

No building halt in east Jerusalem, says Israel

AP, Jerusalem

Aides to Israel's prime minister said yesterday that he has officially rejected President Barack Obama's demand to suspend all construction in contested east Jerusalem, a move that threatens to entrench a year-old deadlock in Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking.

The aides said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivered his government's position to Obama over the weekend, ahead of the scheduled arrival later Thursday of the US president's special Mideast envoy, George Mitchell.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because the contact between the two leaders was private.

Washington had put Mitchell's shuttle diplomacy on hold for more than a month as it awaited a reply from Israel. Aides to Netanyahu provided no information on whether the Israeli leader had offered any other concessions to the Palestinians in an effort to restart the long-stalled talks.

But with Israel eager to ease tensions with its closest and most important ally, it appeared likely the Jewish state tempered its rejection with other confidence building gestures toward the Palestinians.

The status of east Jerusalem, home to shrines sacred to Muslims, Jews and Christians, is the most emotionally fraught issue dividing Israelis and Palestinians. The Palestinians claim the city's eastern sector as the capital of a future state, but Netanyahu has insisted repeatedly that Israel will retain control of the entire city as its capital.

Israel and the Palestinians had been set to launch US-mediated negotiations last month when Israel announced plans during a visit by Vice President Joe Biden to build 1,600 homes in a Jewish housing project in east Jerusalem.

Belgian PM quits, coalition topples

AFP, Brussels

Belgian Prime Minister Yves Leterme threw in the towel yesterday -- for the third time as federal government chief -- after a key Flemish party scuppered his coalition.

But King Albert II delayed his decision on whether to accept Leterme's resignation, saying that the political crisis "seriously threatens" Belgium's role two months before the country assumes the EU presidency.

Leterme decided to offer his resignation after holding an emergency cabinet meeting.

UN patience limited on Iran nuke plan: Russia

AFP, Moscow

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov warned yesterday that the UN Security Council cannot wait indefinitely for Iran to heed the warnings of the international community on its nuclear programme.

"If we are talking about a situation where everything stays as it is, in a dead-end state, then I don't think the Security Council will observe this for too long without intervening," Lavrov said in televised comments.

Lavrov made the remarks at a joint press conference with visiting Australian Foreign Minister Stephen Smith.

"We have a position that follows, first of all and principally, the aim of carrying out those

decisions that were taken by the International Atomic Energy Agency, which were then supported by the UN Security Council," Lavrov said.

The comments were apparently a reference to an IAEA-brokered plan to defuse the Iranian nuclear crisis by taking low-enriched uranium out of Iran for further enrichment and processing abroad.

Tehran has so far refused to implement the IAEA plan, angering Russia, one of the plan's main sponsors.

Lavrov's deputy, Sergei Ryabkov, in harsh comments on Thursday criticized Iran's "stubborn lack of desire" to "listen to the calls of the international community" and obey past Security Council resolutions.

Iran begins war games in Gulf

AP, Tehran

Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard yesterday started large-scale war games in the Persian Gulf and the strategic Strait of Hormuz, state television reported.

Iran has been holding military manoeuvres in the gulf and the Strait of Hormuz annually since 2006 to show off its military capabilities. The last four editions of the games were held in the summer, but there has been no official explanation why they were brought forward this year.

The war games have routinely heightened tension in the region, but they have more recently taken added significance as the standoff between the West and Tehran over Iran's nuclear program grows deeper.



Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard boats attack a naval vessel during a three-day military drill in the Gulf yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Dark clouds gather over Iraq's political stalemate

TIME ONLINE

It's no surprise that the process of forming a government after Iraq's March 7 election has proven frustrating and messy. After all, Iraqi politicians don't exactly play well together.

The acrimonious five-month delay in forming a government after the last parliamentary election, in 2005, helped lead to a bloody, sectarian civil war.

Still, it is surprising that six weeks since the recent election, not only have serious negotiations to form a new government not begun, but there is no consensus on who won the vote.

