



PHOTO: AFP  
Palestinian youths throw stones at Israeli police jeeps during clashes with Israeli forces in the Shuafat refugee camp in Jerusalem on Tuesday. Israeli security forces raided the refugee camp in annexed east Jerusalem, arresting 11 people in an operation police said was aimed at putting "some order" in the area.

# Secret British files reveal US abuse of detainee

AFP, London

A former Guantanamo Bay inmate was shackled and warned he would "disappear" if he refused to cooperate with US interrogators, according to details released Wednesday after a lengthy court battle.

The British government published seven paragraphs concerning the treatment of Binyam Mohamed after Foreign Secretary David Miliband lost his appeal court bid to prevent senior judges disclosing the previously secret information.

Britain has repeatedly warned that the release of the information could endanger its intelligence-sharing relationship with the US authorities and has fought for months to block its disclosure. But High Court judges ruled there was

"overwhelming" public interest in publishing the material and that the risk to national security was "not a serious one".

The judges said the content of the seven-paragraph summary, which described Mohamed's treatment as "cruel, inhuman and degrading" was already in the public domain following a decision in December by a US court in another case.

The information concerns what the CIA told British intelligence officials about "interviews" with Mohamed in Pakistan in 2002, two years before he was taken to Guantanamo.

One paragraph reads: "It was reported that at some stage during that further interview process by the United States authorities, BM had been intentionally subjected to continuous sleep deprivation."

The effects of the sleep deprivation were carefully observed.

"It was reported that combined with the sleep deprivation, threats and inducements were made to him. His fears of being removed from United States custody and 'disappearing' were played upon."

The summary also reads: "It was reported that the stress brought about by these deliberate tactics was increased by him being shackled in his interviews."

Miliband said however that Britain had "no information" to corroborate Mohamed's allegations that he had also been subjected to genital mutilation.

He also disclosed that police were investigating allegations of criminal actions by a British official linked to the case.

# US may abandon diplomatic approach to Iran on nukes

AFP, Brussels/Washington

The United States could soon abandon its diplomatic approach to Iran's nuclear programme in favour of tougher action, a senior US official warned yesterday.

The major world powers of the UN Security Council permanent five plus Germany have been using a "dual track approach" of negotiations and punitive action to persuade the Islamic republic to stop enriching uranium.

"We had a dual track but it is less and less likely that we are going to be able to maintain that dual track and not move to

the pressure track very soon," said Ellen Tauscher, US Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

"We are running out of time to do what is right... and to ease the tension in the region," she told reporters during a trip to Nato headquarters in Brussels.

Earlier US President Barack Obama pushed Tuesday for a "significant regime of sanctions" against Iran unless it accepts international proposals aimed at curbing its nuclear ambitions.

Stepping up the heat on Iran's leaders at an impromptu appearance in the White House briefing room, Obama said the

United States and five other world powers were "moving along fairly quickly" to tighten the screws on Tehran.

He indicated that his administration had made headway in persuading Russia to overcome its traditional resistance to imposing new sanctions on Iran, even if he was uncertain about whether China would join the other powers.

China now appears to be the sole holdout on sanctions among the five veto-wielding members of the UN Security Council -- the other four are the United States, Russia, Britain and France.

# Iran sentences another activist to death

AP, Tehran

Iran has convicted another opposition activist on charges related to the country's post-election turmoil and sentenced him to death, the judiciary said Tuesday, bringing to at least 10 the number of those facing the death penalty for the unrest following June's disputed presidential election.

The Web site of the Iranian judiciary said the opposition activist sentenced to death was convicted of Moharebeh, or defiance of God. The report also said that eight more people were sentenced to unspecified prison terms.

# US asks China, India to make clear climate pledges

AFP, Washington

The United States on Tuesday pressed China, India and other emerging powers to make clearer commitments to fighting climate change, warning that last year's Copenhagen accord risked being "stillborn."

The 194-nation UN-led summit in the Danish capital pledged to limit global warming to two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) along with billions of dollars in financing. It gave countries until January 31 to sign on.

China, India, Brazil and South Africa each submitted to the United Nations their plans to fight climate change but described them as voluntary and did not formally endorse the Copenhagen deal.

Todd Stern, the US special envoy on climate change, described the positions of the four developing powers as "a bit ambiguous" and said they wanted to "limit the impact" of the accord.

"I do believe that they will sign on to the accord because the consequences of not doing so are so serious -- in a word, leaving the accord stillborn, contrary to the clear assent their leaders gave to the accord in Copenhagen," Stern said at the Centre for American Progress, a Washington think-tank.

