



Leader of Britain's opposition Labour Party, Ed Miliband, left, congratulates his brother David Miliband, after his address to delegates on the second day of the annual Labour Party conference, in Manchester, England, yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

US not in a jobless recovery

Obama says

REUTERS, Washington

President Barack Obama said yesterday the United States must accelerate job growth, but he said the country was not experiencing a "jobless recovery" as it pulled out of a recession.

"We've seen eight months in a row of private sector job growth. We're actually seeing more job growth so far in this recovery than we did in the last recovery that we had back in 2001," Obama said during an interview on NBC television.

"The problem is we just lost so many jobs because of the crisis that we've got a much bigger hole to fill, and that means we're going to have to accelerate job growth and we've got to do everything we can to focus on that."

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David Miliband's rallying call: Ed's a great leader

BBC ONLINE

David Miliband has issued a rallying call to the Labour conference, saying the party now had a "great leader" in his younger brother Ed.

The shadow foreign secretary, long favourite for the top job, said "I'll be fine" before calling for party unity and getting a standing ovation.

He has yet to say whether he will serve in his brother's shadow cabinet.

Ed Miliband has said that his brother has a "huge amount" to give to the party and British politics.

David Miliband has said he is talking to colleagues about his future, and wanted to take his time to make sure he made the right decision - with no decision until after the conference.

"I don't know if you noticed but I came here on Saturday planning a slightly different week. I am now thinking what I am going to do instead," he told reporters ahead of the speech.

BBC political editor Nick Robinson said a friend of Mr Miliband told him he was considering not running for the shadow cabinet and could quit politics, although colleagues insist he has yet to make up his mind.

Asked about his brother's future on Monday, Ed Miliband said he would make his decision "in his own way and in his own time" but praised his

"loyalty to me and the country".

"He has a huge amount to offer our politics," he added.

The two brothers met in private for nearly 10 minutes on Monday but it is understood they did not discuss David's future.

Nominations have opened for the 19 shadow cabinet posts, to be elected by a ballot of MPs, but it is unclear whether David Miliband will put himself forward by Wednesday's deadline.

Ed Miliband will allocate posts to the successful candidates after the vote on 7 October and he has insisted that decisions about who will get what job must wait until then.

In a speech ahead of a session on foreign affairs, David Miliband told activists in Manchester that he had been "honoured and humbled" by the support he had received since narrowly losing the leadership election.

He urged the party to unify around his brother, saying he was "incredibly proud" of him.

"We have got a great new leader and we all have to get behind him," he told party supporters.

While he was proud of the campaign that he had fought, he said that no-one should enter such a high profile contest unless they were reconciled to the possibility of defeat.

Colombian President hails Farc leader's death

BBC ONLINE

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos has hailed the death of a top rebel leader as a "turning point" in the five-decade anti-guerrilla battle.

Mr Santos said the death of Mono Jojoy marked the "beginning of the end" for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc).

He urged the rebels to demobilise or face a similar fate.

Mono Jojoy was killed in a large-scale military assault on his jungle stronghold in eastern Colombia.

President Santos was speaking on a visit to congratulate some of the hundreds of soldiers who took part in the raid.

"This operation against Mono Jojoy is a turning point, and I believe, with a good margin of confidence, that we can say this is the beginning of the end for the Farc," he said.

UK guidance on torture challenged by watchdog

BBC ONLINE

New guidance for UK intelligence staff on how to deal with suspects facing torture overseas may breach human rights law, a watchdog has warned.

As a result officers may wrongly believe they are "protected" from court action, the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) says.

In a letter to the prime minister, it has threatened to take legal action.

But the Cabinet Office maintained the instructions followed domestic and international legislation.

The guidance was published in July when David Cameron announced in the Commons that an inquiry was to be held into claims British security and intelligence officers were complicit in the ill-treatment of terror suspects by foreign states.

