

BOAT ROW

China snubs Japan PM, rules out meeting

REUTERS, Tokyo/Beijing

China snubbed Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan yesterday, saying a territorial dispute ruled out any meeting with Premier Wen Jiabao in New York this week and adding to the ire dividing Asia's top two economies.

Wen will not meet Kan when they both attend a UN meeting marked another swipe at Tokyo after a Japanese court extended the detention of a Chinese skipper whose boat collided with two Japanese coastguard ships earlier this month near islands in the East China Sea claimed by both sides.

China has repeatedly demanded the captain's release.

The Foreign Ministry stepped up the warnings and added the public snub of Japanese Prime Minister Kan, a

step suggesting that it will take a while for diplomatic goodwill to return between the two neighbours, even after the boat case has passed.

"This issue has already seriously damaged China-Japan relations. The key to avoiding a further deterioration in the situation lies in Japan immediately and unconditionally releasing the man," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu told a regular news briefing in Beijing.

It would not be right, Jiang said, for Wen Jiabao to meet Kan in New York during a United Nations development summit.

"Given the current atmosphere, arranging a meeting clearly would be inappropriate," she said.

The case of the boat captain has become a distillation of the distrust that threads through Sino-Japan relations, drawing

in territorial disputes, Chinese bitterness over wartime occupation, Tokyo's anxieties about Chinese regional sway, and Japanese unease as China rises in global GDP rankings.

Many experts say neither country wants to risk their increasing trade flows through outright confrontation. But some said the boat case has reopened nettlesome disputes put on hold as the two governments sought to end years of quarrels.

"This dispute is about problems between China and Japan that persisted even though both sides avoided or underplayed them for a while," said Sun Cheng, an expert on Japan at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing.

"How bad relations get now partly depends on how long the boat captain is detained,"



L-R: Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Japanese PM Naoto Kan

he said. "If he's released soon, we'll return to the status quo of before, but both sides have seen how even this small case became a major problem."

China has been Japan's biggest trading partner since

2009 and bilateral trade reached 12.6 trillion yen (\$147 billion) in the January-June period, a jump of 34.5 percent over the same time last year, according to Japanese statistics.

Rare North Korea ruling party meeting on Sept 28

Eye on succession

REUTERS, Seoul

North Korea's ruling party will hold its biggest meeting in decades on Sept. 28 to pick a new leadership, state media reported on Tuesday, and likely anoint an heir to the dynasty as Kim Jong-il's health deteriorates.

Kim, who is believed to have suffered a stroke in 2008, has reportedly accelerated succession plans, and analysts say his youngest son, Kim Jong-un, is likely to be given an official title at the Workers' Party conference.

The North's KCNA news agency said the conference would be held in Pyongyang "for electing its supreme leadership body", but provided no further details of the agenda.

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The meeting had been slated to start in early September. The report made no mention of the delay.

South Korea said it appeared the meeting was held up by "internal problems", probably related to flooding. Media reports have also speculated Kim's health or disagreements over a reshuffle of the power structure could be responsible for the delay.

