

US holding peace talks with Taliban

Says Karzai

AFP, Kabul
The United States is holding talks with the Taliban, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said yesterday, in what is thought to be the first official confirmation of such contacts.

"Talks with the Taliban have started... the talks are going on well," Karzai said, addressing a conference in Kabul.

"Also foreign forces, especially the United States, are carrying out the talks themselves."

The US-led war in Afghanistan is in its 10th year and there are increasing calls for a political settlement to the conflict.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton earlier this year called on Taliban members to split from al-Qaeda, renounce violence and accept the constitution so they can be reconciled to society.

The US embassy in Kabul did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Karzai's remarks.

Western officials in Kabul stress that

attempts to set up contacts with the Taliban are at a very early stage and that efforts are still being made to achieve a communication channel with the Taliban's leadership.

Karzai said the current year was the most important and vital for the country. He insisted that decisions made this year would be a make or break for decades to come.

Karzai emphasised the highlights of the political process under way in 2011 and said the transition of security to Afghan forces, peace talks with the Taliban, signing a strategic partnership with US and the upcoming December Bonn conference on Afghanistan were the most important.

The president said his recent visit to Pakistan along with members of the Afghan High Council for Peace was crucial.

Karzai last year set up the peace council featuring senior Afghan figures in a bid to pursue talks with the Taliban in return for them laying down their arms and accepting the constitution.



Villagers sit along the entry point to prevent policemen and officials from entering their land at Jagatsinghpur district, about 140 kilometres east of the eastern Indian city of Bhubaneswar yesterday. The villagers have been protesting against turning their farmland into an industrial development area for a 12 billion dollar steel plant of the South Korean conglomerate Posco.

PHOTO: AFP

MONSOON STORMS Search on to trace missing 400 in India

AFP, Kolkata

India's coast guard yesterday launched an operation to trace about 400 fishermen who went missing during monsoon storms in West Bengal, officials said.

About 33 fishing boats went missing on Friday of the Bay of Bengal in eastern India.

Naval vessels, hovercraft and helicopters have joined the rescue effort but incessant rainfall is hindering the search operation.

"Preliminary reports suggest that most of the fishermen are safe but we are yet to establish direct contact with them," an official said.

Storms and cyclones which form over the Bay of Bengal every year kill hundreds in India.

Obama's next crisis: A teenage daughter

AFP, Washington

US President Barack Obama said Friday he's prepared for a potential crisis in the White House next month -- his oldest daughter becoming a teenager.

"I could not ask for better kids. I'm not anticipating complete mayhem for the next four or five years, but I understand teenagehood is complicated," Obama told ABC News when asked about his daughter Malia's 13th birthday.

"I should also point out that I have men with guns that surround them often, and a great incentive for running for re-election is that it means they never get in the car with a boy who had a beer," he added.

In addition to bringing the Secret Service along on dates, any potential suitor might also face the prospect of tough bilateral negotiations with the leader of the free world.

"I might invite him over to the Oval Office, ask him for his GPA (grade point average), find out what his intentions are in terms of career," Obama said.

"Malia, Sasha, if you're watching this, I'm just joking."



Obama with his family

China arrests 19 over riots

AFP, Beijing

Authorities in China have arrested 19 people suspected of "provoking incidents" during three days of riots in the country's southern industrial heartland, state media said yesterday.

The violence in Guangdong province was the latest in a series of flare-ups in the country, which analysts say highlight resentment towards an unresponsive government.

The clashes in Xintang, a district in the greater Guangzhou area, began on June 10 after rumours spread that police had beaten a street hawker to death and manhandled his pregnant wife. Government sources denied any fatalities.

But television images of the unrest showed hundreds of officers and armoured vehicles deployed, with people hurling bricks and bottles at local officials and police, and vandalising ATMs and police posts.

Clashes continue in Myanmar

State media blames rebels

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar state media yesterday accused ethnic minority rebels of starting deadly fighting near the Chinese border as an official confirmed civilians were fleeing the clashes.

A government official confirmed that the clashes with the KIA, which started near the dam project in Kachin State more than a week ago, had continued into yesterday.

In the first state news reports about the violence in Myanmar's far north, the New Light of Myanmar said government troops had acted to defend a hydropower plant, which is being built to provide power to China.

"The only objective of the Tatmadaw (army) in launching attacks on (Kachin Independence Army) KIA is just to protect its members and an important hydropower project of the nation," the report said.

