

NEWS IN brief

Putin foe trial begins in Russia

AFP, *Kirov*

Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny went on trial yesterday on charges he says were ordered by President Vladimir Putin to eliminate a top opponent, but the process was swiftly adjourned for a week to allow the defence more time to prepare.

Navalny, who risks up to 10 years in prison in the embezzlement case, has predicted he will be convicted and possibly jailed. Even a suspended sen-

War-era grenade kills 2 in Vietnam

AFP, *Hanoi*

Two children were killed and six others seriously injured after a grenade left over from the Vietnam War exploded while they were playing with it, police said yesterday.

The children, all 11-year-old classmates, were walking home from school in southern Dak Nong province on Tuesday when they discovered the shell, believed to be from a US-made M79 gre-

US Senate to hold gun votes

AFP, *Washington*

The US Senate was to hold votes on legislation aimed at curbing gun violence, even though senior Democrats are unsure if there is sufficient backing for background checks on firearms sales.

Majority Leader Harry Reid said he scheduled up to nine votes on amendments, including one that expands background checks to all commercial sales, and others that ban assault weapons, restrict the size of ammunition clips and

China bird flu toll hits 16

AFP, *Shanghai*

H7N9 bird flu has claimed two more lives in Shanghai, Chinese state media said on Tuesday, bringing the death toll from the disease to 16.

China has confirmed 77 human cases of H7N9 avian influenza since announcing two weeks ago that it had found the strain in people for the first time.

The new strain of the flu had been confined to the eastern city of Shanghai and nearby Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Anhui until Saturday when the first

US drone destroys Pak Taliban base

AFP, *Miranshah*

A US drone fired two missiles into a Taliban training camp in Pakistan yesterday, destroying the compound and killing at least five militants, local officials said.

The attack took place in the Baber Ghar area of the South Waziristan tribal district on the Afghan border, a stronghold of Pakistani Taliban leader Hakimullah Mehsud where the faction runs several camps.

"The target was a base of Pakistani Taliban. Five militants have been killed and two injured," a local security official told AFP.

Pakistan repeatedly denounces US drone strikes, criticising them as a violation of sovereignty that inflame anti-Americanism despite leaked US diplomatic cables that showed leaders

Blast targets BJP office in India; 16 hurt

AFP, *Bangalore*

A top Indian official said a blast in the city of Bangalore that wounded 16 people yesterday, including 11 policemen, was "an act of terror" designed to disrupt upcoming state elections.

The explosion, which triggered panic among locals, appeared to have been planted on a motorbike near the office of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the main national opposition party which holds power in the southern state of Karnataka, police said.

The explosion took place mid-morning in Malleshwaram, a part of the city referred to as "old" Bangalore and destroyed several surrounding vehicles.

It occurred a short distance from the BJP's state office and opposite a Hindu temple.

India has made efforts to improve domestic security since the 2008 Mumbai attacks, in which 10 Islamist gunmen laid siege to the city, killing 166 people. But experts say security forces still suffer from weak grassroots intelligence gathering.



PHOTO: AFP
Pakistani paramedics treat an injured earthquake victim as she lies on a bed at a military hospital in Quetta yesterday.

Iran-Pak quake toll hits 42

AFP, *Mashkail*

A huge earthquake that struck Iran's rural southeast region killed one woman and injured more than two dozen other people, media reports cited officials as saying yesterday.

In neighbouring Pakistan, the quake killed at least 41 and brought down hundreds of mud-built homes.

According to other Iranian officials cited by the media, Tuesday's 7.8 magnitude quake in the southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchistan also left 27 people injured while more than 20 villages were damaged.

At least eight aftershocks have been recorded, the strongest measuring 5.6 magnitude.

Pakistani survivors of the tremor dug through the rubble of their ruined homes yesterday as the military rushed to send aid to the remote region.

