

# NEWSIN brief

## Japan chemical plant blast kills five

AFP, Tokyo

An explosion at a Japanese factory that had previously attracted the attention of safety inspectors killed at least five people and injured a dozen more yesterday. The blast happened in the early afternoon at the plant in the central city of Yokkaichi, when maintenance crews were working on a heat exchanger used in the production of silicon products, a plant spokesman told AFP.

## China to ban indoor smoking

CNN ONLINE

China, the world's largest tobacco consumer, is aiming to ban indoor smoking in public areas by the end of the year. About one in three cigarettes smoked in the world is in China, according to the World Health Organization. Although the nation's health ministry issued guidelines in 2011 to ban smoking in public places, they haven't been "strictly enforced."

## India building collapse toll hits 25

AFP, Panaji

Indian workers pulled four more bodies from the rubble of a collapsed apartment block yesterday, taking the death toll to 25 five days after the disaster, an official said. The five-storey building, which was under construction, crumbled while more than 40 poorly paid daily-wage labourers were on site at the coastal village of Canacona, south of the state capital Panaji.



Nepalese children feed pigeons in Durbar Square in Kathmandu, yesterday. Home to the palaces of Malla and Shah kings who ruled over the city, Durbar Square is listed as a UNESCO world heritage site.

PHOTO: AFP

## ALLEGED WAR CRIMES

# US envoy visits S Lanka hotspot

AFP, Colombo

A senior US official investigating war crimes has visited a former Sri Lankan battleground where hundreds of families were killed in army shelling, the US embassy said yesterday. US Ambassador for Global Criminal Justice Stephen Rapp on Wednesday travelled to the northern province where troops defeated the Tamil Tiger rebels in May 2009, the embassy in Colombo said. Rapp arrived on Monday to meet local officials over allegations of war crimes ahead of a UN review of Colombo's human rights record. Sri Lanka has come under increasing pressure to investigate allegations that troops committed war crimes during the decades-long conflict that ended in 2009, or face international censure. Sri Lanka has resisted calls to investigate claims that up to 40,000 ethnic Tamil civilians were killed by the army during the final push that crushed the Tamil rebels fighting for a separate homeland.

# Only 14 percent Indians want Rahul as PM: Poll

AFP, New Delhi

Only 14 percent of voters believe Rahul Gandhi would make the best prime minister for India, a survey found yesterday, just days after his endorsement by outgoing Congress premier Manmohan Singh. The survey for The Times of India found 58 percent of respondents want Narendra Modi, the candidate of the main nationalist opposition party in this year's general election, to be the next prime minister while 25 percent opted for the anti-corruption champion Arvind Kejriwal. The poll makes grim reading for the ruling Congress party, which had been hoping that the youthful Gandhi would significantly increase its apparently slim chances of victory

in the election due by May.

Gandhi, 43, is expected to be named at a party meeting on January 17 as Congress's candidate for premier after the 81-year-old Manmohan confirmed last Friday that he would step down after the polls. But yesterday's survey, which was conducted among voters in India's eight largest cities, highlighted the media-shy bachelor's failure to connect with voters. The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is the overwhelming favourite to win most seats. Modi, the right-wing chief minister of Gujarat state, was chosen last September as its candidate for prime minister. No party is expected however to win a majority in the parliament, with regional factions likely to hold the balance of power.



## DEVYANI ROW

# US energy secretary cancels India trip

PTI, Washington

US energy secretary Ernest Moniz has cancelled his crucial trip to India this month in view of the strained relations between the two countries over the arrest of an Indian diplomat on alleged visa fraud charges. The India-US Energy Dialogue to be led by Moniz was expected to make significant progress in energy co-operation and export of American shale gas to India. It would be rescheduled for a mutually convenient date later, State Department spokesperson Jen Psaki said. "We place great emphasis, as you know, on the US-India energy partnership. It was an issue when the Secretary (of State, John Kerry) was there, and he even gave a speech talking about these issues - a key element of our strategic partnership," Psaki said. "We remain committed to holding this dialogue and we'll look for a time to hold it," she said, adding that the energy dialogue would be re-scheduled soon. Ties between India and US have suffered a setback after the arrest of Indian diplomat Devyani Khobragade in New York on alleged visa fraud charges last month. Moniz's visit for the India-US Energy Dialogue was considered an important one for both the countries after a Summit between US President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in White House in September last year. Both the leaders had identified co-operation in the energy

## TREASON TRIAL

# Musharraf gets one- week reprieve

AFP, Islamabad

A court trying Pakistan's former military ruler Pervez Musharraf for treason yesterday ordered him to appear in person on January 16, after considering a medical report on his heart complaint. The medical report diagnosed the former commando with triple-vessel coronary artery disease. The ruling grants the 70-year-old, currently in a military hospital, a week's respite in the case which has gripped the nuclear-armed nation for the past fortnight. He has yet to appear in person before the specially-convened three-judge tribunal, missing hearings due to security fears and lately a health scare. Another hearing is due in the case on Friday, when judges will consider certain procedural matters. Musharraf's camp says the treason allegations, which relate to his imposition of emergency rule in November 2007, are politically motivated and his lawyers have challenged the authority of the tribunal.

