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#### Afghans, candidates protest flawed elections

AP, Kabul

Several hundred people took to the streets of Kabul yesterday to protest problems with September's parliamentary polls, underscoring persistent concerns about the Afghan government's ability to carry out elections.

Preliminary results were announced last month but final results have not yet been established. The country's Electoral Complaints Commission has discarded nearly a quarter of ballots cast, citing fraud. The decision sparked complaints that the body was manipulating results to make sure favoured candidates won. A number of candidates demanded investigations, which are still ongoing.

There have been small, scattered protests since the Sept 18 election, with Afghans claiming their votes were not counted or protesting delays in naming the winners.

The vote was supposed to be a way for the government to reaffirm its legitimacy after a badly flawed presidential election last year.



About 100 losing candidates in the recent Afghan parliamentary elections gather for a demonstration against the polls result at Zarnegar Park in Kabul yesterday. An Afghan election watchdog has registered almost 6,000 complaints following the polls, around half of which could affect the final results.

### Blast rocks Swiss embassy in Athens

**BBC ONLINE** 

A suspected bomb has exploded at the Swiss embassy in the Greek capital Athens, a day after four parcel bombs were found in the city.

Police said the device was thrown into a courtyard at the embassy and no casualties have been reported.

Controlled explosions were also carried out on packages at the Bulgarian embassy and outside parliament.

The BBC's Malcolm Brabant in Athens says it appears to be a co-ordinated attack by an extreme left-wing group.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy was among the intended recipients of one of four devices discovered on Monday, police said. Another of the bombs, addressed to the Mexican embassy in Athens, exploded in the offices of a private courier company, injuring an employee. The other two parcels were addressed to the Belgian and Dutch embassies.

Two men were arrested in connection with the devices.

On Tuesday, a police spokesman said an object was thrown into the Swiss embassy courtyard and a "deafening blast" was heard. Police also sealed off the Bulgarian embassy where a con-

trolled explosion was carried out on a suspicious package. Another controlled explosion was carried out on a package in a delivery van outside the Greek parliament. The package was

addressed to the Chilean embassy, police said. Terrorism experts suspect the co-ordinated campaign is the work of a group called the Conspiracy of the Cells of Fire, which is trying to spark revolution in Greece during the current period of austerity.

The parcel bombs have raised anxiety levels in Greece in the run up to this weekend's vital local elections, our correspondent says.

The elections are seen as a referendum on the socialist government's handling of the economic crisis and Prime Minister George Papandreou has warned he may call a general election if his party is soundly defeated.

#### Congress accuses RSS for involvement in terror

PTI, New Delhi

Pledging to fight communal and terrorist elements, the Congress yesterday accused the RSS and its sister organisations of being involved in terrorist activities.

"Recent revelations through detailed investigations have exposed the true character of the RSS and its sister organisations. The investigations indicate the involvement of its members in terrorist activities," said an AICC statement circulated to members at the AICC Session

It said the party would fight "at any cost" communal and terrorist elements, whichever source they originate from that aim at destroying the national fabric.

"The Indian national Congress will fight against all such sources that spread religious hatred, prejudice and bigotry and that seek to polarise our people along religious lines," the statement

# No chance of military coup

Says Pakistan PM

AP, Islamabad

Pakistan's prime minister yesterday rejected calls by opposition politicians for midterm elections and said there was no chance of the country's powerful army seizing power as it has often done in the past.

The government of President Asif Ali Zardari is unpopular among many Pakistanis and is under pressure from the Supreme Court over corruption allegations. It has been dogged by speculation and rumours that it is on its way out almost from the day it took office.

Zardari, the husband of slain former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, insists he will see out his five-year term until it ends in 2013. His supporters note that his party has a majority in parlia ment, meaning there is no constitutional way of ending it early.

Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani said in parliament on Tuesday that the army was "pro-democracy" and would not impose martial law. He said those calling for the dissolution of parliament and fresh elections were trying to break up the country.

#### UK, France agree to joint N-testing treaty

**BBC ONLINE** 

The UK and France have signed treaties agreeing to military co-operation including testing of nuclear warheads.

One centre will be set up in the UK to develop nuclear testing technology and another in France to carry it out.

