

Australian PM receives boost in bid to form government

REUTERS, Canberra

Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard's hopes of forming a minority government received a boost yesterday with "kingmaker" independents criticizing her conservative rival for refusing to meet a key demand.

Julia's Labor party seems to be ahead in early negotiations to form government, having agreed to all seven of the initial requests by the crossbench MPs, and with three of them backing Labor's plans for a new resource tax.

Financial markets are hoping for a conservative government that would kill Julia's plans for a 30 percent mining tax and a price on carbon emissions, as well as her Labor government's planned \$38 billion broadband network.

Counting was continuing in the inconclusive election, with the latest tally at 73 seats for the Liberal-National coalition, 71 for Labor, with five independent and Green MPs and one seat in doubt in the 150-seat lower house of parliament.

To form a government a major party needs 76 seats.

Respected ABC news pollster Antony Green now predicts the conservatives will win 73 seats and Labor 72.

Independent Tony Windsor said Abbott's refusal to have his election policies costed by the treasury was like "a bucket of concrete around one foot" in the race to form a government.

"It's not a good start at all, because when

we go to this issue of stability (of government) ... what we're trying to establish here is a degree of trust," Windsor said.

INVESTMENT HIT BY UNCERTAINTY
Uncertainty over Australia's mining tax, with conservatives pledging to kill the tax if they form a government, was partly to blame for an unexpected fall in business investment in the last quarter, CommSec securities said on Thursday.

Global asset management firm Bessel Securities Management Investors on Thursday told The Australian newspaper that telecommunications giant Telstra was "uninvestable," due to the political uncertainty around the broadband project.

The three independents have made seven demands to Julia and Abbott, including briefings on resources, broadband policy, health, climate change and energy, defense, education, employment laws, infrastructure and transport, and agriculture.

Abbott said he would not agree to have his policies costed by treasury as earlier costings were leaked to the media. "Now if he looks so bad, and he's got something to hide, it makes it much more difficult for us to give him the gong to become prime minister," said stonewalling independent Bob Katter.

Julia has agreed to all seven requests and also offered to surrender her right to decide the next election date, a political ace for a prime minister, and agree with the three independent and Green MPs on the date.

Wyclef Jean can't run for Haiti presidency

BBC ONLINE

A ruling barring Wyclef Jean from running for Haiti's presidency is final and cannot be appealed, an electoral council lawyer says.

The 40-year-old hip-hop star has said he will appeal after the council said he was not eligible to stand in November polls.

The Haitian constitution requires candidates to have lived in the country for five years prior to an election.

Jean lives in the US, but says he has been a roving ambassador for Haiti.

He argues that this exempts him from the residency requirement.

Samuel Pierre, from the electoral council's legal department, said that according to article 191 of the country's electoral law, decisions by the election authority's disputes tribunal cannot be challenged.

"Therefore, there is absolutely no possibility for Wyclef Jean to be added to the list of candidates approved to run in the next presidential elections," Pierre told Reuters news agency. "So it's over," he said.

The country is the poorest in the region, and still recovering from January's earthquake, which killed an estimated 230,000 people and left more than one million homeless.

Ozawa to challenge Japan's PM for party leadership

BBC ONLINE

One of the grandees of the governing Democratic Party of Japan, Ichiro Ozawa, has announced he will stand again for the party leadership.

He lost the party post last year amid a party funding scandal.

Ozawa will face the Prime Minister Naoto Kan in the election for party president next month, and will replace him as prime minister if he wins.

Ozawa blames the party's recent defeat in elections to the upper house on Kan's plan to raise sales tax.

It was only in June that parliament elected Kan prime minister after the resignation of Yukio Hatoyama.

"I have decided to run in the leadership election of the Democratic Party of Japan," Ozawa said after a meeting with Hatoyama.

The two men are allies; Ozawa helped Hatoyama to the premiership last year, and said Hatoyama now supports his bid.

