## New leak at Japan plant

FROM PAGE 20 reports Reuters.

"It is clearly not safe for people to remain in Iitate, especially children and pregnant women, when it could mean receiving the maximum allowed annual dose of radiation in only a few days," Greenpeace said in a statement, referring to the village where the radiation reading was taken.

The plant, 240 km north of Tokyo, was damaged in a March 11 earthquake and tsunami that left more than 27,000 people dead or missing across northeast Japan.

Earlier, Japan's government strongly criticised the plant's operator, Tepco, over mistaken radiation readings.

Officials said the radiation scare inside the No 2 reactor was caused by a partial meltdown of fuel

This discovery of highly radioactive water outside a

reactor building is a worrying development, says the BBC's Mark Worthington in Tokyo.

Up until now, pools of water with extremely high levels of radiation have only been detected within the reactor buildings themselves.

The water was found in

an underground maintenance tunnel, with one end located about 55m from the

However, Tepco said there was no evidence that the contaminated water had reached the sea.

The discovery comes as Japan's chief cabinet secretary said that the priority at the plant was to ensure that contaminated water did not leak into the soil or the sea.

Yukio Edano was speaking at a news conference a day after Tepco said radiation levels at reactor No 2 were 10 million times higher than normal before correcting that figure to 100,000.

"Considering the fact that the monitoring of radioactivity is a major condition to ensure safety, this kind of mistake is absolutely unacceptable," Mr Edano said.

That water is the most contaminated to be found at the plant so far, exceeding 1,000 millisieverts per hour. Tepco has apologised but

the mistaken reading at the Fukushima Daiichi plant has called into question the operating company's handling of the current crisis, our correspondent says. Tepco has been criticised

mation more promptly and for making a number of mistakes, including worker clothing. Two workers were taken to hospital last week after

wading though contami-

for a lack of transparency

and failing to provide infor-

protection. They were expected to be released yesterday.

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Murray Jennex, a nuclear power plant expert and associate professor at San Diego State University, said "there's not really a plan B" other than to dry out the plant, get power restored and start cooling it down.

The good news, he said, was that the reactor cores appeared to be cooling down. There was good news as

well about the radiation levels in the sea just off the plant, which skyrocketed on Sunday to 1,850 times normal. Those had come down sharply, Hidehiko Nishiyama, deputy director general of the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency, told a news conference nated water with inadequate yesterday.

## IO seeks 60 days

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officer of the case, Md Muniruzzaman Chowdhury, on Sunday submitted an application to Public Prosecutor Kamal Uddin, seeking the time extension for the 12th time.

Muniruzzaman, also a senior assistant superintendent of CID, started investigating the case on February 4, Along with the application,

the IO also submitted his 409page case diary in a CD, the PP said, adding the time petition will be heard tomorrow. On February 22, when the IO sought another 90 days,

Metropolitan Sessions Judge AKM Shamsul Islam at first rejected the prayer. However, the following day the court granted the official 36 days and also

reprimanded him for not

court of Chittagong

submitting the case diary. Muniruzzaman told The Daily Star that he sought the time extension as interrogation of a few more witnesses is required.

## Coastal dists go to UP

reserved member in 571 UPs in 72 upazilas of 12 coastal districts. Polls to three of the UPs have been stayed.

Earlier in 2003, polls to over 4,000 UPs were held when the BNP-led alliance was in power. The polls were marked by violence and irregularities.

This time elections to 4,300 out of the 4,505 UPs will be held. And polls to 205 UPs won't be held now as tenure of many of those has not expired and some are facing legal tangles over boundary demarcation.

The UP polls were supposed to be held around two years ago. But the EC could not go for holding the polls in

the absence of electoral laws and for other reasons.

The polls are officially nonpartisan in nature. But these get partisan political colour as grassroots level leaders of political parties participate in

the electoral race. The elections to municipalities held in January this year were largely influenced by the two major political

parties. Against this backdrop, the EC moved to keep the UP elections free from political influence, and had invited major political parties for a dialogue with it on February

24. But the major parties including the ruling Awami League and opposition BNP did not respond.

## Rickshaws clog city

increased to around 6 lakhs a few years back. Now, Joint

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Commissioner (Traffic) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Barrister Mahbubur Rahman estimates there are no less than 10 lakh illegal rickshaws and rickshaw vans. Consequently, the city

roads -- including the 22 plus roads that are off-limits to rickshaws -- are increasingly becoming clogged with rickshaws. The rickshaws are seen sporadically invading high traffic and high speed roads like Airport Road -while the rickshaw-pullers totally defy the ban on certain roads like Pantha Path.

