

# Afghans ready to secure election

REUTERS, Kabul

Afghan security forces, backed by foreign troops, are "completely prepared" to secure elections this week, the president's office said yesterday, despite soaring violence and a Taliban threat to disrupt the vote.

Saturday's election is seen as a test of stability in Afghanistan before U.S. President Barack Obama conducts a war strategy review in December that will examine the pace and scale of U.S. troop withdrawals from July 2011.

President Hamid Karzai met senior Afghan and international security officials, including the commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, General David Petraeus, his office said.

"According to a joint plan with international forces, Afghan security forces are completely prepared to secure the election and polling centers," Karzai's palace said in a statement, citing security officials at yesterday's meeting.

Karzai urged security officials to use "everything at their disposal" to secure the election, the statement

said.

Violence in Afghanistan is at its worst since the Taliban were overthrown by U.S.-backed Afghan forces in late 2001, despite the presence of some 150,000 foreign troops and around 300,000 Afghan soldiers and police.

The Taliban have denounced the poll as a "foreign process" and said they will attack international and Afghan troops during the election and urged voters not to participate.

Afghans will take the lead in securing polling sites, just as they did at least year's presidential election. The Taliban failed to completely disrupt that vote but attacks and threats of violence helped keep turnout low in some areas of the important Pashtun tribal belt in the south and east.

NATO and U.S. troops will have a backseat role but will have quick reaction forces on standby.

**FRAGILE SECURITY** Security and fraud are the major concerns for the vote.

Four candidates have already been killed and many more have been

wounded, according to the United Nations and government officials.

Even more candidates, particularly women, have suffered intimidation and have received direct threats on their lives.

The fragility of Afghanistan's security was further illustrated at the weekend when violent protests erupted around the country in reaction to plans by a small U.S. church to burn copies of the Koran. The church's pastor abandoned his plan.

Three people were killed during three straight days of demonstrations. The top U.N. envoy in Afghanistan, Staffan de Mistura, warned last week the protests had the potential to delay this week's vote.

De Mistura said, even before the protests, a turnout of between five million and 7 million of Afghanistan's roughly 17.5 million registered voters should be considered a success in view of the difficulties of staging a vote amid an armed conflict.

Tensions appeared to have eased by yesterday but the events over the past three days highlighted the resentment many Afghans have for their government and its Western backers.

Many of the protesters shouted anti-US slogans and some attacked a German-run outpost in northeastern Badakhshan province, where one of the demonstrators was killed.



An Iraqi boy, wearing a police uniform with a plastic toygun fixed on his waste, joins his family on an outing to the Zavra amusement park in the Iraqi capital Baghdad on the last day of the Eid al-Fitr yesterday.

# South Pakistan faces new flood threat

REUTER, Islamabad

Six weeks after the start of Pakistan's devastating floods, waters pouring into a lake in southern Pakistan are threatening several towns and forcing tens of thousands of people to flee, officials said yesterday.

As floodwaters make their way to the Arabian Sea, new towns in Sindh province are being inundated as embankments constructed to protect cities and towns in the traditional flood plains are now channeling water into new areas, including Lake Manchar.

Tens of thousands of people have fled towns in the Dadu district of Sindh, and officials said more were asked to leave after water, flowing from a breached embankment, reached a dangerous point in the lake, Pakistan's largest freshwater lake.

"Our entire concentration is now on Dadu district as the water is just a few inches from overtopping the Manchar Lake that could threaten many towns," Additional Relief Commissioner, Riaz Ahmed Soomro, told Reuters.

Officials say several towns around the lake including Bhon and Jhingira are in danger of inundation, threatening an estimated 250,000 people.

"All my seven brothers and their families are now dependent on me as they are all farmers and floods have washed away their lands and crops," said Abdul Ghani, a school teacher, whose village upstream from Manchar Lake has already flooded.

The floods are Pakistan's worst-ever natural disaster in terms of damage, with more than six million people forced from their home and 20 million people affected.

The calamity has killed more than 1,750 people, and aid agencies have warned that millions more are still at risk of death if emergency food and shelter are not provided.

The government estimates losses at \$43 billion and says the gross domestic product could be around 2.5 percent off from the original target of 4.5 percent for the 2010/11 (July-June) fiscal year.

