

## MANILA HOSTAGE CRISIS ENDS

## Cops kill bus gunman; 15 hostages alive

REUTERS, Manila

Philippine police shot and killed a sacked former policeman who was holding 15 Hong Kong tourists aboard a bus in downtown Manila yesterday and TV images showed some hostages leaving the vehicle alive.

The gunman, identified as 55-year-old former police captain Rolando Mendoza who was armed with an M-16 assault rifle, had stopped the bus, which initially had 25 people on board, across a wide road in Manila's biggest park.

"The hostage-taker was killed. He chose to shoot it out with our men," police Colonel Nelson Yabut told reporters.

"On our first assault, Captain Mendoza was sprawled in the middle of the aisle and shot one of our operatives. On our second assault we killed him."

Police could be seen removing a body from the front of the bus before entering the vehicle. The Red Cross said at least five hostages left the bus alive, but TV images also showed more bodies being removed. There were no more immediate details on casualties.

The end of the 11-hour drama came more than an hour after police commandos had moved in to break windows and surround the bus following a series of shots. The driver of the bus was seen running to safety after the first flurry of gunshots.

Mendoza had threatened to kill the hostages in a live telephone interview with a local radio station.

"I can see there are many SWAT teams arriving, they are all around," Mendoza, speaking in Tagalog, had said. "I know they will kill me, I'm telling them to leave because any time I will do the same here."

For much of the day the gunman had appeared to be negotiating calmly with police and nine hostages, six Hong Kongers and three Filipinos, mostly women and children, had been released in stages.

Mendoza had asked for food for those remaining on the bus, which was delivered, and fuel to keep the air-conditioning going during the heat.

Mendoza's brother, Gregorio, told a local TV station that his brother was upset by his dismissal from the force. Local media said he had been sacked for reasons including extortion, and due to his sacking he had lost his retirement benefits.

"His problem was he was unjustly removed from service. There was no due process, no hearing, no complaint," said Gregorio, who was later taken into custody by police.

Stuck to the bus door was a piece of paper with the handwritten message: "BIG MISTAKE TO CORRECT A BIG WRONG DECISION." A larger piece of paper on the front windshield was headed "RELEASE FINAL DECISION" and then what appeared to be details of his case.

A spokesman for the Chinese Embassy said it wanted police to "take all the necessary measures to



Police commandos surround a bus with tourists being held hostage at Quirino Grandstand in Manila yesterday. Later on, they kill the gunman and rescue 15 out of the 25 hostages.

PHOTO: REUTERS

secure the release and to protect the security and safety of our nationals."

Hong Kong's Secretary for Security Ambrose Lee told reporters authorities were very concerned about the incident. Two officials were being sent to Manila and a hotline was being set up in Hong Kong for families of the hostages.

## No talks if settlement freeze ends: Palestine

AP, Ramallah

A Palestinian official says the Palestinian leader has warned President Barack Obama he will pull out of the upcoming peace talks if Israel ends its settlement slowdown.

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat says President Mahmoud Abbas sent a letter to Obama stressing that any renewed Israeli settlement construction would spell the end of the talks. The talks are to begin in Washington next week.

The Israeli slowdown, which bars construction of most new homes in the West Bank, is supposed to end in late September.

Erekat said on Monday that Abbas also sent the letter to the European Union, the UN and Russia all members of the Mideast Quartet of mediators, along with the US.

Israel's government is split over whether to continue the 10-month slowdown.

## ASHUGANJ POWER STATION COMPANY LIMITED

(An enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)  
Ashuganj, B. Baria-3402, Bangladesh