This is hampering traffic flow, and increasing accident risks for passengers.

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) and traffic department officials say the number of rickshaws increased especially in the last two years with patronisation from ruling party backed labour organisations.

Rickshaw garage owners, who enjoy the patronisation, also get help from a section of corrupt DCC employees who supply them with fake number plates to commis-

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sion brand new rickshaws on the city roads.

Without commenting on the political patronisation, DMP Joint Commissioner Rahman said yesterday, "A strong syndicate is realising around one crore taka from this ten lakh rickshaws. This syndicate is also backing the violent protest that took place today. We are now identifying the elements of this syndicate."

On the question whether rickshaws are operating on off-limits roads due to a relaxed attitude on the part of law enforcers, he said, "From now on we will strictly enforce the off-limits rules."

DCC, that handles rickshaw licenses, did not issue a single one since 1986. Till that time, it had issued licenses for 79,554 legal rickshaws, 7,807 rickshawvans, 26 rickshaws for personal use, 108 rickshawvans for personal use, 120 push carts, and 14 horse carts.

Ever since, DCC has remained nonchalant about the rise in the number of illegal rickshaws, and issuance of new fake licenses.

These non-motorised

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vehicles can be operated by anyone -- irrespective of their knowledge of general traffic rules or routes. Because of comparatively high return among menial jobs, pulling rickshaws is one of the most sought after job for poor people coming

to Dhaka from rural areas

across the country. Additionally a huge number of non-motorised school vans with students on board ply different off-limits city roads, especially Mirpur Road, putting the students under serious risk of acci-

Additional Executive Director of Dhaka Transport Coordination Board SM Saleh Uddin said due to a lack of control, the number of illegal rickshaws has been increasing.

He said it is tough for the government to rout out rickshaws without creating scope of alternative employment for the rickshawpullers, still the government gradually making the thoroughfares off-limits for rickshaws.

Saleh Uddin said the government will have to stick to around 1.5 lakh

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rickshaws in different pocket areas of the capital to reduce traffic congestion.

The average speed of motorised vehicles on the city roads is 20 kilometres per hour, but those are forced to run at the speed of 7 to 8 kmph due to plying of rickshaws on the roads, he said.

Md Ashiqur Rahman, superintendent engineer of DCC Traffic Engineering Division, said due to plying of rickshaws on thoroughfares, smooth traffic movement is hampered.

He said the automatic traffic signal lights cannot function properly due to rickshaws on the off-limits roads. All automatic signals are synchronised with the speed of motorised vehicles -- not with vehicles like rickshaws, he said.

Beginning from 2002, the government restricted rickshaw movement on many roads of the city including on Mirpur Road from Gabtoli to New Market; from Russel Square to Sonargaon Hotel; from Sonargaon Hotel to Moghabazar crossing; from Moghbazar to High Court crossing via Kakrail

Mosque crossing; from Elephant Road to High Court crossing; from Shahbagh to Airport Road; from Ittefaq crossing to Bangabhaban; on Kamal Ataturk Avenue; from Mohakhali to Kakrail Mosque; from Golapshah Mazar to High Court via Bangabazar crossing; from Bailey Road to Minto Road; on Phoenix Road; from Shahbagh to High Court crossing; and on Abdul Gani Road.

DMP since Monday made 8 more link roads off-limits to rickshaws, which are from Malibagh to Mouchak; from Moghbazar to Bangla Motor; from Nilkhet to New Market; from Matshya Baban to Shilpakala Academy; on Khamarbari Road; from Rajmoni Cinema Hall to Rajashya Bhaban; from Moghbazar to Kamalapur; and from Doyel Chattar to High Court.

#### First semifinal today making the semifinals. good winning perfor-**FROM PAGE 1** co-host, would have been Everyone wants to talk about expected to come this far our record of making them while New Zealand are conand not going on any fursidered the specialists at ther, but I think it's an amazreaching semifinals.