The probe was partly prompted by allegations that London resident Binyam Mohamed was tortured with the knowledge of UK officials while held by the CIA.

He alleges he was tortured in Pakistan, Morocco and Afghanistan between 2002 and 2004, including being beaten and scalded and having his penis slashed with a scalpel.

In Afghanistan, he alleges, he was held in a black hole at the "Prison of Darkness" where he

was deprived of sleep, blasted with sound, starved and then beaten and hung up.

In a May 2008 letter to Downing Street, he told how he felt "betrayed" by Britain and said he was contemplating suicide.

A number of other former detainees have since brought legal action against the government.

The EHRC - tasked by Parliament to monitor human rights in the UK - says it welcomes the "positive steps" the government is taking to tackle the issue but has "serious concerns" about the lawfulness of the guidance.

It says failure to provide a "satisfactory response" by 30 September may result in judicial review proceedings being issued.

'PERSONAL CRIMINAL LIABILITY'

The guidance outlines the steps intelligence officers should take before they interview detainees held by authorities overseas, seek information from them or request an overseas detention.

It says officers must not interview or seek intelligence from detainees when they "know or believe" they will be tortured.

But the EHRC says the guidance does not stop officers from proceeding when there is a "serious risk" of torture. In such cases, officers must obtain assurances from the detaining authorities or consult ministers.

Chavez allies win congressional majority in vote

AP, Caracas

President Hugo Chavez's opponents blocked him from capturing an overwhelming majority in Venezuela's congressional election, making gains that could challenge the firebrand leader's tight grip on power.

With the vast majority of votes from Sunday's election counted, Chavez's socialist party won at least 96 of the 165 seats in the National Assembly, while the opposition coalition won at least 61 seats, National Electoral Council president Tibisay Lucena said early Monday. The remaining eight seats either went to a small splinter party or had not yet been determined, she said.

Chavez hailed it as a "solid victory" in an online posting on Twitter, but he fell short of his goal of keeping the two-thirds majority that has allowed his allies to push through controversial changes unopposed. Until now, pro-Chavez lawmakers have been able to rewrite laws unopposed and unilaterally appoint officials, including Supreme Court justices and members of the electoral council.

A crowd of government supporters who had gathered outside the presidential palace showed mixed emotions when Lucena announced the results. Some showed disappointment by holding their heads in their hands while others thrust their fists in the air, declared the outcome a triumph.

Earlier, Chavez backers drove through downtown Caracas celebrating, waving party flags and honking horns. Powerful fireworks exploded above the streets, echoing throughout much of the capital.

Japan asks China to cover damage to patrol boats

AP, Tokyo

Japan asked China to pay for damage to Japanese patrol boats hit by a Chinese fishing vessel near disputed islands, as simmering tensions between the two Asian neighbors showed no signs of easing yesterday.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshito Sengoku's remarks came a day after Japan's prime minister rejected China's demand that Tokyo apologize and offer compensation for the arrest of the Chinese boat captain earlier this month near islands claimed by both countries.

The incident has strained bilateral ties to their worst point in years and is starting to impact trade. The captain was released Friday and has since returned to China, but the diplomatic back-and-forth since then indicates nationalistic sentiments remain high.

