

UN chief urges end to Myanmar conflict

AFP, Yangon

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has called for a "serious effort" to end the conflict raging in northern Myanmar, where ethnic minority Kachin rebels accused the military of breaking its ceasefire.

Prime Minister Thein Sein's reformist government announced on Friday that it was ending a military offensive against the Kachin rebels, but fresh fighting erupted over the weekend.

Ban "calls upon both sides to make serious effort to create conditions for sustained peace in Kachin through enhanced confidence building measures and political dialogue", the UN said in a statement released in New York on Sunday.

About a dozen peace activists meanwhile set off Monday on a planned 1,300-kilometre walk from Yangon to the rebel stronghold of Laiza to call for an end to the conflict.

Yan Naing Tun said he was spurred to make the long journey after learning of "the horrible effects of the war and the difficulties of the war victims".

"Walking shows our sacrifice," he said, adding that the group expected the trek to take nearly two months.



China hopes for Myanmar ceasefire

AFP, Beijing

China hopes to see a ceasefire between Myanmar government forces and Kachin ethnic minority rebels, it said yesterday after fresh fighting broke out near its southern border at the weekend.

The clashes came despite President Thein Sein offering peace talks to end Myanmar's last active civil war, which could see large numbers of displaced people fleeing into China if the fighting escalates.

Beijing's vice foreign minister Fu Ying visited Myanmar at the weekend for talks with Thein Sein, foreign ministry spokesman Hong Lei told reporters.

Verdict answers

FROM PAGE 1 questions during his closing arguments at the tribunal.

Shukur argued that the 40-year delay in prosecuting Azad was not "sufficiently explained" and such delay "created doubt about the fairness of the trial."

In this regard, the tribunal said the question of time should not apply to the prosecution of perpetrators of crimes against humanity, as there is no time limit for holding criminal cases.

The three-member tribunal is headed by Justice Obaidul Hassan. The other two members are Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Judge M Shahinur Islam.

The tribunal said Nazi war criminals of World War II are still being tried, and trial of genocides committed during the 1973 Chilean revolution and the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia in the 1970s is also going on.

Besides, neither the Genocide Convention of 1948 nor the Geneva Conventions of 1949 contains any provision on statutory limitations to trying crimes against humanity and war crimes, it said.

"In absence of any statutory limitation, as a procedural bar, only the delay itself does not preclude prosecutorial action to adjudicate the culpability of the perpetrator of core international crimes," it said.

The crimes against humanity and genocide, the gravest crimes of all, "never get old", said the tribunal.

"In Bangladesh, the efforts initiated under a lawful legislation to prosecute, try and punish the perpetrators of crimes committed in violation of customary international law are an indicia of valid and courageous endeavour to come out from the culture of impunity," it said.

"We should not forget it that the millions of victims who deserve that their tormentors are held accountable; the passage of time does not diminish the guilt. Therefore, justice delayed is no longer justice denied, particularly when the perpetrators of core international crimes are brought to the process of justice," said the tribunal.

Shukur argued that the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973 was enacted to try 195 listed Pakistani war criminals and they were pardoned through a tripartite agreement in 1974.

"Without prosecuting those listed war criminals, the accused [Azad] cannot be brought to justice," said the defence counsel.

The tribunal said such agreement was an executive act and it cannot create any obstacle to trying a member of "auxiliary force" or "an individual" or a member of "a group of individuals."

"Such tripartite agreement, which is mere an executive act, cannot liberate the state from the responsibility to bring the perpetrators of atrocities and system crimes into the

process of justice," it said.

The International Crimes (Tribunals) Act is meant to try not only the "armed forces" but also the perpetrators who belonged to "auxiliary forces", or "an individual" or a member of "a group of individuals".

"Nowhere the act says that without prosecuting the armed forces [of Pakistan] the person or persons having any other capacity specified in section 3(1) of the Act cannot be prosecuted," said the tribunal.

Shukur then claimed that the phrases "individual" and "group of individuals" have been "purposely" incorporated in the Act in 2009 through an amendment.

"Such amendment does not have retrospective effect, and Azad cannot be brought to the jurisdiction of the tribunal as an 'individual'," he said.

The tribunal said the amendment was brought merely for extending the tribunal's jurisdiction to bring the perpetrator of the criminal activities under the capacity of an "individual" or a member of "a group of individuals".

"It is thus validly understood that the rationale behind this amendment is to avoid letting those who committed the most heinous atrocities go unpunished. This is the intent of bringing such amendment," it added.

Shukur argued that Azad could have been prosecuted and tried under the Collaborators Order, 1972, if he had actually committed the crimes in 1971.

