

Nato plans power transfer to Afghans

BBC NEWS

Nato is preparing to hand control of parts of Afghanistan to the Afghan people this year, Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen has said.

Nato foreign ministers, and their partners in the international coalition in Afghanistan, have been meeting in the Estonian capital Tallinn.

Nato endorsed a plan on implementing security and governance that will allow a gradual transfer of powers.

The organisation has some 90,000 troops from 40 nations in Afghanistan.

US President Barack Obama has said that the US aims to begin pulling troops out of Afghanistan in 2011.

Korean woman's Kanchenjunga climb disputed

BBC NEWS

The 2009 ascent by a Korean climber of Nepal's Kanchenjunga peak has been marked as "disputed" by the accepted arbiter of Himalayan climbing records.

Oh Eun-Sun, who has publicly defended her ascent, is currently climbing another Himalayan summit -- Annapurna.

She hopes to become the first woman to scale the world's 14 highest peaks.

Even if she scales the summit this weekend, her claim to the record could be in question after her nearest rival in the quest disputed the 2009 climb.



Kashmiri protesters clash with Indian police in Srinagar yesterday during a protest against death sentences handed to three members of a Kashmiri group that bombed a New Delhi market in 1996. Law enforcers detained activists including Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) Chairman Yasin Malik, below, during the fight. One person was killed and 24 were hurt in another strike called in protest against the convictions.



Lankan president names first post-war cabinet

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's president unveiled a new cabinet yesterday, cementing his grip on power by keeping the key defence and finance portfolios for himself and creating a new ministry for his younger brother.

The new line-up was announced a day after the opening of parliament, when President Mahinda Rajapakse's elder brother Chamal was unanimously elected as speaker with control of the legislative agenda.

The 37-member cabinet was a sharply streamlined version of its predecessor, which boasted a record 109 ministers and deputy ministers and had been criticised as cumbersome and wasteful.

The new cabinet includes the president's younger brother, Basil Rajapakse, who was put in charge of the newly established Economic Development Ministry, entrusted with turning the island into "Asia's new miracle."

Official sources said the new portfolio, which is alone in having three deputy ministers, carried specific responsibility for reviving the island's ethnic Tamil heartland in the northeast, ravaged by decades of conflict with Tamil Tiger rebels.

Tax officials question IPL chief

BBC NEWS

Investigators have questioned the chief of the Indian Premier League (IPL) over allegations of corruption linked to the lucrative cricket tournament.

Reports say tax and foreign exchange officials interrogated Lalit Modi for hours -- he denies any wrongdoing.

Separately, government investigations continued into the teams, sponsors, broadcasters and event managers associated with the event.

The IPL features some of the world's top cricketers.

Tax officials have already searched the offices of IPL teams Kolkata Knight Riders, Chennai Super Kings, Deccan Chargers in Delhi, Kings XI in Chandigarh and the yet unnamed team owned by Sahara.

Correspondents say the allegations of sleaze, illegal betting, favouritism and money laundering have gripped the nation in recent days.

The BBC's Soutik Biswas in Delhi says this is the worst crisis in Indian cricket since the match-fixing scandal involving senior national players in 2000.

CRICKET BOARD CONFLICT
Separately Mr Modi has also questioned the right of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) -- which also runs the IPL -- to convene a meeting on Monday where, according to reports, a number of members may ask him to step down.

But there have been questions about the impartiality of the board.

India's Sports Minister MS Gill said there was a question of conflict of interest for certain people who have interests in

both the BCCI and the IPL: one selector is a brand ambassador for an IPL team, while another board member owns an IPL team.

"You can't be regulator, controller, owner of the team you are creating," Mr Gill said.

He said the government was giving tax concessions to the IPL and providing security for the matches.

"You have to charge from people benefiting commercially," he said.

The allegations were sparked off by a row between the IPL commissioner, Lalit Modi, and a government minister, Shashi Tharoor, over the ownership of a new IPL franchise.

Mr Tharoor was forced to resign after Mr Modi revealed that a close female friend of the minister was one of the stakeholders of the team for Kochi Mr Tharoor helped to set up.

Seven Pak soldiers killed in militant ambush

AFP, Peshawar

Seven Pakistani soldiers have been killed and 16 wounded after militants armed with guns and rocket launchers ambushed their convoy in the north-west tribal belt, officials said yesterday.

Dozens of Islamist insurgents on Thursday attacked the troops in North Waziristan, part of the lawless tribal region bordering Afghanistan and a known sanctuary of the Taliban and other Al-Qaeda-linked militant groups.

In other unrest in the region, 16 militants were killed in army operations in Orakzai tribal district, while the mutilated bodies of four men accused of spying for the United States were found dumped by a road in the area.

Two officers were among the dead in the ambush in Dattakhel, a Taliban stronghold and recent target of US drone missile strikes, about

20 kilometres (10 miles) from North Waziristan's main town Miranshah.

"It was a pre-planned attack. Dozens of militants first fired several rockets and then used other weapons and guns," an intelligence official based in Miranshah said, adding that four military vehicles were destroyed.

