

Panetta blasts Karzai over troop deaths

AFP, Lima

US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has voiced frustration with Afghan President Hamid Karzai preferring to "criticize" American troops, rather than acknowledging the sacrifices they have made.

Panetta, who arrived in Peru late Friday to begin a Latin American tour, told reporters aboard the military plane taking him to Lima that Karzai should remember that more than 2,000 US troops have died in Afghanistan.

Speaking at a press conference in Kabul, Karzai accused the United States of playing a "double game" by fighting a war against Afghan insurgents rather than their backers in Pakistan where, in Karzai's words, "terrorism is financed and manufactured."

But a visibly displeased US defense secretary suggested the Afghan president had focused on the wrong things.

"We've lost over 2,000 US men and women, ISAF has lost forces there and the Afghans have lost a large number of their forces in battle.

"Those lives were lost fighting the right enemy, not the wrong enemy. And I think it would be helpful if the president, every once in a while, expressed his thanks for the sacrifices that have been made by those who have fought and died for Afghanistan rather than criticize."

It was not first time

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Soumen Sengupta, son of former railway minister Suranjan Sengupta.

"I was there when discussion on Soumen Sengupta's business took place," he said.

The driver went into hiding since the railwaygate scandal surfaced on April 9. The interview was his first appearance before the media after the incident.

On the night of April 9, he drove Faruq's microbus into Pilkhana, the headquarters of Border Guard Bangladesh, and divulged that Tk 74 lakh was stashed in the vehicle.

Apart from Faruq, railway's general manager (east) Yusuf Ali Mridha and Dhaka division security commandant Enamul Huq were in the microbus.

After the vehicle entered Pilkhana, border guards detained the four, including Azam, for the night but let them go the next day when their identifications were confirmed.

Faruq was later sacked while Mridha and Enamul were suspended over the scandal.

During the interview with the private television channel, Azam also claimed that not only as minister, Suranjan had also been involved in the recruitment and transfer business while he had been the head of the Parliamentary Standing

Committee on Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

The driver claimed that Suranjan used to call the State Minister for Law Quamrul Islam over the phone and tell him, "I am sending my APS. See if you can manage some posts for me in certain quotas."

"If Suranjan gave, say, five (names), the APS would add five more. A share of this money would go to Mr Faruq," claimed Azam.

He also said that after the scandal, APS Faruq had offered him Tk 10 to 20 lakh to save Suranjan Sengupta.

Azam quoted the APS as saying over the phone, "We both know where the money was going. I have taken all the responsibilities (for the money). Do not implicate anyone else. Do not implicate Suranjan Sengupta. Implicate me. Tell that the money is mine."

"The APS told me that if I agreed I would get a hand-some amount of money. But I told him that I could not do that," the driver said.

Before the scandal surfaced, the APS had planned and even told Azam that carrying money by microbus was too risky and that they would do this for one last time as from the next time it would be done through a bank account of Suranjan's friend, said Azam, adding that he thought this was his last chance to blow

the whistle.

"It was my target to have them arrested with the money. So I drove the microbus into Pilkhana," said the driver.

Azam fears that he might be killed or abducted if he gives up hiding. He sought the prime minister and home minister's help for the security of his life.

"It feels bad when my daughter cries to see me. I want to get back to my father and mother," he said.

When Rtv contacted seeking his comment, Suranjan, now a minister without portfolio, termed all the allegations absurd stories.

He said, "What is the meaning of this? Is it to ruin the government? He [Azam] had been called by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) several times. But he did not show up. It is all nonsense. Why didn't he say anything in the last six months?"

Meanwhile addressing a rally at Hossainpur Bazar in Deraid upazila, Suranjan yesterday said the scandal was a national and international conspiracy against him.

He said he would answer to all queries at a press conference on October 10, after returning to the capital.

The minister without portfolio also said the media was engaged in a foul propaganda against him although he had been found innocent

in investigations by all government agencies.

Suranjan said, "It should be checked with much importance that who had kept him [Azam] hidden all this time and who has brought him before the media."

In the first part of the interview aired on Thursday night, Azam told Rtv that the money in the microbus had been being taken to then railway minister Suranjan Sengupta's house.

On April 15, Yusuf Ali Mridha in a written statement to the ACC said he along with Faruq and Enamul had been going to Suranjan's Jigatola house on the night of April 9.

