## INTERNATIONAL

### BP oil spill costs pass \$6b mark

**BBC ONLINE** 

The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico caused by the Deepwater Horizon rig explosion has so far cost BP a total of \$6.1bn (\$3.8bn), the company has said.

The total includes the cost of the spill response, containment, relief well drilling, and cementing up of the damaged

The sum also includes grants to the Gulf states hit by the spill.

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The firm said there were now 30,800 people working on the spill response.

Oil is no longer leaking into the Gulf of Mexico following the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil rigin April.

"BP believes the static kill and cementing procedures have been successful," the company said.

An estimated 4.9 million barrels spilled from the damaged well in the 87 days from the beginning of the disaster until the leak was finally capped on July 15, the US government has said.

BP has yet to be drawn about what will happen to the oilfield after the damaged well is blocked.

#### GAZA FLOTILLA INQUIRY

### Raid was lawful, says Netanyahu

**BBC ONLINE** 

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has told an inquiry that Israel "acted under international law" when it boarded a flotilla of ships taking aid to Gaza in May.

He appeared before a public commission examining the deaths of nine Turkish activists during the raid.

Israel says the inquiry will be a thorough examination of the events.

The storming of the activists' ship in international waters sparked a crisis between Turkey and Israel.

There were also widespread protests around the world.

"I am convinced that at the end of your investigation, it will become clear that the state of Israel and the IDF [Israel Defense Forces] acted in accordance with international law," Netanyahu

He said the military action was necessary to prevent weapons getting into the Gaza Strip, and Israel had taken action only when it believed it was in danger itself.

Turkey rebuffed Israeli attempts to persuade Ankara it should prevent the flotilla leaving a Turkish port, where the ships were berthed before setting off for Gaza, to avoid a conflict, Netanyahu said.

"It appears that [Turkey] did not see in the prospect of a clash between Turkish activists and Israel something that clashed with its interests," he told the panel.

He told the inquiry the international perception that there was humanitarian crisis in Gaza was wrong, and the Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas used that to strengthen its control of the territory.

The panel then took evidence from Netanyahu in a private session following his public appearance.

At the time of the raid, Israel said the activists were determined to attack its soldiers, although Turkey described the killings as "state-sponsored terrorism".

The commission of inquiry was set up only after international pressure, and some observers say it will not really get to the causes of why the operation went so badly wrong.

# Naomi said Taylor gave her | WikiLeaks to 'huge diamond': Farrow | publish new d

Mia Farrow

REUTERS, The Hague

The actress Mia Farrow told a war crimes court yesterday that she had heard supermodel Naomi Campbell say she had been given a "huge diamond" by Charles Taylor when he was Liberia's president.

Campbell told the Special Court for Sierra Leone last week she had been given "dirty looking pebbles" after a 1997 dinner in South Africa, but did not know if they were diamonds from Taylor, on trial

for war crimes and crimes against humanity. In court on Monday, Farrow said the British model had joined a group of guests at breakfast after the charity dinner, hosted by South African president Nelson Mandela, and had started relating something that had happened overnight.

"She said in the night she had been awakened by men knocking at her door and they had been sent to her by Charles Taylor, and they had given her a huge diamond," Farrow told the court, adding that Campbell had been "quite excited" about it.

Farrow said Campbell had then said she intended to give the diamond to the Nelson sort of an unforgettable moment."

Taylor is charged with 11 counts of instigating murder, rape, mutilation, sexual slavery and conscription of child soldiers during wars in Liberia and Sierra Leone in which more than 250,000 people were killed. He denies all the charges.

The former manager of Mandela's Children Fund charity, Jeremy Ratcliffe, has said he

received a number of uncut diamonds from Campbell, and handed them to South African police on Thursday after Campbell's testimony.

Prosecutors are seeking to link the gems to Taylor to prove allegations, which he denies, that he received diamonds from rebels in Sierra Leone and used them to buy weapons.

CONFLICTINGTESTIMONY

Prosecutors showed Farrow Campbell's testimony from last week and a US media interview in which she denied saying the diamonds were from Taylor, or denied getting diamonds at all.

Farrow said Campbell's versions of events were not consistent with hers. "Naomi Campbell said they came from Charles Taylor," she added under questioning.

In extended cross-examination, the defense primarily challenged Farrow's memory of the events 13 years ago, asking her whether it was possible that, while she was trying to help the court, "your recollection is failing you."

Farrow insisted: "I swear on this bible that that is what Naomi Campbell said at that breakfast." The defense also challenged Farrow's

impartiality, pressing her on her willingness to Mandela Children's Fund, adding that "it was a help the prosecution and her efforts to persuade Campbell -- who initially refused to appear at the court -- to testify.

The trial, which has been running for three years, attracted little international attention until Campbell appeared.

Taylor's lead defense lawyer, Courtenay Griffiths, said last week that the focus on Campbell was a "complete distraction."

# publish new docs

AP, Berlin

The online whistle-blower WikiLeaks said it will continue to publish more secret files from governments around the world despite US demands to cancel plans to release classified military documents.

"I can assure you that we will keep publishing documents that's what we do," a WikiLeaks spokesman, who says he goes by the name Daniel Schmitt in order to protect his identity, said in an interview on Saturday.

Schmitt said he could not comment on any specific documents but asserted that the publication of classified documents about the Afghanistan war directly contributed to the public's

understanding of the conflict. "Knowledge about ongoing issues like the war in Afghanistan is the only way to help create something like safety," Schmitt

said. "Hopefully with this understanding, public scrutiny will then influence governments to develop better politics.' He rejected allegations that the group's publication of leaked

US government documents was a threat to America's national security or put lives at risk.

