

Attacks on Shia pilgrims kill 68 in 3 days in Iraq

AFP, Baghdad

A string of attacks against Shia pilgrims in the past three days killed 68 people in Baghdad, security officials said yesterday, exposing the continued ability of insurgents to inflict bloodshed.

The death toll was another blow to the leaders of a country, which remains dogged by sectarian strife and has only a caretaker government more than four months after a general election in which no clear winner emerged.

Almost half of those killed -- 28 -- died on Wednesday night when a suicide bomber wearing an explosives-filled belt struck pilgrims in Adhamiyah, a Sunni district across the Tigris river from Kadhimiyah, in the north of the capital.

Kadhimiyah is named after Musa Kadhim, the seventh of 12 revered imams in Shia Islam, who was poisoned in 799 AD, and whose death the pilgrims have honoured in recent days.

Many of the faithful cross a bridge between the two neighbouring districts to reach the shrine. The suicide bomber also wounded 136 people, while 11 more were killed in other bomb attacks across the capital on Wednesday.

The new death toll issued on Thursday came as tens of thousands of Shia faithful started to disperse from the shrine and make their way home amid chaotic scenes as many of them looked for a lift from passing cars and buses.

Four bombings in the capital on Thursday killed nine people and brought the number of wounded to more than 400 people since Tuesday, the officials said.

A roadside bomb in the central Bab al-Muazam neighbourhood killed four people and wounded 46, while a second bomb in the southeastern Mashtal district killed three and wounded 31, a security official said.

The Shia majority in Iraq have been a main target of Sunni Arab armed groups since the US-led invasion of 2003 toppled now executed dictator Saddam Hussein's Sunni-dominated regime.



Swiss solar Impulse's pilot Andre Borschberg flies in the solar-powered HB-SIA prototype airplane (in the inset) during its first successful night flight attempt at Payerne airport yesterday. The aircraft took off July 7 at 06:51 am and reached an altitude of 8,700 meters (28,543 feet) by the end of the day and completed 26 hours of flight time.

PHOTO: AFP

D-8 SUMMIT AT NIGERIA

Ahmadinejad brands US as world's dictator

AFP, Abuja

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Wednesday called the United States a global dictator and lashed out at Israel after arriving in Nigeria to meet fellow Muslim leaders at a summit.

"They are the self-proclaimed leaders and everybody should know that self-proclaimed leadership is dictatorship," Ahmadinejad, referring to the United States, told an audience of hundreds at the Iranian embassy in Abuja.

"The era of dictatorship is over," he added through an official translator.

Ahmadinejad was in Nigeria to attend a one-day summit of the Developing Eight (D-8)

group on Thursday in Abuja.

The Iranian leader, whose country was recently hit with new sanctions by Western nations over its nuclear programme, said "the occupiers ... should dismantle their evil forces from the face of earth."

Ahmadinejad's appearance in the West African country, where Muslims make up an estimated half of the 150 million population, drew a rapturous welcome from the crowd, which chanted "Nigerians support Iran."

"We are going to put an end to the suffering of the people of Palestine," he said. "The Palestinian refugees will return to their homeland ... soon we are going to celebrate our victory."

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ICDDR,B invites applications from suitable candidates for the position of **Administrative Assistant** with the Gender Unit of Human Resources under the Executive Director's Division. The appointment will be made on a fixed-term basis for 2 years, which may be extended for further period depending on satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

Duty Station - Dhaka

Salary - Annual Salary - Tk.235,730/- inclusive of house rent and conveyance allowances with other admissible benefits.

Benefits/facilities - 14.8% retirement fund contribution by ICDDR,B, children allowance @Tk.1,420/- per child per month, medical facilities for dependent spouse and children, free group life insurance, and subsidized transport, canteen, day care facilities.

For detailed job profile and requirements, please visit our website: www.icddr.org. Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements should submit an **online application** by **July 19, 2010**.

Only shortlisted candidates shall be invited for the interview.



TERROR PROBES

US to get access to EU bank data

AFP, Brussels

Europe agreed yesterday to allow the United States to tap into banking data for terrorism investigations after securing safeguards to protect the privacy of European citizens.

The United States will again have access to the banking information from August 1 after European MPs voted 484-109 in favour of a new five-year deal that was signed by Brussels and Washington last week.

The new agreement is a victory for the parliament, which used powers it gained under the European Union's Lisbon Treaty to block an initial deal in February, barring Washington from seeing the bank data since then.

European home affairs commissioner Cecilia Maelstrom, who negotiated the new deal, said a lack of agreement "could have had negative repercussions for EU-US cooperation in the security area and more broadly."

