

US seeks Egypt, Israel dialogue

AFP, Washington

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton asked Egypt to keep open communication with Israel after the new Cairo government deployed forces to the Sinai Peninsula, the State Department said Thursday.

Hillary on Wednesday spoke by telephone to Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Kamel Amr as unease grew in Israel over President Mohamed Morsi's deployment of troops in the Sinai, which was demilitarized under a 1979 peace treaty. Hillary encouraged a policy that "first and foremost strengthens Egypt's security but also has a positive impact on the security of neighbors in the region as a whole." White House spokesman Nuland said.

Egypt sent troops into the Sinai to clamp down on Islamist guerrillas who killed 16 border guards on August 5.



German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Greece's prime minister Antonis Samaras hold talks at the beginning of their meeting yesterday on the roof of the Chancellery in Berlin. Samaras kicked off a two-day trip to Berlin and said that his debt-wracked country was not asking for more cash to solve its problems, but required more "breathing space" to carry out cuts and reforms.

PHOTO: AFP

N Korea agrees to receive S Korean flood aid

AFP, Seoul

North Korea yesterday agreed to receive an unspecified amount of wheat and medicine in aid from South Korean private groups despite high cross-border tension, activists said.

The agreement came at talks between South Korean activists and North Korean officials in the North's Kaesong city just across the border, the first such contact since the North's late leader Kim Jong-Il died last December.

"We agreed to send aid soon after we completed preparations," said Lee Yun-Sang, head of a four-member South Korean delegation that visited Kaesong.

The shipment of aid from an array of non-governmental organisations could be made next week if possible, she said, adding the North's south and north Hwanghae provinces were hit hard by floods.

The impoverished North is grappling with the after-effects of floods in June and July that killed 169 people, left about 400 missing, and made more than 212,000 people homeless, according to official figures from Pyongyang.

The North's Council for National Reconciliation sent a message last week to the KNCC, accepting the group's offer of discussions on flood aid despite years of frosty official relations between Pyongyang and Seoul.

Lee from the Korea NGO Council for Cooperation (KNCC) said the meeting in Kaesong did not cover aid from the South Korean government.

Unification Minister Yu Woo-Ik told parliament on Friday that Seoul could provide aid to the North "if the situation requires".

"We can propose the shipment of aid even without a request from North Korea if its flood damage is considered to be severe," he said.

Over 100 tanks seized from pro-Gaddafi militia

AFP, Tripoli

More than 100 tanks were seized from a militia loyal to Libya's ousted leader Muammar Gaddafi as authorities hunted the perpetrators of a double car bombing, the interior ministry said on Thursday.

A ministry official said an investigation into the attacks on Sunday helped to detect the militia which posed as "revolutionaries" and was housed in barracks in Souk al-Ahad near Tarhuna.

"More than 100 tanks and 26 missile launchers were seized" from the militia, a spokesman for the interior ministry told a news conference.

The car bombs killed two people and wounded four others in Tripoli in the dawn attacks which took place as Muslims prepared to attend prayers on the first day of the Eid al-Fitr holidays.

Turkey the birthplace of Hindi, English!

AFP, Chicago

Could the word for mother prove that Turkey was the birthplace of hundreds of languages as diverse as Hindi, Russian, Dutch, Albanian, Italian and English?

Researchers using a complex computer model originally designed to map epidemics have traced the evolution of the Indo-European language family to find an answer in a study published Tuesday in the journal Science.

Similarities between hundreds of languages spoken from Iceland to India have led to hot debates over where they originated and what their spread and evolution can tell us about early humans.

The dominant theory is that the languages now spoken by some three billion people came from Bronze Age nomads who used horses and the wheel to spread east and west from the steppes north of the Caspian Sea near what is now Ukraine around 5,000 to 6,000 years ago.

Others argue that it was agriculture -- not the horse -- that helped spread the language. They trace the origins to Turkey around 8,000 to 9,500 years ago.

This latest study used a massive database of common words -- or cognates -- both modern and ancient to trace the roots all the way back to Turkey.

The results build on archeological and genetic research which has suggested that early human migration helped spur the spread of agriculture, Atkinson said.

The team built a database of cognates such as mother, which is moeder in Dutch, madre in Spanish, mat in Russian, mitera in Greek and mam in Hindi.

They then set about building a family tree for the languages which would capture them in space and time and account for the gains or losses of cognates.

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Arafat's remains to be tested for poisoning

AFP, Geneva

A Swiss radiology lab yesterday said it has received the go-ahead from the widow of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to test his remains for poisoning by polonium, a highly radioactive element.

"We are waiting for a formal, written letter from the lawyer before travelling to Ramallah" to carry out the probe, a spokesman for the lab at the Lausanne University Hospital Centre, Darcy Christen, told AFP.

"Time is of the essence, you could say it's a question of weeks, not months, because the traceability of polonium diminishes by half every 138 days," Christen said, noting that this has occurred 20 times since Arafat died aged 75 on November 11, 2004.

The Palestinian Authority also approved the probe, which was requested by Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas after a media investigation found elevated levels of polonium on some of Arafat's belongings, including clothing he wore before he died at a military hospital outside Paris.

French doctors had offered no explanation for Arafat's death, and many Palestinians believe he was poisoned by Israel, which denies the allegations.

Arafat's widow Suha Arafat and their daughter lodged a complaint for murder against persons unknown in France on July 31 over the radioactive poisoning claims.

IAEA, Iran meeting fails

AFP, Vienna

The UN atomic watchdog yesterday said that "intensive" talks aimed at persuading Iran to address evidence that the agency has collected of suspected nuclear weapons research had failed.

