

# Iran headed for military dictatorship: Hillary

AFP, Riyadh

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton held talks in Saudi Arabia yesterday looking to rally support for tough new UN sanctions against Iran, which she warned is turning into a "military dictatorship" bent on building a nuclear weapon.

The US chief diplomat flew in on her first visit to the oil-rich kingdom after using some of the strongest language yet about events in Iran from an administration, which just a year ago had sought to hold out the hand of friendship.

She went straight into talks with her Saudi counterpart Prince Saud al-Faisal before heading to a desert camp outside the capital to meet King Abdullah.

Speaking to students earlier in neighbouring Qatar, just across the Gulf from Iran, Hillary said that the whole region had reason to fear Iran's nuclear programme and the growing influence of the elite Revolutionary Guards.

Hillary said the United States was not aiming to use military action to curb Iran's nuclear ambitions but rather seeking to build support for tough new sanctions at the UN Security Council.

She said the package Washington wanted adopted "will be particularly aimed at those enterprises controlled by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, which we believe is in effect supplanting the government of Iran."

"We see the government of Iran, the supreme leader, the president, the parliament is being supplanted and Iran is moving toward a military dictatorship," she said.

"They are in charge of the nuclear programme."

"It's a far cry from the Islamic republic that had elections and different points of view within the leadership circle, that is part of the reason why we are so concerned with what we see is going on there."

The Revolutionary Guards continue to be the military guardian of revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's Islamic ideology, but also own large tranches of Iran's economy.



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber al-Thani hold a joint press conference in Doha on Sunday. Hillary warned Iran in a speech at the US-Islamic World forum in Doha that Washington is working with its partners on moves to convince the Islamic republic to change course in its nuclear drive.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Cyclone slams into Tonga

AFP, Nuku'alofa

Cyclone Rene slammed into northern and central Tonga yesterday packing winds of more than 160km an hour, disrupting power and communications and damaging buildings and crops.

The cyclone was over the central Ha'apai group by early afternoon after battering the northern Vava'u group earlier in the day, the Fiji Meteorological Service (FMS) said.

The storm was about 100 kilometres northeast of the capital Nuku'alofa on the main island of Tongatapu by 4 pm (0300 GMT), as residents battened down for an expected onslaught overnight.

### Yemen helicopter crash kills 13

AFP, Sanaa

Thirteen Yemeni soldiers died when a military helicopter evacuating wounded servicemen amid a fledgling ceasefire with Shia rebels crashed in the northern mountains, the defence ministry said yesterday.

Sunday's accident in the Kahlan district, east of the provincial capital Saada, was the result of a technical fault, the official Saba news agency quoted a ministry spokesman as saying.



Emergency services personnel walk beside the wreckage of two passenger trains following a collision at Halle yesterday. Two packed commuter trains collided head-on during the rush hour outside snow-covered Brussels killing some 20 people, a local mayor told Belgian media.

## 20 killed in Belgian train crash

AP, Brussels

Two commuter trains collided head-on at rush hour in a Brussels suburb Monday, killing 20 people, Belgian officials said.

The trains collided in snowy conditions just outside of the station at Buizingen around 8:30 a.m. (0730GMT).

"The most recent information we have is that 20 people died," town Mayor Dirk Pieters told the VRT radio network. "I base this on what the police and firefighters tell me."

There was no immediate word on the number of injured. Television reports showed that the force of the collision pushed the first car of each train up off the tracks. The cars ended up resting against each other.

VRT reported some victims were hospitalised and others were treated at a nearby sports complex.

The crash caused great damage to overhead power lines and rail traffic from Brussels to southwestern Belgium was halted.

## Western nations challenge Iran over 'repression'

AFP, Geneva

Western powers accused Tehran of waging "bloody repression" since elections last year as they challenged Iran to open up to international scrutiny during a UN human rights meeting yesterday.

In a public review of Iran's record at the UN Human Rights Council, Britain, France, the United States and other Western nations expressed deep concern about reports of killings, arrests and torture in a clampdown on dissent.

"The authorities are waging bloody repression against their own people, who are peacefully claiming their rights," French ambassador Jean Baptiste Mattei said.

"France recommends that Iran accept the creation of a credible and independent international inquiry mechanism to shed light on these violations," he told the Council.

Senior Iranian official Mohammad Javad Larjani rejected a "barrage of accusations" and accused some Western nations of "double standards" following their support for repression under the Shah of Iran.

## UN envoy holds talks on elections in Myanmar

AFP, Yangon

A UN special envoy began a five-day visit to Myanmar on Monday to discuss human rights ahead of national polls, days after the military regime freed democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi's deputy.

Tomas Ojea Quintana met judges and opposition lawyers in the former capital Yangon but officials said there were no plans yet for him to meet either Suu Kyi or reclusive junta head Than Shwe.

Nobel Peace laureate Suu Kyi remains under house arrest in Yangon but the regime on Saturday freed Tin Oo, the elderly vice chairman of her National League for Democracy (NLD), who welcomed Quintana's visit.

