

Int'l aid for Pak floods crosses \$800m

AP, Thatta

The world has given or pledged more than \$800 million to help Pakistan cope with massive floods, the foreign minister said yesterday, as a surging river in the south led authorities to urge thousands more people to evacuate.

Pakistan is grateful for the international assistance, which came after the United Nations appealed for \$460 million in aid for the deluged country, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said.

"The total commitments and pledges that Pakistan has got so far are \$815.58 million," he told reporters in Islamabad. "In these circumstances, when the West and Europe and America are going through a recession ... this kind of solidarity for Pakistan, I think, is very encouraging."

The floods began in late July in the northwest after exceptionally heavy monsoon rains, expanding rivers that have since swamped eastern Punjab province and Sindh province in the south. The deluge has affected about one-fifth of Pakistan's territory, straining the civilian government as it also struggles against al-Qaeda and Taliban violence.

At least 6 million people have been made homeless and 20 million affected overall.

Aid flowed relatively slowly to Pakistan in the first weeks of the crisis, apparently in part because many countries were unaware of the vast scope of the damage. A relatively low death toll around 1,500 people may have contributed to

misimpressions, analysts have said.

The US has promised \$150 million to help the country whose support it considers critical to winning the war in Afghanistan. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also urged nations to step up aid after a visit to Pakistan.

The floods are still wreaking havoc.

Three towns in the southern Sindh province's Thatta district were in danger over the weekend, and officials were urging thousands to leave the area. The surge in the Indus River is expected to empty into the Arabian Sea after passing through.

At least two levees along the river are potential trouble spots and are being strengthened, said Hadi Bakhsh Kalhoro, an official with the Sindh provincial Disaster Management Authority.

"We are hopeful the flood will pass on to the delta without creating much trouble here," he said.

In many areas, ordinary Pakistanis set out by themselves to strengthen levees with sandbags and stones.

"We are doing it on our own," Thatta resident Munawar Ali told Dunya TV. "We are not seeing any government agency here to help us save our lives and our belongings."

Pakistan can ill afford the crisis. The South Asian country's economy was already being kept afloat by billions of dollars in loans from the International Monetary Fund, and the cost of rebuilding after the floods will likely run into the billions.



SLOW-MOTION TSUNAMI: A flood affected Pakistani woman holds her diarrhoea-suffering child at a medical centre in Muzaffargarh in Punjab yesterday. UN agencies stepped up calls for donors to deliver on their pledges for Pakistan to prevent what UN chief Ban Ki-moon called a "slow-motion tsunami" from wreaking further catastrophe.

Indian cabinet clears nuke liability bill

REUTERS, New Delhi

The cabinet on Friday cleared changes to a bill aimed at opening up the country's \$150 billion nuclear power market and it is likely to be placed in parliament on Saturday, a senior Congress party minister said.

A parliamentary panel on Wednesday recommended changes to the bill, including trebling accident compensation and extending liability to private firms.

"The changes suggested by the panel have been approved by the cabinet," the minister, who declined to be identified, told reporters.

The cabinet said there will make a minor amendment to the bill on Saturday after the main opposition Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) raised fresh objections.

The BJP, which backed the panel's recommendation, objects to the addition of a word in the reworked bill that makes the supplier liable in case of an accident only if the operator and the supplier had a prior agreement to that effect.



Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada (C) waves his ticket after a ride on The Delhi Metro in New Delhi yesterday while in a two-day official visit.

Japan, India in nuke co-operation talks

BBC ONLINE

The Indian and Japanese foreign ministers have held talks on a civil nuclear co-operation agreement.

The Japanese minister, Katsuya Okada, said the decision to start negotiations had been one of the toughest he had ever had to make.

Speaking at a news conference in Delhi, he said that if India conducted nuclear tests Japan would suspend cooperation.

Japan has been hesitant to sign a deal because India is not a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Mr Okada was holding talks with his counterpart, S M Krishna, during the two-day state visit, an Indian foreign ministry statement said.

His visit came a day after India's cabinet approved a delayed draft law that will pave the way for foreign companies to build reactors in India, where the atomic energy market is reported to be worth \$150 billion.

Myanmar's military junta to win polls

Says veteran politician

AP, Yangon

A veteran politician contesting Myanmar's upcoming elections said yesterday the political party backed by the ruling military junta will easily win the most seats because challengers face financial and other handicaps.