Memo No. APSC/Pro-01/2010/1170 Date: 22/08/2010

## "Invitation For International Tender"

01. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Power Division
02. Agency	: Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd.
03. Procuring Entity	: Deputy General Manager (Mechanical Maintenance)
04. Procuring Entity District	: Brahman Baria, Bangladesh
05. Invitation Ref No	: Memo No. APSC/Pro-1/2010/1170
06. Date	: 22/08/2010
07. Procurement Method	: Open International Tendering Method.
08. Source of Funds	: APSC's Own Fund.
09. Tender Publication Date	: 22/08/2010
10. Tender Last Selling Date	: 03/10/2010 during office hour
11. Tender Closing Date and Time	: 04/10/2010 at 12.00 BST
12. Tender Opening Date and Time	: 04/10/2010 at 12.15 BST
13. Name & Address of the Offices	:
a. Selling Tender Documents	: (i) Director (Purchase), Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Bhavan (9 <sup>th</sup> floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. (ii) Manager (Finance), APSC, Ashuganj, B-Baria.
b. Receiving & Opening Tender Documents	: Office of the Manager, Procurement, APSC, Ashuganj, B-Baria
14. Eligibility of Tenderer	: Renowned Firm having experience of acid cleaning works as specified in the Tender Document.
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Sl. No	Name of Item	Price of Tender Documents	Amount of Tender Security	Completion time
a.	Acid/Chemical Cleaning of Boiler of Unit #4, Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited	Non refundable Tk. 1,000/- In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh	US\$ 5,000.00 or BDT 3,50,000.00 In favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft / Bank Guarantee from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh.	1) The Intended Completion period of the works within 90 days from the date of opening of L/C.
16.	Name of official Inviting Tender	A M M Sazzadur Rahman		
17.	Designation of official Inviting Tender	Manager, Procurement		
18.	Address of official Inviting Tender	Ashuganj Power Station Co. Ltd. Ashuganj, B-Baria, Bangladesh.		
19.	Contract details of official Inviting Tender	Tel: 08528-74033, Fax :0088 08528 74044, E-mail: procurement@apsc.com, Website : www.apsc.com		
20.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders			

(A.M.M Sazzadur Rahman)  
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## AUSTRALIAN POLLS

## Independent MPs playing role as kingmakers

REUTERS, Canberra

Prime Minister Julia Gillard flew to Canberra yesterday to start talks with independent MPs on forming a government in the wake of weekend elections that have delivered a hung parliament.

Financial markets are tipping ruling Labor to be ousted by conservatives with the eventual backing of a trio of independents who began their political lives in the conservative movement.

That confidence is premature. All three have had bitter rows with the conservative coalition's smaller National Party; two are barely on speaking terms with some senior conservatives.

Here are some facts about the possible independent and Green kingmakers of Australia's next parliament, and voting records.

**INDEPENDENT BOB KAITER**  
Wants to rebuild tariffs to protect farmers, backs services for regional areas. Views cross the right-left spectrum. Likely backs Labor on hospitals and broadband. Likely sides with conservatives on scrapping mining tax. Suspicious of China investment. Voted five times with Labor, eight with the conservatives.

**INDEPENDENT TONY WINDSOR**  
Wants better health, education, communications for rural and regional areas. Has a visceral dislike of the National Party. Likely backs Labor on health services, education and high-speed broadband. Thinks carbon trading is not as important as renewable energy. Probably anti-mining tax. Voted 19 times with Labor, 16 with the conservatives.

**INDEPENDENT ROB OAKESHOTT**  
Wants better health, education, communications for rural and regional areas. Could be lower house Speaker in deal with Labor, and backs parliamentary reform. Supportive of Labor emissions scheme, as long as independent body in charge. Unclear on mine tax, but probably supportive of broadband. Voted 28 times with Labor, nine with the conservatives.

**GREENS ADAM BANDT**  
Former barrister who has said he will side with Labor in the event of a hung parliament. The Greens support Labor's plan to build a national broadband network and favor a tougher mining tax than the one Labor is proposing. Bandt has campaigned hard on improving Melbourne's public transport system. Likely to support Julia and Labor.

## Rain batters China; 250,000 evacuated in flood

AP, Beijing

Flooding has forced the evacuation of more than a quarter-million people in northern China along its border with North Korea, state media said yesterday.

Heavy rains over the last several days caused the Yalu river, which marks the border, to breach its banks, although the water level had started to

fall late Sunday, the official Xinhua News Agency state media said Monday.

It said four people died, including a couple in their 70s and a mother and son, after their homes in Dandong were swept away by flash floods. Xinhua said 253,500 residents have been evacuated after the Yalu rose to its highest level in a decade.

