# INTERNATIONAL

# nuke sites

AFP, Moscow

Russia fought a deadly battle yesterday to prevent wildfires from engulfing key nuclear sites as alarm mounted over the impact on health of a toxic smoke cloud that has shrouded Moscow.

Two soldiers were killed by blazing trees as they strove to put out a fire dangerously close to Russia's main nuclear research centre, while workers were also mobilised to fight blazes near a nuclear reprocessing plant.

After almost two weeks of fires that have claimed over 50 lives and even part destroyed a military storage site, the authorities said they were making progress in fighting fires that still covered 174,035 hectares of land

"A positive dynamic in liquidating the wildfires continues to be observed," said the head of the emergencies ministry's crisis unit, Vladimir Stepanov.

"The numbers (of emergency workers) have been increased in those regions where there is a difficult situation with the fires," he added.

The emergencies ministry said that over the last 24 hours, 247 new fires had appeared, more than the 239 had been put out, and 557 fires were still raging across the affected region. Two members of the Russian armed forces were killed

Monday fighting wildfires around Russia's main nuclear research centre in Sarov, a town in the Nizhny Novgorod region still closed to foreigners as in Soviet times.

Rifle battalion commander Vasily Tezetev, 22, "died the death of a hero" Monday while dealing with the fire burning in a nature reserve close to the town, the local emergency centre said, Interfax reported.

Another serviceman, named as Vasily Veshkin, 27, who usually worked at a local prison camp, also died fighting the fire on the same day, it added. Both were killed when they were hit by burning parts of trees that fell to the ground.

# Burning Russia | Hezbollah leader reveals | 700 dead in China battles to defend Hariri murder 'evidence' landslide

**BBC ONLINE** 

The leader of the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah has made public what he says is evidence of Israeli involvement in the murder of former Lebanese PM Rafik Hariri in 2005.

Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah said the evidence included footage from Israeli spy planes of routes used by Hariri.

But he said he would not hand the material

to the tribunal investigating Harari's death. Israel has denied any involvement in

Hariri's death. "I don't claim this is conclusive proof," Sheikh Nasrallah said during his news confer-

But he said it was "indicative" of Israeli involvement in the assassination of Hariri.

He showed footage which he said was from Israeli spy planes, shot at different times from the 1990s to 2005.

He said the film showed many of the routes Hariri frequently used in Beirut and other parts of the country - including the route that Hariri took on the day he died - but did not show areas where Hezbollah had offices or any other pres-

Sheikh Nasrallah also revealed the name of a Lebanese man allegedly spying for Israel, who, he said, was at the site of the killing the day before the assassination.

The man, however, fled before authorities could detain him, he said.

Sheikh Nasrallah said he would not hand the evidence to the international tribunal investigating Hariri's death, because he did not trust

Hariri was killed in a massive explosion in 2005.



At the time, many Lebanese blamed Syria. Syria denied the accusation but eventually the killing led to the withdrawal of its troops from Lebanon.

Last month Sheikh Nasrallah said he had been told that the international tribunal would indict individuals from Hezbollah in Hariri's murder, and described the tribunal as part of an Israeli plot against Hezbollah.

**BBC ONLINE** 

More than 700 people are now known to have died in a massive landslide in north-west China - making it one of the deadliest incidents so far in the country's worst flooding in a decade.

A frantic search is continuing for the more than 1,000 people

Buildings were hit by a wall of mud so mighty that buildings seven storeys high crumpled like paper, says the BBC's Chris Hogg, in Gansu province.

He says rescuers are searching by hand in the remote, mountainous region.

A 52-year-old man was pulled alive from the rubble more than 50 hours after the disaster, and other rescue teams say they have heard "very faint" signs of life elsewhere, the state media reported. But as the hours pass, hopes of finding survivors diminish, our correspondent says.

"Around me are relatives of missing people sitting dazed shocked. Each of them has stories," he says.

One woman has lost her husband and three teenage children Until she saw their bodies with her own eyes she did not want to believe it, he adds.

