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Rescue efforts in NZ mine face further delay

REUTERS, Greymouth

Efforts to rescue 29 men trapped in a New Zealand coal mine faced more agonising delays yesterday when authorities said they needed to drill a new shaft to test air quality because toxic gases made it too dangerous for

rescue teams go in. There has been no contact with the miners since an explosion ripped through the colliery on the rugged west coast of New Zealand's South Island on Friday afternoon, with authorities saying they would not enter until the air quality improved.

"It's not a case of simply pulling on a mask and running in there, the risk is huge," district police commander Gary Knowles said. "I'm not going to put 16 guys underground to effect a half-arsed rescue."

Naturally occurring methane gas is thought to have caused the explosion. High levels of gas have been detected near mine ventilation shafts, but rescue teams need to know gas levels throughout the mine before finally entering.

Drilling of the new, narrow shaft had not begun by Sunday afternoon, 48 hours after the blast, as the drill rig was being assembled on a steep hillside above the mine, whose main access shaft is dug horizontally into the side of a mountain range.

The hole will be drilled to a depth of up to 150 metres (490 ft) to enable additional air tests to be done, but the operation could take as long as 24 hours.

It has been a traumatic wait on the surface for family and friends of the trapped men, who range in age from 17 to 62 and include two Britons, two Australians and a South African.

Grim-faced family and friends of the missing miners were taken to the mine site and spent around an hour watching the rescue prepara-



This photo taken yesterday shows a Chinese woman (C) carrying a photo of her mother as she and her family members attend a mourning ceremony for victims who were killed in a huge high-rise fire in Shanghai which killed at least 58, on November 15.

N Korea showed US scientist new nuclear plant

AFP, Washington

North Korea last week showed an American scientist a vast, new plant for enriching uranium with hundreds of centrifuges already installed and running, the New York Times reported.

Scientist Siegfried Hecker told the US daily late Saturday that he had been "stunned" by the sophisticated new plant and that he had already privately informed the White House of his findings a few days ago after his return.

The North Koreans had claimed some 2,000 centrifuges were already installed and running in the plant, which Hecker was allowed to tour, the Times reported. It was not immediately clear where the facility was located.

Hecker said he saw "hundreds and hundreds" of centrifuges set up in an "ultra-modern control room."

But he said he was forbidden from taking photographs and could not verify North Korean claims that the plant was already producing low-enriched uranium.

"There are reasons to question whether that's true," Hecker told the daily, adding that he doubted Pyongyang would be able to complete the project.

The revelations came as the State Department said Saturday that the top US envoy for North Korea would arrive in Asia on Sunday for talks with regional leaders on Pyongyang's suspect nuclear program. Stephen Bosworth left for Seoul on Saturday, and was then to

travel to Tokyo and Beijing for discussions on the stalled six-party talks on Pyongyang's nuclear program. The new facility seen by Hecker must have been rapidly built, as

it did not exist when international inspectors were thrown out of the impoverished, Stalinist state in April 2009, the Times said.

Afghan fraud watchdog disqualifies 19 candidates

AP, Kabul

The watchdog panel charged with rooting out fraud in Afghanistan's recent parliamentary election says it has disqualified 19 candidates yesterday who had been announced as winners in preliminary results.

It was not immediately clear if Sunday's disqualifications would affect the power dynamic in the 249seat lower house of the Afghan legislature. Most of the 2,500 candidates ran as independents, and many with more of an eye toward accruing power in their local provinces than weighing in on President Hamid Karzai's policies.

The Sept 18 vote is being watched carefully by Karzai's western allies for signs that the Afghan president is committed to reforming his corruptionridden government.

Nato 'headed for defeat' after withdrawal plan: Taliban

AFP, Kabul

The Taliban on Saturday said Nato was heading for defeat in Afghanistan after the alliance announced plans to begin withdrawing troops from the country from next vear.

"It has become clear that after nine years of occupation, the invaders are doomed towards the same fate as those that tread this path before them," the hardline Islamist group said in an emailed statement.

"Their troop surges, their new strategies, their new generals, their new negotiations, and their new propagandas have been of no avail," it added.

Nato leaders meeting in Lisbon earlier pledged to begin the process of handing over responsibility for security to the Afghan police and military from next year, with a view to ceding full control by the end of 2014.

The agreement comes as the 28member alliance and its 20 partner nations in the International Security Assistance Force (Isaf) maintain that they are gaining the upper hand in the nine-year conflict.

US President Barack Obama said Saturday the Nato-led allies "are achieving our objective of breaking Taliban momentum" after committing extra resources to the war.

But the Taliban said the withdrawal plans were a sign the 150,000-strong foreign force, which is mostly made up of US troops, had "exhausted" itself and a huge surge of soldiers to tackle Taliban strongholds in the south had failed.

"The White House has determined July 2011 as the deadline to begin withdrawing their defeated invader forces from

Afghanistan," the statement said in English. It added: "What they could not gain in the last few months with their then-fresh

troops, they will not be able to gain in Kandahar, with their now demoralised and fearful troops.

"It is becoming manifest that the Americans will not be able to conceal their defeat in Afghanistan for too long.

"Therefore, the White House, instead of counting their mounting casualties in Afghanistan, would be better advised to formulate a withdrawal plan, to at least save those troops which are still alive."

Foreign military casualties are at their highest since the US-led invasion to oust the Taliban from power after the September 11 attacks in 2001, with more than 650 deaths so far this year, many of them caused by guerrilla-style roadside bomb attacks.

But Nato's top civilian official in Afghanistan, Mark Sedwill, said this week that foreign forces have "regained the initiative" this year due to the surge and targeted counter-insurgency tactics.

Britons want William, not Charles as next king: Poll

REUTERS, London

Prince William and his fiancée Kate Middleton should be Britain's next king and queen, not the heir to the throne Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, two polls showed on Saturday.