Thu Wai, chairman of the newly formed Democratic Party (Myanmar), said the challenger parties can field candidates in less than half of the national and regional constituencies.

But the junta's backing gives the Union Solidarity and Development Party, led by Prime

Minister Thein Sein, access to money and a national presence, and the party is widely expected to receive the most votes.

The Nov 7 elections are the first in impoverished Myanmar in two decades. The National League for Democracy party of detained democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, which overwhelmingly won the last elections in 1990 but was barred by the military from taking power, has decided to boycott the polls.

"By creating obstacles to other political parties before the election, it won't be necessary to cheat or rig votes in the election as the USDP is getting the upper hand. Thus voting (itself) will be free and fair," Thu Wai said.



Uttara Export Processing Zone

Nilphamari

No.03.389.00.05.00.051.2009/216

Date: 16 August, 2010

Tender Notice

No. 03/2010-2011

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible contractors for the following works as per terms & conditions stated below:

1	Ministry/Division	Prime Minister's Office (BEPZA Governor's Board Secretariat).
2	Agency	BEPZA.
3	Procuring entity name	Uttara Export Processing Zone (UEPZ).
4	Procuring entity code	N.A.
5	Procuring entity district	Nilphamari.
6	Invitation for	Tenders for single work.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	03/2010-2011.
8	Date	16 August, 2010.

KEY INFORMATION

9 Procurement method Open Tendering Method (OTM).

FUNDING INFORMATION

10 Budget and source of funds Revenue budget.

11 Development partners (if applicable) NA.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12 Project/programme code (if applicable) NA.

13 Project/programme name (if applicable) NA.

14 Tender package No. NA.

15 Tender package name NA.

16 Tender publication date On or before 23 August, 2010.

17 Tender last selling date 14 September, 2010 during office hour.

18 Tender closing date and time 15 September, 2010 at 12:00 noon.

19 Tender opening date and time 15 September, 2010 at 3.00pm.

20 Name & address of the offices

-Selling of tender document (principal) Accounts Section, Uttara EPZ, Nilphamari.

-Selling of tender document (others) Deputy Commissioner's Office, Nilphamari.

-Receiving of tender (i) Project Engineer (In-charge), Uttara EPZ, Nilphamari.

(ii) Deputy Commissioner's Office, Nilphamari.

-Opening of tender Project Engineer (In-charge), Uttara EPZ, Nilphamari.

21 Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting NA.

22 Eligibility of tenderer

The contractors must have successful completion experience on building construction work in a single work order amounting to not less than 50% of the quoted price within the last 5 (five) years in govt./semi-govt./autonomous bodies/reputed private or multinational organization.

Liquid assets/credit facilities 50% of the quoted amount.

Bid capacity Equal to the quoted amount.

Average annual construction turnover Tk. 320.00 lakh.

Blacklisted/debarred bidders Blacklisted/debarred bidders from any govt./semi-govt./autonomous organization will be considered as ineligible to participate in the tender.

Other documents a) Trade license.
b) Income Tax certificate (TIN).
c) Ten digit VAT registration certificate.
d) Rate analysis.
e) Undertaking in the prescribed format relating to blacklisted/debarred bidders from any govt./semi-govt./autonomous organization.

Other conditions a) All other criteria will be taken according to the PPR-2008 and its amendment.

23 Brief description of related service RCC work, MS work, brick work, wood work, plaster, painting with weather coat and plastic emulsion paint, synthetic enamel paint, MS grill, sanitary and electrical work etc.

24 Tender document price Tk. 1500.00.

25 Lot Identification of lot Location Tender security amount Completion time

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(i) Construction of 3rd floor over existing 3-storied Standard Factory Building # 02 at Uttara EPZ, Sangalsi, Nilphamari. Uttara EPZ, Nilphamari Tk. 4,30,000.00 180 days

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

26 Name of official inviting tender Mohammad Mijanur Rahman.

27 Designation of official inviting tender Project Engineer (In-charge).

28 Address of official inviting tender Uttara EPZ, Sangalsi, Nilphamari.

29 Contact details of official inviting tender 0551-61307, Fax: 0551-61468, E-mail: gm_uepz@yahoo.com

30 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders.

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No formal peace process with the Taliban: Karzai

AFP, Washington

Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai said yesterday there is no formal discussions with his government and the Taliban, although he admitted to "individual contacts" with the headline Islamic group.

