

Nasheed welcomes early polls in Maldives

AFP, Male
Ousted Maldivian president Mohamed Nasheed welcomed yesterday an Indian-brokered deal to enable early elections on the troubled islands as hundreds of supporters massed ahead of a rally in the capital.

The new president of the Maldives, Mohamed Waheed, agreed on Thursday to bring forward elections originally scheduled for October 2013 in an apparent concession to Nasheed, who claims he was toppled in a coup d'etat.

According to the India-brokered deal, Maldives will go to the polls, possibly by year-end, to elect a new president. Till then, the national unity government will run the country where Nasheed's party will have a strong role.

"We are very happy, early elections is a position we have been lobbying for hard," Nasheed's Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) spokesman Hamid Abdul Gafoor told AFP.

Visiting Indian Foreign Secretary Ranjan Mathai, who helped broker the early election deal on Thursday, departed with the understanding that the MDP would call off the rally yesterday evening because of the risks of further violence.

But Gafoor said the event would go ahead and people were seen arriving in Male from outlying islands by boat in the afternoon wearing the MDP's trademark yellow shirts.



Mohamed Nasheed

Foreign meddling causing regional unrest: Iran

Pakistan denies army's double game

AFP, Islamabad

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad yesterday lashed out against foreign interference in the region at a summit in Pakistan designed to help chart a political solution in Afghanistan.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai called for action rather than words after the three-way summit hosted by President Asif Ali Zardari, as Kabul seeks to enlist Islamabad's assistance in bringing the Taliban to the negotiating table.

Pakistan, the Taliban's historic ally, was again forced to deny that it was playing a double game in supporting the militia, whose leaders are thought to have close ties to at least elements in the Pakistani military.

"All problems are coming from outside. In order to promote their goals and ambitions... they don't want to allow our nations to develop," Ahmadinejad told a news conference, in a clear but unspoken allusion to the West.

Central to the summit was the 10-year war in Afghanistan, where all parties to the conflict now accept that negotiations are the only solution to the fighting.

"We are here to strengthen the steps in order to solidify cooperation among the three nations. We are going to move towards removing the problems... and we should deny others the opportunity to interfere," Ahmadinejad said.

Pakistan has said it will do anything



Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai, left, Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari, centre, and Iranian counterpart Mahmoud Ahmadinejad join hands after a joint press conference at the Presidential Palace in Islamabad, Pakistan.

required by Kabul to support an Afghan-led peace process, but there is a wide degree of scepticism in Afghanistan and the United States about its sincerity.

"What we need now is to formulate a policy that is actionable and implementable and actually act upon it," Karzai told the news conference.

Relations between Kabul and Islamabad are traditionally mired in distrust, but both sides have made overtures towards reconciliation to facilitate a political solution in Afghanistan designed to ease regional instability.

"I deny this notion that any of our armed forces are directly or indirectly involved," Zardari told a news conference when asked about evidence pointing to the involvement of Pakistani spies and high-level officials in the conflict.

"The three presidents you see sitting together, we shall fight this menace. Nobody is more concerned or more involved in it than me personally," he said.

Despite strong US objections, Pakistan says it is pressing ahead with a multi-billion-dollar project to build a gas pipeline to import fuel from Iran.

EU lifts travel ban on 87 top Myanmar officials

AFP, Brussels

The European Union lifted a travel ban on 87 Myanmar officials yesterday, including the president, in an effort to encourage more political reforms but kept an assets freeze against them.

Hailing the "remarkable programme of political reform" in Myanmar, the EU said it eased restrictions on President Thein Sein, the vice presidents, cabinet members, the speakers of the two houses of parliament and their families.

"We have seen historic changes in Burma/Myanmar and we strongly encourage the authorities to continue this process," EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said in a statement.

The decision gave legal effect to an agreement among EU foreign ministers in January to begin easing sanctions on Myanmar. The ministers also pledged further action if the reforms continue.

The 27-nation bloc is reviewing its sanctions, which include an arms embargo, a ban on gems and an assets freeze on nearly 500 people and 900 entities. They are all due to expire on April 30.