Somali PM resigns as insurgency rages

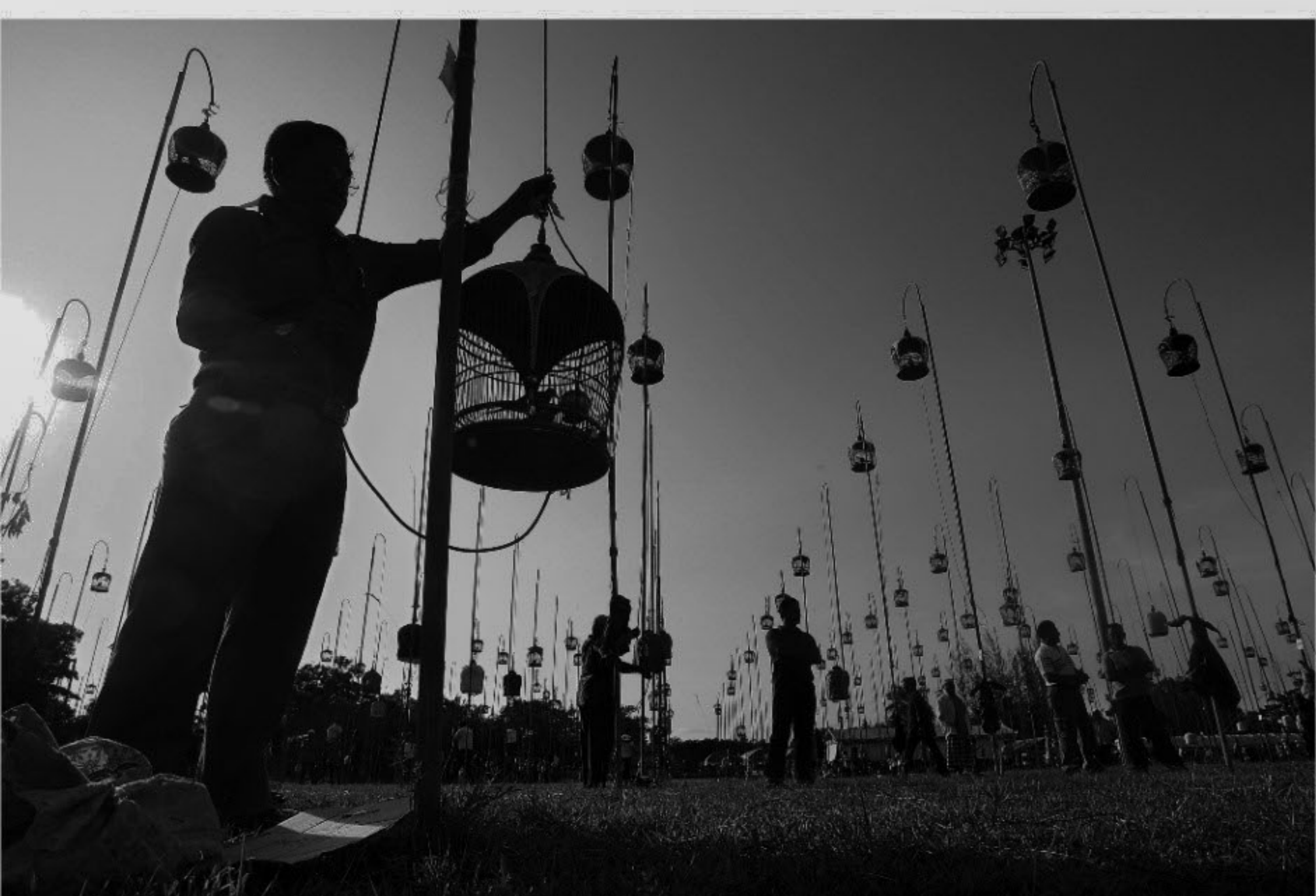
REUTERS, Mogadishu

Somalia's Prime Minister Omar Abdirashid Sharmarke resigned yesterday, paying the price for the government's failure to rein in an Islamist insurgency that has killed thousands of civilians.

Thousands of African Union peacekeeping troops have been sent to support the interim administration, but hardline militants now control much of the capital Mogadishu and huge chunks of the country's south and central regions.

Somalia's Transitional Federal Government has been beset by internal divisions that observers say have slowed government business to a crawl.

President Sheikh Sharif Ahmed said he welcomed Sharmarke's decision to quit and said he would nominate a new prime minister as soon as possible.



Thai villagers hang caged birds up as they gather for a bird-singing contest in the southern Thai province of Narathiwat yesterday. Thousands of bird owners from Thailand and neighbouring Malaysia take part in the contest.

PHOTO: AFP

Vatican Bank 'investigated over money-laundering'

BBC ONLINE

Two officials at the Vatican Bank are being investigated as part of a money-laundering inquiry, reports say.

Rome prosecutors are investigating allegations that money-laundering laws have been broken, judicial sources are quoted as saying by news agencies.

The Vatican Bank, known officially as the Institute for Religious Works, manages accounts for Roman Catholic orders.

There has been no comment from the Vatican on the reports.

The Vatican Bank was last mired in scandal in 1982 when its governor Archbishop Paul Marcinkus was indicted over his involvement with the \$3.5bn (£2.25bn) collapse of what was then Italy's largest private bank, Banco Ambrosiano.

Forest men not guilty

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stolen or denied in erosion.

"Most of the trees were devoured by the mighty Padma and many were stolen. We did not find any of our staff involved in any offence. And the beneficiaries are helping us save the trees from erosion," said Rajshahi Divisional Forest Officer Abul Bashar Mia after visiting Char Sonaikandi.

Asked what measures they would take against theft, he replied, "What can we do about it now? We have not seen any thieves."

However, many interviewed beneficiaries of the scheme alleged that foresters were involved in tree plundering, while locals said hundreds of trees were felled until Sunday.

Directed by the high-ups, Abul Bashar visited Sonaikandi around 12:00pm along with Assistant Conservator of Forest SM Suyaib Khan and Rajshahi Range Officer M Rabiul Islam.