And though a government investigation found irregularities in the recruitment in the railway's east zone, a railway departmental report on May 13 gave a clean chit to Suranjan Sengupta, saying he had no involvement in the scandal.

According to railway sources, some 1,128 people were given jobs in the railway's east zone in the last one year. There are allegations that Yusuf and Faruq took Tk 3 to 5 lakh from each jobseeker.

The government probe committee also found that Mridha and four other railway officials "changed the exam papers of many dis-qualified jobseekers in exchange for money".

কো-অপারেটিভ মার্কেট ব্যবসায়ী সম্বায় সঞ্চয় সমিতি লিঃ, রেজিঃ ৮০/৯৩

১১নং মাজার কো-অপারেটিভ মার্কেট সোসাইটি লিঃ (৪৮ তলা),
মিরপুর-১, ঢাকা-১২১৬। ফোন- ৯০০৯৮৭৫

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Sealed tender are hereby invited from the eligible tenderer's as defined in the tender documents of the under mentioned work as per terms and conditions below.

01	Procuring Entity	কো-অপারেটিভ মার্কেট ব্যবসায়ী সম্বায় সঞ্চয় সমিতি লিঃ
02	Invitation For	Supply, installation, Testing & Commissioning of (a) 630 kg capacity Gearless traction Type Capsule lift, (b) 1600 kg 24 passenger capacity Gearless traction Type passenger lift, (c) 900 / 1000 kg (Medium-width 1500 mm) Escalator, (d) (1000 + 1000)-2000 KVA SubStation System of Co-Operative Market Babasayee Somobay sanchay Somity Ltd. for Commercial building, Plot # C, 1-6, Block-Ka & Kha, Main Road & Road 1/1, Section # 6, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216.
03	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method
04	Source of Funds	Own Source
05	Project Name	Co-Operative Market Babasayee Somobay sanchay Somity Ltd. for Commercial building, Plot # C, 1-6, Block-Ka & Kha, Main Road & Road 1/1, Section # 6, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216. (Eastern side Mirpur Model Thana)
06	Tender Selling (Started) Date & Time	Date: 08/10/2012 At 10 am-8pm except Thursday.
07	Tender Last Selling Date & Time	Date: 05/11/2012 At 10am-8pm except Thursday.
08	Tender Submission Last Date & Time, Tender Opening Date & Time	Tender Submission Date: 06/11/2012 At 1.30 am. Opening Date: 06/11/2012 and 2.00 pm (In presence of the Bidders or their authorize person who would wish to be present.
09	Name & Address of the office for selling Tender document, Receiving Tender document and opening Tender document.	অফিস ঠিকানা : কো-অপারেটিভ মার্কেট ব্যবসায়ী সম্বায় সঞ্চয় সমিতি লিঃ। ১১নং মাজার কো-অপারেটিভ মার্কেট সোসাইটি লিঃ (৪৮ তলা), মিরপুর-১, ঢাকা-১২১৬। ফোন- ৯০০৯৮৭৫
10	Eligibility of Tender	The Tenderer shall have be minimum qualifying criteria for participating in the Tender otherwise their Tender will not be considered: a) General Experience: The minimum number of general experience of the tender in the successful completion of Same Group as prime contractor must be 3 (three) years. b) Valid Papers: The Tenderer should have valid trade license, up to date income tax clearance certificate and VAT registration certificate. c) Financial Turnover: The Tenderer should have financial turnover of at least Tk- 3 (Three core) over the last 3 (Three) years any Govt / Semi Govt / Private Organization in Bangladesh. d) Liquid Assets: The minimum amount of free funds (liquid assets) and or credit facilities net of other Contractual shall be taka- 50 (fifty lac).
11	Price of Tender Document	Group- (a) Taka- 1000.00 (one thousand), Group- (b) Taka 2000.00 (Two thousand), Group- (c) Taka 5000.00 (Five thousand), Group- (d) Taka 2000.00 (Two thousand), only Nonrefundable for cash tender document.
12	Location of project	Commercial building, Plot # C, 1-6, Block-Ka & Kha, Main Road & Road 1/1, Section # 6, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216. (Eastern side Mirpur Model Thana)
13	Tender Security Amount	All Group 2% of quoted amount
14	Time for Completion of Work	4 (four) Months from the date of work order.
15	Brief description of works.	Supply installation, testing & commissioning of Group (a) Capsule-lift (8/10) Passenger- 630 kg capacity 1 (one)-set, (b) Passenger lift 24 passenger- 1600 kg capacity 2 (two)- set Gearless traction Type passenger lift system etc and required electrical work (c) 900 / 1000 kg (Medium- width 1500 mm) Escalator 6 (six) pair with frame, control, signal, supports etc and required electrical work (d) (1000 + 1000)- 2000 KVA Sub Station with necessary work switchgear, transformer, damper etc and required electrical work.
16	Name of official inviting Tender	Dhali Mohammad Shahjahan, Secretary
17	Special Instruction	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders with or without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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দরপত্র আহ্বান

