

TAPE RELEASED

Laden worried about climate, Pak floods

AFP, Dubai

Osama bin Laden has expressed concern about global climate change and flooding in Pakistan, in an audiotape aired on the Internet, his first public remarks since March, a monitoring group said Friday.

"The number of victims caused by climate change is very big... bigger than the victims of wars," said the voice, whose authenticity could not be immediately verified and made available by SITE Intelligence Group.

The tape would be the first time Bin Laden has spoken publicly since March 25.

It was not clear when the tape was made, but bin Laden congratulated Muslims on the September 10 end of the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

"The catastrophe (in Pakistan) is very big and it is difficult to describe it," he said.

"What we are facing... calls for generous souls and brave men to take serious and prompt action to provide relief for their Muslim brothers in Pakistan."



UN to publish Congo war crimes report

BBC ONLINE

The United Nations is set to publish a controversial report into human rights violations in the Democratic Republic of Congo in the 1990s.

The final version is believed to have toned down its language after an earlier, leaked draft provoked fury from Uganda and Rwanda.

Both countries were accused of committing war crimes against ethnic Hutus in DR Congo during the conflict.

They had threatened to pull out of UN peacekeeping missions in response.

The report into conflicts in the DR Congo between 1993 and 2003 is said to detail crimes never previously documented.

It covers some 600 incidents and includes allegations of massacres of civilians, torture, and the destruction of infrastructure that led to civilian deaths.

Rwanda had reacted furiously to allegations that its Tutsi-led army may have committed genocide in DR Congo, known as Zaire until 1997, against Rwandan Hutus.

Respondents say the accusation of genocide against Rwanda's current government, led by President Paul Kagame, is particularly sensitive, as he has portrayed himself as having ended the mass killings of his fellow Tutsis and moderate Hutus in 1994.

Some of the militiamen responsible for that genocide then fled into Zaire, where they were pursued by troops loyal to President Kagame.

But the UN report accuses them of killings tens of thousands of Hutu civilians, who had fled with the militiamen.

Jason Stearns, DR Congo analyst and blogger, told the BBC that the only difference between the draft and final reports is that lawyers have gone through it with a fine toothcomb, especially where genocide is mentioned.



PHOTO: AFP

Indian labourers garland a statue of Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti celebrations in Hyderabad yesterday. Gandhi Jayanti is also observed as International Day of Non-Violence and is celebrated in India and its union territories to mark the occasion of the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, the "Father of the Nation" today annually.

US expects quick reopening of Pak border

AFP, Washington

A senior US envoy yesterday voiced optimism that Pakistan would quickly reopen the Afghanistan border, saying that an extended closure would have a "colossal" impact.

Pakistan announced Thursday it would shut the main land route for Nato supplies into Afghanistan after the military accused alliance helicopters of killing three Pakistani soldiers.

Richard Holbrooke, the US special envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, called the soldiers' deaths "very unfortunate" and blamed the ill-defined terrain.

But Holbrooke disputed Pakistani officials' account that the border was closed, saying that traffic was still going through but "moving more slowly."

"It's inconceivable to me that the closing of the routes -- the alleged closing, which is not a full closing anyway -- would continue more than a short period of time," Holbrooke told a forum in Washington.

"If you go to Torkham on the Khyber Pass and you look at it from a helicopter," Holbrooke said, "once they start closing that thing it's going to have a colossal effect on the region."

Pakistan is a key US partner in the campaign against the Afghan Taliban, who are fighting a nine-year insurgency against now more than 152,000 US-led foreign troops.

But Pakistan has faced accusations in the West that its powerful military and intelligence service have played a double-game and maintained longstanding relations with the Taliban.



SAARC Development Fund Secretariat
3rd Floor, BDFC Building, Thimphu
Bhutan

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Vacancy Announcement

The SAARC Development Fund (SDF) Secretariat was inaugurated during the 16th SAARC Summit in Thimphu, 2010. The SDF Secretariat became operational on the 1st June, 2010 and currently has the following professional category vacancies for employment for tenure of three (3) years, extendable by the Chief Executive Officer for a non-renewable period of another three years:

