



Pakistani villagers evacuate household items in a flooded area of Umerkot yesterday. The United Nations said that it was stepping up aid to Pakistan, where monsoon floods have killed 270 people, affected over 5.5 million others and destroyed 1.1 million homes.

PHOTO: AFP

Flood-hit Pakistan's PM cancels US visit

BBC ONLINE

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani cancelled a trip to next week's UN General Assembly in New York yesterday because of floods in Sindh province.

His office said he was staying in the country to direct relief efforts. Pakistani leaders were accused of neglecting victims of floods that swept the country last year and are accused of being slow to respond once again.

This year about six million people have been affected so far, with fears some areas will remain submerged for months. Aid agencies are again warning of a disaster and have launched emergency appeals. At least 269 people are already confirmed to have died.

The authorities are accused of being months

behind schedule in repairing dams and embankments damaged by last year's floods.

Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar will address the General Assembly in his place.

President Zardari was heavily criticised for visiting the UK in August 2010 when Pakistan was hit by its worst floods in living memory.

And although he and Gilani visited areas flooded by monsoon rains earlier this month, there is growing criticism that the government is not doing enough.

The destruction in Sindh province is once again on a massive scale. Thousands of refugees are streaming to Karachi, Hyderabad and other urban areas unaffected by the floods.

More than two million people are suffering from flood-related diseases following the torrential rain, aid officials say. Cases of malaria and diarrhoea are increasing.



Nepal in 'last chance' for peace: PM

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's new prime minister used his first public address yesterday to warn that the nation is being given its "last chance" to unite in peace or face being drawn back into armed conflict.

Baburam Bhattarai, elected three weeks ago, said in the televised speech the country was "standing at the juncture of history" and urged opposition parties to help complete the peace process and write a new constitution.

"It's not possible to accomplish all the tasks that the previous government left us," the Maoist premier said.

"But if there is trust, cooperation and consensus among political parties, we are committed to complete the remaining tasks. I hope that the political parties will help this government in this crucial task."

The 57-year-old engineer's elevation to prime minister has raised new hopes for the deeply-divided country's unification.

He replaces Jhala Nath Khanal, who resigned just six months after taking the job at the end of seven months of stalemate during which parliament had to vote 17 times before it could agree on its next prime minister.

Terrorism 'grave challenge' for India

Says Indian PM, urges tougher prevention measures

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday said the security environment in the country continues to be uncertain and recent terrorist attacks in Mumbai and Delhi are "grim reminders of the grave challenges" posed by terrorism to national security.

He also said there were reports of camps for terrorists being reactivated across the border in Jammu and Kashmir and of attempts to induct fresh batches of militants into the country.

"We need to ensure that such attempts are foiled through smooth and coordinated functioning of all

security agencies working in the state", Singh said addressing a meeting of police chiefs of all the states.

Voicing concern over the Maoist violence, he said "we are trying to give a sustained thrust to development processes in the Naxalite-affected areas". He said he is optimistic about peace on that region.

Referring to Jammu and Kashmir, the Prime Minister said the summer has been peaceful and record numbers of tourists, yatis and pilgrims have visited the state.

He said a process of broad-based consultations has been initiated to find a way forward in Jammu and Kashmir. "We need to give the processes of dia-

logue and democracy a chance to secure a just and honourable settlement that meets the aspirations of all sections of the people", he added.

Singh said "these are difficult and challenging times for our security forces. Our social fabric continues to be targeted by organised terrorism, abetted by misguided zeal and false propaganda among the youth and the marginalised sections of society".

While dealing firmly with these challenges, the police must function within the bounds of a democratic framework in which human rights of our people are scrupulously respected and upheld, he added.

Floods kills 98 in Thailand

REUTERS, Bangkok

Monsoon rains, floods and mudslides in Thailand have killed at least 98 people since July, including a French tourist, authorities said yesterday, posing a test for the new government of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

Flooding in 29 of Thailand's 76 provinces has destroyed or damaged more than 300,000 homes, authorities said, briefly sinking parts of resort city Pattaya in waist-high water and causing the evacuation of 79 elephants from a farm in Ayutthaya.

About a 1.3 million acres of farm land is under water -- about eight times the size of Singapore.