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
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**দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

স্মারক নং: ৪৪.০৭.৭০০০.১৩১.০৪.০০৪.১৩-১৯৬০ তার: ৩১/১২/২০১৩খ্রিঃ

১।	এজেন্সী/সংস্থার নাম	জেলা কারাগার, চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ।
২।	দরপত্রের নাম	কতিপয় বাদদ্রব্য (২য় বার)।
৩।	ইচ্ছুক নূনতম যোগ্যতা	দরপত্র সিভিউল উত্তেজিত শর্তানুযায়ী।
৪।	বাজেট ও ফাভ প্রাপ্তির উৎস	জাতীয় রাজস্ব তহবিল।
৫।	দরপত্র আহ্বান পদ্ধতি	সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
৬।	দরপত্র দলিল প্রাপ্তির স্থান	চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ জেলা কারাগারের কার্যালয়, কারা উপ-মহাপরিদর্শক, রাজশাহী বিভাগ, রাজশাহী।
৭।	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৩-০১-২০১৪ইং তারিখ বেলা ২.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
৮।	দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার স্থান	চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ জেলা কারাগার, সদর থানা ও জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ।
৯।	দরপত্র বাস্তব উন্মুক্ত স্থান	চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ জেলা কারাগারের কার্যালয়।
১০।	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
১১।	জামানতের পরিমাণ	ক-গ্রুপ= ৩০,০০০/- খ-গ্রুপ= ১০,০০০/- গ-গ্রুপ= ২৫,০০০/- ঘ-গ্রুপ= ২০,০০০/- ঙ-গ্রুপ= ২৫,০০০/-
১২।	দরপত্রের মেয়াদকাল	০১-০১-২০১৪ইং হতে ৩০-০৬-২০১৪ইং পর্যন্ত।
১৩।	দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্র সংযুক্ত করতে হবে	দরপত্র সিভিউল উত্তেজিত শর্তানুযায়ী।
১৪।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম	জেল সুপার, জেলা কারাগার, চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ।
১৫।	দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার তারিখ ও সময়	১৪-০১-২০১৪ইং সকাল ০৯-০০ ঘটিকা হতে বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১৬।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১৪-০১-২০১৪ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।
১৭।	দরপত্র মূল্যায়নের সময়	১৪-০১-২০১৪ইং তারিখ বেলা ১.৩০ ঘটিকা।
১৮।	দরপত্রদাতাদের বিশেষ নির্দেশাবলী	দরপত্র সিভিউল শর্তাবলী পাঠান্তরে যথাযথভাবে অবহিত হয়ে দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

দরপত্র দলিলের সাথে বিস্তারিত শর্তাবলী সংযুক্ত থাকবে এছাড়া এ বিষয়ে আরো কোন তথ্য জানার প্রয়োজন হলে অত্র দপ্তরের সাথে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে। দরপত্রদাতা বা মনোনীত প্রতিনিধিগণ ইচ্ছা করলে দরপত্রের বাস্তব খোলার সময় উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবেন। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার সর্বময় ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন। এর জন্য কোন কারণ দর্শাইতে বাধ্য নয়।

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# Zardari in court on graft charges

AFP, Islamabad

Former Pakistani president Asif Ali Zardari appeared before an anti-corruption court yesterday over multi-million-dollar graft allegations dating back to the 1990s. The cases against Zardari relate to kickbacks, money-laundering and the illegal construction of a polo ground at the prime minister's official residence, during his slain wife Benazir Bhutto's two stints as premier. As president, Zardari enjoyed immunity from prosecution, but this ended when he stepped down in September last year after five years in office. After a brief session, the hearing was adjourned to January 18. Dozens of supporters of Zardari's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) greeted him at the court in a leafy residential area of Islamabad, chanting slogans and waving placards. The probe includes corruption allegations relating to customs contracts given to two Swiss companies that were behind a long-running tussle between the Supreme Court and the PPP-led government, which lost office in May's general

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