As well as grappling with economic problems, Pakistan faces a new wave of suicide and bomb attacks carried out by pro-Taliban Pakistani militants after a lull during the floods.

More than 160 people have been killed attacks on security forces in the past two weeks in the country, whose support is seen as crucial for U.S. efforts to stabilise Afghanistan.

# Rahul's Bengal visits to galvanise Congress for 2011 polls

IANS, New Delhi

Congress general secretary Rahul Gandhi will begin his second visit to West Bengal today in less than a fortnight, giving a clear signal that the party is going all-out in its preparations for next year's assembly polls in the state.

Gandhi, who set the pace for the party's campaign by a no-holds barred attack on the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M)-led state government at a rally in Kolkata Sep 6, has a packed schedule during his three-day visit to the state.

He is slated to address meetings and conventions of youth workers, tribals, Dalits and women across several districts of West Bengal.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi is also expected to visit Kolkata later this month to address east zonal meeting of the All India Congress Committee.

Congress sources said that visits of top leaders will help rejuvenate the party and allow it to hold seat-sharing talks with the Trinamool Congress from a position of strength. The party also wants to be prepared for the eventuality of having to go it alone in the polls, which are due by May next year.

They said that Congress efforts to emerge stronger in the state are part of plans to gain

strength in four states where it has been weak for years -- Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

The four states together have over 200 Lok Saha seats and the Congress is keen to regain its strength in these states to come to power on its own in the next Lok Sabha polls.

Congress leaders said the party will seek its due share of seats from the Trinamool Congress in the West Bengal elections where the odds are heavily loaded against the ruling Left Front. The seat sharing talks, for which the two parties have not yet worked out a time frame, are expected to take place in Delhi.

Congress MP and West Bengal in-charge K Keshava Rao said that the party is keen on an alliance with the Trinamool Congress but not at the cost of its interests.

"We are for an alliance with Trinamool Congress but not at the cost of our interests and self-respect," Rao told IANS.

Though Rao did not specify the number of seats the Congress aims at contesting as part of alliance, he said the party will 'ask for what it deserves'.

He said Rahul Gandhi's rally had infused new energy in the party and galvanised the youth.

## BSF 'tortured' Maoist suspects

BBC ONLINE

Claims that Indian paramilitary forces tortured villagers while pursuing them in the central state of Chhattisgarh are under investigation.

Troops from the Border Security Force (BSF) allegedly beat and gave electric shocks to tribal people, including women, during interrogation.

BSF director general Raman Srivastava said an internal inquiry was underway.

A large number of Indian police and paramilitary are based in Chhattisgarh, a stronghold of Maoist insurgents.

The allegations against the troops have been made by residents of Pachangi and Aloor villages in Kanker district.

The rebels, who say they are fighting for the rights of the rural poor, have carried out a spate of deadly attacks in recent months.

In April, 76 members of the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force were killed in Chhattisgarh state's Dantewada district.

## Police shoot dead 15 in Kashmir protests

BBC ONLINE

Police have shot dead 15 civilians in the deadliest day in Indian-administered Kashmir since protests erupted three months ago.

A policeman was also killed in Srinagar run over by a truck.

The BBC's Altar Hussain after being says reports of Koran desecration in the US have stoked anger.

Scores of Kashmiris have now died since June, when anti-India protests broke out after police shot dead a teenager.

Meanwhile, Indian officials will decide whether to lift 20-year-old laws that shield their forces from prosecution.

Human rights activists say the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, which also grants powerful search and seizure powers, is often misused by Indian police and paramilitaries.

In yesterday's protests, thousands of people took to the streets, chanting anti-India and anti-US slogans and burning effigies of US President Barack Obama, our correspondent says.

An angry mob set fire to several government buildings and a Protestant-run school, as well as attacking a police station, he adds.

Police fired live ammunition to break up the demonstrations, and confirmed that 15 civilians had been killed.

Several of the deaths were reported to have occurred in Budgam district, with others reported in the village of Tangmarg, where the school was burned.