Ozawa, 68, is sometimes called the "Shadow Shogun" or "godfather," and has a string of money scandals behind him.

His bid for power is likely to destabilise the government, analysts said.

Once a member of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, he moved to the then opposition where he served as party leader from 2006 to 2009.

Ozawa's announcement came a day after he made news by calling Americans "simple-minded".

"I like Americans, but they are somewhat monocellular," he said. "When I talk with Americans, I often wonder why they are so simple-minded."

It was unclear what had prompted the remarks.



PHOTO: AFP
Veteran Japanese lawmaker and former secretary general of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) Ichiro Ozawa (C) announces in Tokyo yesterday that he will run in the ruling DPJ's leadership election.



PHOTO: AFP
Families of Roma community board a plane at the Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport, outside Paris yesterday, prior to taking a flight to the Romanian capital, Bucharest, as French government said 283 Roma would be deported on Thursday to Romania from Paris and Lyon airports.

MANILA HIJACK Benigno Aquino vows punishment

AP, Manila

The Philippine president vowed yesterday "someone will pay" for the bus hostage crisis that killed Hong Kong tourists as senators began grilling senior police officers over the deadly fiasco.

Addressing students and teachers at a suburban university, President Benigno Aquino III said the nearly 12-hour hostage-taking drama on Monday was "ghastly" and admitted there were "many failures," but stopped short of directly blaming the police.

"What happened should not happen again," he said. "Someone failed, someone will pay."

Iran offers to produce nuke fuel with Russia

AP, Tehran

Iran has submitted a proposal to Russia to jointly assemble the nuclear fuel for the country's new power reactor and any future facilities, state media reported yesterday.

The move appeared to be an attempt by Tehran to gain some control over the nuclear fuel process at its Russian-built Bushehr nuclear plant. With Moscow's help, Iran began loading uranium fuel into the facility on Saturday.

The United States and allies lifted their opposition to the Bushehr plant after Russia pledged to handle all the nuclear fuel to make sure no material is shifted to a possible Iranian weapons program in the future. The latest proposal by Iran to have even a sideline role in the nuclear fuel process could stir backlash in the West.

"We have made a proposal to Russia to create a consortium under Russian license to do part of the work in Russia and part in Iran," the head of Iran's atomic energy agency, Ali Akbar Salehi, was quoted as saying by state-run Press TV. "We should show the world our capability in uranium production and its conversion into nuclear

fuel."

Salehi, who is also Iran's vice president, said Moscow is "studying the proposal."

An official at the Russian nuclear agency said the two countries have discussed the possibility of creating a facility to assemble the fuel rods for Bushehr. The facility would operate under Russian license on Iranian territory.

But the official said the uranium enrichment would be performed on Russian soil. Speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, the official added that Russia first will focus on commissioning the Bushehr plant, and then turn its attention to Iran's new proposal.

Russia is currently supplying all the uranium fuel for Bushehr. That fuel is enriched to 3.5 percent, well below the 90 percent enrichment needed for a nuclear warhead.

Bushehr is not considered a proliferation risk because the Iranians have agreed to allow Moscow to retrieve all the used reactor fuel for reprocessing. Spent fuel contains plutonium, which can be used to make atomic weapons.



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Vacancy Announcement

Issued on: 27 August 2010
Deadline for Application: 10 September 2010

The FAO Representation in Bangladesh is inviting applications from qualified candidates to the following vacant positions for one of its project to be filled as soon as possible:

1. **Public and Community-based Surveillance Expert**
2. **Monitoring and Evaluation Expert.**

(UN Salary scale and benefits for similar position apply).

Interested qualified candidates will find the post descriptions, the link to the Personal History Form (PH-Form) and the information on how to apply in the following web link: www.bdjobs.com. Qualified women candidates are encouraged to apply. Hard copies of the completed PH-Form must reach to the **FAO Representation in Bangladesh, House#37, Road#8, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205** in a sealed envelope by close of business on **10 September 2010**.



