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Troops began to pull out of the southern protest hub of Daraa on Thursday after a military lockdown of more than a week.

Cambodia rejects Thai demands

AFP, Jakarta

Cambodian Foreign Minister Hor Namhong yesterday rejected a Thai demand to withdraw troops from an 11th-century Khmer temple at the disputed border, saying Bangkok was not sincere about peace.

"We never can withdraw our troops from our own territory. That should be very clear," Hor Namhong said.

The Indonesians are trying to broker a ceasefire and the deployment of neutral military observers to the flashpoint area on the Thai-Cambodian border where some 18 people have died in fighting in recent months.

The issue is likely to be discussed at a summit of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) leaders in Jakarta starting on Saturday, where plans for a more closely integrated regional community will top the agenda.

Both countries have accused each other of sparking the violence centring territory on the 11th-century Preah Vihear temple.

YEMEN UNREST Saleh vows to resist 'outlaw' protesters

AFP, Sanaa

Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh told a mass rally of supporters yesterday that he would resist calls to quit, describing as "outlaws" tens of thousands of protesters gathered a short distance away.

"I can assure you that I will resist," Saleh told the crowd in Sanaa's Sabbine Square after the main weekly Muslim prayers.

His defiant remarks came a day after the opposition urged Gulf Arab neighbours to pressure him to accept a transition that seeks to end three months of violence in the poorest Arab state.

He hit out at the protesters who have been demanding that he step down immediately and said he would "strongly defend the constitution." His current term of office ends in 2013.

Protests demanding his departure has led to the deaths of 150 people since late January and efforts of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to broker a peaceful transition in Yemen remain stalled.

UN chief Ban Ki-moon deplored the failure to agree to the plan.

Saleh's rivals gathered for what they called the "Friday for the loyalty of the people in the south," while regime loyalists marked "Friday for security and stability" in a competing show of strength.

At the Place of Change, the epicentre of the protests against Saleh, large crowds demanded his immediate exit and that he be brought to trial. There were no immediate reports of clashes between the two demonstrations.

"The people want to try the executioner," the crowds chanted.

A similar rally calling for Saleh's departure was held in Taez, the second largest city of Yemen, located 200 kilometres south of Sanaa, witnesses said.

ASEAN mulls giving Burma chair

AFP, Akarta

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is considering giving military-led Myanmar the chair of the grouping in 2014, despite grave concerns about human rights abuses and sham democracy.

Senior ASEAN officials gathering in Jakarta ahead of the weekend said Myanmar -- also known as Burma -- had sought the chair of the 10-nation bloc in 2014, when communist Laos was due to take the job.

26 killed in new Syria protests

EU issues new sanctions

AFP, Damascus

Syrian security forces shot dead at least 26 protesters yesterday, a rights group said, as thousands rallied on a "Day of Defiance" against the autocratic regime of President Bashar al-Assad.

At the same time, armed gangs killed one officer and four policemen, state news agency SANA said.

In Brussels, the European Union agreed to impose sanctions on 13 Syrian officials involved in the regime's brutal crackdown on protests and will meet Monday to discuss whether to target Assad as well, diplomats said.

The Syrian rights group, Insan, put the day's toll at 26 killed but said it expected this to rise.

"Death toll for today is 26," Insan said in a statement received by AFP in

Nicosia. The toll included 16 protesters killed in the central city of Homs, six in Hama north of Damascus and two in the Mediterranean town of Jableh.

"We have a list of 27 more names. We are verifying at the moment," the brief statement said.

Rights activist Najati Tayara, speaking to AFP from Homs, said security forces opened fire to disperse protests after weekly Muslim prayers in the central city, killing eight people and wounding several, some seriously.

Tanks entered the industrial city earlier and also rolled into other protest centres across Syria.

"Dozens of people were arrested in several districts of the city during the night between Thursday and yesterday," Tayara said by phone from Homs.

Using loudspeakers, security forces

ordered residents who took part in protests to voluntarily go to police stations "to avoid being arrested and punished" and ordered businesses to close and residents to stay indoors, activists said.

The interior ministry issued a statement yesterday urging citizens to refrain from taking part in any protests in a bid "to contribute significantly to stability and security."

SANA said an "armed criminal group" opened fire fired on a security checkpoint in Baba Amr in Homs, killing an officer and four policemen," adding that assailants also mutilated the bodies.