বই মানুষের মেধা ও মনন বিকাশে অসহায়ক



বাংলা একাডেমী  
৩৩ কলী সড়ক, মিলন, ঢাকা ১০০০

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা ২০১০

বাংলা একাডেমীর সম্মানিত ফেলো, জীবনসদস্য ও সদস্যদের জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, একাডেমীর ৩৩তম বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা আগামী ১০ই পৌষ ১৪১৭/২৪শে ডিসেম্বর ২০১০ সন্ধ্যার একাডেমী প্রাঙ্গণে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

বাংলা একাডেমীর বেসকল সদস্যের চাঁদা বাকি আছে ৩০শে সেপ্টেম্বর (বৃহস্পতিবার) ২০১০ তারিখের মধ্যে অফিস সময়ে তা পরিশোধ করতে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে। উল্লেখ্য, চাঁদা পরিশোধের জন্য এই বিজ্ঞপ্তি ছাড়া সদস্যদেরকে কোনো আলাদা পত্র দেয়া হবে না।

বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভায় উত্থাপনের জন্য অনধিক দুটি সূনির্দিষ্ট এবং সংক্ষিপ্ত প্রস্তাব আগামী ২৬শে অক্টোবর মঙ্গলবার ২০১০ তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নলিখিত প্রেরণ করা যাবে। সূত্র ব্যবস্থাপনার স্বার্থে যেসমস্ত সম্মানিত সদস্য বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা ২০১০-এর অন্তর্গত উপস্থিত থাকতে আত্মীয় ভ্রাতাদেরকে একটি সম্মতিপত্র প্রদানের অনুরোধ জানাই।

ইতোমধ্যে যাদের ঠিকানা পরিবর্তন হয়েছে তাদের পরিবর্তিত ঠিকানা ও টেলিফোন নম্বর (মোবাইলসহ) জানানোর জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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### Corrigendum-2

## Corrigendum to the Tender Document

(Invitation Ref. No. JMRIP-02, Dated: 29/07/2010)

- Tender package No. WI-1 and WI-2: Volume I of IV: SECTION 1. Instructions to tenderers: Sub Clause 41.4 (Page 16)  
Delete the text "bear a statement "DO NOT OPEN BEFORE ....." the time and date for tender opening as stated under ITT Sub Clause 48.1" from ITT 41.4(d) on page 16 and insert the text "bear a statement "DO NOT OPEN WITH TECHNICAL TENDER" "
- Tender package No. WI-1 and WI-2: Volume I of IV: SECTION 2. Tender data sheet: ITT Sub Clause 41.4(e) (Page 34).  
Delete the text "ENVELOPE-01: FINANCIAL TENDER" from ITT 41.4(e) of TDS on page 34 and insert the text "ENVELOPE-02: FINANCIAL TENDER"
- Tender package No. WI-1 and WI-2: Volume I of IV: SECTION 2. Tender data sheet: ITT Sub Clause 42.1 (Page 34)  
Delete the following text from ITT 42.1 of TDS on page 34  
"The deadline for the submission of tenders is: Time & date: 2:00pm (Bangladesh Standard Time) on 16 September 2010" and insert the following text  
"The deadline for the submission of tenders is: Time & date: 2:00pm (Bangladesh Standard Time) on 30 September 2010."
- Tender last selling date: 29 September 2010 (office hour)".  
Tender package No. WI-1 and WI-2: Volume I of IV: SECTION 2. Tender data sheet: ITT Sub Clause 48.1 (Page 35)  
Delete the text "Time & date: 2:30pm (Bangladesh Standard Time) on 16 September 2010" from ITT 48.1 of TDS on page 35 and insert the text "Time & date: 2:30pm (Bangladesh Standard Time) on 30 September 2010".

