

Obama  
discloses  
his wealth

REUTERS, Washington

US President Barack Obama's wealth in 2009 totalled between \$2.3 million and \$7.7 million, financial disclosure forms showed on Monday.

The records also show the Obama family dog, Bo, is worth \$1,600. The Portuguese water dog was a gift to Obama, his wife Michelle and their two children from the late Senator Edward Kennedy.

The records showed the Obama's had some retirement savings accounts with the mutual fund company Vanguard and checking accounts at JP Morgan Chase and Northern Trust. They also own Treasury bills and notes.

In addition, the couple have college savings accounts for their daughters Malia, 11, and Sasha, 8.



Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva arrives for a weekly cabinet meeting at a military base in Bangkok yesterday.

Thousands of anti-government protesters were locked in a tense confrontation with troops, as the UN urged Thailand to "step back from the brink" to avoid further loss of life.

PHOTO: AFP

Speaker row clouds  
UK parliament

New Labour leader to be elected at Sept meet

AFP, BBC ONLINE, London

British lawmakers met for the first time since knife-edge polls brought a new coalition government to power, but calls for the House of Commons speaker to be sacked threatened to cloud the ceremony yesterday.

Meanwhile, the result of Labour's leadership election will be announced at its annual conference on 25 September, party officials have said.

The ruling National Executive Committee decided on the timetable yesterday.

Some party figures were thought to want an early decision but most decided that a longer period for debate was needed after Labour's election defeat.

David and Ed Miliband are the only candidates to declare so far but others are considering their options.

Members of the 650-seat Commons were to

take their seats with the first business the election of a speaker. Incumbent John Bercow was expected to be the first in living memory to have his re-appointment challenged by a vote.

The challenge was an unexpected distraction after the major changes brought by the May 6 general election, which ended 13 years of Labour rule in Britain and led to the first coalition government since World War II.

Prime Minister David Cameron's centre-right Conservatives won most seats in the elections, but not an absolute majority, and after five days of haggling they struck a deal with the third-placed centrist Liberal Democrats.

The 57 Lib Dem members of parliament (MPs) including their leader Nick Clegg -- now Cameron's deputy premier -- will take their seats on the government side of the house, next to the Conservatives' 306 deputies.

West sceptical over  
Iran nuclear deal

BBC ONLINE

There has been a cool international response to Iran's announcement that it will send uranium abroad for enrichment after talks with Turkey and Brazil.

The UN and Russia said the move was encouraging, but the US expressed concern at Iran's statement that it would continue to enrich uranium.

The US and the UK said work on a UN resolution imposing more sanctions on Tehran would continue.

The West suspects Iran's nuclear programme is aimed at making weapons.

Iran insists it is solely designed to meet its energy needs.

Tehran hopes the new agreement - in which it would ship 1,200kg (2,645lb) of low-enriched uranium to Turkey in return for higher-grade nuclear fuel for a research reactor - would avert new sanctions.

In a deal brokered by Turkey and Brazil, Iran said it was prepared to move uranium within a month of its approval by the so-called Vienna Group (US, Russia, France and the IAEA).

## US BASE DEAL

Japan not ready to  
agree with Hillary

AFP, Tokyo

Japan won't be ready to resolve a row over a controversial US airbase when Secretary of State Hillary Clinton visits Japan later this week, Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada said yesterday.

Hillary will visit Japan on Friday, mainly to discuss a sunken South Korean navy ship now suspected to have been caused by a North Korean attack, as well as Iran's nuclear programme, Okada said in a news conference.

Tokyo and Washington have quarrelled for months over where to relocate the locally

unpopular US Marine Corps Futenma Air Station now located in a city area of the southern island of Okinawa.

Japan's Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama after taking power last year promised to move the base off the island but has since gone back on the pledge and said the base will be relocated on Okinawa as agreed with Washington in 2006.

He has faced a storm of protest on Okinawa, but his compromise plan, including building a planned offshore runway on stilts to minimise environmental damage, has reportedly also been rejected by US officials.

US ME envoy returns to  
region for peace talks

AFP, Jerusalem

US Middle East envoy George Mitchell returns to the region yesterday for the first time since indirect peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians were launched on May 9, officials said.

Mitchell will meet Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak at his Tel Aviv home on Tuesday evening, Barak's office said. On Wednesday he is due to meet Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas.

Also on Tuesday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met his forum of seven senior ministers to prepare for the visit of the envoy, Israeli officials said. Netanyahu was to meet Mitchell in Jerusalem on Thursday.

