

# Iran hangs first two post-election 'rioters'

AFP, Tehran  
Iran yesterday hanged two men convicted of being "enemies of God", in the first executions of dissidents since protests over the disputed presidential poll in June, news reports said.  
Tehran prosecutor Abbas Jafari Dolatabadi confirmed the hanging to state-run television. "During their trials they confessed to obtaining explosives and planning to assassinate officials," he said.  
"Mohammad Reza Ali Zamani and Arash Rahmani Pour, whose cases were confirmed by a Tehran appeals court, were hanged on Thursday morning," ISNA news agency said, quoting the Tehran prosecutor's office.  
The pair was also charged with plotting to topple the Islamic regime, ISNA added.  
Meanwhile in Tampa,

Florida, deputy White House spokesman Bill Burton "strongly" condemned the executions, saying they marked a new low in Tehran's "ruthless crackdown" on peaceful dissent.  
Amnesty International condemned the hangings, saying these shocking executions show that the Iranian authorities will stop at nothing to stamp out the peaceful protests that persist since the election.  
The prosecutor's office said nine other detained protesters have been condemned to death after facing charges of being Mohareb--enemies of God--trying to topple the regime and belonging to the outlawed opposition groups.  
Tehran says the death penalty is necessary to maintain public security and that sentences are carried out only after exhaustive judicial proceedings.

# STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS Iraq war ending, all troops coming home

AFP, Washington  
The war in Iraq is ending and all US troops are coming home, US President Barack Obama said Wednesday in his State of the Union address, vowing continued US support of the Iraqi people.  
"As we take the fight to al-Qaeda, we are responsibly leaving Iraq to its people," Obama told lawmakers.  
"But make no mistake: this war is ending, and all of our troops are coming home," he added, winning a standing ovation in Congress.  
He renewed his pledge that all American combat troops would leave Iraq by the end of August, more than seven years after the 2003 US-led invasion aimed at toppling the late Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.  
"We will support the Iraqi government as

they hold elections, and continue to partner with the Iraqi people to promote regional peace and prosperity," Obama added.  
The US president has committed the US military's focus away from Iraq towards fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan and rooting al-Qaeda militants believed to be hiding along its border with Pakistan.  
The US military currently has 107,000 troops in Iraq and about 70,000 in Afghanistan, with another 30,000 due to arrive there in the coming months.  
US combat troops exited Iraq's cities, towns and villages in June last year and are scheduled to leave the country completely by August.  
All American soldiers must withdraw from Iraq by the end of 2011 under a landmark security agreement signed between Baghdad and Washington.



PHOTO: AFP  
US President Barack Obama speaks to both houses of Congress during his first State of the Union address at the US Capitol on Wednesday in Washington, DC. Since taking office a little over a year ago, Obama's approval ratings have dropped significantly according to recent polls.

# Haiti girl pulled alive from quake rubble after 15 days

AFP, Port-au-prince  
Rescuers Wednesday dragged a Haitian girl alive from the rubble 15 days after a devastating quake, in a rare moment of joy for a country where victims still face a desperate shortage of aid.  
A French search team saved 16-year-old Darlene Etienne after neighbours heard a voice in the debris of a house in Port-au-Prince ending what appeared to be the longest ordeal of any survivor so far following the January 12 disaster.  
"She just said 'thank you,' she's very weak, which suggests that she's been there for 15 days," Commander Samuel Bernes of the rescue team told AFP.  
Colonel Michel Orcel, a doctor at the field hospital where Etienne was treated, said the girl was happy after her dramatic rescue.  
"She is 16 years old, she is alive and she has her whole life ahead of her. She was speaking, she said that she was happy," Orcel said. "She was worried about her friends but we weren't able to answer all her questions."



PHOTO: AFP  
Haitians wait in a queue for food at the national stadium in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday. Desperate Haitians still face a battle for survival after two weeks of the deadly quake as aid supplies were barely trickling in and pillagers ran rife in the ruins.