Unlike Sri Lanka, New Zealand are not burdened by the viewing public at home or abroad. It is a credit to them that they made such a remarkable turnaround after their 4-0 defeat at the hands of Bangladesh last October. These facts are not lost to skipper Daniel Vettori who knows that his side has the least amount of expectations unlike the other semi-

He has to quiz some

Ansar members who were

on duty as security guards at

the Chittagong Urea

Fertilizer Limited (CUFL)

In the early hours of that

day, police and coastguards

seized 10 truckloads of 10,000

arms, including subma-

chine-guns, AK-47 rifles, and

The Chittagong court

sources said the IO in his

application mentioned that

he needed to interrogate

some retired officials includ-

ing former director general of

Directorate General of Forces

Intelligence (DGFI) Major

General (retd) Sadek Hasan

Rumi and former additional

secretary of industries minis-

try Nurul Amin.

ammunition from the jetty.

jetty on April 2 in 2004.

finalists. "I think it allows us to play a little bit under the radar. It is probably something which sits reasonably well for us because we're used to it. But we have big expectations of ourselves, so it's really irrelevant what other people think," he said yesterday.

New Zealand have already played in the 1975, 1979, 1992, 1999 and 2007 semifinals but never in the final. Six appearances in the last four would surely put them among the biggest underachievers of all-time but Vettori considered this as an "amazing achievement".

"I look at the positives of

ing achievement for a small country and hopefully our Champions Trophy we went one step further and made the final against Australia.

"So we can look on that and hope it's a starting point for us going past the semifinals," he explained.

For his opposite number however, pressure is in an altogether different level, especially while they are playing at home and with their spin legend still not fully recovered from injuries. Muttiah Muralidaran

suffered a knock on his knee and also his hamstring during the first round but it is likely that he will be passed fit for the semifinal, though he was seen struggling in training yesterday as well as in the quarterfinal against England. But Sangakkara is aware that with or without Muralidaran, his side will be expected to pull through.

"It is a new day. We have done well but it is tomorrow that counts. All we have to do is put our heads down, start from square one and get a

mance," said Kumar Sangakkara, the Sri Lanka captain.

"In a tournament like this, you keep building. For us there are a lot of areas that recent experience at ICC we have to cover. We've done expectations, not least from tournaments, with the well in the tournament, so I think the guys are very focused but they understand that it is tomorrow that counts and that's what we are looking forward to," he added. Sri Lanka could replace

Muralidaran with a spinner or a pace option but for Vettori's virtually star-less side, it is usually not easy. That they made such a fantastic turnaround from six months ago is an achievement in itself, a question that Vettori has to regularly deal within press conferences. "When we played against

Bangladesh and India we just didn't play well, it's as simple as that. We've got some talented players and they've turned up at the right time, and in particular in that last game against South Africa.

"We've got to buck the trend of our inconsistent nature and put a couple of performances together and that's really all we've been talking about," said Vettori.

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04. Procuring Entity Code

(3rd Plant), Gopalgonj.

05. Procuring Entity District Dhaka

### Request for Expressions of Interest(EOI) "Consulting Firm"

EOI Ref. No. EDCL/PD-Gopalgonj/Consultant/2011/01

Dated 27/03/2011

The Project Director, Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited(3rd Plant) has been allocated public funds from the Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) toward the cost of the Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3rd Plant) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of these funds for payments under the contract for provision of consultancy Service for project by a Consulting Firm (National/International).

The Service include :To establish - Penicillin Unit, Infusion Unit & Contraceptive Unit.

Detailed layout design considering construction, equipments and machineries set up, process flow and other parameters of cGMP on prospective context, set up of specification applicable for machineries, equipments, HVAC system, water system, utility services etc., under procurement, Ensuring validation activities required for the commissioning of the plant. Preparation of Site Master File (SMF), Validation Master Plant(VMP), related SOPs. Protocol etc. Total consultation on cGMP that ensures efficient, safety and stability of the drugs to be manufactured, reproductibility of the process related with the manufacturing of the formulations, identity and trace ability of a system or entity involving manufacturing of the drugs of interest. Feasibility study of the facility to be constructed in relation to production, process and quality assurance activities. Consulting detail engineering management regardless of the support required during construction of the facility and maintenance predicted while it will be in operation. The estimated cost of the total project is Tk. 314.96 Crore.

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An Applicant may associate with other Consultant(s) to enhance their qualifications. Association with foreign firms is encouraged

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