The United States also offered aid after the 7.8-magnitude quake, Iran's most powerful in five decades, damaged an estimated three-quarters of the mud-built homes of Mashkail, a town in the dirt-poor Pakistani province of Baluchistan.

United Nations chief Ban Ki-moon also expressed condolences after Tuesday's disaster and said the UN too stood ready to help if needed.

Tuesday's earthquake was felt across the region and though the epicentre lay in southeast Iran, all but one of the deaths reported so far have been across the border in Pakistan.

Sanjay given 4 more weeks to surrender

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *New Delhi*

India's Supreme Court yesterday gave Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt, convicted for illegal possession of weapons two decades ago, four more weeks of freedom before returning to jail.

The top court said the relief to Dutt was granted on 'humanitarian grounds.'

The actor, who was convicted by a trial court last month for illegally possessing weapons in a case linked to the 1993 bomb blasts in Mumbai, was to have returned to prison by today. He had applied this week for six months before he began his prison sentence.

The apex court had last month upheld the conviction of Dutt and sentenced him to five years for possessing firearms supplied by men who executed a string of bombings in 1993 that killed 257 people in Mumbai.

Dutt has already served 18 months of his sentence but was released on bail while his case was in appeal.

He now has to serve the remaining three-and-a-half-years of his term.



INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF HVAC EQUIPMENT INCLUDING HEPA FILTER AND MAGNEHELIC GAUGE FOR IMMUNOLOGY LAB OF LEVEL 8 AT icddr,b.

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare				
2	Agency	icddr,b				
3	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Director, icddr,b				
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka				
5	Invitation for	Supply and installation of HVAC equipment including HEPA filter and Magnehelic Gauge for Immunology lab of level 8 at icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka.				
6	Invitation Ref No & Date	icddr,b/Mohakhali/PS/69/2013, dated : 01-04-2013				
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method.				
8	Budget and Source of Funds	GoB/USDA				
9	Project (if applicable)	Strengthening of icddr,b Capacity for Improved Hospital Services at Mohakhali Campus under Vertical Extension and Renovation of Research and Hospital Building – icddr,b, Dhaka, Bangladesh.				
10	Tender Package Number & Name	Package No.: 69 Supply and installation of HVAC equipment including HEPA filter and Magnehelic Gauge for Immunology Lab of level 8 at icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka.				
11	Tender Publication Date	18 April, 2013				
12	Tender Last Selling Date	29 May, 2013				
13	Tender Closing Date and Time	30 May, 2013			Time: 11:30 A. M	
14	Tender Opening Date and Time	30 May, 2013			Time: 12:00 Noon	
15	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address				
	- Selling Tender Document	Treasury Unit, Cash Counter-2, Ground Floor, IPH Building, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka.				
	-Receiving Tender Document	Procurement Services Office, icddr,b Mohakhali, Dhaka.				
	- Opening Tender Document	Procurement Services Office, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka.				
16	Pre-Tender Meeting	Pre-Tender meeting will be held on 15 May, 2013 at 11:00 AM in the Procurement Services Meeting Room, icddr,b, 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212				
17	Eligibility of Tenderer	(i) The tenderers shall be Manufacturer / Principal from eligible source countries having overall 10 (ten) years experience may participate in the tender through their local agent/distributor in Bangladesh. (ii) Tenderers shall have minimum 5 (five) years specific experience for supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of HVAC equipment. (iii) Tenderer shall have completion certificate against minimum value of Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of HVAC equipment a single contract in the last 5 (five) years is Tk 75 (seventy five) lac or equivalent foreign currency. Evidence regarding successful completion of supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of HVAC equipment in the form of Work order/Award and Completion Certificate must be submitted signed by the appropriate authority. (iv) All prices of Imported Items shall be quoted in foreign currency on C&F Chittagong by sea freight basis. L/C will be opened by icddr,b infavour of the selected supplier abroad against their Proforma Invoice. (v) Custom clearing agent commission (excluding any Duties, TAX & VAT as icddr,b is exempted from payment of duties, TAX & VATs on its importation) and loading unloading and transportation from Chittagong to icddr,b Mohakhali Premises shall be quoted in Bangladeshi Currency. (vi) Local items for installation shall be quoted in Bangladeshi Currency on site delivery basis by the authorized local agent. (vii) Authorized local agent shall have work experience for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of HVAC equipment in Bangladesh which is running successfully for at least 03 (three) years. (viii) Authorized Local Agent must have liquid asset or working capital or credit limit at least Tk. 50 (fifty) lac supported by documentary evidence. (ix) Authorized Local Agent must have physical facilities and qualified & experienced Technical Personnel to provide after sale services during and after the warranty period. (x) Tenderers are required to submit price quotation correspond to 100% of the required items and quantities.				
18.	Brief Description of Goods	Supply and installation of HVAC equipment including HEPA filter and Magnehelic Gauge for Immunology Lab of level 8 at icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka.				
19.	Brief Description of related services	Installation of HVAC equipment including HEPA filter and Magnehelic Gauge for Immunology Lab of level 8 at icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka.				
20	Identification of Lots, Tender Security, Completion Time and Price of Tender Document					
	Pkg. No.	Identification	Location	Tender Security Amount in TK (BDT) or equivalent foreign currency (by Pay Order / Bank Guarantee)	Completion Time/ Validity of Contract	Price of Tender Document (in cash)
	69	Supply and installation of HVAC equipment including HEPA filter and Magnehelic Gauge for Immunology Lab of level 8 at icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka	icddr,b 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212	Tk. 180,000.00 (one lac eighty thousand) or equivalent foreign currency	06 (Six) Months	Tk. 1,000.00 or equivalent foreign currency
21	Name of Official Inviting Tender		Shihab Ahmed			
22	Designation of Official Inviting Tender		Head, Procurement Services			
23	Address of Official Inviting Tender		icddr,b, 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh.			
24	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender		Tel: (8802)9840523-32 Ext. 4400	Fax: (8802) 8811686	e.mail: shihab@icddr.org	
25	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.					
26	Special Instruction : (a) All activities in connection with the said procurement of Goods will be guided as per rule of "The Public Procurement Rules 2008". (b) If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on next available working day at same time and same place.					