An activist reported six protesters killed in Hama and the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said a demonstrator died in Syria's main port of Latakia.

Stop killings on border

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seriously, she said.

Ansari told Khaleda that the Indian government and its people want to build good relations with Bangladesh.

In response, Khaleda, also the leader of the opposition in parliament, said BNP as well as the people of Bangladesh also want good relations with India.

She said solutions to some outstanding problems between the two countries should be found to increase confidence between the people of two nations.

This will ultimately help strengthen relations between the two neighbouring countries, she added.

The former premier said the dialogue between Bangladesh and India should continue, and Indian government and political parties should also talk with all political parties of Bangladesh.

Ansari assured that the Indian government will talk with all political parties in Bangladesh, terming BNP a big political force in Bangladesh, BNP Vice-chairman Shamser Mobin Chowdhury, who was present at the meeting, told reporters.

The meeting that lasted more than 30 minutes was held in a very friendly atmosphere, and it also discussed on reducing huge trade gap

between the two countries, Shamser said.

Khaleda said there are demands for many Bangladeshi products in India but the businessmen can't export those due to various reasons.

She also told the Indian vice-president to allow broadcast of Bangladeshi TV programmes in India, particularly in the eastern and western regions.

Ansari assured her of all possible cooperation to this end, saying it is not a difficult job, and requires only a formality not even at the government level, but at the private level.

Khaleda said that it would

help strengthen cultural ties between the two countries.

Welcoming the visit of Indian vice-president, she said that it will help to enhance bilateral ties between the two countries.

Khaleda hoped that more such visits will take place in coming days.

She also conveyed her greetings to the Indian president, prime minister and Congress President Sonia Gandhi through the vice president.

BNP Acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and Khaleda's advisers Reaz Rahman and Sabihuddin Ahmed were present at the meeting.

It's all in the gene

Gene determines how happy we are

THE DAILYMAIL ONLINE

How happy we are may depend as much on our genes as how well our lives are going, researchers have found.

They say that they have found a gene that releases 'happy' chemicals into the brain.

The 5-HTT gene also helps nerve cells recycle serotonin, another chemical in the brain which is linked to mood and depression.

Scientists from the London School of Economics analysed the genes of 2,500 people and found the happiest were the ones who inherited two 'long' versions of the 5-HTT gene.

The least happy were those who inherited the two 'short' versions of the gene.

Behavioural economist Jan-Emmanuel De Neve, who conducted the research, told the Express: 'It has long been suggested that this gene plays a role in mental health, but this study is the first to show it is instrumental in shaping individual happiness levels.'

'The results suggest a strong link between happiness and this functional variant of the 5-HTT gene.'

This finding helps to explain why some people tend to be naturally happier than others, and that's in no small part due to our individual genetic make-up.'

To conduct the research, published in the Journal of Human Genetics, the researchers compared the genetic make-up of each volunteer and asked them a series of questions including: 'How satisfied as a whole are you with your life?'

Those who had two long 5-HTT genes reported the most positive results - with the chances of them replying 'very positive' boosted by 17 per cent.

Some 26 per cent of those with two short 5-HTT genes were dissatisfied with their life.

Hasina for secular

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Shantiniketan in Birbhum district of West Bengal.

Describing Rabindranath as the guiding star of Bengali nation, the PM said, "The great poet has become a part of a universal consciousness that has not become outdated even after 150 years of his birth."

"During the struggle for the freedom of Bengali people, my father [Bangabandhu] spent almost 19 years in prison. As an inmate, one of the things that gave him company in lonely cells was the collected works of Rabindranath, carefully packed in his baggage by my mother," she said.

Bangladesh and India are observing the birth anniversary of the great poet following a decision that emanated from the meeting of prime ministers of Bangladesh and India in January 2010 in New Delhi.

Hasina mentioned that when she was imprisoned during the last caretaker government, she used to recite the holy Quran after her morning prayers.

"The rest of the time I spent reading books, and Rabindranath was top in my reading list as he remained my constant source of inspiration," she said.

The PM said though Rabindranath was born in Kolkata, he spent most of his time in Patisor, Sheldaidaha

and Shahzadpur in this part of Bengal.

She mentioned that Rabindranath's urge to transcend the communal bondage and to become part of a greater humanity is also inspired by the bauls, the mystic bards of Bengal.