The Copenhagen summit in December worked on a framework for fighting climate change after 2012, when developed nations' commitments to curb carbon emissions blamed for global warming run out under the landmark Kyoto Protocol.

# Israeli warplanes bomb S Gaza

AFP, Jerusalem

Israeli warplanes bombed several sites in southern Gaza overnight in response to rocket fire from the Hamas-run enclave, the army and Palestinian medics said on Wednesday.

No one was wounded or killed in the strikes, which destroyed an abandoned building in Gaza's only airport, according to medics.

The airport was shut down and largely destroyed after the outbreak of the 2000 Palestinian uprising, or intifada, and has not been used since.

The attacks came in response to rocket fire from the impoverished enclave over the past several days, the army said in a statement. The rocket fire did not cause any casualties.

Israel has repeatedly targeted the vast network of tunnels used to smuggle food and construction materials as well as weapons from Egypt into Gaza, which has been under a punishing blockade since Hamas seized control there in June 2007.

# McCain's daughter slams Palin's Iran war advice to Obama

ANI, Washington

Senator John McCain's daughter Meghan McCain has slammed former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin for suggesting that President Obama wage a war on Iran.

During her appearance on ABC's "The View," Palin had suggested that President Obama could improve his reelection chances by declaring war on Iran, Fox News reports.

But Meghan opposed her father's former running mate by saying: "You should never go to war unless it's the absolute last circumstance."

# Distorted textbooks

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Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, not Ziaur Rahman, had proclaimed the republic's independence.

The proclamation came on March 26, 1971 and was propagated through Kalurghat Radio Station in Chittagong the same day, it said.

The judgement also banned the second edition of the third volume of the 15-volume series of books titled Documents of Bangladesh Liberation War published by the liberation war ministry during the BNP-Jamaat-led alliance government.

The judgement, which is the first of its kind, came in response to a writ petition filed by freedom fighter MA Salam. The petition challenged the authenticity of the claim in the book that Ziaur Rahman was the first to declare the country's independence, and urged the HC to ban the book.

The judgement was pronounced by an HC bench comprised of Justice ABM Khairul Haque and Justice Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed.

Most of the academics and lawyers of the country welcomed the HC verdict.

Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury on Tuesday told The Daily Star that the authentication committee for the disputed book had done wrong by allowing the book to claim that Ziaur Rahman was the first to declare the independence of Bangladesh.

It is an established fact that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman declared the independence on March 26, 1971, and Ziaur Rahman read out the declaration on behalf of Bangabandhu the following day, he said.

He also said the authentication committee members allowed the distortion of history for political purposes, and in fact through the distortion they ended up making Ziaur Rahman controversial.

Everybody knows that Ziaur Rahman played a heroic role during the liberation war and his contribution has to be properly evaluated, he added.

Writ petitioner's lawyer Manzil Murshid said the HC came up with the verdict considering all legal and constitutional aspects of the case.

# 5,000 buses run

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Dhanmondi and Gulshan pedestrians and worsening the traffic congestion. But Dhaka City Corporation remains silent to stop it," said lawmaker AKM Rahmatullah of Dhaka-10 constituency.

The companies operate around 5,000 buses and minibuses on 149 routes in the capital, he informed.

In a call attention notice to the LGRD minister, he said ticket sellers told him they are safely doing their business bribing the traffic police regularly.

According to the Dhaka regional transport committee, more than 5,000 buses are plying on the city streets, while Bangladesh Road Transport Authority says the number is 4,820, he told the House.

Citing an example, the lawmaker said around 50 ticket counters exist on both sides of the short distance road from Mauchak to Kuril highway.

Ticket counters have also been set up on the footpaths in

Dhanmondi and Gulshan creating obstacle to pedestrians, he added.

The lawmaker drew attention of the LGRD minister and demanded stern action against illegal occupation of footpaths.

In absence of LGRD Minister Syed Ashraful Islam, Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad replied to the notice and termed the situation unfortunate.

"We'll take action to stop setting up ticket counters on footpaths. The communications ministry has already been asked to take measures to reduce traffic congestion," the minister said.

Apparently dissatisfied with the answer and absence of the LGRD minister, the AL lawmaker did not make supplementary question about the situation.

"I don't want to embarrass him [the information minister] by asking supplementary question after his reply," Rahmatullah said.

# Marine turtles

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Marine turtles are also killed in large numbers by fishermen in Cox's Bazar, St Martin's Island, and Sonadia Island areas.

