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Trapped Chilean miners pose inside the San Jose Mine on Friday near Copiapo, 800 km north of Santiago, Chile. One of three drills being used to rescue 33 miners trapped since early August reached them Friday, but its 630-meter deep hole must now be widened to bring the men out safely.

Drill reaches trapped miners

AFP, Copiapo

One of three drills being used to rescue 33 miners trapped in Chile since early August reached them Friday, but its 630-meter (2,070-foot) deep hole must now be widened to bring the men out safely, officials said.

The work still required to extract the miners would take more than a month, according to official estimates.

The chief engineer in charge of the rescue, Andre Sougarret, said a T-130 drilling machine had broken through to a work area in the tunnel where the miners were holed up, opening a 30-centimeter (12-inch) hole in the roof.

That hole will from Saturday be widened to 70 centimetres after a video inspection, but progress there will be slower than for the initial shaft.

The miners themselves were being called on to clear the tons of rubble from the excavation.

"We are completing the first phase. We are ready to start the final phase," Sougarret said.

He added that the hole-widening phase would take "a month (to) a month and a half" to complete.

In Santiago, Mining Minister Laurence Golborne told state television that, so far, the rescue operation was ahead of schedule.

"The original plan was for the beginning of November (to rescue the men), but things are going well," he said.

He cautioned, though, that drilling was being carried out carefully so as not to trigger a cave-in. Friday's breakthrough came just ahead of

Chile's weekend bicentennial independence celebrations which were certain to focus on the miners and their extraordinary ordeal.

The miners themselves stayed up all night waiting for the morale-boosting hole to emerge above their heads, the psychologist on the surface in charge of their mental health, Claudio Ibanez, said.

Their families greeted the news with relief and renewed hope in their camp at the entrance of the collapsed mine.

President Sebastian Pinera, speaking in Santiago, said: "The miners symbolize better than a thousand words the unity and force of the people."

Pinera was to visit the mine on the weekend to salute the miners and the rescuers.

During the independence anniversary celebrations Saturday, both the miners and their families were to raise the Chilean flag and sing the national anthem, according to Atacama region Governor Ximena Matas.

The T-130 drill was the second machine brought in to bore a hole to the miners.

The first drill, a slower Strata 950 hydraulic bore, has so far descended only 320 meters through the ground.

Another, much faster drill usually used on oil platforms, called a RIG-422, was being set up and expected to begin its work next Monday.

Whichever escape tunnel ends up being finished first, it will have to accommodate a special bullet-shaped capsule which will haul each of the miners to the surface.

US Muslim summit planned over Islamic centre

AP, New York

A proposed Islamic centre near ground zero is slowly being embraced by some Muslims who initially were indifferent about the plan, partly in response to a sense that their faith is under attack.

A summit of US Muslim organisations is planned for yesterday and today in New York City to address both the project and a rise in anti-Muslim sentiments and rhetoric that has accompanied the nationwide debate over the project.

It has yet to be seen whether the groups will emerge with a firm stand on the proposed community centre, dubbed Park 51. The primary purpose of the meetings is to talk about ways to combat religious bigotry.

But Shaik Ubaid of the Islamic Leadership Council of Metropolitan New York, one of the groups organizing the gathering, said he has a growing sense that some American Muslims who initially had trepidation are now throwing their support behind the plan.

"Once it became a rallying cry for extremists, we had no choice but to stand with Feisal Rauf," he said, referring to the New York City imam who has been leading the drive for the centre.

Groups scheduled to participate in the summit include the Islamic Society of North America, the Islamic Circle of North America, the Muslim Alliance of North America and the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

Couple charged in nuclear weapons secrets case

AP, Albuquerque

A scientist and his wife who both once worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory were arrested Friday after an FBI sting operation and charged with offering to help develop a nuclear weapon for Venezuela.

They were accused of dealing with an FBI undercover agent posing as a Venezuelan agent, but the government did not allege that Venezuela or anyone working for it sought US secrets.