The death toll was revised upwards on Tuesday from 337, and officials say that figure is expected to rise in the coming hours and

The weather forecast over the coming days is for heavy rain which could hamper humanitarian work.

There is also the possibility of further landslides, says the BBC's Michael Bristow in Beijing. The landslides in remote Zhouqu county, Gansu, were trig-

gered by torrential rains that hit the area late on Saturday. The thick layer of mud levelled an area 5km (3 miles) by 500m,

Xinhua said. Landslide debris blocked a river which then burst its banks sending water, rocks and mud down several hillsides and on to

homes. Soldiers have blasted through the blockage on the Bailong river, lowering the water level of an unstable lake created by the landslide.

China orders milk powder probe after babies develop breasts

AFP, Beijing

China's health ministry said vesterday it had ordered food safety authorities in central Hubei province to investigate claims that milk powder has caused infant girls to grow

Officials had already begun tests on the baby formula after parents and doctors expressed fears that hormones in the milk powder made by NASDAQlisted Synutra had caused babies to develop breasts prematurely.

"The Ministry of Health had attached great importance to this issue," spokesman Deng Haihua told a news conference, according to a transcript.

Local food safety authorities had earlier refused a parent's request to investigate the formula made by Synutra, based in the eastern city of Qingdao, saying they did not conduct tests at consumers' behest, state media reported.

## Rwanda's Kagame celebrates early poll results

**BBC ONLINE** 

Thousands of supporters of Rwanda's President Paul Kagame have been celebrating as early results of the presidential poll were released.

Figures displayed on a giant screen in a stadium in the capital Kigali showed him winning 96% of the diaspora vote.

He also won 92.9% of the vote in 11 out of 30 districts announced so far.

His supporters say he has brought stability and growth since the country's 1994 genocide, but critics accuse him of suppressing opposi-

The election was only the second presidential election since 1994, and five million Rwandans were registered to vote.

People had queued before dawn to vote on Monday and the electoral commission said turnout was high.

Procuring Entity Name

any reason whatsoever.

# Israel threatens to pull out of UN's Gaza flotilla probe

AFP, Jerusalem

Israel yesterday threatened to pull out of a UN probe into its deadly flotilla raid to keep the panel from grilling its troops, as the defence minister told another inquiry the fleet was a "planned provocation."

The May 31 raid in which Israeli commandos killed nine pro-Palestinian Turkish activists sparked international outrage and led to the easing of a four-year blockade of the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu insisted there was a "discreet" agreement to exclude military personnel from the UN probe, despite an earlier denial from UN chief Ban Ki-moon. "The prime minister said Israel would not cooperate with any

commission that would ask to question soldiers," spokesman Nir

Hefetz told military radio. "Before Israel gave the green light to its participation in the panel we had discreet negotiations in order to ensure that this commission would not harm the vital interests of Israel," he added.

Ban on Monday denied there was such an agreement. The row broke out as the UN commission was due to start work, and on the second day of a series of top-level hearings by an Israeli panel, which also does not have the authority to question the soldiers who stormed the ships.

Testifying in Jerusalem, Defence Minister Ehud Barak said the flotilla was a "planned provocation" and that top officials had suspected more than a month beforehand that organisers were "preparing for an armed conflict to embarrass Israel."

He said various alternatives were discussed ahead of the raid and that he and other senior officials had considered the possibility that the activists would attack the troops when they landed.

### US defence secy proposes defence cuts

**BBC ONLINE** 

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates has recommended axeing one of the ten major US military commands in a major reallocation of defence spending.

Gates said the Joint Forces Command would close, the use of outside contractors would be cut and the number of generals and admirals reduced.

He has said that he wants to find savings of about \$100bn (£63bn) in the military budget in the next five years.

Gates said he wanted to free up spending for frontline requirements.

In a Pentagon news conference, he said the military had grown unwieldy and costly following the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001.

"I'm not satisfied with the progress made to reduce our over-reliance on contractors," Gates said.

