

## DRONE STRIKES US made secret deal with Pak: Report

PTI, New York

In a secret deal, Pakistan allowed American drone strikes on its soil on the condition that the unmanned aircraft would stay away from its nuclear facilities and the mountain camps where Kashmiri militants were trained for attacks in India, according to a media report.

Under secret negotiations between Pakistani intelligence agency ISI and America's CIA during 2004, the terms of the bargain were set, the New York Times reported yesterday.

"Pakistani intelligence officials insisted that drones fly only in narrow parts of the tribal areas — ensuring that they would not venture where Islamabad did not want the Americans going: Pakistan's nuclear facilities, and the mountain camps where Kashmiri militants were trained for attacks in India," the paper said.

Pakistani officials also insisted that they be allowed to approve each drone strike, giving them tight control over the list of targets, the NYT added.

The "secret deal" over drone strikes was reached after CIA agreed to kill tribal warlord Nek Muhammad, a Pakistani ally of the Afghan Taliban who led a rebellion and was marked by Islamabad as an "enemy of the state," the NYT reported, citing an excerpt from the book 'The Way of the Knife: The CIA, a Secret Army, and a War at the Ends of the Earth'.

The ISI and CIA also agreed that all drone flights in Pakistan would operate under the American agency's "covert action authority", which meant that the US would never acknowledge the missile strikes and that Pakistan would either take credit for the individual killings or remain silent.



## IO cross-examined

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petitions, one of the defence and another of the prosecution, in connection with evidence in the case.

The prosecution in a petition sought the court's permission to consider the statement of a prosecution witness given to the investigation officer as evidence, as the witness was "unable" to testify for his "physical and mental condition."

The defence had filed their petition for submitting some additional documents in the case.

On June 21, 2012, the tribunal indicted Mojaheed on seven charges of crimes against humanity, which include murder, torture and hatching conspiracy to kill intellectuals in the final stages of the nine-month-long war.

Meanwhile, the defence of war crimes accused Ghulam Azam yesterday told International Crimes

Tribunal-1 that the prosecution had failed to prove the charge -- complicity of their client in war crimes.

Defence counsel Imran Siddiq placed argument like his earlier submission on other charges against Azam.

He said Azam had asked the then authorities of Pakistan to provide Razakars with arms and ammunition during the Liberation War to maintain peace in Bangladesh.

Imran argued that Azam's intention was not offensive.

Though the defence were directed to complete their arguments on April 4, they failed to do so.

Earlier, Abdur Razzaq, chief defence counsel for the war crimes accused Jamaat leaders, prayed to the tribunal to be allowed two more days, including yesterday.

The tribunal allowed his prayer and adjourned proceedings until Tuesday.

## Afghan attacks kill US diplomat, soldiers

AFP, Kandahar

A car bomb blast killed five Americans, including three US soldiers and a young diplomat, on Saturday, while an American civilian died in a separate attack in the east.

The diplomat and other Americans were in a convoy of vehicles in Zabul province when the blast occurred, Secretary of State John Kerry said in a statement.

The soldiers and the diplomat died in the blast along with a civilian employee of the Defense Department and Afghan civilians, Kerry said. His statement gave no overall death toll.

The Washington Post identified the diplomat as Anne Smedinghoff, 25, citing her parents. Smedinghoff was Kerry's embassy guide and aide when he visited Afghanistan last month, the paper said.

Local and international officials in the region said earlier that six people died in the blast: three US soldiers, two US civilians and an Afghan doctor.

Provincial governor Mohammad Ashraf Nasery was in the convoy, but was unharmed, local and Nato officials said.

"Our American officials and their

Afghan colleagues were on their way to donate books to students in a school in Qalat, the province's capital, when they were struck by this despicable attack," Kerry said in his statement.

In an attack in Afghanistan's east, an American civilian working with the US government was killed during an insurgent attack, the Nato-led International Security Assistance Force said in a statement.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the Zabul attack in a text message from spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi. He said a car bomb killed seven foreigners and wounded five others, although he later revised the toll to 13 foreigners killed and nine wounded.

The Taliban routinely exaggerates casualty figures.

The killings followed a bloody Taliban assault in the country's west on Wednesday that killed 44 people in a courtroom in Farah province. The United Nations says civilians are being increasingly targeted.

In a statement posted online earlier on Saturday, Ahmadi said the Taliban would continue to target Afghan judges and prosecutors.

## KSA extends amnesty

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situation," said the statement carried by SPA state news agency.

The Saudi authorities this year imposed new labour constraints affecting millions of expatriates in the Gulf state, in a move that sparked fears of mass deportations among the immigrant workers.

Some 200,000 people, mostly Asians, have been expelled from the oil-rich kingdom in the past three months based on the new restrictions, immigration officials say.

It is clear how many people would be affected by the new restrictions.

