



A passenger, left, of Pakistan International Airlines PIA Flight 872, which made an emergency landing in Sweden over a bomb threat, is greeted by a relative upon arrival in Karachi yesterday. The airliner made an emergency landing in Stockholm over a bomb threat on Saturday, but hours later Swedish authorities released a detained suspect after no explosives were found.

PHOTO: AFP

PM ELECTION Nepal fails in eighth attempt

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's Maoist party called yesterday for the formation of a new power-sharing government after parliament failed for the eighth time to elect a new prime minister. The former rebels abstained from yesterday's vote, the latest in a series of attempts to elect a new leader for the troubled country, which has been without a government for almost three months. Their candidate, party chairman Pushpa Dahal, earlier withdrew from the running to be prime minister to pave the way for fresh talks on forming a national consensus government. Nepal has been without a government since June 30, when former prime minister Madhav Kumar Nepal stood down under intense pressure from the Maoists. Since then, the parties have been unable to agree on the shape of the new administration and a series of votes in the 601-member parliament have proved inconclusive, with none of the candidates securing an overall majority.

I'm my own man

New Labour leader Ed Miliband says

BBC ONLINE

Ed Miliband will not "lurch to the left" under his leadership and he will not be in thrall to the trade unions, despite winning with the backing of their members. "I'm my own man," the new Labour leader told BBC One's Andrew Marr show. He said he was on the centre ground of politics and rejected the nickname "Red Ed" as "rubbish". Mr Miliband won the leader ballot by a tiny margin from brother David, and three other candidates. Although David won a higher percentage of votes from Labour MPs, MEPs and party members - Mr Miliband's success with trade union members and affiliated societies pushed him into first place. CENTRE GROUND But he rejected claims he would take the party further to the left, telling BBC One's Andrew Marr Show: "I think these labels don't help, that's not the way I would see my leadership. It's not about some lurch to the left, absolutely not." However he said he believed the party could "do more on tax" for the banks, in his first broadcast interview since becoming leader. Asked about the threat of industrial action over the winter over planned spending cuts, he said strikes "always have to be a last resort". But, he added, unions had an important role in society and the vast majority of union leaders were showing a "great sense of responsibility". He warned against "overblown language" and playing up the threat of strikes. Mr Miliband said his brother, who was long considered the favourite for the leadership, had shown "generosity and graciousness" in defeat but he would not be drawn on whether he would remain in front line politics. "I think he needs time to think about the contribution he can make - I think he can make a very big contribution to British politics." Mr Miliband, who was energy and climate change secretary in the previous government and a former aide to his predecessor as party

leader Gordon Brown, promised to lead a "responsible" opposition. He told the BBC: "I am not going to oppose every cut the government comes up with." He agreed "some public sectors workers would have lost their jobs" if Labour had not lost the general election. But he also suggested he would adopt a more "cautious" approach on cutting the deficit than former Labour chancellor Alistair Darling, with more emphasis on tax increases than spending cuts. "Alistair Darling's plans are a starting point in terms of the timing of the deficit reduction. I



have said I think we can do some more on tax." He vowed to unify Labour and said the main message he wanted to get across "to the party was that they must show "humility" and acknowledge the reasons why they lost the election. He backed a graduate tax and universal welfare benefits and said Labour "hadn't got it" when it came to voters' concerns about immigration. Labour's belief that the free movement of workers around the world was an "unloyed good thing" had failed to take into account concerns about the impact on jobs, wages and housing.

Challenge for Chavez as Venezuela votes

AFP, Caracas

Venezuelans voted yesterday in a key test for leftist President Hugo Chavez, with the main opposition poised for a strong return to the National Assembly after boycotting the last elections. Military trumpets blasted out at 6:00am (1030 GMT) in a traditional voter wake-up call in the polarized, oil-rich nation, while lines formed outside many polling stations hours earlier. "We are going to show once again that the Revolution is here to stay!" Chavez wrote in his Twitter account, after dominating the end of the campaign, two years before presidential polls where he hopes to win a third term. The populist president wants his leftist party to keep a strong grip on the legislature to ease more reform, after nearly 12 years in power marked by nationalisations and social projects. A determined opposition has put aside differences to unite in the umbrella Table for Democratic Unity (MUD) to fight for its first seats since its 2005 boycott. They have sought to tap into public concern over one of the world's highest murder rates and economic woes, including record inflation,

and urged people to vote for a plural, diverse Venezuela. Polls suggest the vote could be tight, or give a slight lead to the ruling United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), which is likely to benefit from recent changes to voting districts. Under the new system, they could win two thirds of seats with just over half of the vote. "We're not working for a majority, but for hegemony in the assembly. It would be a convincing victory to surpass 110 lawmakers," said Aristobulo Istariz, head of the PSUV campaign. Chavez's party has enjoyed five years of passing laws with little debate, as well as naming key posts, such as the Supreme Court's president. Candidates from small leftist parties who provided the only dissent in the legislature are now running to offer an alternative. In more than a decade of rule, Chavez has nationalized public utilities, key industries and media and launched health and education programs for the poor. He has also increased pressure on opposition groups and dissidents. The ex-soldier has lost only one of 13 votes organized by his government. A large number of undecided voters were expected to be key this time around.

