

## US TROOPS IN AUSTRALIA China urges peace in Asia-Pacific

AFP, Beijing

China yesterday called for "peace and stability" in the strategically vital Asia-Pacific, after the first batch of US Marines to be deployed in Australia began work.

The 200 American troops are part of an enhanced defence cooperation outlined during a visit by US President Barack Obama in November and their deployment is seen as a bid to counterbalance China's growing might in the Asia-Pacific.

The American troops will be stationed in Australia on a six-month rotational basis, building to some 2,500 by 2016-17.

The announcement raised hackles in China, with the defence ministry criticising it as proof of a "Cold War mentality" and state media accusing Obama of using his diplomatic ambitions in Asia to detract from US economic woes.

But at a media briefing yesterday, foreign ministry spokesman Hong Lei held back from criticising the deployment.

"Regional policies and interactions between different countries in this region should be conducive to the peace, stability and development of the Asia-Pacific," he said.

The US views with increasing concern China's growing assertiveness in Asia-Pacific on territorial disputes.

## India agrees to Maoist's prisoner swap deal

AFP, Bhubaneswar

Indian authorities have agreed to release 27 prisoners in exchange for an Italian tour guide and a local lawmaker held hostage by armed Maoist rebels in the eastern state of Orissa.

The state's chief minister, Naveen Patnaik, announced the exchange late on Wednesday and called for the two hostages to be released "immediately, unharmed and in good health."

Paolo Bosusco, who runs a tour company in Orissa, was captured by the rebels on March 14 along with another Italian man, Claudio Colangelo, who was released 11 days later.

Their kidnapping was the first time the rebels, who say they are fighting for the rights of India's tribal people and landless farmers, have targeted foreigners.

Orissa state assembly member Jhina Hikaka, who was picked up by the Maoists in a separate incident on March 24, is also due to be released in the exchange.

The Maoist rebels, who have in the past killed



Paolo Bosusco

Jhina Hikaka

some kidnapped local officials and villagers, have been fighting a low-intensity war against state and national authorities for decades.

They issued a series of demands over the latest hostage-taking, including the release of prisoners, a ban on tourists visiting tribal areas and the end of the government's anti-rebel operations.

## Why Rab actions

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deaths of six people in Narsingdi in which Rab was involved.

National Human Rights Commission, Association for Land Reform and Development and IMSE-India jointly organised the two-day South Asian regional workshop on Human Rights and People's Right to Land and Food at the Brac Centre Inn auditorium in Dhaka.

The commission boss said it would extend cooperation if Rab sought help regarding training on human rights issues.

It seemed at the beginning of this year that such incidents were decreasing but the incidents in Narsingdi and Dhaka raise

concern once again, he added.

On the commission probing the Narsingdi incident, he said it would not be able to probe the incident thoroughly due to the commission's lack of manpower and expertise.

Regarding eviction of Karail slum dwellers in Dhaka, he claimed that eviction without arranging for alternative housing is in violation of the law and citizen's rights, according to a High Court order.

On Indian Border Security Force's (BSF) firing on Bangladeshis, he said the commission sent letters to Indian National Human Rights Commission and he himself had talked to the

Indian commission chairman so that they mount pressure on the Indian central government to do something about the issue.

During the programme, Mizanur said ensuing people's right to land and food is not an easy job rather it is a daunting task. If the stakeholders work together, progress can be made, he said.

Justice Narayan Chandra Sil, acting chairperson of West Bengal Human Rights Commission, Kazi Reazul Hoque, member of National Human Rights Commission, and Samsul Huda, executive director of Association for Land Reform and Development spoke on the occasion.

## Air Force investigator

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Commanding Officer Major Ziaul Ahsan Sarwar.

Even though the robbery happened in November last year, the case against the Rab personnel, two of their informants and 15 unnamed people was filed last month with Anwara Police Station.

"Mamun was familiar as Additional Deputy Commissioner (general) of Khagrachhari Salahuddin had introduced him to me two years ago," said Silver Inn owner Md Asaduzzaman.

"Salahuddin urged me to get a room for Mamun in my hotel," Asad said, adding that Mamun checked into non-air conditioned room-208 around 8:10pm on Wednesday.