US officials had warned that the absence of a deal had opened a "security gap."

US President Barack Obama praised the agreement, saying in a statement: "The threat of terrorism faced by the United States and the European Union continues and, with this agreement, all of our citizens will be safer."

SARKOZY FUNDING CLAIMS

French police summon accountant

AFP, Paris

Police will again question an ex-accountant of France's richest woman to verify her allegations of secret donations to Nicolas Sarkozy's presidential campaign in 2007, judicial sources said yesterday.

Prosecutors have opened a preliminary investigation into the claims by Claire Thibout of cash donations from L'Oréal heiress Liliane Bettencourt given to Eric Woerth, then Sarkozy's campaign fundraiser and now labour minister.

The scandal is the latest blow to Sarkozy, whose approval ratings are at a record-low and who is battling to save Woerth over conflict of interest allegations linked to Bettencourt.

Woerth has strenuously denied taking any illegal donations from Bettencourt and the 87-year-old billionaires' financial advisor, Patrice de Maistre, has also rejected the claims, prosecutors told AFP.

In the latest twist, Le Monde newspaper reported that Thibout had recanted some of the allegations and the Liberation daily also said that some doubts had emerged over her account to police.

According to extracts of the accountant's records which have been seen by police and obtained by Liberation, Thibout did indeed withdraw 50,000 euros in cash from a family account on March 26, 2007.

World's first full face transplant successful

AFP, Paris

French doctors have carried out a successful full-face transplant -- eyelids, tear ducts and all -- on a 35-year-old man, the hospital where the operation took place confirmed yesterday.

Doctors carried out the 12-hour operation June 26 and 27 on a patient -- identified only as "Jerome" -- afflicted with a face-disfiguring genetic disorder.

The head surgeon, Laurent Lantieri, described the surgery as a world first because it included a difficult and unprecedented transfer of tear ducts and eyelids.

A similar procedure carried out in Spain earlier this year replaced most of the face, but not the tear ducts.

Lantieri, who has already performed four other partial or nearly-complete face transplants, told AFP before the operation that reconnecting tear ducts and replacing eyelids was the "extremely challenging."

"My patient is doing well. He is walking, eating, talking. His beard has started to grow back on his new face," said Lantieri, who operated on Jerome at the Creteil Henri-Mondor hospital in the Paris suburbs.



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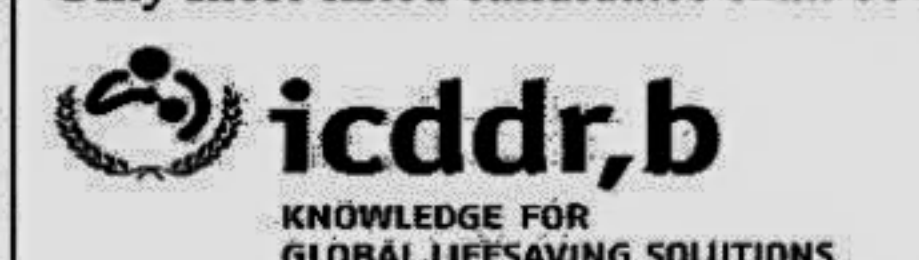
ICDDR,B invites applications from suitable candidates for the position of **Senior Human Resources & Contracts Officer** with the Matlab Health Research Centre under the Public Health Sciences Division in Matlab, Chandpur District. The appointment will be made on a fixed-term basis for 2 years, which may be renewed depending on performance and availability of funds.

Salary - Annual - Tk.391,800/- inclusive of house rent and conveyance allowances with other admissible benefits.

Benefits/facilities - 14.8% retirement fund contribution by the Centre, children allowance @Tk.1,420/- per child per month, medical facilities for dependent spouse and children, free group life insurance, and canteen facilities.

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UNICEF Vacancy Announcement

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is seeking applications from Bangladeshi Nationals to fill the following positions. For detailed Job Descriptions, please visit our website: www.unicef.org.bd

Position: 1) **Consultant (MNHI) GS 5**, - Health & Nutrition Section

Last date of receiving applications: **19 July 2010**

Please mark on the envelope the post applied for. Only short listed candidates will be called for written test/interview. Any attempt to unduly influence UNICEF's selection process will lead to automatic disqualification of the applicant.

Application with CV and a copy of filled in P-11 form should be forwarded to the Chief, Human Resources, BSL Office Complex, 1 Minto Road, Shahbagh, Dhaka.