"The KIA has destroyed many bridges in that region and security is very tight. Some civilians are fleeing to border areas to avoid the fighting," the official said.

Rebels blame the government for starting the clashes and claim more than 10,000 people have massed on the Myanmar side of the frontier.

They have said many people have fled to KIA-held areas as they look to avoid being forced into carrying supplies for the Myanmar military.

Neither the Myanmar official, nor the news report gave numbers of civilians displaced in the fighting.

A KIA spokesman said ceasefire talks with local government officials had been held on Friday and early yesterday, but failed to reach to an agreement.

The newspaper said Myanmar and its Chinese partner accused rebels of launching "heavy weapons fire at the project".

SOUTH CHINA SEA DISPUTE US, Vietnam call for restraint amid tension

Philippines downplays China drills

AFP, Washington

The United States and Vietnam on Friday jointly called for freedom of navigation and rejected the use of force in the South China Sea, amid simmering tensions between Beijing and its neighbours.

After talks in Washington, the former war foes said that "the maintenance of peace, stability, safety and freedom of navigation in the South China Sea is in the common interests of the international community."

"All territorial disputes in the South China Sea should be resolved through a collaborative, diplomatic process without

coercion or the use of force," the two countries said in a joint statement.

China staged its own three days of military exercises in the South China Sea, which state media said was aimed at boosting the country's offshore maritime patrol force.

The Philippine military yesterday sought to downplay the significance of recent Chinese naval exercises in the South China Sea.

The Philippine Navy itself would conduct 11 days of joint exercises with its US counterpart from June 28, Philippine armed forces spokesman Commodore Miguel Jose Rodriguez noted, citing a previously announced drill.

Bangladesh Power Development Board Invitation for International Tender

“বিদ্যুৎ সশ্রয়ী বাতি ব্যবহার করুন”

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource/ Power Division.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB).
3. Procuring entity name	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
4. Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5. Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh
6. Invitation for	Procurement of Spare Parts for Major Overhauling (MOH) of G.T. Unit No. 1 of Fenchuganj 90 MW Combined Cycle Power Station, BPDB, Sylhet.
7. Invitation Ref. No.	Pur-367/2011
8. Date	13-06-2011

KEY INFORMATION

9. Procurement method	Open tendering method (1 stage 2 envelope).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10. Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (Cash Foreign Exchange Allocation) of BPDB.
11. Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12. Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable
13. Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable
14. Tender package No.	PGF-1 (FY 2010-2011)
15. Tender package name	Procurement of Spare Parts for Major Overhauling (MOH) of G.T. Unit No.1 of Fenchuganj 90 MW Combined Cycle Power Station, BPDB, Sylhet.
16. Tender publication date	13/06/2011
17. Tender last selling date	3/08/2011 during office hours.
18. Tender closing date and time	04-08-2011 at 11:00am (Tenders can be submitted on any date before closing time during office hours).
19. Tender opening date and time	04-08-2011 at 11:30am.
20. Name & address of the office(s)	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
Selling tender (principal)	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka..
Selling tender document (others)	Not applicable
Receiving tender document	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
Opening tender document	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka..
21. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22. Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderers from all countries except the countries specified in TDS.
23. Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of Spare Parts for Major Overhauling (MOH) of G.T. Unit No.1 of Fenchuganj 90 MW Combined Cycle Power Station, BPDB, Sylhet.
24. Brief description of related services	As per tender document.
25. Tender document price	Non-refundable BD Taka 10,000/- (ten thousand) only in the form of Pay-Order in favour of Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.

Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount	Completion time in weeks/months
	Procurement of Spare Parts for Major Overhauling (MOH)	Fenchuganj 90 MW Combined Cycle Power Station, BPDB, Sylhet.	USD 28,000.00 or BDT 19,00,000/-	180 days from the date of L/C opening.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

27. Validity of tender and tender security	120 & 148 days respectively from tender opening date.
28. Name of official inviting tender	Abul Basar Khan
29. Designation of official inviting tender	Director
30. Address of official inviting tender	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
31. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 9550532, Fax: 7126151
32. Special instruction	The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender to annul the tender process or to reject any or all tenders at any time prior to contract award.
33. This tender will be performed according to	"The Public Procurement Rules-2008".

Abul Basar Khan
Director
Directorate of Purchase
BPDB, Dhaka

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RUSSIA WARSHIP DEAL US lawmaker slams France

AFP, Washington

A top US lawmaker on Friday blasted France for agreeing to sell two warships to Russia saying Paris had ignored "the clear danger" the deal would pose to US and regional security.

Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, chairwoman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, denounced the deal under which France will transfer sensitive military technology to Russia for the first time since World War II.

"It is deeply troubling that France, a Nato ally, has decided to ignore the clear danger of selling advanced warships to Russia even as Moscow is taking an increasingly hostile approach toward the US, its neighbours, and Europe itself," she said in a statement.

"Many of our allies in the region, such as Georgia and the Baltic states, have experienced cyber attacks, severe economic pressure, and even invasion by Russia," she added.

Russia signed the long-awaited contract worth over \$1.4 billion to buy two French warships on Friday despite alarm from its ex-Soviet neighbours and the United States.

The unprecedented deal comes after talks over the past two years bogged down over pricing and know-how issues. She added the sale of sophisticated arms to Russia was also worrying due to Moscow's past military cooperation with "rogue regimes like Iran and Syria."

জালালাবাদ গ্যাস টি এ্যান্ড ডি সিস্টেম লিঃ

(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী)
গ্যাস ভবন, মেসিদিবাগ,
সিলেট।

সূত্র নং : ০৭২৬২১(৫১/৫২/৫৩) তারিখ : ১৬-০৬-২০১১

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গ্যাস ব্যবহারে সশ্রয়ী হোন এবং সময়মত গ্যাস বিল পরিশোধ করুন

সীমিত দরপত্র দাখিলের সময়সীমা বর্ধিতকরন

জালালাবাদ গ্যাস টি এ্যান্ড ডি সিস্টেম লিঃ সিলেট কর্তৃক ৩/৪" সাইজের সার্ভিস-টি, লকউইংকক, ও আবাসিক গ্যাস রেগুলেটর ক্রয়ের নিমিত্ত গত ০৪-০৬-২০১১ ও ০৫-০৬-২০১১ তারিখে যথাক্রমে দৈনিক জনকণ্ঠ ও দি ডেইলী স্টার পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত সীমিত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির বিপরীতে দরপত্র দাখিলের সময়সীমা অগ্রহী দরদাতাগণের অনুরোধের প্রেক্ষিতে ২০-০৬-২০১১ তারিখের পরিবর্তে ২০-০৭-২০১১ তারিখ নির্ধারন করা হলো। দরপত্রের অন্যান্য সকল শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে। GD-2776

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) For Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Auto Tank Gauging System for 10(Ten) No. of Tanks.

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from reputed suppliers for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Auto Tank Gauging System at MJFL on Turn-Key Basis for its Furnace Oil Tank Terminal Project in the existing site of Mobil Jamuna Fuels Limited (MJFL) in East Potenga, Chittagong under the following terms and conditions:

01. Invitation for Tender Ref. & Date	: MJFL-FOTT-10/02-ATG, Date: 19 June 2011
02. Description of Works	: Supply, Installation, Testing And Commissioning of Radar Type Auto Tank Gauging System at MJFL on Turn-Key Basis for 10 (Ten) no. of Tanks for its Furnace Oil Tank Terminal Project in the existing site of Mobil Jamuna Fuels Limited (MJFL), East Potenga, Chittagong.
03. Budget and Source of Funds	: Company's own
04. Procurement Method	: Open Tendering Method
05. Eligibility of Tenderer	: Any reputed engineering company/its principal with 05 years experience in Radar Type Auto Tank Gauging System can apply for the tender. Prospective Tenderer shall submit Completion Certificates for at least one (1) similar nature of auto tank gauging system during the last two (2) years. Prospective Tenderer must have Trade License, VAT registration, and TIN.
06. Tender Security	: Tk 2, 00,000 (two lacs) in the form of Bank Guarantee.
07. Price of Tender Document	: Tk 1000.00 (One Thousand) per set by pay order only payable to Mobil Jamuna Fuels Limited (non-refundable)
08. Availability of Tender Document	: From 19 June 2011
09. Location of Tender Selling, Submission & Opening	: Mobil House, CWS(C) 9, Gulshan 1, Dhaka-1212
10. Closing Time & Date of Tender	: 11:00 AM (BST) on 14 July 2011
11. Time and Date for Tender Opening	: 11:15 AM (BST) on 14 July 2011
12. Special Instructions	: MJFL reserves the right to accept or reject in part or whole of any or all Tenders.

Note: If for any unavoidable reason or circumstance, the receipt and opening of tender cannot be held on stipulated date, the same shall be held on the next working day at the same time.

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