Mitchell left the region a week ago after convincing Israel and the Palestinians to launch an initial round of US-mediated "proximity talks."

The indirect negotiations were first agreed on in March but the initiative collapsed within days when Israel announced plans to build 1,600 settler homes in annexed east Jerusalem during a visit by US Vice President Joe Biden.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
Vacancy Announcement

Issued on: 19 May 2010

Deadline for application: 2 June 2010

The FAO Representation in Bangladesh is inviting applications from qualified and highly experienced candidates to the following vacant positions in Dhaka and Barisal (with in-country travel) to be filled as soon as possible under project UTF/BGD/040/BGD "Recovery of the Agriculture Sector and Improvement Programme in Cyclone Sidr-Affected Areas". Incumbents will be recruited as a National Project Personnel:

1. Fisheries Training Specialist (Capture Fishery) - 1 Position (Barisal)
2. Naval Architect - 1 Short-term Position (Barisal)

(UN Salary scale and benefits for similar position apply).

Interested qualified and highly experienced (minimum of between 5 and 15 years of demonstrated work experience, depending on the position) candidates will find the post descriptions, the link to the FAO Personal History Form (PH-Form) and the information on how to apply in the following web link: [www.bdiobs.com](http://www.bdiobs.com). Hard copies of the completed and signed PH-Form, together with an application, must reach the FAO Representation in Bangladesh, House#37, Road#8, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205 in a sealed envelope by close of business on 2 June 2010.

Invitation for International Tender  
RURAL POWER COMPANY LIMITED

Sealed tender is hereby invited from the bona-fide manufacturer/ supplier for the under mentioned item(s) with the following conditions:

1	Agency	Rural Power Company Limited
2	Invitation for	Procurement of Spare and Consumables Parts (Lot basis) required for Phase III of Mymensingh Power Station.
3	Procurement Method	International Competitive Bidding (ICB)

## FUNDING INFORMATION

4	Budget and Source of Funds	RPCL's own fund	
		Date	Time
5	Tender Starting Selling Date and Time	19.05.2010	10:00 AM
6	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	29.06.2010	04:30 PM
7	Tender Closing Date and Time	30.06.2010	12 Noon
8	Tender Opening Date and Time	30.06.2010	12.30 PM
9	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address	

- Selling, Receiving & Opening Tender Document  
Rural Power Company Limited, House No.-19, Road No.-1/B, Sector No.-09, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh.

## INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

10	Eligibility of Tenderer	All Countries except restricted by the GOB. Bona-fide supplier having valid Trade License, TIN & VAT registration from concerned authority of Bangladesh/ Manufacturer(s).			
11	Validity of Tender and Tender Security	150 (One hundred fifty) days and 180 (One hundred eighty) days respectively from the date of opening of tender.			
12	Brief Description of Goods/ Services				
Lot No.	Tender Enquiry No.	For the supply of	Price of Tender Document (non-refundable) (BDT)	Tender Security Amount (Euro/USD/BDT)	Time of completion of Supply
1	Pur-002/2010 Date: 19.05.2010	Spare and Consumables Parts (Manufacturer: SIEMENS) required for Phase III of Mymensingh Power Station	4000.00	2.5% of the quoted price	150 days from the date of opening of LC
2	Pur-002/2010 Date: 19.05.2010	Spare and Consumables Parts (Manufacturer: STANDARD FASEL Bv.) required for Phase III of Mymensingh Power Station	5000.00	2.5% of the quoted price	150 days from the date of opening of LC
3	Pur-002/2010 Date: 19.05.2010	Spare and Consumables Parts (Manufacturer: BRADEN) required for Phase III of Mymensingh Power Station	2000.00	2.5% of the quoted price	150 days from the date of opening of LC
13	Tender Document	The Tender Document may be purchased by the interested tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee. The method of payment will be by Pay order / demand draft in favor of Rural Power Company Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh			
14	Tender Security	Pay order/ Bank Draft/ Irrevocable and unconditional bank guarantee must be issued by any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh or any foreign bank endorsed by local schedule bank payable in favor of Rural Power Company Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh			
15	Special Instruction	Tenders submitted by Fax, Telex, Swift, Cable, E-mail & by post/courier shall not be accepted. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all tenders prior to acceptance without assigning any reason.			
16	Address	Rural Power Company Limited, House No.-19, Road No.-1/B, Sector No.-09, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka- 1230, Bangladesh. Phone: +88-02-8912274, Fax: +88-02-8922526, E-mail: <a href="mailto:rpcomd@dhaka.net">rpcomd@dhaka.net</a> , <a href="mailto:rpccsec@dhaka.net">rpccsec@dhaka.net</a> , <a href="mailto:rpctech@dhaka.net">rpctech@dhaka.net</a> , Website: <a href="http://www.rpcl.org.bd">www.rpcl.org.bd</a>			