Saudi Arabia has eight million foreigner workers, mostly in very low-paid jobs, according to official figures.

On Tuesday, a Yemeni government official told AFP that thousands of Yemeni workers have been expelled from Saudi Arabia.

The new regulations introduced by the labour ministry aim to reduce the number of foreign workers to create jobs for millions of unemployed Saudis.

Under the new rules, foreigners are allowed to work only for their legal sponsors in the kingdom while their spouses cannot take up jobs.

Many foreigners enter Saudi Arabia under the sponsorship of a Saudi national but end up working for others, or set up their own businesses.

The labour ministry's inspections have forced

tens of thousands of workers to leave their workplaces and hide at home, including many private school teachers whose absence has disrupted school classes.

## The peacekeepers of Manipur

IANs, Tamenglong

They don't wear blue helmets nor are they uniformed, but their attempt to maintain peace in Manipur's most backward district of Tamenglong - riddled with inter-cine clashes - is somewhat akin to that of a United Nations Peacekeeping Force in a war-torn nation.

Under the banner of Inrilangluang Luh Chujaenj Phum (Women's Peacekeeping Organisation), over 700 women are trying to maintain peace in Tamenglong by just beating iron poles with sticks - creating a loud clanging noise to raise an alarm.

The role of the women's peacekeeping force is to spot trouble in the district and to alert other team members so that it could be averted.

Monica, 40, is among these women. Wielding a stick, she stands guard near an electric pole. If she senses trouble, she starts beating the pole with the stick to alert another woman who is deployed at a stone's throw. On hearing the sound, she also starts beating the pole. Thus, the chain continues.

These women came together to tackle the problems arising out of sparring Naga groups, extortion attempts, drug smuggling, petty trouble-makers and, finally, the ineffectiveness of the law in tackling these issues. The group was formed last October.

"We were fed up with lawlessness and underground insurgents. Extortion and smuggling of drugs also created problems," said one of the founding members of the group, requesting anonymity. These problems led us to form this group," she added.

She said that a group of 7-8 women are deployed in each of the seven wards in Tamenglong district and they keep a vigil between 4.30 pm and 10.30 pm.

The women in the group say that they want to ensure peace by reforming society by their own methods.



CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN

## More needs to be done: Manmohan

IANs, New Delhi

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday said his government had moved fast to bring about significant reforms in the laws relating to crimes against women in the aftermath of last year's brutal gang-rape but admitted that more needs to be done.

Speaking at a conference of chief ministers and chief justices of high courts here, the prime minister said the "national outrage" after the Dec 16 gang-rape forced "urgent introspection" on anti-rape laws and the justice delivery system "but we must not allow ourselves to be overcome by a sense of despair at some of the demonstrated inadequacies of our legal system".

He said the government had "brought about significant amendments in the criminal law to effectively deal with heinous offences against women".

The 23-year-old woman was raped by a gang of five men and a juvenile on board a moving bus in south Delhi.

### Request for Proposal (RFP)

#### Software Development Firms for developing an Integrated UP Accounting System

REFERENCE: RFP-BD-2013-019

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh seeks quotation from interested **Software development firms for developing an integrated UP Accounting System**. All interested companies may download the Bidding documents (RFP) from [http://www.undp.org.bd/proc\\_more.php](http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_more.php) through a formal registration process that will register bidders into the participants list, so any correspondence, questions regarding the bidding documents and respective answers can be sent to all bidders.

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

The deadline for submission of quotation is **Monday, 22 April, 2013, 4:30 p.m.** Local time.



### বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড Bangladesh Power Development Board

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বিদ্যুৎ সশস্ত্রী বাতি ব্যবহার করুন