President Nicolas Sarkozy was greeted by David Cameron as he arrived for the summit, which will also outline plans for a joint army expeditionary force.

No 10 called the measures "practical", but Labour said they left "big questions" about the UK's defences.

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### Myanmar rulers not ready to return to barracks'

AFP, Bangkok

It's one of the world's oldest dictatorships, run by an enigmatic postman-turned-soldier who, true to form, is keeping the world guessing about whether his iron-fisted rule is drawing to an end. As Myanmar gears up for its first election in 20 years -- a vote

the generals say will mark the dawn of democracy after almost five decades of autocracy -- junta chief Than Shwe's intentions remain shrouded in mystery. Speculation is rife that the ailing 77-year-old may step down from the position of commander-in-chief of Myanmar's

"Tatmadaw" armed forces and hand over power to a younger generation of trusted lieutenants.

Few, however, expect the military -- or its "senior general" -to relinquish the real power any time soon.

"I don't think he would be happy to retire," says Aung Zaw, founder and editor of the Irrawaddy, a Thailand-based magazine run by Burmese exiles that is a vocal critic of the regime.

"He will stay in power as much as he can because he's worried about his own future. He has created a lot of enemies over the past five or 10 years." Than Shwe is not running as a candidate in the election, but if

the junta-backed parties win, as expected, he could still become president -- a post created by the 2008 constitution chosen by the newly elected parliament. In this scenario, he would want to hand over power "to some-

one he trusts, who is a much weaker person," says Aung Zaw. Than Shwe knows the risks only too well, having put his predecessor, the late dictator Ne Win, under house arrest in 2002 after his family members were convicted of plotting to overthrow his regime.

In 2004 the junta supremo -- a Manchester United fan -- ousted his own prime minister and military intelligence chief Khin Nyunt, who was later put in prison, then under house arrest.

Sunday's election has been widely condemned by Western powers and exiled democracy activists as a charade to legitimise army rule, and the generals' motives for holding it in the first place are the subject of much debate.

### Taj prepares premium liquor cabinet for Obama

MID-DAY ONLINE, Mumbai

Although US President Barack Obama will be only served food made by his personal chef, the management at Taj Mahal Palace Hotel hope they can at least welcome Obama

with an exclusive drink.

To that end, the hotel has prepared a list of high-end liquor that will be served to the President, including the rare Glenfiddich scotch whisky. A hotel source

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Weaver Gurum R Narayanappa, 69, holds a silk saree dress in a matchbox sleeve, which he weaved as a presentation for US president Barack Obama in Bangalore yesterday. He claims that the Central Silk Board has assured him that they will send his gift, the lightweight 80-gram silk and gold made saree, to the US president on his visit to India later this week.

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### ঃ যানবাহন নিলাম দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি ঃ

অপ্রণী ব্যাৎক লিমিটেড সাধারণ সেবা বিভাগ প্রধান কার্যালয়

৯ডি, দিলকুশা বা/এ, ঢাকা।

অত্র ব্যাংকের নিম্নবর্ণিত যানবাহন সমূহ "যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে ভিত্তিতে" নিলামে বিক্রির নিমিত্তে আগ্রহী ক্রেতাদের নিকট হতে মুখবন্ধ/সীলকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচেছ ঃ অগ্রণী ব্যাংকের যে সকল শাখা,