International Re-Tender Notice for Procurement of Vinyl Composite Tiles

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.		
2	Agency	ICDDR,B		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Director, ICDDR,B		
4	Procuring Entity District	Mohakhali, Dhaka.		
5	Invitation Ref No & Date	Goods		
6	Invitation Ref No & Date	Memo No. ICDDR,B/ Mohakhali/ VE/ 10/53 (R-T), Date: 02-09-2010		
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
8	Budget and Source of Funds	HNPSF-GoB		
9	Development Partners	HNPSF		
10	Project / Program Name	Vertical Extension and Renovation of Research and Hospital Building - ICDDR,B, Dhaka, Bangladesh		
11	Tender Package No.	Package No. 53		
12	Tender Package Name	Supply of Vinyl Composite Tiles (VCT)		
13	Tender Publication Date	September 28, 2010		
14	Tender Last Selling Date	October 24, 2010		
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	October 25, 2010	Time: 11:30 AM	
16	Tender Opening Date and Time	October 25, 2010	Time: 12:00 PM	
17	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address		
	- Selling Tender Document	Treasury Unit, Cash Counter-2, Ground Floor, IPH Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka between 10:00 AM to 03:30 PM		
	- Receiving Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.		
	- Opening Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.		
18	Pre-tender meeting	Pre-Tender meeting will be held on 11 October, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the Finance Conference Room, Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.		
19	Eligibility of Tenderer	<p>a. The tenderers shall be Supplier/ Agent / Distributors/ Contractor/ Businessman having valid Trade License, VAT and TIN No.</p> <p>b. Tenderers shall have experience in the execution of similar nature of works for last 4 (Four) years in Bangladesh.</p> <p>c. Prices shall be on C&F Chittagong by sea freight basis (Cost of items and freight to be specified). L/C will be opened by ICDDR,B in favour of the supplier/manufacturer abroad against their Proforma Invoice.</p> <p>d. Tenderers are required to submit price quotation correspond to 100% of the required items and quantities.</p> <p>e. Sample to be submitted along with the tender.</p>		
20	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand) only		
21	Pkg No.	Description	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
	53	Supply of Vinyl Composite Tiles (VCT)	ICDDR,B, 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.	Tk. 2 (Two) lac in the form of Pay Order, Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee in favour of ICDDR,B, Dhaka from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh.
22	Name of Official Inviting Tender		Kamruzzaman	
23	Designation of Official Inviting Tender		Sr. Manager, P & M	
24	Address of Official Inviting Tender		Procurement & Materials Unit, Finance Department, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	
25	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender		Tel: 8860523-32, Ext: 3732	Fax: 8811686 e.mail: zaman@icddr.org
26	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
27	<p>Special Instruction :</p> <p>(a) All activities in connection with the said procurement of Goods will be guided as per rule of "The Public Procurement Rules 2008".</p> <p>(b) If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and same place.</p> <p>(c) Notification of Award and Contract agreement will be established subject to the availability of funds.</p>			

Request for Quotation

Procurement of MOTOR CYCLE for Police Reform Programme (PRP)



UNDP Bangladesh Requests for Sealed Quotation from interested manufacturers/ authorized agents/ dealers & distributors with the detailed specification for the Motor Cycle.

The selection of Quotations will be done based on the UNDP procurement rules and regulations and only the successful offeror will be contacted.

All interested firms may collect the bidding Documents (RFQ) at the below web address: http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_more.php.

Quotations must be submitted before 12.30 hrs on 11 October 2010 to Procurement Cluster, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Sher- e-Bangal Nagar, Dhaka-1207.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh (Component A)

Invitation for Procurement of Power Threshers

Credit No. 4507 - BD, Project ID No. UTF/BGD/040/BGD, Bid Package No.1G1.C-2

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Procurement of Power Threshers. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of 52 Nos. of Power Threshers, under Package No. 1G1.C-2 to be received by FAO Representation, House No. 37, Road No. 8, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Bidders having a minimum of 3 (three) years of experience in the supply of the tendered items are only encouraged to participate. The delivery period is 6 (six) weeks from the date of the Notification of the Award.

Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, (current edition), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents from the office of FAO Representation in Bangladesh at the address below during office hours. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk.1000.00. The method of payment for the tender documents will be in cash against a written receipt.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security for an amount of Tk. 100,000.00

Bids shall be delivered to the address below by 02:00 Hrs. on 20 October 2010. They will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of bidders' representatives, who choose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected.

FAO Representation in Bangladesh
House # 37, Road # 8
Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205
Tel: 880-2-8118015/126
Fax: 8802-2-811 3446

The publishing of this notice and the receipt of bids does not commit FAO in any way to any party.