A military statement said the convoy was on a routine mission from Miranshah to Dattakhel.

"In the ambush, seven soldiers embraced shahadat (martyrdom), including an officer and a junior commissioned officer, while 16 soldiers were injured," the statement said. Two of the wounded are in a critical condition.

The rugged tribal terrain became a stronghold for hundreds of extremists who fled neighbouring Afghanistan after the US-led invasion in late 2001.



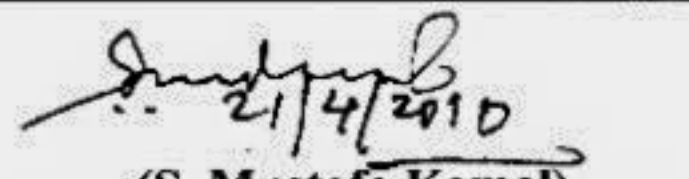
Bangladesh Handloom Board

BTMC Bhaban (4th floor)
7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Textiles & Jute
2	Agency	Bangladesh Handloom Board (BHB)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Handloom Board
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	(1). Construction of 2-storied office-cum-administrative building. (2). Construction of Basic Centre and Display-cum-Sales Centre Building 3-storied. (3). Hostel building (foundation for 4-storied) super structure up to 1-storied. (4). Construction of practical shed and other development works (i) Internal road (RCC), (ii) Boundary wall, (iii) Shallow Tube-well & Pump House, (iv) Water supply Line, (v) Sewerage line & Minimizing system, (vi) Master drain & surface drain, (vii) Land Development
7	Invitation Ref No	BHB/Eng./265(1)/10
8	Date	Date: 11-04-2010
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method. (OTM)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	N.A.
13	Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	Establishment of Training Centre, Basic Centre and Display-cum-Sale Centre in Rangpur.
14	Tender Package No.	IFT-Clause No.-(26-29) 4 (Four)
15	Tender Package Name	IFT-Clause No. 26-29
16	Tender Publication Date	23-04-2010
17	Tender Last Selling Date	16-05-2010 (During Office Hours)
18	Tender closing Date & Time	17-05-2010 at 12.00 Noon
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	17-05-2010 Time: 2.00 PM.
20	Name & Address of the Office(s)	
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	P&I Division, Bangladesh Handloom Board, BTMC Bhaban (level-5), 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
	- Selling Tender Document (Others)	N/A
	- Receiving Tender Document	P&I Division, Bangladesh Handloom Board, BTMC Bhaban (level-5), 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
	- Opening Tender Document	P&I Division, Bangladesh Handloom Board, BTMC Bhaban (level-5), 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
21	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	N/A
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of Tenderers	As stated in the tender document
23	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Establishment of Training Centre, Basic Centre and Display-cum-Sale Centre in Rangpur and related construction works.
24	Brief Description of related services	-Do-
25	Price of Tender Document	IFT Clause no. 26. Tk. 3000/-, 27. 2000/-, 28. 2000/- & 29. 2500/-
	Lot No.	Identification of lot
26		Construction of 2-storied office-cum-administrative building
		Kamalkasna Mouza, Under Rangpur Sadar Upzilla, Rangpur
		2.30 lakh
		10 months
27		Construction of Basic Centre and Display-cum-Sales Centre Building 3-storied.
		Kamalkasna Mouza, Under Rangpur Sadar Upzilla, Rangpur
		1.30 lakh
		8 months
28		Hostel building (foundation for 4-storied) super structure up to 1-storied.
		Kamalkasna Mouza, Under Rangpur Sadar Upzilla, Rangpur
		1.15 lakh
		8 months
29		Construction of practical shed and other development works (i) Internal road (RCC), (ii) Boundary wall, (iii) Shallow Tube-well & Pump House, (iv) Water supply Line, (v) Sewerage line & Minimizing system, (vi) Master drain & surface drain, (vii) Land Development.
		Kamalkasna Mouza, Under Rangpur Sadar Upzilla, Rangpur
		1.50 lakh
		8 months
30	Name of Official Inviting Tender	S. Mustafa Kamal
31	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Chief (P&I) & Project Director
32	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Handloom Board, BTMC Bhaban (Level-5), 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215
33	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone # 8114279, Fax # 9119825
34	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.	

N.B : This tender notice is available in BHB Website: www.bhb.gov.bd.