Memo No. PD/CZPDP/BPDB/Pkg-35/587

Dated: 28/03/2013

Loan No: BD-P 59

Bid No: PD/CZPDP/BPDB/Pkg-35

### Invitation for Local Bids

- The Govt. of People's Republic of Bangladesh has received an ODA Loan from Japan International Cooperation Agencies, hereinafter referred to as the JICA, in the amount of 9,715 million Japanese Yen toward the cost of Central Zone Power Distribution Project, Mymensingh, BPDB. Loan Agreement No. BD-P 59 signed on March 01, 2009, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of the loan to payments under the contract(s) for which this Local Bid has been invited. Disbursement of the ODA Loan by JICA will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, including the disbursement procedures and the 'Guidelines for Procurement under JICA ODA Loan. No party other than Govt. of People's Republic of Bangladesh shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to loan proceeds. The above Loan Agreement will cover a part of the project cost. As for the remaining portion, Govt. of People's Republic of Bangladesh will take appropriate measures for finance.
- JICA requires that bidders and contractors, as well as the Govt. of People's Republic of Bangladesh, under contracts funded with JICA ODA Loans and other Japanese ODA, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurements and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, JICA
  - will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question;
  - will recognise a contractor as ineligible, for a period determined by JICA, to be awarded a contract funded with JICA ODA Loans if it at any times determines that the contractor has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing, another contract funded with JICA ODA Loans or other Japanese ODA.
- The Bangladesh Power Development Board, hereinafter "The Employer", intends to select contractors for the following works under this project:  
"Construction and renovation of 33 KV distribution lines of Kumargaon Grid to Amborkhana 9 Km 2<sup>nd</sup> Ckt (New); C2/7, Kulaura to Juri 30 Km (Renovation); Shajibazar to Hobiganj 30 Km (Renovation); Botteshor to Jointapur 30 Km (Renovation and Up-Gradation); Ashuganj Grid to Bhoirob 6 Km Line-1 (New); Ashuganj Grid to Bhoirob 6 Km Line-2 (New) and Bhoirob to Kuliarchar 28 Km (Renovation)" under Central Zone Power Distribution Project, BPDB.
- Eligible bidders may obtain the bid documents between **03-April, 2013 to 02-May, 2013** by a written application to the Project Director, Central Zone Power Distribution Project, Biddyt Bhaban, 12th Floor, 1 No. Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. Interested eligible applicants may also obtain the bid documents from the office of Chief Engineer, Distribution Zone, BPDB, Mymensingh/Sylhet on written application to them and on payment of non-refundable fees mentioned below.

- The application for purchase of bid documents must clearly state the word "Pkg No-35, Bid for Construction and Renovation of 33 KV distribution lines of Kumargaon Grid to Amborkhana 9 Km 2<sup>nd</sup> Ckt (New); Kulaura to Juri 30 Km (Renovation); Shajibazar to Hobiganj 30 Km (Renovation); Botteshor to Jointapur 30 Km (Renovation and Up-Gradation); Ashuganj Grid to Bhoirob 6 Km Line-1 (New); Ashuganj Grid to Bhoirob 6 Km Line-2 (New) and Bhoirob to Kuliarchar 28 Km (Renovation)" under Central Zone Power Distribution Project, BPDB, Package 35". The documents will be available for a non-refundable fees of Tk 5000.00 (BDT five thousand) in the form of Pay-Order/Demand Draft in favour of the Project Director, Central Zone Power Distribution Project. The document will be dispatched on hand delivery basis directly to the applicant or to his authorised representative but no documents will be delivered by electronic or any other mail.
- Minimum qualification requirement of the applicant as single contractor should have
  - Average annual turnover as single bidder (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) over the last 5 years of BD Tk 30.0 (thirty million) and
  - Successful completion experience as single contractor in the execution of at least 3 (three) Projects of similar nature and complexity comparable to the proposed construction work within last 15 (fifteen) years having summation of maximum 2 (two) Nos. work of highest contract value amounting to a minimum of BDT 5.00 (five million).
- Minimum qualification requirement of the applicant in case of Joint Venture firm should have
  - Average annual turnover as Joint Venture bidder (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) over the last 5 years of BD Tk 20.0 (twenty million) in case of lead partner and BD Tk-10.0 (ten million) in case co-partner.
  - Successful completion experience of at least 2 (two) Nos. work of similar or higher voltage capacity line within last 15 (fifteen) years in case of lead partner and at least 1 (one) No. work of similar or higher voltage capacity in case co-partner of the Joint Venture firm within last 15 (fifteen) years. Summation of two Nos. work of highest contract value, one from each of joint venture partner will be considered only.
- The abovementioned experience of work in any of BPDB, DPDC, DESCO, WZPDCO, REB or both will be considered.
- The bid may be delivered by hand in sealed envelop from 05/05/2013 to 08/05/2013 during office hour to be following address. But last date of delivery of the bid is 09/05/2013 up to 11.00am and will be publicly opened immediately thereafter in the following address in presence of bidder's representative if any.  
Project Director's Office  
Central Zone Power Distribution Project  
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and the envelope should clearly be marked bid for "Construction and renovation of 33 KV distribution lines of Kumargaon Grid to Amborkhana 9 Km 2<sup>nd</sup> Ckt (New); Kulaura to Juri 30 Km (Renovation); Shajibazar to Hobiganj 30 Km (Renovation); Botteshor to Jointapur 30 Km (Renovation and Up-Gradation); Ashuganj Grid to Bhoirob 6 Km Line-1 (New); Ashuganj Grid to Bhoirob 6 Km Line-2 (New) and Bhoirob to Kuliarchar 28 Km (Renovation)" under Central Zone Power Distribution Project, BPDB under Package 35". The estimated date of award is 30-06-2013 subject to the approval of RDPP.
- The signing of the contract will depend on approval of the RDPP.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of Taka 442,000.00 (Taka four hundred forty two thousand), and must be delivered in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.
- The Bangladesh Power Development Board will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
- BPDB reserves the right to accept or reject all the bids without assigning any cause.

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