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Schedule for CEMBA/CEMPA Examination-091 Term (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Semester)

Date	09.00 am - 12.00 noon	02.00 pm - 5.00 pm
26-02-2010 Friday	CORE 2605 : Management Information Systems	SCOM 4611 : Quality Assurance Management
05-3-2010 Friday	CORE 2606 : Operations Management	SCOM 4613 : Development Planning & Administration
12-3-2010 Friday	CORE 2607 : Human Resource Management	ELEC 4616 : Electronic Commerce
19-3-2010 Friday	CORE 2608 : Economic Environment of Business	ELEC 4617 : Corporate Finance
02-04-2010 Friday	CORE 2609 : Public Systems Management	ELEC 4618 : Managerial Economics

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (FIRM)

1	Ministry / Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.
2	Agency	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
3	Procuring Entity name	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting Firm (Time-based)
7	EOI Ref. No.	293-BGCB/2010
8	Date	10/02/2010
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	Quality cost based selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (EGCB's Own fund)
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/ Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A
13	Project/ Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A
14	EOI closing Date, Time and Place	Date: 07/03/2010 Time: 12.00 P.M. Place: Office of the Company Secretary, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (8 <sup>th</sup> Level), 7-9 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
15	Brief Description of Assignment	To supply 5 (five) specialist of different categories for giving technical assistance in operation & maintenance and impart training to the EGCB personnel of Russian built 210 MW Siddhirganj Thermal Power Station, Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
16	Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	1. Minimum 1(One) year overseas experience in supplying of Expert/specialists for O & M of Russian built 210MW Thermal Power Station similar to Siddhirganj/Chornal Power Station of Bangladesh. 2. Firm who likes to participate, may associate with other firm(s) to submit a single proposal in under taking this assignment but no firm should form association with more than one group.
17	Other Details (if applicable)	1. Interested firms are requested to collect EOI document from office of the undersigned before closing date. 2. Original EOI document and 4(four) copies should be submitted. 3. The short listing of firms will be made on the basis of evaluation criteria provided in the EOI document. 4. List of the firm should be submitted. 5. Brochure of works/service should be submitted as experience. 6. Financial statement should be submitted.
18	Association with foreign firm is	Encouraged
19	Ref. No.	Phasing of Services
19	46	46 months in 1(one) year
19	Location	210 MW Siddhirganj Thermal Power Station, Narayanganj, Bangladesh
19	Indicative Start date	---
19	Indicative Completion date	---
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
20	Name of Official Inviting Expression of Interest	Kazi Nazrul Islam
21	Designation of Official Inviting Expression of Interest	Company Secretary
22	Address of Official Inviting Expression of Interest	EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (8 <sup>th</sup> Level), 7-9 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
23	Contact details of Official Inviting Expression of Interest	Tel: +88-02-9134029, 9134032, 8124197, Fax: +88-02-9118345 e-mail: egcb_hq@yahoo.com
24	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all EOI's.	

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Memo No. APSCL/Pro-02/2010/ 163 date: 09/02/2010

"Invitation For Tender"

01.	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources / Power Division.		
02.	Agency	Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd.		
03.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method.		
04.	Source of Funds	APSCL's Own Fund.		
05.	Tender Publication Date	09/02/2010.		
06.	Tender Last Selling Date & Time	03/03/2010 during office hour.		
07.	Tender Closing Date & Time	04/03/2010 at 12.00 BST.		
08.	Tender Opening Date & Time	04/03/2010 at 12.15 BST.		
09.	Name & Address of the Offices			
a.	Selling Tender Documents.	(i) Asst. Chief Engineer (Generation), Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Bhavan (1 <sup>st</sup> floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. (ii) Manager (Finance), APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria.		
b.	Receiving & Opening Tender Documents	Office of the Convener, Procurement Committee, APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria		
10.	Eligibility of Tenderer	Renowned Supplier having experience of supply as specified in the Tender Document.		
11.				
Sl. No	Name of Supply	Price of Tender Documents	Amount of Tender Security	Completion time
a.	Supply of 02 (two) Brand New Car for APSCL.	Tk. 1,000.00 (Non refundable)	BDT 1,08,000.00	30 days from the date of Contract Signing.
12.	Name of official Inviting Tender	A.M.M Sazzadur Rahman		
13.	Designation of official Inviting Tender	Convener, Procurement committee		
14.	Address of official Inviting Tender	Ashuganj Power Station Co. Ltd. Ashuganj, B-Baria, Bangladesh.		
15.	Contract details of official Inviting Tender.	Tel : 0088 08528 74033 Fax :0088 08528 74044, E-mail:procurement@apscl.com Website : www.apscl.com		
16.	Special Conditions	a) Price of Tender documents should be paid in favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh. b) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.		

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