Save the Children envisions a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Save the Children USA, an International children and women focused organization invites application from qualified candidates for the following positions:

1. Senior Officer-Monitoring & Evaluation (01 position based in Patuakhali)
This position is mainly responsible for ensuring the implementation of M&E system at the field level and assisting in data collection, data analysis and report generation, preparing program progress report, sharing M&E findings at the district level regularly for local level decision making, tracking program outcomes comparing with the baseline by conducting planned surveys, coordinating with partner NGO M&E staffs for implementing M&E related activities at field level. He/she will also take lead on capacity building of Partners/NGO M&E staffs and responsible for community participatory monitoring system regularly. This position requires 60% field visit.

Requirements: Master degree in Statistics/Social Science with 4 years of experience in the field of program monitoring and evaluation, skilled in data management and analysis, have ability to interpret data and report writing, should be proficient in computer operation, particularly, in MS-Excel, MS-PowerPoint, SPSS. Experience in working with Epi-Info, Anthro, GIS software, GIS equipments and PDA for conducting survey will be an added advantage. Having valid motor cycle driving license is another requirement.

2. Technical Officer-Livelihoods (05 positions *only for Female* based in Upazillas of Barisal, Barguna and Patuakhali)
The Technical Officer-Livelihoods is the front-line staff for the program and will work in close partnership with Implementing Partners' Technical Officers during training/support/oversight/ monitoring of program field staff as well as community and enterprise groups. She will also build capacity and serve as mentor on technical concepts and practices for Implementing Partners' Technical Officers.
Requirements: Masters in Agriculture/Social Science or equivalent with 04 years working experience on community based market and enterprise development programs, hands on experience on working with partners, excellent community mobilization and training skills, having valid driving license for motor cycles and appropriate computer proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint are essential.

Candidates who applied before need not to re-apply

Candidates meeting the above requirements should send their CV mentioning two names of professional references along with a cover letter to The Manager - HR Operations, Save the Children USA, House No. 1A(2), Road No. 91, Gulshan-2, Dhaka -1212 by September 08, 2010. Applicants are requested to go through and understand the SC Child Safety Policy before applying. Please visit www.vacancy.somee.com. Only short listed candidates will be invited for interview. Please write the position applied for at the top of the envelope. *Women are especially encouraged to apply*

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Rakeen Development Company (BD) Pvt. Ltd.

Rakeen Development, a Multinational Joint Venture project between UAE - Bangladesh having interest in Real Estate, Hotel & Tourism and Industrial Park is currently looking for the position of

Director - Sales & Marketing

- ☐ Having 12-15 years experience preferably in MNC/public limited companies in real estate sector.
- ☐ Responsible to develop and implement aggressive marketing and sales strategies for mega real estate projects in country and abroad.
- ☐ To apply innovative ideas/ awareness towards unique product delivery in Bangladesh.
- ☐ Attract buyers from all segments including NRB's.
- ☐ Ensure achievement of annual/monthly sales budgets.
- ☐ Preparing business concept/Master planning, marketing & sales activities and assistance for architects, Interior designers & creative agencies towards innovative product.
- ☐ MBA major in marketing having excellent communication skills with pleasant personality.
- ☐ Age not to exceed 45 years.

General Manager - Sales & Marketing

- ☐ Having 8-10 years experience preferably in MNC/public limited companies in real estate sector.
- ☐ Responsible to develop and implement aggressive marketing and sales strategies for mega real estate projects in country and abroad.
- ☐ To apply innovative ideas/ awareness towards unique product delivery in Bangladesh.
- ☐ Attract buyers from all segments including NRB's.
- ☐ Ensure achievement of annual/monthly sales budgets.
- ☐ Preparing business concept/Master planning, marketing & sales activities and assistance for architects, Interior designers & creative agencies towards innovative product.
- ☐ MBA major in marketing having excellent communication skills with pleasant personality.
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