"Twenty-one provinces in north and northeast have been warned of flash flooding and landslides," the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation said in a statement yesterday.

The floods began after tropical storm Nock-ten battered Southeast Asia in late July, killing more than 50 people in the Philippines before bearing down on Vietnam and Thailand.

Heavy rain and floods, part of the August-to-October monsoon season, damaged paddy fields but not enough to significantly cut output in the world's top rice exporter, industry sources said.

All for a little peace

AFP, Manila

Women in the southern Philippines brought peace to their strife-torn village by threatening to withhold sex if their men kept fighting, the UN refugee agency reported yesterday.

The "sex strike" in rural Dado village on the often lawless southern island of Mindanao in July helped end tensions and bring some prosperity to the 102 families living there, said UNHCR national officer Rico Salcedo.

"The area is in a town which is subject to conflict, family feuds, land disputes. The idea came personally from the women," Salcedo told AFP.

The idea was conceived by a group of women who had set up a sewing business but found that they could not deliver their products because the village road was closed by the threat of violence, Salcedo said.

Sporadic shooting incidents between men in the village had occurred especially near the road, the UNHCR said.

The sewing group's leader, Hasna Kandatu, said they warned their husbands they would be cut off from sex if they continued causing trouble.

Feuds between Muslim clans over land, money or political influence have been a major source of violence in the southern Philippines, helping fuel a Muslim separatist insurgency and brutal crimes, rights groups and scholars have said.

Military leaders to meet to salvage US-Pakistan ties

AFP, Washington

The top US and Pakistani military leaders will meet in the coming days in hopes of fixing strained ties after a US raid that killed al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, the Pentagon said Thursday.

Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Mike Mullen and his Pakistani counterpart General Ashfaq Kayani will sit down for talks on the sidelines of a Nato conference beginning in Spain yesterday, Mullen's spokesman Captain John Kirby told AFP.

It will be the first meeting between the two since the May 2 nighttime military raid in which US Navy Seals, without first notifying Islamabad, killed the al-Qaeda leader in the compound in Abbottabad where he had been hiding.

As relations worsened in the aftermath of the raid, Washington announced that it could cut some of the \$2.7 billion in military aid it sends to Pakistan.

Islamabad, for its part, ordered as many as 200 US military trainers out of the country in the aftermath of the operation.

While relations are frayed, Pakistan is seen as key for US military operations in Afghanistan, where the United States is trying to beat down a resilient Taliban insurgency.

US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta expressed frustration Wednesday that Islamabad has so far failed to crack down on Haqqani network militants that Washington suspects attacked the US embassy and Nato headquarters in Kabul.

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1. Deputy Director - Performance Measurement (01 Position based in Dhaka)

Save the Children has been implementing one of the largest HIV prevention program in Bangladesh through several partners funded by the Global Fund. The Deputy Director-HIV/AIDS, Performance Measurement is a senior level position under HIV/AIDS sector. S/he is responsible for overall measurement and quality of program delivery in HIV/AIDS sector. S/he will provide high quality managerial inputs in development of M&E framework, Procurement and Supply Management and ensure supervision and monitoring of performance in line with monitoring and evaluation plan. S/he will assist Director HIV/AIDS in strategic leadership, monitoring and evaluation with implementing partners. The key responsibilities are periodic measurement of program implementation, data quality verification and taking appropriate measures for further improvements in performance, essential supplies, documentation, knowledge management and proper application in the program development. S/he will work through team approach with diversified professional skills required for a comprehensive national response. S/he will ensure the Global Fund recommended reports on time; organize all measures to comply terms and conditions of legal obligations and reporting other relevant including Country Office. **Essential Requirements:** Masters degree in Public Health/ Masters in Social Science/ PhD. At least 12 years of working experience for planning and monitoring of work plan with diversified stakeholders, with at least 5 years of experience in senior managerial position in development sector. Proven Experience in donor compliance, reporting including data quality validation of large number of partners of diversified nature, managing large programs with experience in developing procurement plan, project budget, cost effective management systems development, establishing efficient working relation with partners, Government and relevant national, international and UN stakeholders are essential skills. Staff supervision skills are additional requirement. Excellent verbal and written communication skill in English and Bangla, and proficiency in MS Office are essential.

