingh. Interested, companies are required to furnish their respective company profile through a given guideline. The guideline and the draft agreement paper are available at Head Office RPCL, House # 25, Road # 18, Sector-3, Uttara, Dhaka. To get these, companies are required to apply in their respective company letter head pad with a bank draft of Tk 200/- (in favor of RPCL). These can be collected within 02 December 2009 to 08 December 2009. The company profile and the draft agreement paper (including the rates of service charge of all security personnel) are required to submit at Head Office RPCL, by 12.30 p.m. on 20 December 2009. It will be opened at 14.30 p.m. on the same day in front of all company representatives present.

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পলাশ ইউরিয়া ফার্টাইলজার ফ্যাক্টরী লি:

(বাংলাদেশ কেমিক্যাল ইন্ডাস্ট্রিজ কর্পোরেশন এর একটি প্রতিষ্ঠান)

পলাশ, নরসিংদী।

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১।	প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	পলাশ ইউরিয়া ফার্টাইলজার ফ্যাক্টরী লি:, পলাশ, নরসিংদী
২।	সংস্থার নাম	বাংলাদেশ কেমিক্যাল ইন্ডাস্ট্রিজ কর্পোরেশন
৩।	মন্ত্রণালয়	শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়
৪।	দরপত্রের ধরণ	উন্মুক্ত দর আহবান পদ্ধতি (OTM)
৫।	দরপত্র নং	পিইউএফএফএল / প্রশাসন / ১.০৯৮ / ০৯-১০ / ৩৬৪ তারিখ: ১৮-১১-০৯ ইং
৬।	কাজের বিবরণ	দৈনিক ভিত্তিক শ্রমিক সরবরাহ
৭।	অর্থের উৎস	কারখানার নিজস্ব তহবিল
৮।	দরপত্র প্রাপ্তি স্থান	ক) হিসাব বিভাগ, পলাশ ইউরিয়া ফার্টাইলজার ফ্যাক্টরী লি: খ) হিসাব বিভাগ, বিসিআইসি, ৩০-৩১ব দিলকুশা বা/এ, ঢাকা
৯।	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	প্রশাসন ভবন, পলাশ ইউরিয়া ফার্টাইলজার ফ্যাক্টরী লি: ৩০-১২-০৯ ইং, বেলা ১১.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে।
১০।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	২৯-১২-০৯ ইং (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়)
১১।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	৩০-১২-০৯ ইং সকাল ১১-০৫ মি:
১২।	দরপত্র দলিলের ক্রয় মূল্য	৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)
১৩।	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি	২০,০০০/- (বিশ হাজার) টাকা মাত্র (ফেরত যোগ্য)
১৪।	অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী	ক) দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন দরপত্র বিক্রয় হবে না। খ) অনিবার্য কারণ বশত: নির্ধারিত তারিখে দরপত্র গ্রহণ / খোলা সম্ভব না হলে পরবর্তী কার্য দিবসে খোলা হবে। গ) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। ঘ) বিস্তারিত শর্তাবলী টেন্ডার সিডিউলে উল্লেখ আছে।

(মো: মাসুদ পারভেজ)

সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক (প্রশাসন)

ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালকের পক্ষে।

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Superintendent
Central Police Hospital
Rajbari, Dhaka

Invitation for Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the suppliers/local agents/medicine shopkeeper in their official pad for purchase of the following items for Central Police Hospital, Rajbari, Dhaka.

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
2	Agency	Central Police Hospital, Rajbari, Dhaka.
3	Procuring entity name	Inspector General, Bangladesh Police.
4	Invitation for	Purchase of Different Hospital & UN Mission Items.
5	Invitation Ref No.	01-07/(PH)/2009-2010.
6	Date	24/11/2009.

KEY INFORMATION

7 Procurement method Open tendering method (OTM).

FUNDING INFORMATION

8 Budget and source of funds Revenue Budget (GOB)/UN Mission Budget.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9	Tender publication date	26/11/2009 & 27/11/2009.
10	Tender last selling date	23/12/2009.
11	Tender closing date and time	At 12.00 noon on 24/12/2009.
12	Tender opening date and time	12.30pm on 24/12/2009.

Name & address of the office(s)

Selling tender document	Office of the Superintendent Central Police Hospital, Rajbari, Dhaka.
Receiving tender document	Office of the Superintendent Central Police Hospital, Rajbari, Dhaka.
Opening tender document	Room No-101, Central Police Hospital, Rajbari, Dhaka.
Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Office of the Superintendent Central Police Hospital, Rajbari, Dhaka 22/12/2009 12.00

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15 Eligibility of tenderer (1) Up-to-date trade license, (2) Up-to-date TIN certificate, (3) Up-to-date VAT registration certificate and (4) Other documents described in tender document.

Brief description of goods

Sl No.	Name	Price of tender document	Tender security in Taka	Completion time in days
01	Medical Equipment for UN mission	Tk 300/-	1,50,000/-	15 (fifteen) days from the date of work order.
02	Medicine, Reagent & other items for UN mission	Tk 300/-	2,00,000/-	15 (fifteen) days from the date of work order.
03	Washing Clothes	Tk 200/-	6,000/-	02 (two) days in a week.
04	Miscellaneous	Tk. 200/-	15,000/-	The whole lot is to be delivered in two installments from the date of work order.
05	Furniture	Tk. 200/-	10,000/-	The whole lot is to be delivered in two installments from the date of work order.
06	Bedding Clothing	Tk. 200/-	16,000/-	The whole lot is to be delivered in two installments from the date of work order.
07	Local Purchase (LP) of Emergency Medicine	Tk. 200/-	50,000/-	Daily basis

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

17	Name of official inviting tender	Dr Alauddin-Al-Azad.
18	Designation of official inviting tender	Superintendent.
19	Address of official inviting tender	Superintendent, Central Police Hospital, Rajbari, Dhaka.
20	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 88-02-8312075 Fax: 88-02-9342297 E-mail: hrarabagh@yahoo.com

Special instructions

- No tender will be received after the deadline for submission.
- The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceeding.
- Bangladesh Police will establish framework agreement with the successful tenderer for supply of goods.

Dr Alauddin-Al-Azad

Superintendent

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