Suicide blast kills 26 in Pakistan

BBC ONLINE

A suicide bomb attack on a market in a Shia Muslim area of north-west Pakistan killed 26 people and injured at least 50 others, officials said yesterday.

The attacker blew himself up close to a mosque in the town of Parachinar in Pakistan's tribal region of Kurram.

Three more people died when security forces fired on crowds protesting against the attack.

Fazal Saeed, the leader of a breakaway faction of the Pakistani Taliban, said it carried out the attack.

"We have targeted the Shia community of Parachinar because they were involved in activities against us," he told Reuters news agency.

Residents said the bombing destroyed at least eight shops in the bazaar, AFP reports.

A curfew has been imposed in the town. Pakistan has been plagued by sectarian attacks, with Shia Muslims targeted by radical Sunni groups.

The Kurram region in particular has a history of violence between Sunni and Shia groups.

Prior to a peace deal last February, Shia tribes had been waging a three-year war to keep the Taliban out of the area.

CONTEMPT CASE Evidence against Gilani submitted to court

DAWN ONLINE

Attorney General Maulvi Anwarul Haq submitted to the Supreme Court on Thursday evidence relating to the contempt of court case against Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani.

The documents comprised 469 pages in four volumes. But there was no list of prosecution witnesses.

The documents will be formally displayed before a seven-judge bench headed by Justice Nasir-ul-Mulk on Feb 22 in the absence of prime minister's counsel Barrister Aitzaz Ahsan.

Indian president's son faces probe

AFP, Mumbai

The politician son of the Indian president has been asked to explain the origins of 10 million rupees (\$203,000) found in a party worker's car in his constituency, an official said yesterday.

The money was discovered by police during patrols in Amravati district in the western state of Maharashtra earlier this week ahead of local elections which took place on Thursday.

The district is the state assembly constituency of Raosaheb Shekhawat, son of India's president Pratibha Patil, who is a leader of the local Congress party, which rules both the state government and nationally in New Delhi.

"We want Shekhawat and state ministers to explain the whole transaction," district

magistrate Rahul Ranjan Mahiwal told AFP. "If unaccounted money was being used for the election campaign then it is clear violation of the code of conduct and we will take necessary action against the politicians," he added.

Shekhawat is said the money was to be given to the least affluent Congress candidates to help finance their campaigns.

India's President Patil, the country's first woman president, was vaulted from relative political obscurity to the largely ceremonial head of state post in 2007.

At the time, she was hit by accusations that she protected her brother in a murder probe and shielded her husband in a suicide scandal, as well as allegations of involvement in a slew of financial scams.

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Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders are invited in foreign currency from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/suppliers/indentors (enlisted firms) for supply of the following item for Bangladesh "Army":

Ser	Nomenclature	Date of selling		Date of opening	Currency	Tender No.
		From	To			
a.	Spare Parts for OBM 55 HP Yamaha (Model: E55C), Quantity-39 Line Items.	19-02-2012	29-03-2012	01-04-2012	Foreign	1568/P-7

2. Tender schedule with details specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per I/T selling rate (not refundable) during office hour between 0800 to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hours and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of all tenderers (if present).

ISPR/Misc/2012/3091 Lieutenant Colonel
GD-697 For Director General

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BANGKOK BLASTS Thai police seek two more suspects

BBC ONLINE

Police in Thailand yesterday said they were seeking two more suspects in connection with a bomb plot believed to have been targeting Israeli diplomats.

One of the two men is believed to be a bomb-making expert who trained the three Iranian men detained after the explosions in Bangkok on Tuesday.

The other is a man who rented the house the suspects were living in with an Iranian woman, police told the BBC.

They are also looking for the woman, who is believed to have left Thailand.

Two men are in custody in Bangkok over Tuesday's explosions and a third man was arrested in Malaysia trying to board a flight to Iran.

Thai officials have linked the Bangkok blasts to two attacks targeting Israeli diplomats in India and Georgia on Monday.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Conducting Local Institutional & Upazila Level Capacity Building and Community Awareness Training Programmes on Climate Risk Resilience in Four Coastal Districts.