Ibrahim had conflict

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continue with a legal battle against the MP. It is not possible to probe the "involvement of an MP in the killing" in the face of his influence, they add. A family member said, "In Bangladesh no political government rules for two terms at a stretch. That's why we did not withdraw the murder case against Shaon filed with a court. We're hopeful he will be tried at a convenient time later." He also posed a question, how could the commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police claim Shaon was not involved in the killing before completing the investigation? Earlier, DMP Commissioner Shahidul Hoque told reporters, though Ibrahim was killed by a shot from Shaon's pistol in the lawmaker's car on August 13, they found no involvement of the lawmaker. Speaking anonymously, a relative from Bhola said Shaon and his men are keeping watch on them and they are avoiding contact with police or reporters in fear of any attack. THE CONFLICT Ibrahim's wife Rina Islam told The Daily Star the lawmaker had drugged up his husband's support in the Bhola-3 by-polls by promising him nomination for DCC ward councillor in the upcoming election. She alleged after being elected an MP Shaon forgot his promise and began to promote Ward-56 Jubo League leader Azad for the councillor post. This "violation of promise" led to a conflict between Shaon and Ibrahim, she added. She also said a few days before his death Ibrahim and Shaon had a heated argument over awarding development work among the lawmaker's Dhaka-based activists instead of Al workers from Bhola. Shaon also did not like the fact that most people from

Bhola seeking his help came to Ibrahim first, she added. Besides, Ibrahim spent several lakh taka for Bhola-3 electioneering which he had collected from different industrialists, she said, adding, Shaon had assured her husband that he would pay it back during DCC polls. Ibrahim also gave Shaon around Tk 40 lakh for the work of a development project, she claimed, adding in a bid to "misappropriate" all the money Shaon "killed" Ibrahim. SHAWN'S VERSION The lawmaker said he was not present at the spot when the incident of shooting took place. His bodyguard Delwar first informed him and then he came down from the MP Hostel to know that Ibrahim was taken to hospital on his follower Mithu's microbus, he added. He rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and heard that Ibrahim had died, he said, adding, he sent driver Kala deputy commissioner of DMP at Tejgaon and an unnatural death case was filed. He was not aware of the unnatural death case filed with Sher-e-Banglanagar police, he claimed. However, Kala in his confessional statement said Shaon had ordered him to file the unnatural death case to "influence investigators about the motive of the killing". Mithu, who was arrested on Thursday, also gave information contrary to Shaon's statement. He claimed he had put Ibrahim in his microbus to take him to hospital upon receiving order from the MP. On monetary transaction, Shaon said Ibrahim lived from hand to mouth and he used to help Ibrahim by giving him money on a regular basis. Ibrahim's demand was very little, as he never asked for more than Tk 1,000 to Tk 3,000 at a time, he added.

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He however said a law can be made to quickly complete a specific task with bona fide intention. When his attention was drawn to the bill, a ruling Awami League lawmaker, who is also a senior advocate of the SC, opposed enactment of such laws ousting the court's jurisdiction. "The constitution does not allow enacting such laws as the apex court's power to review executive functions is one of the basic structures of the country's supreme charter," the lawmaker told The Daily Star on condition of anonymity. In defence of introducing the special law, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Enamul Haque pointed to the country's acute shortage of power and gas. "The country's agriculture, industries, businesses and daily life are being hampered for constraint of power and expected investments are not taking place in this sector due to shortage of power and gas," the minister said in a written statement tagged with the copy of the bill, which was sent to the parliamentary standing committee on the same ministry for scrutiny. The parliamentary body has been asked to scrutinise the bill and submit its report in two days, meaning it may be passed in the ongoing session. The minister added it is not

being possible to quickly implement projects for power generation due to shortage of gas. It will be possible to take quick steps to address the energy problems once the law comes into effect, he claimed. According to the provision of the bill, the government will be able to import power or gas from abroad in a quick process to meet the acute shortage of energy. The bill proposes to empower the government to avoid compliance of the Public Procurement Act, 2006, which was introduced to ensure transparency in government procurement. If parliament approves it to make it a law, this would be applied for the tenders for large-scale power projects and a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal. The proposed legislation allows tendering authorities to quickly publish tender notices in newspapers and websites, make correspondences and negotiations with bidders through emails to fix service prices. It also allows direct tendering and unsolicited deal with a single bidder or from a pool of pre-selected bidders through restrictive tender. Meanwhile, parliament yesterday passed a bill for transforming the College of Textiles Technology, Tejgaon into Bangladesh Textiles University.