An official with the Water Resources Department in Liaoning province, where Dandong is located, confirmed that four people had died though he was unable to provide details. He refused to give his name because he was not authorized to speak with the media.

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency said torrential rain and water from the overflowing Yalu or Amnok as it is known in Korean swamped houses, public buildings and farmland in more than five villages near Sinduiju, the city opposite Dandong.

The report described Sinduiju and the surrounding area as having been "severely affected" by the flooding and said officials, the military and ordinary civilians were involved in rescue work.

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## Vacancy Announcement for Controller of Accounts

Biman Bangladesh Airlines Limited invites applications from deserving Bangladeshi candidates for appointment as Controller of Accounts reporting to the Director Finance.

## Core Requirements:

- Qualification : FCA/FCMA/MBA (Finance/Accounting) (with no 3<sup>rd</sup> division/class in any academic exam.)
- Age limit : Maximum 50 years as on 31-08-2010. (relaxable for exceptionally deserving candidates)
- Experience : Minimum 10 years experience in Senior Management position in the field of Finance and/or Accounts in any Large Corporate Management preferably in any airlines or similar business. Candidates who are experienced in IPO and also experienced to work in the capital market as well as with the Government Regulatory Bodies will be given preference.
- Candidate's profile : Strong personality to control, supervise, analyse, forecast, plan and organise as is necessary to ensure sound financial management of a large Corporate Management.

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Head Office, Balaka Bhaban  
Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229

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## ASHUGANJ POWER STATION COMPANY LIMITED

(An enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)  
Ashuganj, B. Baria-3402, Bangladesh

Memo No. APSC/Pro-02/2010/1163 date: 21/08/2010

## "Invitation of Open Tender for Inventory/Physical Verification"

Sealed proposal are hereby invited from the eligible Tenderer as defined in the Proposal Document for Inventory/Physical Verification as per terms and conditions are stated in the Document.

01. Agency	: Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd.(APSC).
02. Invitation for	: Inventory/Physical Verification of stock items of Main store, Training Centre store and Office materials and equipments of different offices including Control rooms, Medical centre, Training Centre, School and Rest house of APSC
03. Source of funds	: APSC'S Own Fund.
04. Tender publication date	: 21/08/2010
05. Last selling date & time of Tender document	: 27/09/2010 during office hour
06. Tender closing date and time	: 28/09/2010 at 12.00 BST
07. Tender opening date and time	: 28/09/2010 at 12.15 BST
08. Documents available for selling	: (i) Asstt. Chief Engineer(Generation), Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Bhavan, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 (ii) Manager (Finance), APSC, Ashuganj, B-Baria.
09. Receiving & opening of Tender	: Office of the Manager (Procurement), APSC, Ashuganj, B-Baria.
10. Eligibility of the Firm	: Renowned firm having experience as inventory/physical verification specified in the Proposal document.
11. Price of Tender document	: Non-refundable Tk.400/- (Four hundred) in the form of Pay order/Bank draft issued from schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd, Ashuganj, B-Baria.
12. Tender security	: Tk. 14,000.00 (Fourteen thousand taka) in the form of Pay order/Bank draft/ Bank Guarantee issued from schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd., Ashuganj, B-Baria.
13. Name of official Inviting Tender	: A M M Sazzadur Rahman
14. Designation of official Inviting Tender	: Manager (Procurement)
15. Address of official Inviting Tender	: Ashuganj Power Station Co. Ltd. Ashuganj, B-Baria, Bangladesh.
16. Contract details of official Inviting Tender	: Tel: 0088 08528 74033 Fax :0088 08528 74044, E-mail: procurement@apsc.com, Website : www.apsc.com
17. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.	

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## Vacancy Notice

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces the vacancy for the following posts for the National Human Rights Commission and Capacity Development Project.

- Administration Assistant - SC (SB2)
- IT Assistant - SC (SB2)
- Finance Assistant - SC (SB2)
- Project Secretary - SC (SB1)

The duration of the Service Contract is one year initially, subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds

For details of the Terms of Reference and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Applications should be submitted no later than 17:00 pm, Monday, 6 September 2010.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.  
Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.



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