

India PM hails success in battle against HIV

AFP, New Delhi

India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday hailed the country's success in slashing new HIV/AIDS infections by half in the past decade, but warned against complacency.

"Our HIV/AIDS programme can justifiably claim a measure of success," he told a conference in New Delhi discussing means to combat the disease.

But he added that new Ministry of Health figures estimating that 2.4 million Indians are still living with HIV means "there should be no room for complacency".

With the introduction of antiretroviral treatment, HIV has become a chronic but manageable health condition," Singh said.

While Singh was praising government efforts to combat the virus, around 100 people living with HIV protested outside the ministry of health saying efforts were insufficient.

Despite the significant drop in fresh cases, India still has the highest number of people living with HIV after South Africa and Nigeria.

So-called "first-line" antiretroviral therapy (ART) -- a cocktail of drugs to slow the effects of the virus on the body's immune system -- has been widely available and free of charge in India's public health system since 2004.

More expensive "second-line" ART is also



Manmohan Singh

free, although access to it is limited to just a few centres across the country.

"India's testing and treatment for HIV/AIDS have increased their reach," Singh said.

Now, Indian health workers are focusing on prevention of transmission from infected pregnant women to their newborn children, making it a "priority area," Singh said.

India's AIDS control programme has reduced new HIV/AIDS infections by 50 percent in the last 10 years and mortality rates amongst those infected with HIV have also fallen, Singh noted.

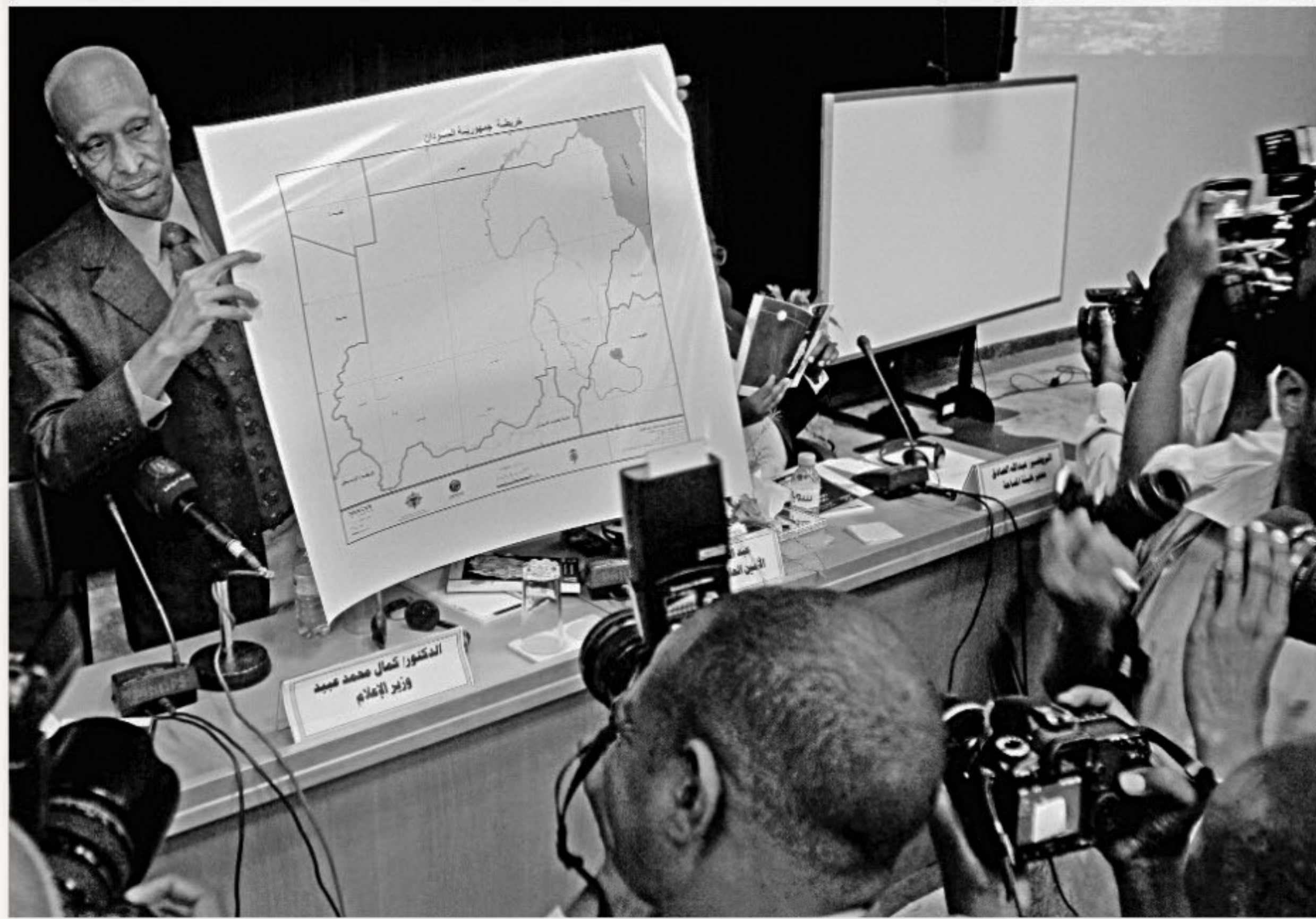
The health ministry said the number of new HIV infections in India has fallen to 120,000 annually from 270,000 reported in 2000.