"For this reason, we conveyed a request to the White House prior to the publication, asking that the International Security Assistance Force provide us with reviewers," Schmitt said. "That request remains open. However, the Pentagon has stated that it is not interested in 'harm minimization' and has not contacted us, directly, or indirectly to discuss this offer."

The Nato-led Isaf security force is mostly deployed in Afghanistan's less volatile north.

The Pentagon has maintained that the Defense Department had no direct contact with WikiLeaks about possible efforts to redact those documents to make them less of a security threat. White House spokesman Tommy Vietor said late last month

that it was "absolutely, unequivocally not true" that WikiLeaks had offered to let US government officials go through the documents to make sure no innocent people were identified.

The Pentagon demanded on Thursday that WikiLeaks cancel any plan to publish more classified military documents and pull back tens of thousands of secret Afghan war logs already posted on the Internet.



Malaysian opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim (L) gestures to the media while sitting with his wife Wan Azizah Ismail (R) at a cafeteria in Kuala Lumpur yesterday during a break on his ongoing sodomy trial.

#### Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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

Invitation for Procurement of Animal & Poultry Concentrate Feed and Fish Feed Credit No. 4507 - BD, Project ID No. UTF /BGD/ 040 /BGD, Bid Package No.1G17.L,1G18.L & 1G13.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, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Procurement of Animal & Poultry Concentrate Feed and Fish Feed. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of 170 MT of feed for Goat and Sheep against Lot 1 and 30 MT of Cow feed against Lot 2 under Package No. 1G17.L, 100 MT of Poultry Concentrate Feed under Package 1G18.L and 175 MT of Fish Feed to be received by FAO Representation, House No. 37, Road No. 8, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Bidders having a minimum of 2 (two) years of experience in the supply of the tendered items are only encouraged to participate. The delivery period is 6 (six) weeks to 20 (twenty) 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. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee as mentioned below. 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 described below:

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	Lot No.2	Concentrate Feed for Animal (Cow)		Tk. 25,000.00
1G18.L		Concentrate Poultry Feed (Chicken & Duck)	Tk.1000.00	Tk. 85,000.00
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#### RUSSIAN HEAT WAVE CONTINUES

#### Death rate doubles in Moscow

**BBC ONLINE** 

Moscow's health chief has confirmed the mortality rate has doubled as a heat wave and wildfire smog continue to grip the Russian capital.

There were twice the usual number of bodies in the city's morgues, Andrei Seltsovsky told reporters.

"On normal days, between 360 and 380 die - now it's around 700," he said.

Figures were not being reported immediately for other parts of central Russia, which have had similar droughts and wildfires for more than a month. Seltsovsky did not give a

time frame but earlier reports spoke of death rates in Moscow rising between 30% and 50% in July, compared with the same period last year.

Moscow, he said, had 1,500 places in its morgues and 1,300 of these were currently occupied.

While stressing there was still capacity, he added that about 30% of bereaved people asked to have the body kept in a morgue for more than three days, "which slightly complicates the situation".

### Cameron's foreign policy 'gaffes' split opinion in UK

AFP, London

Straight-talking or gaffe-prone? Britain's new Prime Minister David Cameron has divided opinion with some unusually direct public comments on foreign policy from Pakistan and Gaza to the US.

Cameron seems to have patched things up with Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari after he accused Pakistan of promoting "the export of terror" on a visit to India last month.

and Pakistan were "unbreakable" and vowed to step up cooperation on security after meeting Friday for the first time since the controversy erupted. But the dust has not yet settled on other

The pair insisted relations between Britain

controversial remarks made by Cameron, a centre-right Conservative, in his first visits to world leaders since taking office as head of a coalition government in May. While in Turkey, he called Gaza a "prison

pace that Turkey's bid for European Union

membership was progressing, seen as a jibe at France and Germany. He also acknowledged that Britain was the "junior partner" in relations with the

House. Last week, in an apparent slip of the tongue, he even suggested that Iran had a nuclear weapon -- although Downing Street

later insisted he was only talking about

"He is increasingly getting a reputation for being a foreign policy klutz, with two right feet, both of them firmly planted in his mouth," said Chris Bryant, a Foreign Office minister in the last Labour government under Gordon Brown.

Other commentators have suggested that Cameron might be better off conveying his stronger opinions in private, rather than through very public sound bites. Cameron defended his comments on

Pakistan by saying it was important "to

speak frankly about these things to coun-

tries that are your friends" and this attitude also seems to extend to other nations. And some experts suggest that, while there may have been some gaffes,

Cameron's straight-talking could be linked to a shake-up of how British diplomacy The 43-year-old prime minister wants to see greater emphasis on boosting Britain's

ties with emerging economic powers like camp" and said he was "angry" at the slow India and Turkey. This means turning away from the interventionist policies pursued under the previous Labour government -- particularly

prime minister Tony Blair, who took Britain United States ahead of a trip to the White into wars in Afghanistan and Iraq -- and, by implication, freeing up Cameron in his foreign policy declarations.

"I think there's a genuine shift of emphasis," Chris Brown, a professor of international relations at the London School of Economics, toldAFP.

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- Compile and update data on contract awards and loan disbursements for generation of reports; prepare annual projections of contract awards and disbursements and analyze the actual awards and disbursements against targets to identify shortfalls and their underlying causes.

#### Preferred Qualification:

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