Forester M Momen Uddin and nursery attendant Abdur Razzak were already waiting for them on the char.

The officials walked around the char and talked with only Saral Khan and Sohul Rana. The duo claimed to have been beneficiaries of the scheme, and said they helped foresters collect erosion-affected trees from the river.

"There is no scope for forest officials to plunder trees in any social forest scheme as local people are involved in it," Bashar told The Daily Star.

Asked if he had talked to any beneficiaries other than Saral and

Rana, he avoided the question and said the beneficiaries live two to three miles away from the forest and thus cannot look after it.

Before the officials' visit, Rana was seen threatening some locals, who were blaming him for cutting and selling trees from the char along with Razzak. Sopura Begum alleged that Razzak brandished a machete in the morning and asked her to remain silent.

Abul Kalam said Razzak along with Rana, Saral and their labourers felled several hundred trees in last one week until Sunday and removed next day the scale, the houses and the tin-shed from where they sold the trees.

On Char Noboganga, elderly beneficiary of the scheme Abdur Razzak said he along with 50 to 60 men planted saplings about eight years ago. "Forest officials had promised us of benefits from the trees, but we never got any."

"As I saw Razzak and a few people were cutting down trees. I asked him for my share of benefit a few months ago. He [attendant Razzak] advised me to go to the forest office," said Golam Rasul Piarul.

"Whom will I complain to? Government staff are cutting down and selling the trees. They avoid us whenever we go and ask them for our shares," said Rahim Uddin, another deprived beneficiary.

Other beneficiaries including Nur Muhammad, Lal Muhammad, Muhammad Sadder, Selim, Rafique and Shamim made the same complaint.

Nat'l steering body formed

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The committee is supposed to complete vaccination in the 18 affected upazilas of eight districts within a month.

The vaccination programme will cover the affected areas initially, said Ashraf Ali, director general of livestock department, also a member of the National Steering Committee.

The livestock minister said sick cattle will be identified in the cattle market before the Eid-ul-Azha, and 10 check posts will be set up at different spots to ensure that healthy cattle are sacrificed.

Alongside the two central committees, steering committees in district, upazila and union were also formed for field-level monitoring.

Officials concerned said government has reports that some civil surgeons identified simple skin infections as anthrax. A training workshop for all the

civil surgeons will be held today and Friday for their skill development, they added.

Talking to The Daily Star, Prof Mahmudur Rahman, director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR), said they suspect the cases of 25 humans were wrongly diagnosed as anthrax on Saturday at Laxmipur upazila of Noakhali.

"A team from the IEDCR has been sent to the area. Sample from the affected persons has also been collected to confirm the disease," he said.

The IEDCR record shows, a total of 589 people -- with four fresh cases in Narayanganj and Kushtia -- got infected so far with the disease in last one month.

Meanwhile, quoting the upazila health officer, our Pabna correspondent reports five more people were infected with anthrax in Faridpur upazila in Pabna.

Challenging Job @ Prothom Alo

Prothom Alo, a country-leading newspaper of Bangladesh, is looking for a dynamic professional for the position of Strategic Development Manager. Responsibilities and qualifications required for the position are as follows:

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title : Strategic Development Manager
Department : Prothom Alo Commercial/Sales
Job location : Prothom Alo Head Office
Responsible to : To be assigned

Main purpose of job:

This is a strategic sales role, the objective of which is to contribute to Prothom Alo Commercial's achievement of its KPI's of growing print and digital share by improving the quantity and quality of interaction with the media planning and buying community. To lead our relationships with the heads of media planning departments and forge close relationships with planners within creative agencies and client organizations so that we can work more collaboratively with them in future. To devise along with the Prothom Alo's Commercial senior management team and key account sales team a framework to enable us to work more closely with the planning and strategic communications community. To challenge Prothom Alo Commercial's thinking in this area bringing in best practice from outside Prothom Alo. To work closely with the research, product development and brand marketing teams to continuously redefine sales strategy and practice, develop new products and offers, and then help supervise sales teams in implementing these and find the most effective ways to communicate them to clients.