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Interested candidates meeting the above requirements should send their CV mentioning two names of professional references along with a cover letter to The Director of HR (Designate), Save the Children International, House No. 1A(2), Road No. 91, Gulshan-2, Dhaka -1212. Only short listed candidates will be invited for interview. Please write the position applied for at the top of the envelope.

Application deadline: September 27, 2011
Only short listed candidates will be invited for interview
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Invitation for Local Tender

1. Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd. (DPDC)		
2. Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Project-1, DPDC, Road No. 135, House No. 47, Gulshan Circle-1, Dhaka		
3. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
4. Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Split Type Room Air Cooler at Newly Constructed Satmosjid, Tejgaon, Khilgaon, Postogola, Fatullah, Demra & Shyampur BSCIC 33/11KV Sub-station.		
5. Invitation Ref. no.	DPDC/PD/Project-1/2011/01		
6. Date	11/09/2011		
Key Information :			
7. Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
Funding Information			
8. Source of Funds	DPDC's Own Fund.		
Particular Information			
9. Tender Name	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Split Type Room Air Cooler at Newly Constructed Satmosjid, Tejgaon, Khilgaon, Postogola, Fatullah, Demra & Shyampur BSCIC 33/11KV Sub-station.		
10. Last Selling Date of Tender, with Bid submission and Bid Opening Date, Time	Last Selling Date	Bid submission Date	Bid submission Deadline
	11/10/2011	Upto 12/10/2011	12/10/2011 12:00 Noon
11. Name & Address of the Office for selling, receiving and Opening of Tender Document	Selling		
	i) Project Director, Project-1, DPDC, Road No.135, House No47, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212.	i) Project Director, Project-1, DPDC, Road No.135, House No47, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212.	i) Project Director, DPDC, Road No.135, House No47, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212.
	ii) Project Director, Project-2, DPDC, 1 No Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.	ii) Project Director, Project-2, DPDC, 1 No Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.	iii) Company Secretary, DPDC, 1 No Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.
Information for Tenderer :			
12. Eligibility of Tenderer	a. Before purchasing the Tender documents/schedule prior permission Shall have to be taken from the concern Head of the office.		
	b. No Tender Schedule will be sold on the day of Opening of the Tender.		
	c. No Tender Schedule will be sold or received by Courier or by Mail.		
	d. The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 05 years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services.		
	e. The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 03 years of specific experience in the supply of similar goods and related services.		
	f. The Tenderer shall have the minimum supply value of goods under a single contract in last 5 years is taka 10 lac.		
	g. Before issuing work-order the Responsive lowest tenderer must submit 10% (Ten percent) Performance Bond on quoted amount/work order amount in favour of the Project Director, Project-1, DPDC.		
	h. Tender document shall have to be submitted along with necessary Earnest Money & attached copies of all other necessary documents in a sealed Envelope.		
	i. All other Terms & Condition will be available in the Tender schedule.		
	j. The Tenderer shall have to submit along with the tender document attested photocopies of up to date renewal ABC supervisory License, Trade License, Income Tax Clearance & VAT registration certificate and Experience in related work.		
13. Price of Tender Document for Each Lot (Taka)	Tender document will be obtained on payment (Non-refundable) of Tk.2,000.00 (Taka Two thousand) only per set in the shape of Bank-draft/Pay-order from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director, Project-1, DPDC.		
14. Tender Security Amount (Taka)	Taka-1,10,000.00 (Taka One Lac Ten Thousand) only in the shape of Bank-draft/Pay-order from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director, Project-1, DPDC.		
15. Contract Period	60 (Sixty) Days		
Procuring Entry Details			
16. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Eftekar Uddin Feroz		
17. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director, Project-1, DPDC.		
18. Address of Official Inviting Tender	House No. 47, Rd. No 135, Gulshan Circle-1, Dhaka		
19. Contract Details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone : 9895458	Fax : 8823264	E-mail : dgm tp1@dpdc.org
20. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Tender(s) without assigning any reasons whatsoever.			

(Eftekar Uddin Feroz)
Project Director, Project-1, DPDC.