"If the UN human rights envoy can come and meet and cooperate with us frequently, things can be resolved," Tin Oo told reporters Monday during his first visit to the party headquarters since his release.

Four lawyers for the NLD met with Quintana for an hour.

Party spokesman and lawyer Nyan Win said the four explained to Quintana the legal arguments against Suu Kyi's detention and outlined the plight of more than 2,100 other political prisoners around the country.

Suu Kyi's house arrest was extended last August by 18 months when she was convicted over an incident in which a US man swam to her house, effectively ruling her out of the polls and sparking global outrage.

## 5 Muslims jailed for plotting attack in Australia

AFP, Sydney

Five Muslims, including one Bangladeshi origin Australian, who plotted an attack using guns and explosives to protest against Australia's part in the "war on terror" were jailed for up to 28 years yesterday, after the country's longest extremism trial.

The men, who cannot be named, were convicted in October of gathering firearms, chemicals and bomb-making instructions, along with a mass of Islamist propaganda, for the attack on an unknown target.

Justice Anthony Whealy, who handed down the sen-

tences at a purpose-built courthouse in Sydney's west, said the plans were "often lacking in cleverness" but were well advanced when the five were arrested in 2005.

"There is no reason to doubt that, absent the intervention of the authorities, the plan might well have come to fruition in early 2006 or thereabouts," Whealy told the hearing of New South Wales Supreme Court.

The men from Sydney, who are Australian citizens of Lebanese, Libyan and Bangladeshi descent, were handed maximum terms of 23 to 28 years, with the shortest non-parole period being 17 years and three months.

The five, aged 25 to 44, showed little emotion and some of them smiled at each other when Whealy left court.

"That's a very big sentence -- not even murderers get sentenced that much," the sister of one of the men told reporters.

## Job Opening—Civil Society Program Officer

The Promoting Governance, Accountability, Transparency and Integrity (PROGATI) project is funded by USAID and implemented by Development Alternatives, Inc. The project objective is to promote principles of accountability, transparency, and responsiveness to decrease the level of corruption in Bangladesh. PROGATI is seeking a highly qualified and motivated person for the post of Civil Society Program Officer. **Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.**

PROGATI is currently working closely with several Dhaka and regional civil society partners. It supports these partners in implementing training and campaign events on transparency, accountability and good governance. The Civil Society Program Officer will have the following responsibilities:

- Lead the design and implementation of tasks associated with institutional and organizational capacity building of PROGATI Partner organizations;
- Monitor the implementation of project activities, ensuring they are carried out effectively and achieve stated objectives;
- Assist in collecting and entering monitoring data into the project database for all civil society activities; and
- Monitor fund use to ensure it conforms with approved budgets.

### Required qualifications:

- University degree in Social Science, Political Science or related fields;
- Minimum 5 years professional experience working in civil society related-development, experience with governance and anti-corruption preferred;
- Excellent computer skills, including use of Microsoft Excel and Word;
- Strong communication skills in English and Bangla (reading, writing and speaking); and
- Knowledge of private sector associations preferred.

Interested and qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, CV and 3 references to [progatijob@yahoo.com](mailto:progatijob@yahoo.com) by 7 March 2010. All candidates will be reviewed but only finalists will be notified. No phone calls or in-person applications will be accepted. Please reference the job title in the subject line.

EAST WEST UNIVERSITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL	
Request for Proposal (RFP) for Development, Implementation, Testing, Commissioning and Training of ERP and E-Governance System for East West University	
1. RFP for	Development, Implementation, Testing, Commissioning and Training of ERP and E-Governance System for East West University
2. Procurement Method	Quality and Cost based selection (QCBS)
3. RFP Document Price	Tk2000/-
4. RFP Document Selling	Starting Date:16-2-2010, Closing Date:02-03-2010
5. Name and Address of the Offices	CHRL Office, Admin Building( 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)
6. Pre-Bid Meeting Place, Date and Time	09-03-2010, Conference Room( 9 <sup>th</sup> floor), Foundation Building, 11:00 AM
7. Tender Submission Date & Time	30-03-2010, CHRL Office, Admin Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
<b>8. Basic Description of the Assignment</b>	
The objective of this project is to design an integrated and comprehensive Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) along with E-Governance for East West University. The proposed web based application will have the following modules (not exhaustive):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University Management</li> <li>• Accounts Management</li> <li>• Inventory Management</li> <li>• ICS Management</li> <li>• Office Management</li> <li>• Management Information System (MIS)</li> <li>• Academics Management</li> <li>• Human Resource &amp; Logistics Management</li> <li>• Fixed Asset Management</li> <li>• Integration with Library System</li> <li>• Settings &amp; Security Management</li> </ul>	
Desired characteristics of the web based ERP and E-Governance software are as follows (not exhaustive):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed application must be a web based application, will run both in LAN and WAN Environment;</li> <li>• The software must have multi tier secure architecture;</li> <li>• Proper security system must be designed and developed, so that a authorized user can access the database and retrieve the data/information;</li> <li>• The software must provide multi level of approval authority for a process, which will be dynamic;</li> <li>• The proposed software should be able to integrate with existing software of East West University and will have capability to integrate with third party software.</li> <li>• The software should be parameterized and dynamic enough to adapt with rules and policy changes.</li> <li>• The proposed system will have email facilities.</li> <li>• Each form of the system will include a section where user will keep note and make attachment of any type of file.</li> <li>• The system should provide number of reports defined by the university. It should have option to generate reports by using different criteria as well as customized reports defined by the users. Reports should contain option to export in Different formats Like MS Excel, PDF, MS Word etc.;</li> <li>• The system should support external hardware's such as OCR, Printers, Barcode Readers, different types of Attendance Machines and so on;</li> <li>• The application must have an option to send specific data through SMS to hundreds and thousands of students;</li> </ul>	
<b>Experience Resources and Delivery Capacity Required</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The firm must have 5 years experience with at least 3 years experience in Web based software development</li> <li>• Firm should have to submit referring documents showing experience in education sector</li> <li>• The firm must have to submit 3 years of audit report</li> <li>• The firm must have to submit authenticated copy of Bank Solvency Certificate</li> <li>• The firm must have to submit authenticated copy of valid Trade License, Tax and VAT Registration Certificate</li> <li>• The company must submit printed brochure or Company Profile with curriculum vitae of project key professionals</li> </ul>	
10. East West University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposal without showing any reason.	
Project Director	

