

### Six more die due to cold in UP; death toll rises to 68

PTI, Lucknow  
Six more persons died in different parts of Uttar Pradesh due to extremely cold conditions as mercury dipped sharply at a number of places, taking the death toll in the state to 68 this winter.

While three persons died in Shahjahanpur district, two deaths were reported from Bareilly and one from Basti district in the last 24 hours, official sources said here.

A cold wave continued to prevail in most parts of the state, Met department sources said, adding that it was a foggy day in most of the areas.

The weather was mainly dry all over the state and the night temperature was markedly below normal in Varanasi, Faizabad, Allahabad and Jhansi divisions.

The temperature was appreciably below normal in Gorakhpur, Kanpur, Lucknow, Bareilly, Agra and Meerut divisions.



PHOTO: AFP  
An Indian couple travel on a bicycle through dense fog defying bitter-cold in New Delhi yesterday. At least 60 national and International flights into and out of New Delhi have been cancelled, and some trains were delayed more than eight hours as dense fog decreased visibility levels, affecting normal operations at Indira Gandhi International Airport and the national capital remained in the grip of increasing cold wave causing government authorities to continue the closure of thousands of schools.

### Pakistani, Indian officials to meet in Bhutan

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistani and Indian officials will meet at a regional conference in Bhutan next month to resume a rapprochement process between the nuclear-armed rivals, an official said yesterday.

The talks are to be held during a meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Thimphu on 6-7 February 2011, foreign ministry spokesman Abdul Basit said in a statement.

India suspended a peace dialogue with Pakistan in the wake of the November 2008 Mumbai attacks, which claimed 166 lives, and the two countries recently begun to explore a resumption of structured talks.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi held a meeting with his Indian counterpart SM Krishna in Islamabad in July.

The discussions were the third high-level contact in a six-month thaw, which the United States has encouraged as a means of boosting regional stability, given the war in Afghanistan.

But the talks ended on a sour note with Qureshi blaming India for a "selective focus on terror" and ignoring the thorny issues that separated the South Asian neighbours.

India accuses Pakistan of failing to crack down sufficiently on militant groups on its territory, including those which New Delhi blames for the Mumbai carnage.

Relations between the two countries, which have fought three wars since the subcontinent was partitioned in 1947, have been plagued by border and resource disputes, and accusations of Pakistani militant activity against India.

India and Pakistan have fought two wars over the disputed Kashmir region and Kashmiri militants have been fighting New Delhi's rule for two decades in an insurgency that has claimed tens of thousands of lives.

### Binayak sentence miscarriage of justice Says Amartya

PTI, New Delhi



Coming out in support of Binayak Sen, Nobel Laureate economist Amartya Sen said here yesterday that the life sentence given to the doctor-activist looks like a "miscarriage of justice".

Sen also hoped that the judgement convicting Binayak, who has been awarded life term by a Chhattisgarh court for "sedition" and colluding with Maoists, will not "survive" the challenge made to the higher courts of the country.

The Nobel laureate was addressing a gathering after releasing a book "A Doctor to Defend - the Story of Binayak Sen" written by journalist and documentary filmmaker Minnie Vaid.

He referred to the "exemplary" work Binayak did to reach healthcare to people in rural Chhattisgarh and said the judgement also raises some questions about India's democracy, legal framework and Indian engagement with issue of equity.

It appears that Binayak has been "unjustly convicted" though the matter is "sub-judice" and "we should not second-guess" the courts," Sen said, adding, he hopes that the ruling will be changed by the High Court or the Supreme Court.

"The charge of passing communication appeared to have been based on second-hand or third-hand material...even then how the offence of sedition could be made out? There was no indication that he supported or preached violence," he said.

### Chile's recognition of Palestine useless: Israel

AFP, Jerusalem

Chile's recognition of an independent Palestinian state is "useless" and will not help advance peace, a senior Israeli official told AFP yesterday.

"It is a useless and empty gesture because it will not change anything," the official said a day after Chile announced it has recognised Palestine as an independent state, in the footsteps of other Latin American countries.

"It will not advance the cause of peace by an inch," said the official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Chilean government adopted on Friday a resolution "recognising the existence of the state of Palestine as a free, independent and sovereign state," Foreign Minister Alfredo Moreno said in Santiago.

"The Chilean announcement, like those preceding it in Latin America, will not encourage the Palestinians to negotiate," the Israeli official said.

### Iran nuke talks set for January 21-22: Turkey

AFP, Istanbul

Talks between world powers and Iran on its disputed nuclear programme will take place in Istanbul on January 21 and 22, Turkey's Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said yesterday, local media reported.

The dates corresponded to those given by Iran's Fars news agency in a report on Friday, after European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton's spokeswoman said she was looking at resuming the talks on January 20.

Turkey's Anatolia news agency quoted Davutoglu as saying Ashton would be in Istanbul next week to start preparing for the meeting.

A previous round of talks between Iran and six world powers -- Britain, China, France, Russia, the United States and Germany -- spearheaded by Ashton, took place in Geneva on December 6-7.