Noor Hossain, the investigation officer of the case, had earlier testified that a case was filed against Azad under the Collaborators Order after the Liberation War.

Referring to Noor's testimony, Shukur argued that if Azad was actually implicated under the Collaborators Order, it would be a "double jeopardy" to prosecute him again.

On Shukur's arguments, the tribunal said there is no proof that Azad was tried under the Collaborators Order 1972.

It said the offences punishable under the Penal Code were scheduled in the Collaborators Order 1972 while the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act was enacted to try crimes against humanity, genocide and other similar crimes.

"There is no scope to characterise the offences underlying in the Collaborators Order, 1972 to be the same offences as specified in ICT-Act," the tribunal said.

Shukur argued that the offences have not been adequately defined in the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act.

"For characterising the criminal acts alleged for constituting offence of crimes against humanity, the tribunal should borrow the elements as con-

DELHI GANG-RAPE CASE

Victim's father urges hanging as trial begins

AFP, New Delhi

Five men went on trial yesterday over the fatal gang-rape of student on a bus in Delhi as the victim's father urged the special fast-track court to deliver swift justice and sentence her attackers to hang.

With the case being held behind closed doors and subject to a gagging order, it was left to one of the prosecutors to announce the start of the case to reporters packed outside the sessions court in New Delhi.

"The trial has begun," Dayan Krishnan told AFP. "The chargesheet has been submitted before the judge and the arguments will begin on January 24."

The trial is being held in a special "fast-track" court in the capital set up to circumvent India's notoriously slow justice system, with the victim's family leading widespread calls for quick closure on the horrifying case.

The start of the trial was delayed until late in the afternoon Monday by a failed application to overturn the gagging order while a lawyer for one defendant also sought to move the trial out of New Delhi.

The father of the 23-year-old victim said her family would rest only once the culprits were convicted and hanged and he urged judge Yogesh Khanna to complete his work quickly.

"We have finished the mourning rituals for my daughter in the village but our mourning will not end until the court passes down its verdict. My daughter's soul will only rest in peace after the court punishes the men," the father told AFP.

PM rejects proposal

FROM PAGE 20 no necessity to increase the allowance now.

Musharraf said the daily allowance of a secretary was raised to Tk 1000 with the implementation of the new pay scale in 2010. The amount is equal to the allowance of the prime minister and higher than that of the other ministers.

"Therefore, it became necessary to adjust the allowance of the prime minister and the other

ministers accordingly," said the cabinet secretary.

He said the proposal was put forward to raise the prime minister's allowance to Tk 2500 from Tk 1000; ministers' and state ministers' to Tk 2000 from Tk 750; and deputy ministers' to Tk 1500 from Tk 650.

The proposal was rejected as it would provoke controversy at a time when the government is nearing the end of its term, said a cabinet minister

wishing not be named.

The cabinet, however, accepted a proposal to increase the president's discretionary fund from Tk 1 crore to Tk 2 crore, said Musharraf.

But a similar proposal about the PM's fund was rejected as she did not agree to that either, he added.

The cabinet also approved a proposal to increase the Speaker's discretionary fund to Tk 10 lakh from Tk 4.5 lakh.

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Request for proposal (RFP)

For
"Assessment of Impact of Harm Reduction Interventions among People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) in Dhaka"

Ref. No. RFP/GF/2013/02 Date: January 21, 2013

Save the Children invites proposal for Selection of Consultant / Consulting Firm/ Organization For 'Assessment of Impact of Harm Reduction Interventions among People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) in Dhaka'

Name of Procuring Entity	Save the Children
Request for Proposal for Selection of	Selection of Consultant / Consulting Firm/ Organization
Budget and Source of funds	GFATM RCC Grant for HIV/AIDS
Program	Expanding HIV Prevention in Bangladesh
RFP document Collection Time & Place	RFP documents may be collected with a application including TIN certificate (for individual) /Registration certificate/Trade license within January 22, 2013 to February 17, 2013, between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm from reception desk, Save the Children, House No.CWN (A) 35, Road No. 43, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh
Pre-Proposal Meeting Time & Place	Pre-proposal meeting will be held on January 31, 2013 at 11:00am at above address.
Proposal Dropping Date, Time and Place	Proposals must be submitted no later than 2.00 pm on February 18, 2013, Proposal dropping box kept at the address above.
Bid/Proposal Opening Date, Time and Place	February 18, 2013 at 2:30 pm at the address above in presence of participants (if any).
Brief Description of the Assignment (details available in RFP document)	The main purpose of the consultancy is to analyze the effectiveness of existing harm reduction interventions among People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) in Dhaka city in terms of desired impact. It aims to focus on exploring lives saved, infections averted, cost efficiency and socio-behavioral aspects between 1999 and 2011; by collecting and analyzing information on trends and the factors related to vulnerability, morbidity and mortality associated with the HIV epidemic and the national responses against concurrent harm reduction intervention. The broad objectives of the assessment are to: 1) Explain what efficient harm reduction interventions should consist of to reduce morbidity and mortality among people who inject drugs in Dhaka city, and what disparities exist in terms of program impact and outcomes. 2) Analyze the current dynamics of HIV transmission among IDUs. 3) Cost-analysis (cost-benefit and cost effectiveness analysis) of harm reduction