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Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Office of the Chief Engineer

Head Quarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229
www.caab.gov.bd

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the undermentioned work as per following terms and conditions:-

1.	Name of work	Construction of New Residential quarter at Kurmitola Residential area (D-type, E-type, F type, G-type and H-type (S.H. Construction of 10 units, 5-storied "F"-type quarter No. 08 at Kurmitolajet Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
2.	Source of funds	Own fund of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB).
3.	Tender package No.	CD-2-28 (16)/2009-2010.
4.	Tendering method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
5.	Invitation of tenders Ref. & date	CAAB/W-128/Part-95 (Ga)/3020, dated: 23.03.2010.
6.	Time for completion of works	12 (twelve) months.
7.	Eligibility of tenders	Local bonafied Civil Contractors/CAAB Enlisted "A" Special & above (Civil) Contractor who has completed Civil works within last five years from the date 4 submitting tender, costing not less than Tk. 110.00 (one hundred ten lac) in a Single work order with any Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous bodies. In this respect original experience Certificate issued from an Executive Engineer or equivalent and above should be shown during purchasing tender document and attested photocopy should be submitted alongwith the tender.
8.	Cost of tender document	Tk. 1500/- (one thousand five hundred) only (Non-refundable).
9.	Earnest money	Tk. 6,26,000/- (Taka six lac twenty six thousand) only as earnest money must be submitted alongwith the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-order/Bank Guarantee from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favor of the Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
10.	Name and address of the office selling tender document	a) Asstt. Accounts Officer, Civil Division-2, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b) P.A. to member (operation & planing), CAAB HQ, Dhaka. c) P.A. to Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Dhaka. d) P.A. to Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, Dhaka. e) CAAB Headquarter, Cash Section, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
11.	Name of the office receiving tenders	Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarter, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
12.	Name and address of the office opening tenders	Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarter, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
13.	Last date and time for selling the tender document	23/05/2010 up to 12.00 hours.
14.	Last date and time for submission of tenders	26/05/2010 up to 12.00 hours.
15.	Date and time of tender opening	26/05/2010 at 12.30 hours (In presence of any).
16.	Reason for summarily rejection of tender	i) If attested copy of the up-to-date enlistment renewal fee receipt and up-to-date valid trade licence is not furnished alongwith the tender. ii) VAT registration and up-to-date Income Tax certificate issued from appropriate authority is not furnished along with the tender. iii) If the original money receipt of purchasing tender documents is not enclosed. iv) If the requisite earnest money is not furnished along with the tender. v) If the requisite tender documents are not furnished along with the tender.
17.	Special conditions	i) At the time of purchasing of tender schedule attested copy of current enlistment/renewal receipt and in absence of owner of the firm signature of the representative duly attested by the owner to be enclosed alongwith the application. ii) If communication is disrupted on the last dated of receiving and opening the tender, tenders will be received on the next working day. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. iii) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender(s) without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

CAAB/PR-88/2010/493
Date: 21-4-2010Eng.
GD-1923

Md. Shahidul Afroz
Superintending Engineer (C.C.)
For-Chief Engineer
Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh



Pre-Qualification Document Notice and Invitation

Bangladesh Power Development Board

"বিদ্যুৎ সশ্রয়ী বাতি ব্যবহার করুন"

Notice for the Pre-Qualification of Sponsors for Implementation of a 100-200 MW Offshore Wind Power Project on a Build Own Operate (BOO) basis along the Coastline of Chittagong, Bangladesh

Invitation Ref. No. 401-BPDB(Sect.)/Dev-181/2007 Date: 12-04-2010

Having been authorized by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB), Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) intends to select a potential Sponsor (the "Project Sponsor") to develop a 100-200 MW OFF-SHORE WIND POWER PROJECT ON A BUILD OWN OPERATE (BOO) BASIS ALONG THE COASTLINE OF CHITTAGONG, BANGLADESH (the "Project") on a site that will be owned by the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB). The project will be implemented on Build, Own and Operate (BOO) basis for a period of 25 years.

The Project Sponsor will be selected through an international competitive bidding process from a pool of applicants who meet the criteria set forth in the pre-qualification document. The selected Project Sponsor will be required to arrange the necessary financing and to execute the key project documents for the project.

BPDB seeks to pre-qualify interested sponsors who have previous international experience in implementing offshore wind power generation projects, and invites interested sponsors to submit qualification statements in accordance with the criteria set forth in the pre-qualification document. Only applicants whose qualification statements demonstrate that they meet all of the criteria set forth in the pre-qualification document will be invited to submit bids for the project. This pre-qualification document (any amendments thereto) will be available at the BPDB website: www.bpdb.gov.bd. Interested developers intending to submit a qualification statement to BPDB should check BPDB's website on a regular basis to ensure that they are familiar with any amendments or modifications to the pre-qualification document, which amendments or modifications shall be binding on the applicants and their qualification statements if such amendments or modifications are posted on BPDB's website not later than 72 hours prior to the pre-qualification closing date.

Applicants should submit to BPDB their qualification statements during normal business hours with a non-refundable processing fee of US\$ 200 (or Bangladesh Taka 14,000.00), payable by an international Bank Draft encashable in any scheduled bank in Bangladesh or in local Bank Draft made payable to "Secretary, BPDB" at or before 1200 hours BST (Bangladesh Standard Time) on or before 21 June, 2010. Any requests for additional information and/or questions concerning this pre-qualification document shall be submitted in writing not later than 15 business days before the pre-qualification closing date and all completed qualification statements shall be submitted not later than the pre-qualification closing date, in each case in writing to:

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