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| 160         | জীপ -ইসুজু           | ঢাকা-মেট্রা-ঘ-০২-২৫৫৪ | 7998  | যানবাহন পুল/শাহবাগ গ্যারেজ।  | ১। সাধারণ সেবা বিভাগ, প্রধান কার্যালয়(৭ম তলা), ঢাকা। ২। আঃ কাঃ, কিশোরগঞ্জ। ৩। আঃকাঃ, নোয়াখালী পশ্চিম। ৪। আঃকাঃ, কৃমিল্লা। ৬। আঃকাঃ, চাঁদপুর। ৭। আঃ কাঃ, নওগাঁ। ৮। আঃ কাঃ, নওগাঁ। ৮। আঃ কাঃ, কৃডিগ্রাম। ১০। ক্রে রোড শাখা, খুলনা। ১১। লালদীঘি পূর্ব শাখা, চট্রগ্রাম। ১৩। আঃকাঃ, কৃষ্টিয়া। ১৩। আঃকাঃ, কৃষ্টিয়া। ১৬। আঃকাঃ, কৃষ্টিয়া। ১৬। আঃকাঃ, বুলিনা। ১৬। মহাব্যবস্থাপকের সচিবালয়, সিলেট। ১৭। চট্রগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় অঞ্চল, চট্রগ্রাম ১৯। মহাব্যবস্থাপকের সচিবালয়, খুলনা। ১৯। মহাব্যবস্থাপকের সচিবালয়, ভুলনা। ১১। মহাব্যবস্থাপকের সচিবালয়, ভাকা উত্তর অঞ্চল, ঢাকা। ২১। মহাব্যবস্থাপকের সচিবালয়, ভাকা সাকেল-১ ও ঢাকা। সাকেল-১, ঢাকা। |
| ম           | জীপ -টয়োটা          | ঢাকা-মেট্রা-ঘ-০২-১৫৬৬ | 7995  | -8-  |  |
| 001         | জীপ - ইসুজু          | ঢাকা-মেট্রো-ঘ-০২-৩০৪২ | 7998  | আঃ কাঃ,কিশোরগঞ্জ।  |  |
| 08          | জীপ -টয়োটা          | ঢাকা-মেট্রা-ঘ-০২-২৩৯৮ | 7990  | শাহবাগ গ্যারেজ।  |  |
| 001         | জীপ -টয়োটা          | নোয়াখালী-ঘ-০৫-০০০৮   | ०६६८  | আঃকাঃ,নোয়াখালী পশ্চিম।  |  |
| 061         | জীপ - ইসুজু          | ঢাকা-মেট্রা-ঘ-০২-২৩৫৯ | 2990  | আঃকাঃ,নোয়াখালী পূর্ব।   |  |
| 091         | জীপ -টয়োটা          | ঢাকা-মেট্রা-ঘ-০২-১৫৬৫ | 7995  | আঃকাঃ,কৃমিল্লা।  |  |
| ob 1        | জীপ -টয়োটা          | ঢাকা-মেট্রো-ঘ-০২-৩০২৫ | 3998  | আঃকাঃ,চাঁদপুর।   |  |
| 1 60        | জীপ - ইসুজু          | ঢাকা-মেট্রো-ঘ-০২-২৫১০ | 3998  | আঃ কাঃ,নজাাঁ।  |  |
| 106         | জীপ - ইসুজু          | ঢাকা-মেট্রো-ঘ-০২-৩০৪০ | 3998  | আঃ কাঃ,গাইবাদ্ধা।  |  |
| 77          | জীপ - ইসুজু          | ঢাকা-মেট্রো-ঘ-০২-২৫২৩ | 7998  | আঃকাঃ,কুড়িগ্রাম।  |  |
| <b>১</b> २। | জীপ -টয়োটা          | ঢাকা-মেট্রো-ঘ-০২-৩০২৭ | 3998  | ক্লে রোড শাখা,খুলনা।   |  |
| 106         | জীপ - ইসুজু          | ঢাকা-মেট্রা-ঘ-০২-২৫১১ | 2998  | লালদীঘি পূর্ব শাখা,চট্টগ্রাম।  |  |
| 184         | কার -নিশান           | ঢাকা-মেট্রো-ক-০৪-০২৬১ | 7998  | যানবাহন পুল/শাহবাগ গ্যারেজ।  |  |
| 361         | কার -নিশান           | ঢাকা-মেট্রা-ক-০৪-০২৬২ | 3998  | -ð-  |  |
| 361         | কার -নিশান           | ঢাকা-মেট্রা-ক-০৪-০২৬৩ | 7998  | -0-  |  |
| 196         | কার -টয়োটা          | ঢাকা-মেট্রো-ক-০৩-৮১৪৮ | 3998  | -ð-  |  |
| 761         | কার -নিশান           | ঢাকা-মেট্রো-ক-০৩-৭৪৬৮ | 7998  | আঃকাঃ,কৃষ্টিয়া।   |  |
| ۱۵۲         | কার -নিশান           | ঢাকা-মেট্রা-ক-০৩-৬৪১৪ | ०४४८  | আঃকাঃ,জামালপুর।  |  |
| २०।         | কার -নিশান           | ঢাকা-মেট্রো-ক-১১-০৩৪৪ | 7996  | যানবাহন পুল/শাহবাগ গ্যারেজ।  |  |
| २५।         | কার -নিশান           | ঢাকা-মেট্রো-ক-১১-০৩৪৭ | ১৯৯৬  | বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা কর্পোঃ<br>শাখা,চট্মাম।   |  |
| २२।         | কার -নিশান           | ঢাকা-মেট্রো-ক-০৩-৭৪৭১ | 3998  | আঃকাঃ,খুলনা।   |  |
| ২৩।         | কার -নিশান           | ঢাকা-মেট্রো-ক-০৩-৭৪৬৯ | \$998 | মহাব্যবস্থাপকের সচিবালয়,<br>চট্টগ্রাম।  |  |
| ₹81         | কার -নিশান           | ঢাকা-মেট্রা-ক-১১-০৩৪৬ | 7996  | যানবাহন পুল/শাহবাগ গ্যারেজ।  |  |
| 201         | কার -টয়োটা          | ঢাকা-মেট্রা-খ-১১-১৪৬৯ | 2994  | চ্ট্রথাম কেন্দ্রীয় অঞ্চল,চট্ট্রথাম।   |  |
| ২৬।         | মাইক্রোবাস-মিতসুবিশি | ঢাকা-মেট্রা-চ-০২-২০০১ | >>    | যানবাহন পুল/শাহবাগ গ্যারেজ।  |  |