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Loan No. 2332-BAN: Sustainable Power Sector Development Project					
ICB No.: 03/2009; Supply & Installation of Remote Metering Unit on Turnkey basis					
1 The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan under Sustainable Power Sector Development Program (SPSDP) from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Distribution System Efficiency Improvements in DESCO area and it is intended that a part of the proceeds of the loan will be applied to eligible payments under contract against ICB No. 03/2009, Lot-D of Package-4 for design, supply and installation of Remote Metering Unit on Turnkey basis for which this Invitation of Bids is issued.					
2 Dhaka Electric Supply Co. Ltd. ("the Employer") now invites sealed bids under Lot-D of Package-4 from eligible bidders for design, supply, installation, testing & Commissioning of Remote Metering Unit on Turnkey basis as defined in the bidding document (hereinafter referred to as "the Works"). Bidding is open to all eligible bidders from the member countries of the ADB.					
3 The Work under the turnkey contracts are expected for completion within 360 days from the effective date.					
4 Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, at the office of the DGM (F&A), Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd. (DESCO), House # 3, Road # 24, Block # K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka-1213, Tel: +880-2-8860341, 8859642 Fax: +880-2-8854648.					
5 A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased during office hours till 19/04/2010 by interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the DGM (F&A), DESCO at the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk. 5,000.00 (Taka five thousand only) in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd. The delivery procedure is by surface mail or courier or hand delivery for local delivery (no additional cost) and by airmail for overseas delivery for an additional fee of \$150. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery. Bidding Document will be available from the Office of the Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd., (DESCO) on all working days from the dates shown in the following table. No Bidding Document will be sold on the day fixed for opening of bids.					
6 A Pre-Bid meeting shall be held on 30.03.2010 at 10:00 am Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) in the office of the Managing Director, Dhaka Electric Supply Co. Ltd. (DESCO), House # 3, Road # 24, Block # K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh.					
7 A single-stage two-envelope bidding procedure will be adopted. Bidders are to submit simultaneously two sealed envelopes, one containing the technical proposal and one containing the price proposal. Initially only the technical proposals will be opened. The price proposals will remain un-opened and will be kept in the custody of the Employer until the time of opening of the price proposals of the responsive technical proposals. The unopened price proposals against the respective non-responsive technical proposals may however be returned to the bidders upon submission of their written application to the Company Secretary, DESCO.					
8 Each bid accompanied with a bid security in US\$ or equivalent in a freely convertible currency favouring DESCO shall be submitted for Lot-D of Package-4 to the address below at or before the time and date specified under. Late Bids shall be considered as rejected. The Technical Proposals of the Bid will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who wish to attend at the address at the time and date indicated below. The Price Proposals of Bid will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who wish to attend at the time and date and at the address to be advised by the Purchaser after obtaining concurrence of ADB on the evaluation of the Technical Proposals. Technical Proposal(s) and Price Proposal(s) shall be submitted separately.					
ICB No.	Package No/Lot No.	Item	Amount of Bid security	Deadline for Bid Submission	Date & Time of Opening of Technical bids
03/2009	4/D	Supply & Installation of Remote Metering Unit at Mirpur Zone on Turnkey basis.	US\$ 10,000.00 or equivalent amount in bid currency.	12.00 Noon BST on 20/04/2010	12:30 pm BST on 20/04/2010
9 In the comparison of bids, the Employer will grant a margin of preference to eligible goods manufactured in the Employer's country in accordance with the procedures outlined in the bidding documents.					
10 DESCO will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids including costs and expenses related to visits to the sites of installation on the Works.					
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