Hasina said "Lalon Shai, in particular, gave him [Rabindranath] an insight into fraternity that was not distraught by factionalism. He admitted his indebtedness to the bauls in many of his lectures or writings."

She said the other thing that needs to be mentioned here is Rabindranath's marriage. The poet got married to Bhabatarini, a girl from Dakhhindihi, a village in Khulna and after the marriage, Rabindranath named his wife Mrinalini.

The premier thanked the Indian government for accepting her proposal to name the Dhaka-Kolkata train service as Sonartori, the name of a great poem of Rabindranath.

Chaired by Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad, the function was also addressed by State Minister for Culture Promod Mankin and Cultural Affairs Secretary Suraiya Begum.

India will also start to hold programmes to mark the occasion for three days from today.

Concern over sending

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For years, she says, workers from Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Nepal and the Philippines faced many problems including non-payments for even years. Also very common are physical and sexual abuse.

"Sometimes, they're locked inside the house, and they cannot to go out and contact their families.

"While such abuses may happen in any country, what we have seen in Saudi Arabia is that it's very rare for the employers to get punished, even when they confess to abusing."

Nisha, an International Relations graduate from Columbia University, USA, says when it is important for many women to get jobs,

none can stop them from going abroad. But the government should provide proper training before they go.

"If you know Arabic, that will really help prevent some of the misunderstandings and problems that can lead to abuse," she said, adding that they should fully understand their jobs, and make sure they have the skill.

She suggested that the Bangladesh mission in Saudi Arabia set up 24-hour hot-lines where the workers can contact for necessary information before they leave.

Also, the capacity of the mission needs to be increased and staffed with trained officials, including female officials, who can deal with the labourer's complaints.


6.1-magnitude quake hits Indonesia

AFP, Jakarta

A 6.1-magnitude earthquake hit off the Indonesian island of Sulawesi yesterday, government seismologists said, but there were no immediate reports of damage and no tsunami warning was issued.

The quake hit at a depth of 35 kilometres at 0646 GMT, around 75 kilometres southeast of Gorontalo city, said Indonesia's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency.

"The quake's epicentre is on the sea but there's no tsunami potential," an agency official told AFP. No damage had been reported so far.