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- আগ্রহী দরদাতাগণকে সাদা কাগজে/প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্যাডে যানবাহনের রেজিট্রেশন নম্বর উল্লেখ পূর্বক সর্বোচ্চ দর অংকে ও কথায় উদ্ধৃত করে তা মুখবন্ধ/সীলকৃত খামে আগামী ২২-১১-২০১০ তারিখ বেলা ৩.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে অগ্রণী ব্যাংকের উল্লেখিত যে কোন কার্যালয়/ শাখায় রক্ষিত টেভার বাব্দে ফেলতে হবে। টেভার বাব্দে প্রাপ্ত দরপত্রসমূহ ঐদিনই অর্থাৎ ২২-১১-২০১০ তারিখ বিকাল ৩.১৫ ঘটিকায় (দরপত্র খোলার সময় সংশ্রিষ্ট দরদাতা বা তার প্রতিনিধি উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবেন) খোলা হবে ।
- দরপত্রের সাথে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% আনের্ষ্টমানি " অর্থণী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড" এর অনুকূলে যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংক হতে ইস্যুকৃত পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে জমা দিতে হবে ।
- যানবাহনসমূহ অফিস চলকালীন সময়ে ব্যাংকের সংশ্রিষ্ট কার্য্লয়/শাখায় পরিদর্শন করা যাবে। একই দরপত্রে এক বা একাধিক বা সকল যানবাহন ক্রয়ের জন্য দরপত্র দাবিল করা যাবে। তবে প্রতিটি যানবাহনের রেজিট্রেশন নম্বর ও মূল্য পৃথক পৃথকভাবে উল্লেখ করতে হবে। কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমোদিত দরদাতা/দরদাতাদের ব্যাংকের ডেলিভারী অর্ডার প্রান্তির ১০(দশ)দিনের মধ্যে ভ্যাট ও আয়করসহ (সরকারী বিধি মোতাবেক উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১.৫% হারে ভ্যাট এবং ৫% আয়কর) উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের সমূদ্য অর্থ পরিশোধ পূর্বক সংশ্লিষ্ট কার্যালয় /শাখা হতে
- আর্নেষ্টমানি বাজেয়াপ্ত করা হবে । অকৃতকার্য দরদাতাদের আর্নেষ্টমানি যথাসময়ে ফেরত দেয়া হবে । ব্যাংকের কোন নির্বাহী,কর্মকর্তা বা কর্মচারী কোনভাবেই সংশ্লিষ্ট নিলাম দরপত্রে অংশ গ্রহণ করতে পারবেন না এবং এ ব্যাপারে কোন **ডদবির/তাগিদ করতে পারবেন না**।

নির্ধারিত যানবাহন সরবরাহ নিতে হবে । নিদিষ্ট সময়ের মধ্যে দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত উদ্ধৃত মূল্য আয়করসহ জমা না দিলে তার/তাদের

( মোঃ মোস্তফা কামাল ভূঞা )

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### Sr police officer held in Iraq church attack

AP, Baghdad

Iraqi authorities are holding a police commander for questioning in connection with this week's deadly attack on a Catholic church in Baghdad.