Pedro Leonardo Mascheroni, 75, and Marjorie Roxby Mascheroni, 67, a US citizen, were arrested Friday, a day after they were indicted. They appeared in

federal court in Albuquerque, where Mascheroni, a naturalized US citizen from Argentina, was ordered held pending another hearing Monday morning. His wife was released under strict conditions.

Kenneth Gonzales, US attorney for New Mexico, said the indictment does not allege the government of Venezuela or anyone acting on its behalf sought or was passed any classified information. Gonzales did not take questions after giving a brief statement to reporters.

It's been known for about a year that Mascheroni was under investigation -- the FBI last October seized computers, letters, photographs, books and cell phones from the couple's Los Alamos home. In an inter-

view with The Associated Press at the time, he said he believed the US government was wrongly targeting him as a spy. He has denied the accusation.

Mascheroni said in the interview that he approached Venezuela after the United States rejected his theories that a hydrogen-fluoride laser could produce nuclear energy.

According to the 22-count indictment, Mascheroni told the undercover agent he could help Venezuela develop a nuclear bomb within 10 years and that Venezuela would use a secret, underground nuclear reactor to produce and enrich plutonium, and an open, aboveground reactor to produce nuclear energy.

Ahmadinejad sees resistance to West on rise

AFP, Damascus

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad declared yesterday that resistance to the West is on the rise in the Middle East, after a meeting in Damascus with his Syrian counterpart, Bashar al-Assad.

The brief meeting, which took place at Damascus airport in the presence of Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem, came two days after a US envoy sought support in Damascus for Washington's latest peace push.

"The front of resistance is increasing in the region, (and) the people of the region support the policy" pursued by the Iranian and Syrian governments, Ahmadinejad said.

"We have achieved a great victory because we were able to defeat the enemy plans to change" the political map in the Middle East,

the Iranian hardliner told reporters before departing the Syrian capital.

Before departing Tehran, Ahmadinejad told reporters Iran's relations with Syria were "solid and strategic with a unified view on all issues."

On Thursday, US Middle East envoy George Mitchell said in Damascus that Washington was interested in a comprehensive resolution of the regional conflict that included peace between Syria and Israel.

Mitchell said that for Washington a Middle East peace deal meant an "agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, between Israel and Syria and between Israel and Lebanon and the full normalisation of relations between Israel and its neighbours."

"There are some who are determined to disrupt this process. But we are determined to see it through," the US envoy stressed.

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PHOTO: AP Pope Benedict XVI addresses a mass at the Catholic Westminster Cathedral in London yesterday.

Pope expresses sorrow for abuse victims

AFP, London

Pope Benedict XVI expressed his "deep sorrow" yesterday for the "immense suffering" of children sexually abused by Catholic priests and nuns, on the third day of his historic state visit to Britain.

The pontiff said the "unspeakable crimes" had brought "shame and humiliation" on the church, in one of his clearest public statements yet on the scandal which has sent shockwaves through Catholicism.

Meanwhile, British police continued to question six men detained by counter-terrorism officers on suspicion of plotting an attack linked to the pope's visit. But the Vatican said it had "never attributed much importance to these arrests."

Benedict spoke out on abuse during mass at Westminster Cathedral in London.

"I think of the immense suffering caused by the abuse of children, especially within the Church and by her ministers," he said in a homily.

"Above all, I express my deep sorrow to the innocent victims of these unspeakable crimes, along with my hope that the power of Christ's grace, his promise of reconciliation, will bring deep healing and peace to their lives."

He added: "I also acknowledge, with you, the shame and humiliation which all of us have suffered because of these sins."

The pope said he hoped "this chastisement will contribute to the healing of the victims" and "the purification of the Church".

According to Vatican experts, the pope is expected to meet a group of 10 abuse victims in London on Saturday ahead of a jointly open-air prayer vigil later. He has previously met with victims while on visits to Malta, the United States and Australia.

A coalition including victims of abuse by Catholic priests, atheists, abortion rights activists, demonstrators calling for women priests and those angry at the cost of the pontiff's visit, were to stage a demonstration in London.

Vacancy Announcement

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces the vacancy for the following posts for the Construction of Server Stations for the Electoral Database Project.