1. Director, Project/Administration and Finance

Job description: He/she will (i) seek, prepare, develop, appraise, and implement projects from all SAARC Member states based on sound log frame analyses with emphasis on Monitoring and Evaluation and must lead to a stronger regional integration, (ii) provide guidance/inputs and recommendations to the Chief Executive Officer on project selection based on social, financial and managerial aspects of the proposed project, (iii) bring team spirit, efficiency, fiduciary accountability and professionalism to SDF's work culture, (iv) act as the Chief Drawing Officer for the purpose of management and disbursement of Fund monies, in accordance with SDF Bye-Laws and its Rules and Regulations, and (v) report to the CEO and carry out any other responsibilities assigned by the CEO.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must possess (i) a post graduate degree in Finance/Business Administration/Engineering from an Institution of International repute/recognition (higher professional degree would be added advantage), (ii) Minimum of fifteen (15) years of practical experience, with at least five (5) years in development, implementation and monitoring/evaluation of social/economic and infrastructure projects in SAARC Countries, (iii) between 40-50 years of age, and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly salary of US\$ 4,000 (Four thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent, and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

2. Assistant Director, Administration and Finance

Job description: He/she will (i) look after day-to-day general administration, finance and accounts and any other logistical support services of the SDF Secretariat (ii) provide inputs to the CEO and Director (Adm) on all general finance, administration and human resource management requirement of the SDF (iii) report to the Director (Adm), and (iv) carry out any other responsibilities assigned by the CEO.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must (i) possess a post graduate degree in Accounting/Finance/Business Administration from an Institution of International repute/recognition (higher professional degree would be added advantage), (ii) have minimum of 10 (ten) years of practical experience in general administration and finance, (iii) be between 30-40 years of age, and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly salary US\$ 2,000 (Two thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent, and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

3. Assistant Director, Finance/Project Management Analyst(s)

Job description: He/she will (i) provide inputs at the time of project preparation in compliance with the existing SDF modalities/guidelines and the directives of the SDF Board, and (ii) provide project guidance to the Director (Project) during project implementation and inputs to the implementing entities to ensure compatibility and compliance with the tools and best practices followed in effective project implementation.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must have (i) a post graduate degree in Finance/Economics/Business Administration from an Institution of International repute/recognition (higher professional degree would be added advantage), (ii) a minimum of 8-10 years of practical experience in a comparable position (experience in project appraisal or implementation is recommended), (iii) be between 30-40 years of age, and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly remuneration of US\$ 2,000 (Two thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

4. Assistant Director, Internal Audit

Job description: He/she will (i) Plan, organize and carry out the internal financial functions of the SDF Accounts on day-to-day basis, (ii) advise the Director (Adm) on appropriate accounting methods/standards and software so as to ensure the SDF monies are maintained in accordance with the International accounting standards and commensurate to recognized norms of financial property, (iii) be responsible for preparation of the Financial Statement of the Fund and coordination with external auditors as provided for under Section 34 of the SDF Bye-Laws, and (iv) work under the guidance of the CEO and report to the CEO.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must have (i) a post graduate degree in Accounting/Finance from an Institution of International repute/recognition or similar professional accounting/auditing institutions, (ii) minimum of 7 (seven) years of practical experience in auditing of accounts of Public/Private financial institutions with full understanding of International Accounting Standards, (iii) be between 30-40 years of age, and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly remuneration of US\$ 2,000 (Two thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

Note: GSS-I staff are permanent staff recruited for an initial period of 3 (three) years, extendable at the CEO's discretion.

5. Personal Officer, GSS-I.

Job description: He/she will (i) implement HR initiatives in the areas of recruitment, organizational development, professional development, performance and change in alignment with organizational strategy, (ii) assess skilled human resource needs of the organization within a specified time frame and recommend appropriate programs and policies, (iii) maintain an up to date information on staff welfare and provide them for resource planning & decision making in HR development, (iv) coordinate for recruitment and selection of candidates for employment, (v) monitor the performance and effectiveness of the existing staff and initiate activities for its continuous improvement, (vi) and advise management on all HR matters.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must have (i) a bachelors degree (specialized fields in Human Resource Planning and Development/Employment and Analytical skills are recommended), (ii) minimum of four (4) years of experience as Human Resource Officer or equivalent experience, (iii) be between 25-35 years of age and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly remuneration of US\$ 1,000 (One thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

6. Information Technology/Management Information System Manager, GSS-I

Job Description: He/she will (i) know and apply fundamental concepts, practices, procedures and existing policies and guidelines in specialized areas of information technology, (ii) plan, design, develop and launch effective information systems and operation systems in support of core organizational functions, (iii) ensure the stable operation of the in-house computer software systems, (iv) secure system by developing system access, monitoring control, and evaluation: establish and test disaster recovery policies and procedures; complete back-ups, (v) ensure stable operation of the in-house computer network, (vi) coordinate the planning, maintenance and accessibility of the website content in a way that ensures consistency of the website's look and feel.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must have (i) a minimum of Bachelors degree in Information Technology/B. Tech Computer Science (4 years course), (ii) minimum of four (4) years experience as ICT Officer or equivalent experience, (iii) be between 25-35 years of age and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly remuneration of US\$ 1,000 (One thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