# Half of Haiti quake injured could be children

AFP, Washington  
US researchers said Wednesday they feared almost half of all those injured by the devastating Haiti quake may be children, urging relief agencies to plan accordingly.  
A statistical study by a specialist group at the Children's Hospital Los Angeles and the University of Southern California showed that those hurt in the January 12 quake will likely "include an extraordinarily high number of children, more than 110,000, nearly half of the estimated total."  
The study was conducted by Jeffrey Upperman and Robert Neches PhD, who have developed a software tool to help medical service providers plan their responses in the case of disasters and accidents involving children.  
Using existing data, the Pediatric Emergency Decision Support System (PEDSS) uses statistical methods to estimate how many of the victims of a disaster may be children and what care they might need.  
"Such needs in Haiti are particularly intense, because fully 35 percent of the population is under 15, meaning the estimated total number of injuries (250,000) contains far more children than it would in other areas," the researchers said in a statement.

# N Korea resumes firing artillery amid tension

AP, Seoul  
North Korea fired more artillery near its disputed western sea border with South Korea on Thursday, a day after it lobbed dozens of shells during military exercises that prompted the South to respond with warning shots.  
North Korea fired several artillery shells early Thursday that are believed to have landed in its waters, an official at Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity citing department policy, said South Korea did not respond but was closely watching the North's manoeuvres.  
The poorly marked sea border drawn by the American-led UN Command at the end of the Korean War is a constant source of tension between the two Koreas. Their navies fought a skirmish in November that left one North Korean sailor dead and three others wounded, and engaged in bloodier battles in the area in 1999 and 2002.

# West backs Yemen in fight

AFP, London  
World powers pledged to stand side-by-side with Yemen to tackle extremism after talks in London Wednesday on stopping al-Qaeda from creating a haven in the impoverished Arab country.  
British Foreign Secretary David Miliband, who chaired the meeting, told reporters it had been "an important step forward", while warning the "root causes" of militancy must be tackled.  
But US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton fired a shot over Yemen's bows by insisting that Sanaa and the world "can and must do more" to help the country's people, the poorest in the Arab world, overcome violent Islamists.

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Duration	6 months (May be extended)		

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**Job Vacancy**

INTERCOOPERATION (IC), a Swiss Foundation for Development and International Cooperation, implements Sustainable Access to Agroforestry, Knowledge, Technology and Information (SAAKTI) project funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in the districts of Sunamganj and Rajshahi division. The overall development goal of SAAKTI project is to contribute to long-term poverty reduction through creating a sustainable access of rural poor and extreme poor households to appropriate and up-to-date knowledge, techniques and technologies on Agroforestry production, processing and marketing in partnerships and collaborations with government, non-government and private sector organisations. IC invites applications for the position of "Advisor-Market Development and Service Provision" for its SAAKTI project.

Advisor-Market Development and Service Provision is responsible to develop and implement the concepts and strategies for developing markets and promoting services for the poor and extreme poor following BDS approaches considering market actors and service providers at different levels. S/he is responsible to provide advisory and backstopping supports to the regional teams so that the concepts and strategies of the value chains and service provision are translated into practices at all levels, and the poor and extreme poor producers get access to input, output and service markets. S/he is responsible to contact, negotiate and contract with the market actors in order to create the output markets for the products at national/international level. S/he is responsible to develop functional relationships and maintain regular liaison with the project partners, counterparts, service providers, and government and private sector stakeholders.

Required qualifications, experiences and competencies for the position are as follows:

- Masters degree in relevant subject;
- 5 years of experience in the relevant fields;
- Knowledge and skills in developing training curriculum/modules;
- Interpersonal skills and a good team player;
- Exposure in dealing with private sector;
- Experience in promoting BDS, Market Development and MSEs;
- Experience in value chain/sub-sector analysis;
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- Communication, linkage and networking capability with private and public institutions;
- Good negotiation and skills;
- Analytical and report writing skills;
- Operational skills of commonly used computer software including internets and websites;

The position is based in Rajshahi with frequent visits of at least 60% of the time to the field and other different places like Dhaka to contact relevant stakeholders.

Candidates fulfilling the above criteria should submit their applications with a CV (maximum 3 pages) and a recent passport size photograph.

Candidates should submit their applications to: *Project Coordinator, LEAF and SAAKTI Projects, House 2F NE (D), Road 73 G, Gulshan-2, Dhaka 1212* (E-mail: [info@intercooperation-bd.org](mailto:info@intercooperation-bd.org)) by 7 February 2010.

Candidates must mention their expected salary in their application and the envelope should be marked with the position the candidates applied for.

**Women are strongly encouraged to apply**  
**Only short-listed candidates will be called for interview.**

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**বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

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