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GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH			
<b>Invitation for Tenders</b>			
Ministry of Shipping Bangladesh Land Port Authority Chairman, Represented by Superintending Engineer & Project Director, Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhaban (5 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Kavarin Bazar, Dhaka-1215.			
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Shipping	
2	Agency	Bangladesh Land Port Authority	
3	Procuring Entity Name	Chairman, Represented by Superintending Engineer & Project Director, Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhaban (5 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Kavarin Bazar, Dhaka-1215.	
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not Applicable	
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka	
6	Invitation for	Not Applicable	
7	Invitation Ref No	18.150.007.23.00.064.2010	
8	Date	Not Applicable	
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method	
10	Budget and Source of Funds	ADP	
11	Development Partners	Not Applicable	
12	Project Code	9688	
13	Project Name	Modernization of Benapole Land Port (1 <sup>st</sup> Phase) (1 <sup>st</sup> Revised)	
14	Tender Package No.	N/A	
15	Tender Package Name	N/A	
<b>Date</b>			
16	Tender Publication Date	13.10.2010	
17	Tender Last Selling Date	13.10.2010	
Time: During the office period.			
<b>Date and Time</b>			
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	14.10.2010 12:00 PM	
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	14.10.2010 14:30 PM	
<b>Address</b>			
20	Name & Address of the Office(s)	Superintending Engineer & Project Director, Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhaban (5 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Kavarin Bazar, Dhaka-1215.	
- Selling Tender Document (Others)			
Director (Traffic), Benapole Land Port, Benapole, Jessore.			
(ii) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka.			
(iii) Superintending Engineer & Project Director, Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhaban (5 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Kavarin Bazar, Dhaka-1215.			
Director (Admin), Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhaban (5 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Kavarin Bazar, Dhaka-1215.			
- Opening Tender Document			
N/A			
21	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Date: N/A Time	
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>			
22	Eligibility of Tenderers:		
a)	The tenderer should have valid Trade License, Vat Registration Certificate & upto date Income Tax clearance Certificate.		
b)	The tenderer shall be contractor enlisted in any Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous body or a bonafide Bangladeshi business man having at least 5(five) years general experience in construction of civil works for the work mentioned in the item no. 23(a) & 23(b) respectively.		
c)	The tenderer should have upto ABC & E Electrical License from Concerned authority for the work mentioned in item no. 23(b).		
d)	The tenderer should have experience of similar contracts at least 1 (one) number with cost of Tk. 40.00 lac & 36.00 lac respectively in a single work order for the works mentioned in the item no. 23(a) & 23(b) respectively in Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous body for the last 5(five) years.		
e)	The minimum amount of liquid assets and/ or credit facilities not of other contractual commitments of the tenderer shall be Tk. 22.00 lac & 21.00 lac for the work mentioned in item no. 23(a) & 23(b) respectively. Documentary evidence for the above liquid assets/credit facilities shall be submitted with the tender. No tender will be accepted without proofing of required amount liquid asset, Recent Bank statement, Saving certificate or Similar certificate and Credit facility consider to measure liquid asset. Conditional Credit facility shall not be consider.		
f)	The required average annual turnover of the tenderer shall be greater than Tk. 80.00 lac & 77.00 lac for the work mentioned in item no. 23(a) & 23(b) respectively over the last three years.		
g)	Other criteria as mentioned in the tender document.		
<b>23 Brief Description of Works and Price of Tender Document (Tk):</b>			
SL No.	Name of the work	Price of Tender Document (Not refundable)	Amount of Tender Security (Refundable)
a.	Construction of HBB Open Yard (Group-B) at Newly Acquired Land(3.49 acres) of Benapole Land Port, Benapole, Jessore.	2000.00 (Two thousand)	1,15,000.00 (One lac fifteen thousand)
b.	Construction of Cargo gate with office & Security Room at Zero point, at Benapole Land Port, Benapole, Jessore.	2000.00 (Two thousand)	1,05,000.00 (One lac five thousand)
<b>24 Brief Description of Related Services</b>			
N/A			
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>			
25	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Khandker Abu Monsur Ahmed	
26	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Superintending Engineer (Addl. Charge) & Project Director,	
27	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhaban (5 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Kavarin Bazar, Dhaka-1215.	
28	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	02-9130923	
<b>29 Special Instructions:</b>			
a) The participating tenderer's representative with due authorization will be allowed to attend the opening of the tender			
b) For any false declaration/incorrect or forged Certificates and submitted relevant papers are found to be fake or false, the tender shall be declared informal and void.			
c) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever and are not bound to accept the lowest tender.			
d) The evaluation of this tender shall be governed by "The Public Procurement Act 2006 and The Public Procurement Rules 2008".			
e) The Tender Security shall be submitted with the tender in the form of Pay-order or Demand Draft in favor of the Chairman, Bangladesh Land Port Authority from any schedule bank of Bangladesh.			
f) The evidence for proofing the eligibility of tender as stated item no-22 & tender document those are stated in shall be submitted with tender.			
g) If it is not possible to open the tender in schedule date & time, the tender will be open in the next working day at the same time.			
h) All other terms and conditions of the tender shall be provided along with Tender Documents.			
 (Khandker Abu Monsur Ahmed) Superintending Engineer (Addl. Charge) & Project Director, Telephone: 9130923			