Main duties and responsibilities:

- To identify clear opportunities for revenue generation and maximise Prothom Alo's revenue share at the planning stage in the planning/buying cycle.
- To work in partnership with sales team members to deconstruct and reconstruct media plans over print and digital as appropriate, and through influencing agency planners and strategists, to bring about appropriate change in the implementation of those plans, agency-side.
- To share knowledge of success and how it was achieved within the teams.
- To impart knowledge about how to work well with planners and strategists.
- To challenge established Prothom Alo Commercial thinking about how we speak to clients and what we speak about.
- To gain an understanding of the different planning processes used by our clients.
- To translate this understanding into direct, timely and measurable actions.
- To keep up to date with all trends and developments affecting the media planning and buying community.
- To attend all relevant training courses to maintain and build knowledge.
- To work collaboratively with other members of the Prothom Alo Commercial management team.
- To work with the key account teams to arrive at decisions as far as possible by consensus.
- To implement the strategy that you will have helped to devise.
- To devise clear metrics for monitoring those strategies effectiveness and to make changes as necessary.

Educational Qualification:

MBA major in Marketing from IBA/DU/NSU/East West/AIUB/Brac University or any reputed university or relevant education from abroad.

Experience, Skills & Abilities:

- Must have at least 6 years experience in similar field in any national or multinational organization.
- Excellent computer skill in Microsoft Office Suite
- Should be proficient in both English and Bangla
- Should have strong writing skills to prepare reports and promotional materials
- Should have good interpersonal skill & ability to work under pressure

Age : 35 - 45 years

Remuneration Package: Attractive remuneration package including many others fringe benefits are available for the deserving candidates.

The candidates who can match themselves with above mentioned criteria, we request to send their resume with a recent color photograph to 'HR Department, Prothom Alo, 100 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, CA Bhaban, Karwanbazar, Dhaka-1215 or apply through www.prothom-alojobs.com or hr@prothom-alo.info within 25 September 2010. Please mention the position you are applying for on the top of the envelope or in the subject line incase of using email. Those who do not have such experiences and qualifications need not apply.

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Position: Registrar

Applications invited for **Registrar** position at **North South University (NSU)**

Academic Qualification: Excellent academic credentials; at least a Masters Degree (No third class), PhD Degree preferred.

Job Experience: 15 years work experience with university level teaching as Associate Professor or above for at least 6 years and 9 years of experience in university administration; candidates with work experience in foreign universities, especially in US, Canada, UK or equivalent will receive preference. Experience and skill in student admission and registration, record-keeping, scheduling classes and knowledge of university rules and regulations, acts, statutes and policies will be considered added qualification. High level computer literacy is essential. Requirements may be marginally relaxed for exceptional candidates.

Duties & Responsibilities: Will supervise Registrar's Office as per University Statutes and Syndicate directives; will manage and preserve university documents and records related to admission, registration, examinations, grade, class schedule and academic matters; exchange correspondence on behalf of the university and will act as liaison with government, UGC, other institutions; submit periodic reports and required information to Education Ministry and UGC; will act as the Secretary of Syndicate and Academic Council and other designated committees; maintain link with Deans and Department Chairs on plans, programs and schedule; will perform additional duties assigned by the Syndicate, Academic Council or the Vice Chancellor.

Age limit: 45 - 55 years

Salary & Benefits: *Rank and status of NSU Associate Professor.* Gross salary includes basic pay, 40% house rent, transport and medical allowances; benefits include provident fund, gratuity, two festival bonuses and group insurance. Minimum Gross Salary: Tk. 70,340/-; *higher initial salary for outstanding applicant.*

Candidates may apply with complete CV, two photographs, two recommendation letters and copies of certificates and other credentials **by 17 October 2010 to:**



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The incumbent would be required to set aggressive sales target related to Corporate Sales of household appliances and Industrial Generator and achieve the same. As a leader of the sales team, he would be responsible for hiring, training and coordinating of his team member as well as motivating and mobilizing them to obtain maximum effectiveness. He must have good knowledge in tender business and acquire corporate customers.

Core competence would be excellent salesmanship. He would be smart, outspoken with a pleasant personality and have excellent communication skill. MBA or B.Sc Engineer from a reputed university with minimum 5 years experience in management level in a reputed sales oriented company is preferable. Age not exceeding 40 years.

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The incumbent would be in-charge of all marketing and sales activities of Showrooms. The whole distribution network consisting of Showroom will be under his jurisdiction. He would be required to participate in market analysis, formulating marketing strategies and set realistic sales targets as well as ensure its successful implementation. As leader of the sales team, he would be responsible for opening new P.O.S. and hiring, training and coordinating of Showroom sales personnel as well as motivating and mobilizing them to obtain maximum effectiveness.

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The ideal candidate would be smart, socially well connected with good public relation. Minimum qualification MBA, preferably with marketing background. He must have sufficient exposure in similar position in a reputed sales oriented company. Age not exceeding 35 years.

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