An Iraqi judge on Monday ordered a partial recount of votes in Baghdad province at the request of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, whose State of Law coalition came in second when official results were announced on March 27, with just two parliamentary seats fewer than former Prime Minister Iyad Allawi's Iraqiya coalition.

Fearful that a partial recount would erase Iraqiya's victory, Allawi responded on Tuesday by calling for a broader recount to include areas in the south where his coalition fared poorly.

Clegg in hot seat for next TV debate

AP, London

Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg will be in the hot seat as Britain holds its second televised election debate, with Labour's Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Conservative leader David Cameron both gunning for the man who upstaged them a week ago.

The debate could be a game-changer, with candidates duelling over foreign affairs at a time when the country is broke and voters are angry. Any mistakes could tip the scales in this razor-sharp race.

Britain's May 6 general election is expected to be the closest in decades, with polls suggesting that no party will win an outright majority. That situation could turn the Liberal Democrats into a kingmaker.

VACANCY NOTICE

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh re-advertises vacancy for following positions for "Comprehensive Disaster Management Program - Phase II" project.

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Only Bangladeshi nationals are eligible to apply.

Bangladesh Bank

Common Services Department
Head Office
Dhaka
Website: www.bangladesh-bank.org.bd

Invitation for Tender

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed steel furniture manufacturers/contractors/firms for supply and installation of 74 (seventy-four) Nos. Locker Bins with accessories for Bangladesh Bank at Barisal.

- Source of : Bangladesh Bank funds
- Invitation for : CSD(MES): 15/1-49/2010, tender Ref & date: 18-04-2010
- Eligibility of : Tenderers having experience in successfully manufacturing, supply & installation of Locker Bins/similar nature of work worth not less than Tk 30 lac in a single contract in any govt/semi-govt/autonomous organizations or registered companies in Bangladesh in the last 03 (three) years.
- Price of tender : Tk 2000/- (two thousand) document
- Tender security : Tk 2,00,000/- (two lac) only.
- Name & address of the office selling tender document : Common Services Department (CR&D Section-1st floor of 30-storied building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
- Name & address of the office receiving & opening tenders : Common Services Department (6th floor of 30-storied building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka -1000, Bangladesh.
- Last date & time for selling tender documents : 09-05-2010 up to normal office hours.
- Last date & time for submission of tenders : 10-05-2010 on or before 2.00pm.
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Ex-Brac staff will have to mention PIN on the CV.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Date of issue : 20 April 2010
Closing date : 13 May 2010

World Health Organization, Country Office for Bangladesh invites application from the world candidates for the following positions:

Title & Vacancy Notice No.	Grade	Type	Duration	Annual Salary (Taka)	Official Station
National Professional Officer - Pandemic Influenza Surveillance and Response	NO-B	TNP	Upto September 2010 (May be extended)	1,907,325/= Plus admissible allowances	Dhaka
National Consultant - HIV/AIDS					
National Consultant - Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	SSA - 7	SSA	Upto 31 Dec. 2010 (may be extended)	837,481/= Plus admissible allowances	Dhaka
National Consultant - Environmental Health					

For details of the above vacancy announcement, please visit our Web site at: www.who.org

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Walk-In-Interview

ড্রাকের "শাখাবী উন্নয়ন কর্মকর্তা", "শস্য শিবিড়করণ কর্মকর্তা" এবং "সীড এন্টারপ্রাইজ কর্মকর্তা" তে মার্কশীটে কাজ করতে আগ্রহী ও যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থীদের নিম্নলিখিত পদে সরাসরি সাক্ষাৎকারে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে:

কৃষি উন্নয়ন কর্মকর্তা/ জুনিয়র সীড টেকনোলজিস্ট/ প্রযুক্তি উন্নয়ন বিজ্ঞানী

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বয়স : সর্বোচ্চ ৩০ বছর।

বেতন : সর্বমোট মাসিক ১২,৮২০/- টাকা।

কর্মস্থল : স্ত্রাক ফিল্ড অফিস সমূহ।

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স্থান: স্ত্রাক টার্ক উত্তরা, আশকোনা (হাজী ক্যাম্পের বিপরীতে) উত্তরা, ঢাকা-১২৩০।

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