"As in our last meeting in June we intended to finalise a structured approach paper that has been under discussion for many months," International Atomic Energy Agency chief inspector Herman Nackaerts said after the meeting in Vienna.

"Discussions today were intensive, but

important differences remain between Iran and the agency that prevented agreement on this structured approach paper.... At the moment we have no plans for another meeting," he told reporters.

The IAEA also wants Iran to explain indications that until at least 2003, and possibly since, Tehran carried out "activities relevant to the development of a nuclear explosive device".

It wants access to specific documents and to scientists involved in Iran's programme, as well as to sites, including the Parchin military base near Tehran, which it visited twice in 2005 but wants to look at again.

Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
Dhaka-1207

Memo No. SAU/Engg./191/06/622

Date: 08/08/2012

Invitation for Tender (IFT)

Tender Notice No. 01/2012-13

1.	Ministry/Division:	Ministry of Education.
2.	Agency:	Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka.
3.	Procuring entity name:	Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
4.	Procuring entity code:	Not applicable.
5.	Procuring entity district:	Dhaka.
6.	Invitation for:	Works.
7.	Invitation Ref. No. with date:	SAU/Engg./191/06/622, Date: 08/08/2012

KEY INFORMATION

8.	a. Procurement method:	Open tendering method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9.	(a) Budget and source of funds:	GOB.
	(b) Development partner:	Not applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10.	(a) Project/programme name:	Further Development Project of SAU, Dhaka.
	(b) Tender package No.:	Package-1, Package-2 & Package-3.
	(c) Tender package name:	Package-1: Construction of Teachers' Residence 6-Storeyed with 10-Storeyed Foundation. Package-2: Construction of Class-III Staff Quarters 4-Storeyed with 10-Storeyed Foundation. Package-3: Construction of Class-IV Staff Quarters 4-Storeyed with 10-Storeyed Foundation.
	(d) Last date of selling tender document:	18/09/2012 upto 4:00pm.
	(e) Last date and time for submission of tender:	19/09/2012 upto 12:00 noon.
	(f) Tender opening date and time:	19/09/2012 upto 2:00pm.
	(g) Name & addresses of the offices for selling tender document:	a) Principal Office: Office of the Chief Engineer, Room No. 109, Ground floor, Administrative Building, SAU, Dhaka-1207. b) Others Office: Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
	(h) Name & addresses of the offices for receiving tender document:	a) Principal Office: Office of the Chief Engineer, Room No. 108, Ground Floor, Administrative Building, SAU, Dhaka-1207. b) Others Office: Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
	(i) Name & addresses of the offices for opening tender document:	Office of the Director, Planning, Development & Works (Chairman, TOC), Room No. 102, Ground Floor, Administrative Building, SAU, Dhaka-1207.
	Pre-tender meeting (optional):	Not applicable.

INFORMATION FOR THE TENDERER

11.	(a) Eligibility of tenderer:	Reputed 1st class/special class contractors of govt/semi-govt/autonomous organisations with: i) Experience: Minimum 10 (ten) years of general experience on multi-storeyed building construction works. Experience of successful completion of minimum one (1) at least five-storeyed building in a single contract for Package-1 Tk 6.00 crore, Package-2 Tk 3.60 crore & Package-3 Tk 2.00 crore within the last 5 (five) years. Evidence regarding successful completion of the works in the form of work completion certificate must be submitted signed by the appropriate authority. ii) Up-to-date valid trade licence, Vat and TIN No. iii) Up-to-date enlistment certificate (civil, sanitary & internal electrical works including ABC Supervisory Certificate). iv) Annual turnover: Minimum annual turnover in any of the last 5 (five) years at least for Package-1: Tk 16.00 crore, Package-2: Tk 9.50 crore & Package-3: Tk 6.50 crore. v) Liquid asset: At least for Package-1-Tk 3.00 crore, Package-2: Tk 2.00 crore & Package-3: Tk 1.00 crore. The liquid asset requirement for the contract may be in the form of approved/committed credit facility by a scheduled bank of Bangladesh. vi) Personnel: Qualified & experienced Engineers for Civil, Sanitary & Electrical Works; and vii) Equipment: Must own or have access to equipment necessary for multi-storeyed building construction and steel formworks & adjustable props etc. Other required eligibility & condition of the tenderers as stipulated in the tender documents.
	(b) Brief description of works	Civil, Sanitary, Electrical & other ancillary works.
	(c) Brief description of related services	Not applicable.
	(d) Tender document price (non-refundable for each package)	Package-1: Tk 5,000.00 Package-2: Tk 4,000.00 Package-3: Tk 3,000.00

12.	Brief description of tenders:				
	Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
	1	PACKAGE-1: CONSTRUCTION OF TEACHERS' RESIDENCE 6-STOREYED WITH 10-STOREYED FOUNDATION	Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka	Tk 24.00 lac	18 months
	2	PACKAGE-2: CONSTRUCTION OF CLASS-III STAFF QUARTERS 4-STOREYED WITH 10-STOREYED FOUNDATION	Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka	Tk 15.00 lac	18 months
	3	PACKAGE-3: CONSTRUCTION OF CLASS-IV STAFF QUARTERS 4-STOREYED WITH 10-STOREYED FOUNDATION	Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka	Tk 10.00 lac	18 months

13. **Special terms & conditions:**

(a) The interested tenderer will have to submit tender security in the form of Pay-Order/Demand Draft/Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank in favour of **Vice-Chancellor, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka** along with the tender. Otherwise the tender will be invalid.

(b) Notification of award will be issued for full or part of the work subject to the availability of fund.

(c) The tender will be governed by the Public Procurement Regulations-2008.

(d) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

14. **PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

Name of official inviting tender	Md. Azharul Islam.
Designation of official inviting tender	Chief Engineer.
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