An ICM poll, published in Britain's News of the World newspaper, showed that 64 percent of people wanted William and his future bride as next in line to the throne, while a YouGov poll in the Sunday Times found the majority of Britons thought William would make a better king than his father Charles.

Charles, 62, is currently next in line to the throne, now occupied by his mother Queen Elizabeth, 84. The British public has no say in who should be their next king or queen, a largely symbolic role in a country run as a parliamentary democracy.

The ICM survey also found that fewer than one in five people wanted the crown to pass to

Charles and Camilla. The YouGov poll showed that 44 percent of people thought Charles should make way for his son to become the next king, against 37 percent who thought he should not.

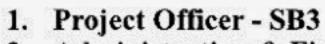
William and Middleton, both aged 28, announced their engagement this week, the photogenic couple drawing extensive media coverage.

Charles is seen by some as too old to inject vitality in the monarchy should he eventually succeed his mother. Charles's wife Camilla is nowhere near as popular as his first wife, Princess Diana, who died in a car crash in 1997 after they had divorced.

The surveys come a day after Charles, in a television interview, said Camilla could be queen if he is crowned king. Charles married Camilla, his long-time lover, five years ago and at the time of the marriage, it was officially decided that she would have the title Princess Consort if Charles becomes king.

Vacancy Announcement

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces a vacancy for the following positions for "Early Recovery Facility (ERF)" project.



2. Administration & Finance Associate - SB3

The duration of the Service contract is one year initially, subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply, please visit our website: http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs. Applications should be received no later than Sunday, December 05, 2010.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.



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

Invitation for Bid for Construction of Irrigation Channels Credit No. 4507 - BD, Project ID No. UTF /BGD/ 040 /BGD, Bid Package No.1W1.C

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 construction of small scale irrigation structures/channels. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of small-scale irrigation structures/channels in 4 (four) Sidr affected Upazilas against Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 3 and Lot 4 under Package No. 1W1.C. Bidders having a minimum of 3 (three) years of experience in the construction/rehabilitation of small scale irrigation structures or similar work are only encouraged to participate. The construction 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 as mentioned below. 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 described below:

Package No.	Lot No.	Item	Price of Tender Document	Bid Security Amount
1W1.C	Lot No.1	9 (nine) Small-scale Irrigation Structures in Barisal Sadar Upazila		Tk. 60,000.00
	Lot No.2	6 (six) Small-scale Irrigation Structures in Barguna Sadar Upazila		Tk. 45,000.00
	Lot No. 3	5 (five) Small-scale Irrigation Structures in Amtali Upazila, Barguna		Tk. 35,000.00
	Lot No. 4	5 (five) Small-scale Irrigation Structures in Morelganj Upazila, Bagerhat		Tk. 35,000.00

Bids shall be delivered to the address below by 14:00 Hrs. on 09 December 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

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Bangladesh

FROM PAGE 16 Of the derailed compartments, four were goods-laden while the

rest were carrying passengers. Travellers were hurt while trying to come out of the carriages hurriedly after the derailment, said MA Matin, Gochihata railway stationmaster.

Sub-inspector of Katiadi Police Station Monsur Ahmed said the compartments veered off around 4:52am due to a

certain fault in the railway track. The train link was restored

around 9:30am. Our Sirajganj correspondent adds, rail communications between Dhaka and the northern and southern districts were cut off for about four hours, as the engine of a Dhaka-bound train from Dinajpur went out of order on Jamuna Bridge yester-

Government Railway Police (GRP) and witnesses said the engine of intercity train 'Ekota Express' went out of order around 10:00am near pillar no-12 of the bridge, causing untold sufferings to thousands of passengers on different routes.

The link resumed around 2:00pm after the engine was

removed from the spot. Chief Engineer Anwar Hossain of western zone said overload caused the disruption, as four additional compartments were attached to the train to accommodate additional number of passengers.

KL to regularise

FROM PAGE 16 now it wants to hire workers from Bangladesh.

He said Bangladesh and Canada would establish an institute to train the workers who would migrate to the province. The minister did not mention the required number of workers.

Mosharraf said the governments of the two countries would handle the recruitment process. The issues of salary and facilities for the workers would be settled during the province premier's visit to Bangladesh in

On his meeting with apparel buyers in Canada, he said the buyers are happy with present wage structure for garment workers in Bangladesh. The misunderstandings that arose from the labour unrest in Bangladesh's garment sector are over now.

About the GFMD conference, he said representatives from 140 countries gathered in Mexico and discussed how migrants help both the source country and the employer nation.

The participants put emphasis on ensuring the rights of migrant workers and decent working conditions, he said.

"It was a meeting to create signed there," said the minister.

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- প্রাথমিক বাছাইয়ের পর প্রার্থীদের লিখিত/মৌখিক/ব্যবহারিক পরীক্ষার জন্য তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান প্রার্থীদের প্রদত্ত 77 1 ফেরত খামের ঠিকানা বরাবরে প্রেরণ করা হবে। আবেদনকারীকে ১০০/- (একশত) টাকার পোষ্টাল অর্ডার/পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট (অফেরতযোগ্য) মহাপরিচালক, 751

বাংলাদেশ আনসার ও গ্রাম প্রতিরক্ষা বাহিনী, খিলগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২১৯ এর অনুকূলে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।

প্রার্থীদেরকে লিখিত/মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য কোন টিএ/ডিএ দেয়া হবে না। অত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের কারণে কর্তৃপক্ষ ইন্টারভিউ কার্ড ইস্যু কিংবা পদ পূরণ করতে বাধ্য থাকবেন না। কর্ণেল স ম গোলাম আমবিয়া, এএফডব্লিউসি, পিএসসি

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