That round followed a 14-month hiatus in the talks on Iran's uranium enrichment programme, which Tehran insists is peaceful but the US and its allies believe is aimed at developing an atom bomb.

The US State Department said it looked forward to the next round of talks and "would like to see a meaningful negotiations process emerge," without specifying dates.

Tehran sprang a new surprise yesterday ahead of the discussions, saying it could now make its own nuclear fuel plates and rods, technology the West claims the Islamic republic does not possess.

"We have built an advanced manufacturing unit in the Isfahan site for the fuel plates," atomic chief Ali Akbar Salehi, who is also acting foreign minister, told Fars.

"A grand transformation has taken place in the production of (nuclear) plates and rods. With the completion of the unit in Isfahan, we are one of the few countries which can produce fuel rods and fuel plates."

### Iraq Shia cleric Moqtada Sadr urges Iraqis to unite

BBC ONLINE

Anti-US Shia cleric Moqtada Sadr has told an enthusiastic crowd of followers in Iraq to give the country's new government a chance.

The radical cleric was making his first speech since returning to his stronghold in Najaf after nearly four years of self-imposed exile in Iran.

Last month his movement secured a deal to join the new government with seven ministries and 39 seats in parliament.

He urged resistance against "occupiers of Iraq" and led chants against the US.

His militia, the Mehdi Army, clashed several times with US and Iraqi forces after the 2003 US-led invasion.

At the start of his short speech, the cleric called on the crowd to thenceforth to chant "No, no, to America", rejecting all occupiers and denouncing Israel.

"We are still fighters," he told the crowd. "We are still resisting, we resist the occupation, militarily, culturally and all



other kinds of resistance."

But he included the caveat that arms were for "people of weapons only" - seemingly endorsing the authority of Iraq's army and police force.

The cleric exhorted Iraqis to forget what happened in the past and stand shoulder to shoulder, helping the government to provide services.

"The Iraqi government has been formed," he said. "If it serves the Iraqi people, and provides services, we will stand by it, not against it."

"All of us will be with the Iraqi government if it serves the Iraqi people. If it doesn't, there are political - only political - ways to reform the government."

"This is a new government, we must give it a chance to prove that it can serve the people," he added, in what analysts suggest was a more statesmanlike performance than had been seen previously.

Sunnis will be reassured by that message, says the BBC's Jim Muir in Baghdad, but they will want to see it turned into reality.

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**Urea Fertilizer Factory Limited**  
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation)  
**Tender Notice**  
Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh

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| 1) Ministry/Division   | Ministry of Industries  |
| 2) Agency  | Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC)   |
| 3) Procuring entity Name   | Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi (UFFL)   |
| 4) Description of Goods  | a) Re-placement work of process Air Preheater tube bundle assembly and<br>b) Re-placement of old RTB Condenser  |
| 5) Invitation Ref. & Date  | UFFL/Lp-86/09-10/292, Date-05/01/2011   |
| Key Information  |   |
| 6) Procuring Method  | Open Tendering Method (OTM)   |
| Funding Information  |   |
| 7) Budget and source of Found  | UFFL's own source   |
| Particular Information   |   |
| 8) Tender Last selling date  | Date 26-01-2011   |
| 9) Tender closing date and time  | Date 27-01-2011 Time: 11.00AM   |
| 10) Tender opening Date and Time   | Date 27-01-2011 Time 11.00 AM   |
| 11) Name and Address of the Officer's  |   |
| Selling Tender Documents (Principal)   | Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (6th floor), 30-31, Dikusha C/A, Dhaka  |
| Selling Tender Documents (Others)  | 1) Sr. General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, 6 Agrabad C/A, Chittagong<br>2) General Manager (A&F), UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi  |
| Receiving Tender Documents   | 1) Manager (Com), Local Purchase office Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi.   |
| Opening Tender Documents   | Manager (Commercial), Local Purchase Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi (In presence of the bidders or their authorized agents who would wish to be present). |
| Information for Tender   |   |
| 12) Eligibility of Tender  | Necessary papers to be submit complying the conditions mentioned in the Tender Documents.   |
| 13) Brief Description of goods   | a) Re-placement work of process Air Preheater tube bundle Assembly and<br>b) Re-plantment work of old RTB Condenser   |
| 14) Price of Tender Document   | Tk. 1,000/- Per set (Non-refundable)  |
| 15) Lot no. Identification Location  | Tender Security Amount (Tk.) Completion Time/Delivery Schedule  |
| N/A 01(One) UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi  | Tk. 40,000/- As per terms of Tender schedule  |
| Procuring Entity Details   |   |
| 16) Name of official Inviting Tender   | Md. Salah Uddin   |
| 17) Designation of Official Inviting Tender  | Managing Director   |
| 18) Address of Official Inviting Tender  | Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi.   |
| 19) Contract Details of Official Inviting Tender   | Phone No: 880-038994-85076, 88058<br>Fax No. 880-2-9352550, E-mail No: uffl42@yahoo.com   |
| 20) Special Instruction: (1) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason thereof. (2) Due to unavoidable circumstance in the tender will not be received/opened in the date & time the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time. |   |

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