SCI management reserves the right to accept or reject part/whole of any or all the applications without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

For
POT PLANTS AND BEAUTIFICATION MATERIALS

Ref: RFQ-BD-2013-003

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UNDP Bangladesh seeks Quotations from interested Companies for **Provision of Pot plants and beautification materials**. All interested companies may collect the Bidding documents (RFQ) from http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_more.php through a formal registration process that will register bidders into participants list, so any correspondence, questions regarding the bidding documents and respective answers can be sent to all bidders.

Submission of Quotations: Sealed envelopes should state the tender subject mentioned above and should be submitted to the **UNDP-Registry, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.**

The deadline for submission of quotations is **11 February 2013, 04.30 p.m. Local Time.**

BCIC TENDER NOTICE

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Managing Director, Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Polash Narsingdi, Bangladesh, invites sealed quotation (Single Envelope System) on PUFFL site delivery basis for supply of the following Materials:-

Sl. No.	Tender No & Date	Name of Materials	Cost of tender documents (Non-Refundable)	Place of Submission of Tender	Dated & Time of dropping	Date & Time of opening
1	Com/27.001/12-13 Dt. 21-01-13	Conveyor Belt.	Tk. 500.00	1. BCIC Head Office, Purchase Divi, 30-31 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000. 2. G.M (Commercial), PUFFL Polash, Narsingdi.	Dt: 18/02/2013 Time 11.30 AM	Dt: 19/02/2013 Time 11.00 AM

Tender documents will be available during office hour from the offices of (i) BCIC Head Office, 30-31 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000. (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & (iii) PUFFL's Accounts Dept., Polash Narsingdi. Tender will be opened in the office of General Manager (Commercial), Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., on the Date & Time mentioned above, in presence of Tenderers (if any). No tender documents will be sold on the date of dropping.

(Kazi Anower Hossain)
Manager (Commercial)
For Managing Director.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Disease Control Unit

National Malaria Control Program

DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

Memo No: DGHS/DC/GFATM-MAL/Expert/2007/18 Date: 17/01/2013.

Job Vacancy

Title, Reporting Structure and Location:

1. Job Title:	Surveillance Medical Officer -Malaria
Number of Vacancy:	01
Duration:	One year initial contact and renewable based on performance and availability of fund
Location:	Khagrachari Hill District
Salary:	As per project salary structure
Supervisor:	Deputy Program Manager-Malaria, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

Functions/Key Results Expected:

- ✓ Responsible (as a team leader) for the implementation of mobile clinics and for community health services activities in the remote areas of respective hill district.
- ✓ Provide overall technical support to mobile team staff and community staff and volunteers.
- ✓ Conduct mobile clinic frequently at selected areas.
- ✓ Plan the needs for and monitor the use of equipment, supplies, medicine and consumables for mobile team.
- ✓ Liaise with communities and community leaders for the relevance and adequacy of project activities.
- ✓ Liaise with MOH&FW staff and NGOs for coordination of Health activities.
- ✓ The Records and report regularly the progress of the project activities.
- ✓ Inform the M&E Expert of the progress on a regular basis, to bring to its attention obstacles and issues and work with them and with the project office

Required Qualifications and Experience:

- Medical Graduate from any recognized Medical College.
- At least 2 years of field experience in rural Primary Health Care Services.
- Age not more than 40 years
- Proven clinical skills in malaria management & prevention.
- Skilled in spoken and written English and ability of report writing
- Skilled with computers and with software like Microsoft office
- Previous experience in working with DGHS projects will be added value.

Last date of Application submission as 14 February-2013 with all attested copies of academic and experience certificates to the following address. Deputy Program Managers, National Malaria Control Program Office. House No-239, Road No-17, Lake road, New DOHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1206.

(Prof. Be-Nazir Ahmed)
Director, Disease control, & Line Director CDC
DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

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