Company Secretary  
Rural Power Company Limited

## DIFFERENT BITES

'Don't trust me,  
I'm a politician'

AFP, Sydney

Australian opposition leader Tony Abbott had the country's political establishment in uproar yesterday after an astonishing admission that voters often cannot trust what he says.

Abbott's slip, just months before expected elections, came during a TV interview when he was taken to task for first promising no new taxes, then proposing a new levy just a month later.

"Sometimes in the heat of discussion you go a little bit further than you would if it was an absolutely calm, considered, prepared, scripted remark," Abbott told 7:30 Report anchor Kerry O'Brien on ABC TV.

"The statements that need to be taken absolutely as gospel truth are those carefully prepared, scripted remarks."

Men are bigger  
liars than women

BBC ONLINE

Men are more likely to tell lies than women and feel less guilty about it, says a survey.

In a poll of 3,000 people, researchers found that the average British man tells three lies every day, that's equivalent to 1,092 a year.

However the average woman appears more honest, lying 728 times a year - around twice a day.

Mums are the people mostly likely to be lied to, says the Science Museum who commissioned the survey.

Twenty-five per cent of men say they've lied to their mother, but only 20% of women admit to having lied to their mum.

In comparison, only 10% of people said they are likely to lie to their partner.

Japan may pick  
robots over  
immigrants

BBC ONLINE

Japan, like many countries across the globe, is facing huge challenges in caring for its aging population.

Its hospitals are stretched because there are not enough nurses to cope.

The low birth rate there means foreign workers need to be recruited but there is a widespread opposition to immigration in the country as many Japanese value an ethnically homogenous society.

For some, robots may be preferable to allowing foreigners to work there.

## Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh  
(Component A)

## Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of NGO for Identifying Beneficiaries and Delivery of Inputs in Sidr-affected Areas (Fisheries sub-component-Aquaculture and or Capture Fisheries)

Credit No. 4507 - BD, Project ID No. UTF /BGD/ 040 /BGD, Package No.1S2.F

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project (ECRRP-Component A), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for engagement of Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) through the project's executing agency which is the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

NGOs having a minimum of 5 years of demonstrated field experience in the related field and working area of the project are encouraged to express their interest. Details of required experience, resource and delivery capacity are furnished in the ToR. Interested NGO may obtain detailed EOI & ToR from the office of the FAO Representation in Bangladesh which address is shown below (attn. Mr. Syed Sarwar Hussain, Procurement Specialist). The EOIs in five sets (1 original + 4 copies) in sealed envelopes shall be submitted to the address shown below by 01 June 2010 during office hours (8:00 Hrs. to 16:30 Hrs.) and clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest for Selection of NGO for Fisheries Sub-component -Aquaculture and or Capture Fisheries".

FAO Representation in Bangladesh  
House # 37, Road # 8  
Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205  
Tel: 880-2-8118015/126  
Fax: 8802-2-811 3446

The publishing of this notice and the receipt of Expression of Interest does not commit FAO in any way to any party.

## Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh  
(Component A)

## Invitation for Procurement of Seed/Grain Storage Silos

Credit No. 4507 - BD, Project ID No. UTF /BGD/ 040 /BGD, Bid Package No.1G2.C

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Procurement of Seed/Grain Storage Silos. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of 2,600 Nos. of Seed/Grain Storage Silos under Package No. 1G2.C to be received by FAO Representation, House No. 37, Road No. 8, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Bidders having a minimum of 5 (five) years of experience in the supply of the tendered items are only encouraged to participate. The delivery period is 3 (three) weeks from the date of the Notification of the Award.

Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, (current edition), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents from the office of FAO Representation in Bangladesh at the address below during office hours i.e. 08:00 to 16:30 hours. A complete set of bidding documents in English will be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of Tk.500.00. The method of payment for the tender documents will be in cash against a written receipt.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security for an amount of Tk. 160,000.00(One Sixty thousand) only.

Bids shall be delivered to the address below by 12:30 Hrs. on 20 June 2010. They will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of one bidders' representative, who choose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected.

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