The Joint Forces Command, based in Virginia, employs 5,000 people and trains troops from the different services to work together.



US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton (C) makes a statement regarding the killing of ten medical relief workers, with six Americans among them, in Afghanistan as US Special Envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan Richard Holbrooke (L) listens on Monday at the State Department in Washington, DC. The Taliban has claimed the responsibility for the killing.

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### Invitation for Tenders

Management), DESCO

3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka					
4	Invitation for	Procuremen	Procurement of Goods and Related Services				
5	Tender No.	13/2010	13/2010				
6	Invitation Ref No.	DESCO/Pro	DESCO/Procurement/Local Tender/2010/402				
7	Date	10/08/2010	10/08/2010				
KE	Y INFORMATION						
8	Procurement Method	Open Tende	Open Tendering Method (Single Stage Two Envelope)				
FU	NDING INFORMATION						
9	Budget and Source of Funds	DESCO's own fund					
PA	RTICULAR INFORMATION	N					
10	Tender Name	Procurement of 400 Volt CT Operated Metering Unit and Accessories					
11	Tender Last Selling Date, Closing & Opening Date	Last Selling Date	Closing & Opening Date	Closing Time	Opening Time		
	and Time	05/09/2010 06/09/2010		12.00 Noon	12.30 PM		
12	Name & Address of the	Se	lling	Receiving & Opening			
	office for selling Tender Document, receiving & opening tender_	Office of Deputy General Manager (Finance & Accounts), DESCO, House # 3 (4 <sup>th</sup> floor), Road # 24, Block - K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka – 1213.		Office of the Manager (Procurement & Contract Management), DESCO, House # 3 (5 <sup>th</sup> floor), Road # 24, Block - K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka - 1213.			
IN	FORMATION FOR TENDE	RER					
13	Eligibility of Bonafid	e supplier/manu	facturer having v	alid trade licenc	e or registration		

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IN	FORMATION FOR	RTENDERER		ANGERICA PERSONAL	18102E - 1802		
13	Eligibility of Tenderer	Bonafide supplier/manufacturer having valid trade licence or registration certificate.					
14	Brief Description of goods	200/5A & 400/5A Indoor type CT Operated, 400 Volt, 3-Phase, 4-Wire, 3-Element Programmable Type Solid State 5(6)A Metering Unit, Spare Meters and CTs. Detail described in tender document.					
15	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Tk. 5,000/- (Taka Five Thousand) only payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favor of 'Dhaka Electric Supply-Company Limited (DESCO)'.					
16	Description of Package	Location of Delivery	Tender Security Amount (Tk)		Completion Time		
	Procurement of 400 Volt CT Operated Metering Unit and Accessories	DESCO's Central Store, Mirpur, Dhaka.	Tk. 4,00,000 (Taka Four (Payable in the form Guarantee/Bank draft/Pay favor of 'Dhaka Electr Company Limited, DESCO	of Bank order in ric Supply	Within 120 (One hundred twenty) days (counting from the date of Contract Signing.)		

# S Korea says to 'act resolutely' against North's provocation

AFP, Seoul

South Korea's military vowed yesterday to "act resolutely" against future provocations after North Korea fired an artillery barrage into waters near the two countries' disputed Yellow Sea border.

Some 10 of the 130 shells which were fired Monday evening landed on the South's side of the line, Seoul military officials said, heightening months of tensions.

The South's military in a faxed message to the North described the firing as a "grave provocation" that violates the armistice and a non-aggression agreement, a spokesman for the Joint Chiefs of Staff told AFP.

"If North Korea continues its provocative actions, without apologising for the Cheonan incident, South Korea will act resolutely," the spokesman quoted the message as saying.

Tensions have risen sharply since late May when South Korea and the United States, citing a multinational investigation, accused the North of torpedoing one of Seoul's warships, the Cheonan, near the contested border.