7. Accountant, GSS-I

Job Description: He/she will (i) approve and process financial transactions and expenditures in accordance with SDF's Financial Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures, (ii) Set up accounting procedures and systems to address specific requirements in line with the Fund's mandate, (iii) ensure that accounting procedures and internal control systems are exercised at all times, (iv) participate in ascertaining and evaluating the financial projection and financial progress reports of the Secretariat and (v) process and submit work plan/technical sanctions, physical/financial progress reports, work orders, supply orders, invoices, import licenses and all other supporting documents required for fund utilization.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must have (i) minimum of B.Com/B.A. (Economics), (ii) with a minimum of four (4) years of experience as Accounts Officer or equivalent experience (specialized training in Accounting and Finance is recommended), (iii) be between 25-35 years of age and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly remuneration of US\$ 1,000 (One thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

Interested candidates are requested to submit a hard and a soft copy of their application letter and resume along with a copy of their national identity documents to the address given below.

The last date for the applications to be received by the SAARC Development Fund Secretariat is 30th October, 2010. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for selection interview.

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নিরাপদ নৌ-চলাচল ও উন্নত যাত্রাসেবা
প্রদান করতে বিআইডব্লিউটিসি অঙ্গীকারবদ্ধ।

Invitation for Tender (Works)

Sealed tender is being invited from the owners of shipbuilders/shipyards who have experience of rehabilitation/building ships.

Sl. No.	Name of Ministry	Ministry of Shipping.				
1.	Name of agency/procuring entity	Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC).				
2.	Procurement method	Open tendering method (NCT).				
3.	Name of project	Rehabilitation of 6 Ro-Ro Ferries, 2 K-Type Ferries & 6 Pontoons.				
4.	Budget & source of funds	Combination of GOB (Government of Bangladesh) & self funds.				
5.	Tender package No.	69.				
6.	Invitation tenders Ref.	BIWTC/P-69/Ph-3/Jahangir(Lot-1)/Barkat(Lot-2)/2010, date: 27/09/10.				
7.	Eligibility of tenderers	The shipbuilders/shipyards of Bangladesh who have experience of rehabilitation/building ships alone or jointly in the form of Joint Venture, Consortium or Association (JVCA) are capable to Rehabilitate the Ships Ferry B.S. Jahangir & B.S. Barkat as per conditions of tender document and thereafter deliver to BIWTC.				
8.	Brief description of works	These are the Ro-Ro Ferries. Rehabilitation works of the vessels include (but not limited to) plate changing, accommodation renovation, overhauling of main engines with propulsion systems, windlas, installation & testing of generating sets & other machineries as specified in tender documents.				
9.	Name and address of the office(s) selling tender document	Cash Section, BIWTC, 2nd Floor, 5, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.				
10.	Name & address of the offices receiving tender	I. The office of the Chief Engineer, 5, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000. II. The office of the Deputy Secretary (Commercial), Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Building No-6 (8th Floor), Room No-814. III. Commissioner Office, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.				
11.	Name & address of the office opening tender	The office of the Chief Engineer, 5, Dilkusha, C/A, Dhaka-1000.				
12.	Last date & time for selling tender document	17/10/2010 up to 1700hrs (Bangladesh Standard Time).				
13.	Last date & time for submission of tender	18/10/2010 at 12:00 hrs (BST).				
14.	Date & time for opening of tender	18/10/2010 at 14:00hrs (BST). Tenderers & their representatives are allowed to attend.				
15.	Place, date & time of pre-tender meeting	The Office of Chief Engineer, 5, Dilkusha, C/A, Dhaka-1000. On 10/10/2010 at 11:00am (BST).				
16.	Special instruction	The procuring entity (BIWTC) reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.				
17.	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document	Tender security	Time for completion of works
18.	1.	RO-RO FERRY BIR SHRESHTHA JAHANGIR	Tenderers yard	Tk. 10,000/- (non-refundable) for Lot-1.	Tk. 21 (twenty-one) lac for Lot-1 in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order/irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any schedule bank of Bangladesh	08 months for Lot-1 from the date of handing over the vessel.
	2.	RO-RO FERRY BHASHA SHAHEED BARKAT	Tenderers yard	Tk. 10,000/- (non-refundable) for Lot-2.	Tk. 21 (twenty-one) lac for Lot-2 in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order/irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any schedule bank of Bangladesh	08 months for Lot-2 from the date of handing over the vessel.

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