 <div>গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার</div> <div>পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ</div> <div>বাংলাদেশ</div> <div>স্মারক নং-পুস্টাফ/প্রশাঃ/০২-২০১১/৭৮১</div> <div>তারিখ: ০৩/০৫/২০১১খ্রি:</div>			
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চলতি ২০১০-২০১১ অর্থ বৎসরে পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজে নিম্নবর্ণিত মোরামত ও সংস্কার কাজ বাস্তবায়নের জন্য মোরামত/সংস্কার কাজের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ঠিকাদার/ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে নিম্নে বর্ণিত তফসীলের শর্তনুযায়ী সীলমোহরযুক্ত খামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।			
১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	:	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়।
২।	সংস্থা/বিভাগ	:	পুলিশ বিভাগ।
৩।	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	:	পরিচালক (প্রশাসন), পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ, বাংলাদেশ।
৪।	সংগ্রহ সভার জেলা/ইউনিট	:	পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ, বাংলাদেশ।
৫।	দরপত্রের বিষয়	:	পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ এর বিভিন্ন মোরামত/সংস্কারমূলক কাজ।
৬।	দরপত্রের সূত্র ও নম্বর	:	পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, ঢাকা এর স্মারক নং-ইএলডি/মোরামত/স্টাফ কলেজ/১৫০-২০১০/৪২১ তাং-১৫/০৩/২০১১খ্রি:।
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৮।	বাজেট ও অর্থনৈতিক খাত	:	রাজস্ব বাজেটের আওতায় পুলিশ বাজেটের কোড নং-"৩-২২১১-০০০১-৪৯৯১-অন্যান্য মোরামত ও সংরক্ষণ" খাত।
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১১।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	:	২৩/০৫/২০১১খ্রি: দুপুর ১২:৩০। দরপত্রদাতা বা মনোনীত প্রতিনিধিদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকে) খোলা হবে।
১২।	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারীর দস্তর	:	পরিচালক (প্রশাসন), পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ, বাংলাদেশ।
১৩।	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	:	পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজের নির্মাণ ও মোরামত কাজের জন্য তালিকাকৃত ঠিকাদারগণ দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন।
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Invitation For Tender				
Sealed Tenders are hereby invited by Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation from the 1st. class (Unlimited/ Special class) Contractors/Construction firms of any Govt./Semi-Govt./Autonomous bodies as per The Public Procurement Regulations-2008.				
01.	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism		
02.	Agency	Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation		
03.	Procuring Entity Name	Chairman , Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation 83-88, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212.		
04.	Tender Package No.	01 (One)		
05.	Tender Package Name	Construction of Parjatan Complex at Srimongal Moulabibazar.		
06.	Invitation Ref. No. and Date	BPC Works- 18/2011 , Date: 05-05-2011.		
KEY INFORMATION				
07.	Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
08.	Budget and Source of Fund	Government of Bangladesh (GOB) under development budget		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
09.	Name & Address of the Offices Selling Tender Document	(a) Finance & Accounts Division, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation , 83-88, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212. (b) Joy Restaurant, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, Savar, Dhaka. (c) Sylhet Parjatan Motel, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, Sylhet.		
10.	Name & Address of the Offices Receiving Tender Document	(a) General Manager (works) 83-88, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212 (b) Divisional Commissioner Office, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka. (c) Joy Restaurant, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, Savar, Dhaka		
11.	Name & Address of the Offices Opening Tender Document	(a) Conference Hall, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, 83-88, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212 .		
12.	Tender Last Selling Date	07-06-2011 (During Office Hour).		
13.	Tender Closing Date & Time	08-06-2011 at 12.00 Noon		
14.	Tender Opening Date & Time	08-06-2011 at 3.00 PM.		
15.	Description of Works.			
Sl. No.	Name of Works	Location	Tender Security	Price of Tender Documents (Non-Refundable)
(a)	Construction of Parjatan Complex at Srimongal Moulabibazar.	Srimongal (Moulabibazar)	Tk.16,00,000/-	Tk. 5,000/-
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
16.	Eligibility of Tenderers	(a) Tenderers who have 1st. class (Unlimited/ Special class) enlistment in Government/ Semi-Government/Autonomous Organization and having experience of constructing a single building worth not less than Tk.5.00 crore in a single work order in last 5 years. (b) Liquid assets: Minimum required cash flow amount for the works is Tk.1.00 (one) crore. (c)TheTenderer shall have a minimum average annual construction turnover during last 5 (five) years is Tk. 5.00 crore. (d) Other required eligibility and conditions of the tenderer are shown in Tender Data Sheet of tender documents. (e) The Tenderer must have experience in Construction of similar nature of work in a building having minimum cost Tk. 5.00 (five) crore in a single work order during last 5 years, work order & work completion certificate must be submitted issued by the employer not below the rank of Executive Engineer. (ii) Uptodate Income Tax clearance certificate with TIN No. (iii) VAT Registration Certificate (2009-2010). (iv) Upto date Trade Licence. (v) Enlistment Certificate. (vi) Bank Solvency Certificate upto 31-03-2011 (vii) Affidavide for Proprietorship (viii) ABC Electric Supervisor Licence. I set Photo copy of all original documents (item no. e) must be attested by the 1st. class Gazetted officer & to be submitted along with the Tender .		
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
17.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Farid Ahmed Akhter		
18.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	General Manager (Works)		
19.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Works Division 83-88, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212.		
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21.	(1) The tender shall be submitted with Tender Security in the form of Bank draft/ Pay Order/ Bank Guarantee from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation. (2) The tender shall remain valid for 120 (One hundred Twenty) days from the day of submission of the tenders by the tenderers. In case of failure of the successful tenderer to accept the work order if placed within the validity period, then owner shall forfeit the earnest money without notice and cancel the work order. (3) Payment will be made Subject to the availability of funds. No claim or extra payment will be entertained for delay of payment. (4) Tender without Tender security money will be rejected. (5) The rates quoted in the tender form must be written both in words & in figures item wise otherwise the tender will be rejected. (6) Due to unavoidable circumstances tender documents selling, receiving & opening if disturbed the next working day will be applicable for same respectively. Other terms & conditions will remain unchanged. (7) Tender will have to obey all terms of The Public Procurement Regulations-2008". (8) Bidders and their authorized representatives are allowed to attend at the time of opening to tenders. (9) Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.			
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