The police commander was detained on Tuesday under Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's orders.

Baghdad military operations spokesman Maj Gen Qassim al-Moussawi refused to identify the commander by name but says he was in charge of the Karradah neighbourhood in central Baghdad where the Our Lady of Salvation church is located.

## HIV threat gets ominous

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"We need to make sure that the epidemic will not spread," said UNFPA's Country Representative Arthur Erken.

Even after the inclusion of HIV/AIDS issue in textbooks, the teachers and parents often feel embarrassed to discuss it with adolescents, Erken said.

"Here comes the role of media, which can inform and educate people of all classes regarding the fatal infection," he added.

The UNFPA representative, who moderated the session, also said the enormous power of social media like facebook could be used in disseminating information and that can be managed by the youths themselves.

The message 'use condoms' does not work much. The use of condoms should be considered as part of a healthy lifestyle. If condoms are sold from a lifestyle perspective, it will be more attractive and the message would be more positive, he said.

Nizamuddin Ahmed of Save the Children, USA, said 25 percent of 160 million people in Bangladesh are aged between 15 and 24 years and a significant number of them do not go to any educational institutions.

So programmes should be extended beyond the educational institutions, he added.

Quoting a study, he said around 90 percent of young people know about HIV/AIDS but 25 percent of them do not know how it spreads, he said.

Only 1.2 percent believe that they are vulnerable to HIV/AIDS.

The study was conducted on 12,000 young people of the country, he

Criticising programmes on HIV/AIDS, he said most of the programmes halted midway due to fund crisis, management problems and other reasons.

"The average age of Bangladeshi children entering sex trade is 13 years... So they are badly in need of right information and right services," said Bridget Johnson, HIV/AIDS specialist of Unicef Bangladesh.

Tasnim Azim, head of HIV programme of ICDDR'B, said, "We

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need to think how to integrate the HIV/AIDS with other issues.'

Lack of youth-friendly health service centres and supportive and safe environment were blamed for making the youth vulnerable.

They suggested conducting an indepth study on school curriculum and to revise them.

Khandaker Ezazul Haque, HIV officer of the UNFPA Bangladesh, presented the keynote paper.

Hashina Begum, assistant representative of UNFPA Bangladesh, Hasan Mahmud, deputy programme manager of National Aids and Strategic Plan (NASP), Salil Panakadan, UNAIDS country director, Kazi Ali Reza of United Nations Information Centre, Nazneen Akhter, executive director of HASAB, Somir Kumar Hawlader of International Organisation of Migration (IOM), Shale Ahmed of Bandhu Social Welfare Society, Hasnain Sabih Nayak of Independent University Bangladesh, Misti McDowell of Family Health International (FHI) and two youth representatives also spoke on the occasion.

#### Trade Unionism

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allowed the government time to implement labour-friendly laws as per its election manifesto," said Nazrul Islam Khan, president of BNP's labour wing which is a member of Skop.

Ruling party Awami League's labour wing is also a member and signatory to the proposal submitted to the minister.

The nine-point demands include withdrawal of restrictions on trade unionism in tune with Conventions 87 and 98 of International Labour Organisation (ILO) and freedom of association and amendment of

Labour Laws 2006 to benefit the workers. Formation of a wage commission and ensuring Tk 5,000 as minimum wage and provision of adequate number of dormitories and transports for workers of respective

organisations are the other major demands. Roy Ramesh Chandra, general secretary of Jatiya Sramik League also admitted that the government has not discussed anything on the issue since submission of the

demands. "We want to resolve the pending issues

through dialogues," he added. Demands of Skop also include services to the migrant workers both pre- and postdeparture levels and to include informal sector in the labour laws.

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