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Shihab Ahmed
Head, Procurement Services



Invitation to Participate in Improved Cook Stove (ICS) Programme

IDCOL is a public-private sector institution promoting economic development in Bangladesh by encouraging private sector investment in infrastructure, renewable energy and other eco-friendly sectors. IDCOL seeks applications from non-governmental organizations/micro-finance institutions/private entities for selection as Participating Organizations (hereafter referred to as "POs") under its Renewable Energy Program for installation of Improved Cook Stoves ("ICS") in areas where traditional cook stoves are used as the primary mode of cooking (the "Project").

IDCOL intends to select new POs from organizations mentioned above to accelerate dissemination of ICSs across Bangladesh with a view to fulfilling the basic energy requirements in the rural areas as well as to reduce people's exposure to indoor air pollution. IDCOL has a target of financing installation of 1 million ICS by 2017. The potential POs are required to have a successful track record of doing business and/or micro-credit operations, and shall be interested to work in the renewable energy sector.

IDCOL will provide institutional development grant and technical assistance, as applicable, sourced from the World Bank, to POs for implementation of the Project.

Interested organizations are requested to download complete application package from www.idcol.org. Application package may also be collected from IDCOL office at a cost of Taka 500/- (non-refundable). Completed applications must be submitted to the address mentioned below before 4:00 p.m. on 12 May 2013.

Applications will be evaluated by an independent evaluation committee in accordance with the criteria described in the application package. Selected POs will be required to sign Participation Agreements with IDCOL.

Please contact:

Infrastructure Development Company Limited

UTC Building, Level - 16, 8 Panthapath, Kawranbazar, Dhaka-1215.

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