They had tea at the hotel and two of Asad's friends--Mahmud Ali Khan and Mohammad Shahed--joined them a few minutes later, Asad said.

"As I had an early appointment, I asked my friends to give Mamun company and left around 8:30pm," Asad said.

Mahmud told The Daily Star that after some chit-chat Mamun wanted to have some foods and he felt his peptic ulcer pain. Mahmud took Mamun to KGN Restaurant on Kazir Dewry Road on his car and had roti and chicken there.

"While returning, Mamun requested me to stop the car at an open space since he was feeling bad," Mahmud said, adding that they stopped near the hotel. Mamun got down and puked, he said.

"Then I called Shahed, who went to a nearby bus counter to buy a ticket for Dhaka for Mamun. As we reached the hotel we both took Mamun to an AC room in the hotel where Mamun had some medicines from his bag," Mahmud said,

adding that they left after midnight.

Mamun was then in room-213 which was air-conditioned and was closest to the staircase, Mahmud said.

Hotel supervisor Jamal said they got no response from the room in the morning despite repeated knockings at the door. They informed Asad of the matter.

"I tried to contact Mamun over his mobile phone several times but none received the calls which made me suspicious," Asad said. He then contacted Mamun's younger brother Russel who works for a bank in Chittagong.

The hotel owner told police of the matter and the door was opened in police presence with a spare key around 1:30pm.

Officer-in-Charge Rafikul Islam of Kotwali Police Station said they found no mark of injury on the body during primary investigation.

"We came to know from the family members of the deceased that he was suffering from cardiac diseases and high blood pressure," said the OC, adding that the reason for his death could be known after the autopsy and forensic tests.

The body was sent to Chittagong Medical College morgue around 6:30pm.

An unnatural death case was filed with Kotwali Police Station in this connection.

Teams from Bangladesh Air Force, Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) visited the spot.

## Hasina seeks US assistance from MCA

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Political Affairs Wendy Sherman called on her at Gono Bhaban in the afternoon.

About terrorism, the prime minister said there was deep-rooted terrorism in Bangladesh in the past, but after assuming the office, her government has almost suppressed terrorism.

She stressed the need for assistance from all the friendly nations including the USA to fight out terrorism.

Hasina said Bangladesh believes in regional cooper-

ation and maintaining good relations with the neighbours.

The prime minister also sought duty-free and quota-free access of Bangladeshi products including RMG to the US market.

PM's Deputy Press Secretary Nazrul Islam briefed reporters after the meeting.

Referring to Awami League's struggle for democracy, Hasina expressed her strong optimism that the next general elections would be fair and credible.

## Bus operators

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He made the remark at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity held under the banner of the association, a platform of around 600 bus companies and 500 trucks.

A syndicate comprised of ruling party men, police and officials of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) charges each goods-laden truck Tk 1,000 to Tk 1,500, alleged Chan, also the owner of Druti Paribahan Pvt Ltd.

According to the rule, passenger buses and trucks have to park in separate rows to board the ferries. Violating the rules and parking serials, the syndicate helps trucks to park in front of the bus rows and to board ferries quickly in return for payments, he said.

This irregularity causes huge traffic jam on both sides of the ferry ghat and the buses take double or triple the time than usual to cross the river using ferries, he said adding that this leads to increased bus operating costs including fuel cost and causes heavy

sufferings to passengers.


The syndicate conducts extortion business in the name of VIP passage as the vehicles can pass through the passage quickly, he said.

"If the situation continues, it would not be possible for us to operate our vehicles anymore," said Faruk Talukder Soheli, vice president of the association and managing director of Shohagh Paribahan Pvt Ltd.

The communication ministry has already been informed about the nuisance but it is yet to take any step, they said.

The association also placed a seven-point demand to end the irregularities and passengers' sufferings including ending of extortion business, increasing the number of ferries and giving priority for ferrying the buses over trucks.

Romesh Chandra Ghosh, vice president of the association, Mohammad Ershadullah, assistant general secretary, executive members Humayun Kabir and Tahmid Sahed Chayan were present at the press conference.