Indian pharmaceutical companies have helped to drive down the cost of life-saving generic drugs to treat people with HIV in India and other developing countries.

Singh said one of India's key strategies has been to scale up preventive education campaigns among high-risk groups such as sex workers.

Other high risk groups include men having sex with men, India's health minister Ghulam Nabi Azad said.

"We can track female sex workers but it is almost impossible to identify men having sex with men. We need to take the message to them to further stabilise the epidemic," Azad said separately at the conference.



Sudanese Minister of Information Kamal Mohammed Obeid unveils in front of journalists the new map of Sudan in Khartoum yesterday ahead of the formal independence of the south on July 9.

British PM visits Afghanistan

AFP, Camp Bastion

British Prime Minister David Cameron made a surprise visit to Afghanistan yesterday but had to scrap part of the trip as forces hunted for a missing British soldier, an AFP reporter said.

Cameron arrived on a Royal Air Force plane at Camp Bastion, the main British and US base in Helmand province, the later said he had cancelled a visit to the town of Lashkar Gah so helicopters could be used in the search.

"I arrived here today and received the news about this very worrying incident of a British soldier going missing in central Helmand," he told reporters at Camp Bastion.

Cameron confirmed British media reports that he would withdraw some of the 9,500 British troops in Afghanistan.

Belarus protesters jailed after crackdown

AFP, Minsk

Belarus yesterday jailed several among the almost 400 protesters arrested in a brutal police crackdown on Independence Day protests against strongman President Alexander Lukashenko's regime.

The Vyasna rights group said 210 people were arrested in the capital Minsk where hundreds took part in Sunday's protests, while another 180 were seized in other parts of the country, including the regional centres of Grodno, Gomel and Mogilev.

Vyasna's spokesman Valentin Stefanovich said 140 people in Minsk alone spent the night in jail and were to appear before courts on charges of hooliganism.

By late yesterday afternoon, 20 people had been handed jail sentences of up to 15 days in prison while dozens of others awaited their turn in packed courtrooms. Several hearings were put off to Tuesday.

"The authorities must immediately free all those detained and ensure freedom of assembly for citizens and stop the shameful practice of beating and detaining the participants in rallies," Vyasna said.

India to introduce anti-graft bill in parliament

AFP, New Delhi

India's government will introduce a comprehensive new anti-graft bill in the next session of parliament beginning August 1, the country's home minister said yesterday.