ASHUGANJ POWER STATION COMPANY LIMITED (An enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board) Ashuganj, B. Baria-3402, Bangladesh Tel: 0088 01714047037, Fax: 0088 08528-74044 Memo No.APSC/Pro-29/2010/1323 Date :23/09/2010 "Amendment of APSC Tender Enquiry" (Amendment No.-1) Tender Name, Enquiry No. & Date Subject to be Amended Existing as Shall be Amended as Acid/Chemical cleaning of Boiler of Unit # 4, Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. APSC/Pro-1/2010/1170 Dated: 22/08/2010 Last Selling date of Tender Document 03/10/2010 during Office hour 20/10/2010 during Office hour Tender closing date & time 04/10/2010 at 12:00 BST. 21/10/2010 at 12:00 BST. Tender Opening date & time 04/10/2010 at 12:15 BST. 21/10/2010 at 12:15 BST All other terms & Conditions shall remain unchanged. Manager (Procurement) APSC, Ashuganj, B-Baria

এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড ২৬৫-২৬৭, টঙ্গী শিল্প এলাকা, গাজীপুর মিনিবাস ও মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়ার জন্য দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড কর্তৃক গাজীপুর ও ঢাকা শহরস্থ নিম্নে বর্ণিত ৩ (তিন) টি রুটে ২ (দুই) টি মিনিবাস ও ১ (এক) টি মাইক্রোবাস অত্র কারখানার শ্রমিক / কর্মচারীদেরকে প্রতি কার্যদিবসে কারখানা পর্যন্ত আনা-নেয়ার জন্য প্রকৃত মিনিবাস ও মাইক্রোবাস মালিকদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। রুটের বিবরণঃ রুট নং-১ মাইক্রোবাস (১৫ আসন) : ঢাকা শহরস্থ সায়েদাবাদ হইতে খিলগাঁও ওভার ব্রিজ, খিলগাঁও ও পুলিশ ফাড়ি, আবুল হোসেন, রামপুরা বাজার, রামপুরা ব্রিজ, বাড্ডা, নতুন বাজার হয়ে এবিএল, টঙ্গী। রুট নং-২ মিনিবাস (৩১ আসন) : শেওড়া পাড়া, মিরপুর-১০, কল্যাণপুর, আসাদগেট, সায়েল ল্যাবরেটরী, আজিমপুর, শাহীন কলেজ, বনালী, খিলক্ষেত হয়ে এবিএল, টঙ্গী। রুট নং-৩ মিনিবাস (৪২ আসন) : শিববাড়ী, চৌরাস্তা, চৌধুরী বাড়ী, সাইনবোর্ড, বোর্ড বাজার, শিববাড়ী, গাজীপুরা, হোসেন মার্কেট, কলেজ গেট, রেল স্টেশন হয়ে এবিএল, টঙ্গী। অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে যে কোন কর্মদিবসে এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড-এর হিসাব বিজ্ঞপ্তি এবং বাংলাদেশ ইন্সটিটিউট ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন, বিএসইসি ভবন, ১০০২, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, ঢাকা-১২১৫ এর রুটে হইতে নিগদ ৫০০.০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকায় অফেরৎযোগ্য দরপত্র সিডিউল ১০-১০-২০১০ খ্রি: তারিখ পর্যন্ত ক্রয় করা যাইবে। দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হইবে না। ১১-১০-২০১০ খ্রি: তারিখ দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপ্রস্তাবসমূহ গ্রহণ এবং ঐ দিনই দুপুর ১২:১৫ মিনিটে দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলা হইবে। প্রতিটি দরপত্রের সাথে জামানত (কেফেরৎযোগ্য) বাবদ যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংকের নিকট হইতে এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লি: এর অনুকূলে মিনিবাসের জন্য ব্যাংক ড্রাফট / পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে ১০,০০০.০০ (দশ হাজার) টাকা এবং মাইক্রোবাসের জন্য ৭,০০০.০০ (সাত হাজার) টাকা জমা দিতে হইবে। এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিঃ-এর প্রশাসন বিভাগ এবং বাংলাদেশ ইন্সটিটিউট ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশনের উর্কৃত মহাব্যবস্থাপক (ক্রয়)- এর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাস্তব দরপত্র ফেলা যাবে এবং দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ থাকেন) নির্ধারিত সময়ে দরপ্রস্তাবসমূহ খোলা হইবে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন বা সকল দরপ্রস্তাব বাতিলের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন। (মো: মতিউর রহমান) উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (প্রশাসন) মোবাইল : ০১৭১২২৩২৫৫৮