1. Accounts and Finance Assistant - SC (SB2)

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 received no later than 17:00 pm, Thursday, 30 September 2010.

2. Driver

Duties and Responsibilities: The incumbent will drive the project vehicle within / outside Dhaka city to meet the transportation requirement of the project, day-to-day maintenance of the vehicle, maintain a log book, arrange repairs where necessary, collect / deliver mail or documents when required.

Qualifications and Experiences: The incumbent should have at least secondary education or equivalent level, with at least five years of relevant experience. The incumbent must have a valid heavy / light vehicles driving license. Good knowledge of road network in Dhaka and surrounding areas and adequate knowledge and skills in vehicle maintenance and minor repair are essential. She / he must have working knowledge of communicative English. Experience of UN or government organizations would be an asset.

Submission of Application: Application should be marked 'Confidential' and the position applied for i.e. Driver-cum- Messenger - CSSED should be clearly written on the A4 Size envelope. Application including curriculum vitae and a recent passport-size photograph should be sent to the HR Cluster, UNDP-Dhaka, GPO Box: 224, Dhaka-1000, or deposited at the Deposit Box at the IDB Bhaban (Ground Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207 by 30 September 2010.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. Submitted documents will not be returned to the applicants.

Troops open fire in Indian Kashmir killing 3

AP, Srinagar

Government forces opened fire on a funeral procession and a group of protesters in curfew-bound Indian-controlled Kashmir yesterday, killing three civilians and wounding at least 16 others, police and local residents said.

The latest deaths took the death toll from three months of civil unrest against Indian rule to more than 100.

Thousands of people in Anantnag, a town south of the main city of Srinagar, defied the curfew to participate in the funeral of a 17-year-old boy whose body was recovered from a river early Saturday.

Anantnag residents said the boy drowned when he was chased by paramilitary soldiers trying to break up an anti-India rally earlier in the week.

Police and paramilitary soldiers opened fire on the procession after some mourners tried to set fire to the house of a pro-India politician, a police officer said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. One civilian was killed, he said.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর

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খোলা দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ ও সংস্থার নাম	মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর।
২। সংগ্রাহক সত্তার নাম	প্রকল্প পরিচালক, 'নিম্নবিত্ত ও মধ্যবিত্ত শ্রেণীর কর্মজীবী মায়াদের শিশুদের জন্য দিবায়দ্রু কর্মসূচি' প্রকল্প, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা।
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৪। অর্থের উৎস	প্রকৃত প্রতিষ্ঠান ও সরবরাহকারী যাদের হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স এবং হালনাগাদ ইনকাম ট্যাক্স সার্টিফিকেট আছে, ব্যাংক স্বচ্ছতার সনদ এবং খাদ্য দ্রব্যাদি সরবরাহের ২ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ।
৫। দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টারের শিশুদের খাদ্য দ্রব্যাদি সরবরাহের কার্যদেয় প্রার্থীর ১ বছরের মধ্যে।
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১৪। বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক বা সোনালী ব্যাংক টেন্ডার সিডিউলের মূল্য বাবদ ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা ১-৩০২১-০০০০-৫১৩০ কোডে (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা দিয়ে চালাবেন ফটোকপি জমা দেয়ার সাপেক্ষে দরপত্র সিডিউল পাওয়া যাবে।

১৫। দরপত্র দাখিল ও বন্ধ খোলার দিন কোন কারণে অফিস বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী দিন একই সময়ে দরপত্র দাখিল এবং বন্ধ খোলা হবে।

১৬। খাদ্য সামগ্রীর বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও শর্তাবলী দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকবে।

১৭। যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন নারী উদ্যোক্তা প্রতিষ্ঠানকে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য উৎসাহিত করা হলো।

১৮। বিশেষ শর্তাবলীঃ

ক) দরপত্র দাখিলের The Public Procurement Regulation-2008 এর শর্তাবলী মনেতে বাধ্য থাকবে।

খ) প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়নের স্বার্থে যে কোন সময় যে কোন ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টার এর স্থান পরিবর্তন হতে পারে।

গ) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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