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নিম্নবর্ণিত কাজের জন্য অভিযোগ ঠিকাদারের নিকট হাইতে -দরপত্র- (Quotation) আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

৪ একাডেমিক মুস্তাফাত মুস্তাফাত সম্পর্কে যোগাযোগ করিয়া কাজের বিস্তারিত সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করতে পারবেন। প্রতিটি ফ্রেমের সিডিউলের বিক্রয় মূল্য ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা এবং শুধু ফ্রেম 'এ' এর সিডিউলের বিক্রয় মূল্য ২,০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকা (সকল সিডিউলের মূল্য অফেরত যোগ্য)। এক জন ঠিকাদার এক বা একাধিক ফ্রেমের সিডিউল ক্রয় করতে পারবেন।

সিডিউল সংগ্রহের সময় : ০৮/১০/২০১২ ইং তারিখ সকাল ১০.০০ টা হাইতে ০৩/১১/২০১২ ইং তারিখ
রাত ৮টা পর্যন্ত (বৃহস্পতিবার ব্যতি)।

দরপত্র জমার শেষ সময় : ০৮/১১/২০১২ ইং দুপুর ১.০০ টা।

দরপত্র খোলার সময় : ০৮/১১/২০১২ ইং দুপুর ১:৩০ টা হাইতে ফ্রেম 'এ' থেকে 'ই' পর্যন্ত পর্যাপ্তভাবে
দরপত্র খোলা হবে।

ফ্রেম 'এ' : ৪ বাণিজ্যিক ভবনের ভিতরে এবং বাহিরে কাঠেন ওয়ালের কাজ। (কম/বেশী ৪০০০০ বর্গফুট)

ফ্রেম 'বি' : ৪ বাণিজ্যিক ভবনের ভিতরে ফলস্থ সিলিং ও উডেন সিলিং এর কাজ। (কম/বেশী ৫৪০০০ বর্গফুট)

ফ্রেম 'সি' : ৪ বাণিজ্যিক ভবনের ভিতরে ফায়ার প্রটেকশন সিস্টেম এর কাজ।

ফ্রেম 'ডি' : ৪ বাণিজ্যিক ভবনের ভিতরে এবং বাহিরে ইলেক্ট্রিফিকেশনের কাজ। (বেইজ ম্যান্ট হাইতে ৯৮
তলা পর্যন্ত শুধু মুল লবি।)

ফ্রেম 'এফ' : ৪ বাণিজ্যিক ভবনের ভিতরে এবং বাহিরে ট্রান্স তৈরির কাজ। সিডিউল সংগ্রহের সময় : ০৮/১০/২০১২
ইং তারিখ সকাল ১০.০০ টা হাইতে ১৯/১০/২০১২ ইং তারিখ রাত ৮টা পর্যন্ত (বৃহস্পতিবার বাদে)। দরপত্র
জমার শেষ সময় : ১৯/১০/২০১২ ইং দুপুর ১.০০ টা। দরপত্র খোলার সময় : ১৯/১০/২০১২ ইং দুপুর
২:০০ টা।

উল্লেখিত তৎসংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের ফ্রেম 'ডি', 'ই' ও 'এফ' এর সকল প্রকার মালামাল কর্তৃপক্ষ সরবরাহ করিবেন। আর অন্যান্য
কাজের ফ্রেমের মালামাল প্রয়োজনীয় দক্ষ জনবল, ওয়ার্কশপ ও আনুসারিক যন্ত্রপাতি সরবরাহ করিবেন।

দরপত্রের সহিত সকল ফ্রেমের জন্য দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত দরের ২.৫% জামানত দিতে হইবে। দরপত্র ত্রৈয়ের
রশিদ ও জামানতের অ