P Chidambaram said the administration, which is fighting a string of corruption scandals, was "confident that we can take the process forward, bring a bill in the monsoon session and try to get it passed as early as possible."

The government announced its decision after holding a meeting with opposition party leaders Sunday in an attempt to win broad support as it struggles to draft the tricky new bill.

In April, veteran anti-graft campaigner Anna

Hazare forced Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to allow him and other activists to sit on the drafting committee for the new law after he went on a hunger strike for 98 hours.

Chidambaram said the government was "very happy with the outcome of the all-party meeting yesterday" even as the main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party continued its attacks on the government over corruption.

A string of graft scandals has stirred widespread public anger in India and badly dented confidence in Singh's government.

India has a dismal record of bringing corrupt senior public officials to justice. In six decades only one senior politician, Rao Shiv Bahadur Singh, has been convicted of graft and served a jail term -- for taking a bribe of 25,000 rupees (\$557) in 1949.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Expression of Interest (Eoi)

Request for Expression of Interest (Eoi) for Selection of Consulting Firm

Memo No.: EOI/2011-1(MIS)

Date: 23-06-2011

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) will provide fund for consultancy services for operation, maintenance and development of MIS in the RHD by engaging consulting firm (National) during the financial year 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) under the Ministry of Communications(MoC) (hereinafter referred to as the 'Client') now invites Expression of Interest (Eoi) from reputed consulting firm or firms in joint venture/association for short-listing of the consulting services for operation, maintenance and development of MIS in the RHD.

The Services include:

The Services include: Providing operation, maintenance and development of all MIS component of RHD required for the computerized databases, websites, application software(s), Local Area Network (LAN), Metropolitan Area Network (MAN), Wide Area Network(WAN), Intranet and Internet services and related hardware equipments working at RHD, MoC and field offices in satisfactory operating condition and providing appropriate local MIS/ICT/e-Governance training to the GOB personal related to the MIS/ICT maintenance services as determined by the client.

SE, MIS & Estates Circle, RHD now invites eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consulting Firms are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The information should be provided on: brochures & registration of the firm, description of similar assignments, experience in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate professional qualification & equipments and experience among staff, etc. Applicant firms should have at least a CMMI Level 3, ISO Certified Company, at least 5 years experience both in Software & Network (LAN & WAN), at least 100+ full time technical resources in IT, firm must have 3 years average turnover of BDT 5 crore, firm must have single work order of BDT 3 crore in IT in last 3 years, firm must have IT experience both Software & Network (LAN & WAN) in govt, firm must have at least 1 (one) successful completion for similar kind of assignment in government service. At least two (2) successful project completion certificate in government service.

Interested bonafide consulting firm/joint venture firms are invited to submit Eoi proposal enclosing only the required information. In case of joint venture, it is preferable to limit the total number of firm including associates to a maximum of 3 (three).

A Consulting Firm will be selected using the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) procurement method in accordance with the Public Procurement Rules 2008 (PPR-2008) and Procurement Procedures issued by the GoB.

Interested applicants may obtain further information by applying to the address below during office hours between 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Expression of interest with supporting documents shall be submitted at or before 2.00 pm on 19th July, 2011 in sealed envelope delivered to the address of the undersigned shown and be clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Consulting Firm (Time based) for providing consultancy services for operation, maintenance and development of MIS in the RHD". The EOI may be submitted by hand, by registered post or courier service and the application shall be responsible for safe delivery in time. The employer shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the firms in connection with the preparation or delivery of the EOI. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all the Expression of Interest (EOI) without assigning any reason.

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EU to provide urgent food aid to N Korea

AFP, Brussels

The European Union said yesterday it will deliver 10 million euros in emergency food aid to North Korea to help 650,000 people at risk of dying amid growing fears of a worsening hunger crisis.