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World Food Programme

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Vacancy Announcement

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Bangladesh invites applications from Bangladeshi nationals for recruitment of the following positions for its MDG-F programme:

WFP Barisal Sub-Office

- Senior Programme Assistant (Programme)**
Type of appointment: **Service Contract (SC)**, Post grade: BL 6 (GS-6 equivalent)
Qualifications and Experiences: Masters in Social Science with at least five years of progressively responsible experiences.
- Field Monitoring Assistant**
Type of appointment: **Service Contract (SC)**, Post grade: BL 5 (GS-5 equivalent)
Qualifications and Experiences: University Degree with at least three/four years of progressively responsible experiences in the relevant field.

Dhaka Country Office

- Senior Programme Assistant (Nutrition)**
Type of appointment: **Service Contract (SC)**, Post grade: BL 6 (GS-6 equivalent)
Qualifications and Experiences: Masters in Nutrition or in a related field with at least five years of progressively responsible experiences.
- Senior Programme Assistant (Management Information System)**
Type of appointment: **Service Contract (SC)**, Post grade: BL 6 (GS-6 equivalent)
Qualifications and Experiences: University degree in any of the disciplines, e.g. Economics, Geography, Social Science, Anthropology or ICT. Three years of experience in information and database management with national/international agencies.
- Senior Programme Assistant (M&E)**
Type of appointment: **Service Contract (SC)**, Post grade: BL 6 (GS-6 equivalent)
Qualifications and Experiences: University degree with at least five years of progressively responsible experiences.

Please visit website: www.wfp.org/bangladesh for details.

Candidates meeting the requirements for the positions are requested to send their applications to **Human Resources Officer, WFP, UN Offices, IDB Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh** or e-mail to: Bangladesh_Vacancy_Announcement@wfp.org mentioning the position applied on the subject line by **20 July 2010**.

WFP is an equal opportunity employer and encourages female candidates to apply

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh
Office of the Chief Engineer
Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229

Invitation for Tenders

1.	Name of work	Supply of Air Field Measuring Equipment (SH-Supply of Vehicle Based Runway PCN measuring equipment and AWOS System) for Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
2.	Source of fund	CAAB own fund (Code No-100).
3.	Tender package No.	CD-1-448/2009-10
4.	Invitation for tenders Ref. & date	CAAB/W-472/Part-55(Gha)/3400, Dated: 11/04/2010.
5.	Tender method	Single stage two envelope system (technical & financial offers are to be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes).
5.	Time for completion of work	6 (six) months.
6.	Eligibility of tenderers	Bona fide local suppliers who have satisfactorily performed sophisticated supply work through importation worth at least Tk. 7 (seven) hundred lacs in any government/semi-government/autonomous organization in a single work order during last 5 (five) years and who have liquid asset of Tk. 7 (seven) hundred lacs. In case of JVCA, the lead partner has to fulfill the above noted supply work experience criteria and liquid asset requirement. The other firm of the JVCA must fulfill at least half of these criteria. The maximum number of firms forming the JVCA shall be two.
7.	Price of tender documents	Tk. 2,000.00 only (non-refundable).
8.	Amount of tender security	Tk. 35,00,000/- (thirty five lacs) only to be furnished in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay-Order/Irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
9.	Name and address of offices selling the tender documents	a) Accountant, Civil Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b) Accountant, Civil Division-1, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. c) PA to Member (Ops & Plan), CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka. d) PA to Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka. e) Cash Section, Headquarter, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
10.	Name and address of the offices receiving tenders	Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
11.	Name and address of the office opening technical offer	Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
12.	Last date and time for selling tender documents	11/08/2010 up to 12:00 hours.
13.	Date and time for submission of tenders	12/08/2010 up to 12:00 hours.
14.	Date and time for opening technical offer	12/08/2010 at 12:30 hours in presence of tenderers or their authorized representatives, if any.
15.	Criteria for technical offer (i.e. determination of substantial responsiveness of technical offer)	i) If attested copy of up-to-date valid trade license is not furnished alongwith the tender. ii) If VAT registration and up-to-date Income Tax certificate issued from appropriate authority are not furnished alongwith the tender. iii) If original money receipt for purchasing the tender document is not enclosed alongwith the tender. iv) If the required tender security is not furnished alongwith the tender. v) If conditions for eligibility of tenderers are not fulfilled. vi) If technical and financial offers are not submitted in two separate sealed envelopes. vii) If the tender and contract forms G-0, G-5 & G-10 are not submitted correctly as per the requirement of tender document. viii) If the manufacturer's original catalogue, brochure, specification, drawing & design of the offered products are not submitted alongwith technical offer. ix) If the authority finds any evidence of false statement in the offer of tenderer.
16.	Special conditions	a) If communication is disrupted on the date of receiving and opening the tender, tenders will be received on the next working day. b) Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. c) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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