UNDP Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested and qualified organizations for **Conducting Local Institutional & Upazila Level Capacity Building and Community Awareness Training Programmes on Climate Risk Resilience in Four Coastal Districts.** All interested Bidders may request the Bidding documents (RFP) from manzurul.hasan@undp.org by a formal request to UNDP.

Submission of Proposal: The envelope should state the tender subject stated above and should be submitted to the **UNDP Procurement Unit**, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.

The deadline for submission of proposal is **March 11, 2012, COB**

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DHAKA POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD.
(An Enterprise of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh)

Invitation for Tender

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource / Power Division.		
2. Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company (DPDC) Ltd.		
3. Procuring Entity Name	-DO-		
4. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.		
5. Invitation for	Supply of different paper items materials for repairing of burnt/damaged distribution transformers under workshop, DPDC(Lot-A) and Supply of different hardware & rubber items materials for repairing of burnt/damaged distribution transformers under workshop, DPDC(Lot-B).		
6. Date	15/02/2012.		
KEY INFORMATION			
7. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method		
FUNDING INFORMATION			
8. Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
9. Tender No.	DPDC/DGM(SPS)/F-2.04/2012/315 Dated: 15/02/2012.		
10. Tender last Selling, Closing & Opening Date and Time.	Last Selling Date	Receiving & Opening Date & Time	
	18.03.2012	Receiving Date & Time	Opening Date & Time
		19.03.2012, 12 : 00 Noon	19.03.2012, 03: 00 P.M.
INFORMATION FOR TENDER			
11. Name & Address of the office for selling Tender Schedule, receiving & opening tender.	Selling & Receiving Office		Opening Office
	1. Company Secretary, DPDC, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Biddut Bhaban (2nd floor), Dhaka-1000.		DGM (Technical), SPS, DPDC, SCADA Bhaban (2 nd floor), 3, Sonargaon Road, Kataban, Dhaka.
	2. DGM (Technical), SPS, DPDC, SCADA Bhaban (2 nd floor), 3, Sonargaon Road, Kataban, Dhaka.		
12. Eligibility of Tender	(a) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 (Three) years experience in the supply of Electrical goods / Transformer repairing materials for both lot. (b) The Tenderer shall have the satisfactory supply of similar goods in a single contract within last 2(Two) years shall not be less than Tk. 10.00(ten) lac for Lot-A and Tk. 5.00(five) lac for Lot-B.		
13. Price of the tender document	Tk. 2000.00 (Two Thousand) only for each lot non-refundable through Pay Order/Demand Draft issued by any schedule Bank in favour of Deputy General Manager (Technical), System Protection & Services, DPDC, SCADA Bhaban (2 nd floor), 3, Sonargaon Road, Kataban, Dhaka.		
14. Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Amount of Tk. 90,000/= (Ninety thousand) only for Lot-A and Amount of Tk. 40,000/= (Forty thousand) only for Lot-B from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh shall accompany with Tender Document in the form of Pay Order/DD/ Bank guarantee in favour of Deputy General Manager (Technical), System Protection & Services, DPDC, SCADA Bhaban (2 nd floor), 3, Sonargaon Road, Kataban, Dhaka.		
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
15. Completion time for Supply of Goods.	Within 45 (forty five) days from the date of signing contract.		
16. Name of the Official Inviting Tender	Md. Jahangir Hossain		
17. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager (Technical), System Protection & Services, DPDC.		
18. Address of Official Inviting Tender	SCADA Bhaban (2 nd floor), 3, Sonargaon Road, Kataban, Dhaka.		
19. Contact details of Official Inviting tender	Tele. No. 9677631	Fax No. 9613969	e-mail : dgmtsp@dpdc.org
20. Special Instructions	01. The Tenderer shall have to submit the valid trade license, Income Tax certificate and VAT registration certificate with the tender document. 02. Procuring agency reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders in any stage without assigning any reason thereof. 03. If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable Circumstances, the same will be received / opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue. 04. The Tenderer shall have to satisfy the others criteria laid down the tender document. 05. The Tenderer may participate in Lot-A or Lot-B or both separately.		

(Md. Jahangir Hossain)
DGM (Technical)
SPS, DPDC.
Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).