# BP makes \$3b deposit in \$20b relief fund

**BBC ONLINE** 

BP has made an initial deposit of \$3bn (£1.8bn) into a \$20bn compensation fund for the oil spill, after completing talks with the US Department of Justice, according to BP officials.

The fund, called an escrow account, was set up by the oil giant to compensate victims of the Gulf of Mexico spill.

BP'sresponsehascost\$6.1balready. Meanwhile, BP's relief well will reach the damaged well by the end of the

weekandstartthefinal "kill", the government's incident commandersaid. An additional deposit of \$2bn will be made in the fourth quarter by BP, with deposits of \$1.25bn being deposited each of the following quartersuntil the \$20bn has been paid in full.

affected by the spill that we indeed intend to stand behind our commitment to them and to the American taxpayers," BP's incoming chief executive Bob Dudley said in a statement. Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli later said the justice department was "pleased that BP made an initial contribution and has taken

and the residents and business owners in the Gulfregion". The account will be overseen by lawyer Kenneth Feinberg, who managed compensation claims made by victims of the 9/11 attacks.

an important step toward honouring its commitment to the president



# **Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited**

(A Company of Petrobangla)

Comilla, Bangladesh বিদ্যুৎ ও জ্বালানি নিরাপত্তা সর্বোচ্চ অগ্রাধিকার

শিল্পে প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস ও গৃহস্থালীতে বিকল্প জ্বালানি

# Invitation for International Tender

01.	Ministry\Division	:	Energy & Mineral Resources Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.		
02.	Agency	:	Petrobangla.		
03.	Procuring entity name	:	Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited.		
04.	Procuring entity district	:	Comilla, Bangladesh.		
05.	Invitation for	:	Procurement of Pipe Fittings (Elbow & End Cap).		
06.	Invitation tender No.	:	BGSL/FP/CFE-05/2010.		
07.	Date	:	04-08-2010.		
KEY	INFORMATION				
08.	Procurement method	:	Open Tendering Method.		
09.	Budget and source of fund	:	BGSL own fund, cash foreign exchange resource.		
10.	Time limit to selling tender document	:	18-08-2010 to 29-09-2010 during office hours.		
11.	Tender last selling date	:	29-09-2010.		
			Date	Time	
12	Time and closing date & time	:	30-09-2010	12-00 hrs.	
13.	Tender opening date & time	:	30-09-2010	12-15 hrs.	
14.	Name & address of the office(s) Selling tender document		Tender documents will be available in the following BGSL offices during office hours:  a) Finance & Accounts Department, Head Office, Chapapur, Comilla, Bangladesh.  b) Dhaka Liaison Office, House No. 222, Lane No. 15, Lake Road, New DOHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1206, Bangladesh.		
15.	Receiving tender document	**	Purchase Department, Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited, Head Office, Chapapur, Commilla, Bangladesh.		
16.	Opening tender document	:	Purchase Department, Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited, Head Office, Chapapur, Commilla, Bangladesh.		
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17.	Eligibility of tenderer	:	records/experiences of the simi	nust have overseas track lar works/supply for at least 05 (five) ast be submitted alongwith the bid.	
18.	Brief description of goods or		Elbow & End Cap.		

Brief description of goods or Elbow & End Cap WUIKS Price of tender document US\$ 56.00 or Tk 4,000.00 (non-refundable). Time for completion of delivery Tender security amount Identification of lot No. 75 days from the date of receipt Single lot US\$ 3,000.00 or Tk 2,10,000.00 of letter of credit.

20. PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS Deputy General Manager (Purchase) Designation of official inviting "The purpose of the escrow account was to assure those adversely Tel: 081-68681. tender 22. Deputy General Manager (Purchase), Bakhrabad Gas Systems Contact details of official

Limited, Telephone No. 081-68681 inviting tender Head Office: Chapapur, Comilla, Bangladesh. Should the submission date of tenders happen to fall on Special instruction 23. holiday, tenders shall be received and opened at the same time & place on the first subsequent working day. BGSL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders

without assigning any reason whatsoever. BG-1041/August,2010 GD-3489