The European Commission said the aid will mainly go to the northern and eastern provinces of the country "during the most difficult period of the worst year for food production in recent times."

The situation has become so dire that an increasing number of North Koreans have resorted to eating grass, the commission said. The next main cereal harvest is due in October.

A strict monitoring system was agreed with North Korean authorities to ensure the aid goes to the intended recipients, the 27-nation bloc's executive arm said in a statement.

"Clearly, North Korea's chronic nutrition problem is turning into an acute crisis in some parts of the country," said EU humanitarian aid commissioner Kristalina Georgieva.

"If at any stage we discover that the aid is being diverted from its intended recipients then the commission will not hesitate to end its humanitarian intervention," she said.

Legal revenge

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Earlier in the rally, BNP leaders said they will have "revenge through legal means" for harassing the Zia family. They also said the party will announce non-stop hartals if necessary to force the government quit power. They vowed to topple the government by forging a movement.

"Charge sheet was submitted against Tarique Rahman as the government wants to stay in power forever, but people won't allow it," said BNP standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan addressing the rally.

Party's acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said the next parliamentary elections must be held under a non-party caretaker government, as people do not accept the amended constitution. "The government will be forced to meet our demand..." he said.

During the rally, police closed off one side of the busy road in front of the BNP office causing traffic jam in the surrounding areas. Several thousand BNP leaders, workers and supporters attended the rally which was presided over by BNP city unit convener Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা ও ত্রাণ বিভাগের আওতাধীন "অতি দরিদ্রদের জন্য কর্মসংস্থান" কর্মসূচির অধীন "Operations support to the Employment Generation Program for the Poorest Project (EGPP)"-এ প্রকল্পের মেয়াদে সম্পূর্ণ অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে নির্ধারিত সাক্ষ্য বেসতনে নিম্নবর্ণিত ২য় ও ৩য় শ্রেণীর পদ পূরণের নিমিত্তে বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিকদের নিকট থেকে সাদা কাগজে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে:

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- প্রার্থীদেরকে খামের উপর পদের নাম এবং আবেদনকারীর নিজ জেলার নামসহ পূর্ণ ঠিকানা স্পষ্ট অক্ষরে লিখতে হবে। স্বহস্তে লিখিত আবেদনপত্র আগামী ২৮/০৭/২০১১ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে প্রকল্প পরিচালক এর অফিস, "অতি দরিদ্রদের জন্য কর্মসংস্থান" কর্মসূচির কর্ম সহায়ক প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা ও ত্রাণ ভবন, ৯২-৯৩, মহাখালী বা/এ, ঢাকা-১২১২, কক্ষ নং-৫০৪, বরাবরে পৌঁছাতে হবে।
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- প্রাপ্ত আবেদন যাচাই-বাছায়ের পর কেবলমাত্র উপযুক্ত প্রার্থীদের লিখিত পরীক্ষা ও সাক্ষাৎকারের জন্য আহ্বান করা হবে। এর জন্য কোন টিএ/ডিএ দেয়া হবে না।
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বাসুদেব আচার্য
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Request for Proposal (RFP)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bangladesh seeks sealed proposals are invited from interested registered Institutes/ Companies with the detailed technical proposal and price for: **RFP to installation of Data Center/ Server Room in UNDP.**

Submission of Proposal: The envelope should state "Bid for installation of Data Center/ Server Room in UNDP" and should be marked as 'Confidential'. The selection of Bids will be done based on the UNDP procurement rules and regulations.

All interested firms may collect the bidding Documents (RFP) from the following address: **parvin.akther@undp.org**. There will be a pre bid meeting which will be held at UNDP IDB Bhaban (19th Floor), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka 1207 on **12 July 2011 at 03.00 pm**. The bid will not be accepted if the vendor fails to attend the pre-bid session.

Bid must be dropped to the Procurement Cluster of UNDP, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka **before 12.30 hrs on 25 July 2011.**