### ADDENDUM OF IFT

33/11 KV, 2 MVA Sub-Station at Joydevpur, Gazipur

Tender Package No.	CON-BDFP/02-12
IFT Ref. no. and Date	IFT/BRAC/BPD-CON(BDFP)/12-05, March 21, 2012
IFT Publish Date	29/03/2012 & 30/03/2012
Details of Addendum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) A Pre-bid meeting will be held on 16/04/2012 at 11:00 hours at 6<sup>th</sup> floor, BRAC Centre, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka.</li><li>ii) Last date of tender Selling will be on 15/04/2012 instead of 10/04/2012.</li><li>iii) Date of Tender Documents Opening will be on 22/04/2012 instead of 15/04/2012.</li><li>iv) All other terms &amp; conditions will remain unchanged.</li></ul>

BRAC Procurement Department, BRAC Centre, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212. Phone: 9881265 Ext: 3021/ 3034



### INVITATION FOR ENLISTMENT AS VENDOR

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1. Business Profile (with sample of work for Printing & Publication only)
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3. TIN Certificate
4. VAT Registration number
5. Work Experience Certificate from three reputed organisations
6. Service Area & Price List including corporate discount
7. ID card of authorized person for customer dealings (for C&F agent)
8. Other relevant information (if any)


The sealed proposal (mentioning the category on top of the envelope) must be submitted on or before **21st April 2012** by 5pm at the following address:

**Vendor Enlistment Drop box (Reception)**  
**British Council, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka-1000**

NB:

1. For printing work, copy of press declaration must be submitted along with the proposal.
2. Mode of payment: only by through Bank transfer.
3. No proposal will be accepted after the above date.

British Council management reserves the right to accept or reject part/whole of any or all the applications without assigning any reason whatsoever. For any further query please contact **Mr. Peter Paul D'Costa**, Administrative Manager, Email : [Peter.paul@bd.britishcouncil.org](mailto:Peter.paul@bd.britishcouncil.org) Phone: 8618905



### UTTARA BANK LIMITED

Engineering Department (4th Floor)  
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## TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Quotations are hereby invited from the bonafide, well experienced & Technically sound Architectural/ Engineering Firms for Internal Decoration & Furnishing Works of Uttara Bank Limited, 14th floor (South side) and 15th floor(South side) of Head Office Building, 90, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.


Intending Tenderers having prerequisite qualification & at least 10(ten) years' practical experience may apply on their letter head pad alongwith the attested copies of requisite work completion certificates, upto date IT clearance certificate, VAT Registration Certificate, valid Trade Licence and academic certificates of the Architects under their regular service for purchasing Tender Documents from the office of the undersigned on cash payment of Tk. 1,500/- (Non refundable) per set on or before **15.04.2012** during office hours. Firms having no working experience for the same nature of Internal Renovation & Decoration Works valued not less than **30.00 lac** in a single work order for a single Branch/Office in any Govt. Bank or Private Bank within the **last 3 years** and not having at least 1 (one) **Graduate Architect** with minimum **4 years'** practical experience or at least one **Diploma Architect** with minimum **7 years'** practical experience in their regular service need not submit any application.

The Bank will supply necessary Plan and Drawings for the work. The successful Tenderer will have to prepare detailed working drawings and will have to make necessary changes/alterations in the Plan and Drawings as per practical requirement free of cost in consultation with the Bank Management.

Tenders will be received upto **2-30 P.M. on 16.04.2012** in the Tender Box placed at the office of the undersigned. Tenders will be opened on the same day at **03-00 P.M.** in presence of the tenderers or their representatives, if any. Other details will be available in the Tender Document. For any further details anybody may contact the undersigned during office hours.

The Uttara Bank Limited reserves the right not to accept the lowest Tender and to reject any Tender or part thereof or all Tenders without assigning any reason what so ever.

**Engr. M.A. Awal**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**



### ডাঃ-বাংলা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড

প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা

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Planned starting: Immediate  
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- Support partner organisations in their work; including capacity building
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### Qualification and Experience

- Minimum four to five years job experience of development work, programme development and budget and field level monitoring using LFA and RBA
- Minimum bachelor degree or equivalent, within any of the areas of development studies, democracy, gender and human rights
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- Strategic and analytical ability
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