"Of course, there are individual contacts with some Taliban elements -- that's not yet a formal process," Karzai told ABC television's "This Week" program.

The Afghan leader added however that there is a "clear" course toward possible future talks peace with the outlawed insurgents.

"The roadmap is clear. The indications for peace would be that Afghanistan will be ready to talk to those Taliban powers who belong to Afghanistan and are not part of al-Qaeda, who are not part of any other terrorist network, who accept the Afghanistan Constitution and the progress that we have achieved in the past so many years," he said.

Karzai said talks could also be possible with members of the Taliban "willing to return to a normal civilian life and who are not connected to any foreign body outside of Afghanistan."



Former UN diplomat and Indian parliamentarian Shashi Tharoor (R) marries his long-time friend Sunanda Pushkar (L) yesterday, months after the couple were the focus of a cricket team ownership scandal that saw him quit the Indian government.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
বিজ্ঞান এবং তথ্য ও যোগাযোগ প্রযুক্তি মন্ত্রণালয়
বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।

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বিষয়: ২০১০-২০১১ অর্থ বছরে বেসরকারী মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চমাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান/বিজ্ঞান ক্লাবসমূহে অনুদানের জন্য আবেদন আহ্বান।

বিজ্ঞান ভিত্তিক কার্যক্রমে আর্থিক অনুদান প্রদানের উদ্দেশ্যে দেশের বেসরকারী মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চমাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান/বিজ্ঞান ক্লাবসমূহের কাছ থেকে নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদন আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। আবেদনপত্রে ১,০০,০০০/- (এক লক্ষ) টাকার অধিক অনুদানের জন্য প্রস্তাব করা যাবে না।

২। বেসরকারী মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চমাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান/বিজ্ঞান ক্লাব বলতে বাংলাদেশের ভৌগোলিক সীমানায় বিজ্ঞান এবং তথ্য ও যোগাযোগ প্রযুক্তি বিষয়ক কার্যবলী পরিচালনা/বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি উন্নয়নমূলক কাজ সম্পাদন/বিজ্ঞান বিষয়ক জার্নাল প্রকাশনা এবং সেমিনার/সিম্পোজিয়াম/কর্মশালা/প্রদর্শনী আয়োজনকারী বেসরকারী মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চমাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান/বিজ্ঞান ক্লাবকে বুঝাবে। বেসরকারী মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চমাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান/বিজ্ঞান ক্লাব বলতে কোন সরকারী মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চমাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান/বিজ্ঞান ক্লাবকে বুঝাবে না।

৩। নির্ধারিত আবেদন ফরম ও এতদসংক্রান্ত নীতিমালা বিজ্ঞান এবং তথ্য ও যোগাযোগ প্রযুক্তি মন্ত্রণালয়ের সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব, শাখা-১২, কক্ষ নং-৯১৯, ভবন- ৬, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা-১০০০ থেকে সরাসরি অথবা আবেদনকারীর ঠিকানায়ুক্ত অব্যবহৃত ১০.০০ টাকা মূল্যের ডাকটিকিটযুক্ত খাম উল্লেখিত ঠিকানায় ডাকযোগে প্রেরণ পূর্বক তা সংগ্রহ করা যেতে পারে অথবা Website address: www.mosict.gov.bd থেকে ডাউনলোড করে উক্ত ফরম ও নীতিমালা সংগ্রহ করা যেতে পারে। নির্ধারিত ছকে আবেদনপত্র যথাযথভাবে পূরণ করে আবেদনকারীর সত্যায়িত ১' (এক) কপি ছবিসহ আগামী ৩০-০৯-২০১০ তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নবাক্সকারীর ঠিকানায় সরাসরি অথবা ডাকযোগে পৌঁছাতে হবে। নির্ধারিত সময়ের পরে কোনো আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না। নীতিমালার সাথে সঙ্কতিপূর্ণ নয় এমন আবেদনপত্র অযোগ্য হিসেবে বিবেচিত হবে।

৪। যোগ্যতা, দক্ষতা ও প্রজ্ঞাবের মান বিবেচনা করে স্বচ্ছতা ও নিরপেক্ষতার মাধ্যমে অনুদান প্রদান করা হবে। যে কোন রকম তদবীর/ব্যক্তিগত যোগাযোগ অযোগ্যতা হিসেবে গণ্য হবে।

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