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21 drown in rough seas in Karachi

AFP, Karachi

At least 21 bathers have drowned in rough seas off Pakistan's biggest city Karachi, officials said yesterday, after defying a ban on swimming during the monsoon season. The bathers were among thousands who had taken to the beaches to celebrate the Eid-ul-Fitr holiday, which began on Tuesday and continues until Friday.

Thai army arrest general for extortion

AFP, Bangkok

A Thai army general has been arrested on suspicion of extortion in a notorious Bangkok red light district, officials said yesterday, in a rare case of authorities prosecuting a member of the military. Major-General Jenronnarong Detwan, 56, was arrested by the military early Wednesday. Patpong is a strip of go-go bars catering mainly to

Boat tragedies kill 25 in Indonesia

Thailand's huge sex indus-

foreigners attracted by

AFP, Jakarta

At least 25 people in Indonesia, including six children, have died and 13 are missing in two separate boat sinkings, officials said yesterday, as millions travel across the country for the Eid holiday season.

Islamists seize key Libya army base

AFP, Tripoli

Islamist groups have seized the army special forces headquarters in Libya's Benghazi after days of fighting left at least 35 soldiers dead and plunged the country deeper into lawlessness. An Islamist and jihadist alliance announced the capture of the main military base in the eastern city in a statement Wednesday, which

was confirmed by an army

official.



'Rahul prevented Sonia from taking PM's post'

AFP, New Delhi

Sonia Gandhi's shock decision not to take over as India's prime minister a decade ago followed an appeal by her son Rahul who feared she would be assassinated like her husband, according to a former family confidant.

Sonia, who was widowed when former premier Rajiv Gandhi was slain

by a suicide bomber, had been expected to assume the premiership in 2004 after leading the Congress party to an election victory. But she instead stood aside in

favour of Manmohan Singh who went on to serve two terms as prime minister.

In a television interview to promote his new memoirs, former foreign minister Natwar Singh said that Sonia

had been in tears at a family meeting after Rahul pleaded with her to turn down the job. "He was very adamant and wouldn't let

her become prime minister," Singh told the Headlines Today network Wednesday night. "As a mother she didn't want to agonise

him," he added.

Rahul was devastated by his father's assassination by a Tamil extremist in 1991, seven years after his grandmother Indira was gunned down by two of her Sikh bodyguards while she was prime minister.

The Italian-born Sonia, who remains president of the party, caused a major upset in 2004 when she steered the centre-left

> Congress to victory over the BJP. Natwar Singh fell out with the Congress leadership after he was sacked as foreign minister over a corruption scandal and his book contains claims that the "Machiavellian" Sonia frequently undermined Manmohan Singh's premiership, according to excerpts.

Asked about the book, Sonia told the NDTV television station that she planned to put the record straight herself at some stage.

"I can't be hurt. I have seen my motherin-law riddled by bullets, my husband dead...I am far from getting hurt with these things," she said.

"I will write my own book and then everyone will know the truth."

Taslima's

India cancels

resident permit

Controversial writer Taslima

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Nasreen, who is living in exile since 1994, has been refused a

one-year visa by Indian government and instead given permis-

The 51-year-old writer had

applied for a resident permit and the Home Ministry granted her

the same type of visa but only for

two months beginning August 1.

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Nasreen's visa application has

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of Indian Home Ministry said

to grant her 2-month visa,

Nasreen, who had to leave

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Upset over India's decision

of death threat by fundamental-

ist outfits for her alleged anti-

Islamic views, said the decision

was "beyond my imagination".

Taslima is now a citizen of

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We are excited about Modi

Says Kerry in New Delhi as he seeks to revive US-India ties

AFP, New Delhi

US Secretary of State John Kerry yesterday voiced optimism about working with India's new right-wing government as he paid a first visit aimed at reviving a relationship clouded by mistrust.

The United States and India have described each other as natural allies with common concerns about a rising China and Islamic extremism, but the world's largest democracies have weathered an unusually large number of disputes in the past

Kerry, who met senior Indian leaders in New Delhi, said that he wanted to "see things move in a very positive way" after Prime

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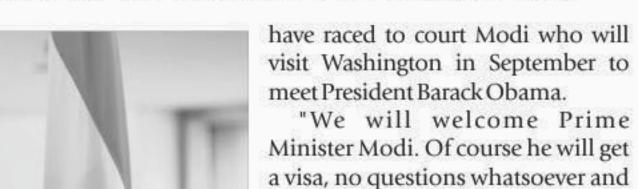
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Minister Narendra Modi swept to power in May elections. "We want a new relationship. We want to see things move

in a very positive way, "Kerry told India's NDTV television. "We are excited about Prime Minister Modi's direction and wanting to provide jobs," Kerry said.

Kerry will meet Modi today, a Hindu nationalist who was shunned by Washington until his election campaign over allegations of complicity in anti-Muslim riots as leader of Gujarat state in 2002.

In a dramatic turnaround since his election, Western powers



Modi has shown no outward sign of holding a grudge over Washington's past cold shoulder. But he took office amid a slew of fresh disputes between the two countries.

we look forward to a terrific meeting

with President Obama," said Kerry.

Indian perceptions that the United States is insensitive to its concerns broke into the open in

December, when US authorities arrested an Indian diplomat for allegedly mistreating her servant.

Allegations that Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party had been the target of surveillance operations by the US National Security Agency while it was in opposition have added to the sense of grievance on the Indian side.

More recently, India threatened to block a global pact to streamline customs procedures before Thursday's ratification deadline unless the World Trade Organisation (WTO) approves its stockpiling of food for the poor. Rich nations say the policy distorts global trade.

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Brazil tribe makes first contact with world

AFP, Rio De Janeiro

Isolated native people wearing loincloths and carrying bows and arrows have emerged from the Amazon rainforest and made contact with the outside world in a video released by Brazil's indigenous authority.

The video shows indigenous people from the Panoan linguistic group making contact with the Ashaninka native people of northern Brazil along the banks of the Envira River, near the Peruvian border.

In one scene, an ethnic Ashaninka in athletic shorts gives bananas to two loincloth-clad natives who appear wary of approaching, quickly grabbing the fruit and then retreating out of arm's

reach. Brazilian experts said the indigenous people likely crossed the border from Peru facing pressure from illegal log-

ging and drug trafficking at home. After the native people made initial contact with the Ashaninka on June 26,

a team from Brazil's National Indian Foundation (FUNAI) traveled to the area and filmed a second encounter on June 30, according to news portal G1, which posted the video online.

The people, identified as members of a group known as the Rio Xinane, at first emerged only briefly and then returned to the forest, said FUNAI

official Carlos Travassos. Two Panoan indigenous interpreters were then called in to speak with them on their next visit.

"They speak our language. I was so happy we could talk to each other," said one of the interpreters, Jaminawa Jose

Correia. He said the natives had come in search of weapons and allies.

"They described being attacked by non-native people and many died after coming down with the flu and diphtheria," he told G1.

The Brazilian Amazon has the largest number of uncontacted tribes in the world at 77, FUNAI estimates.



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She had been living in exile since 1994 and has lived in the US, Europe and India in the last

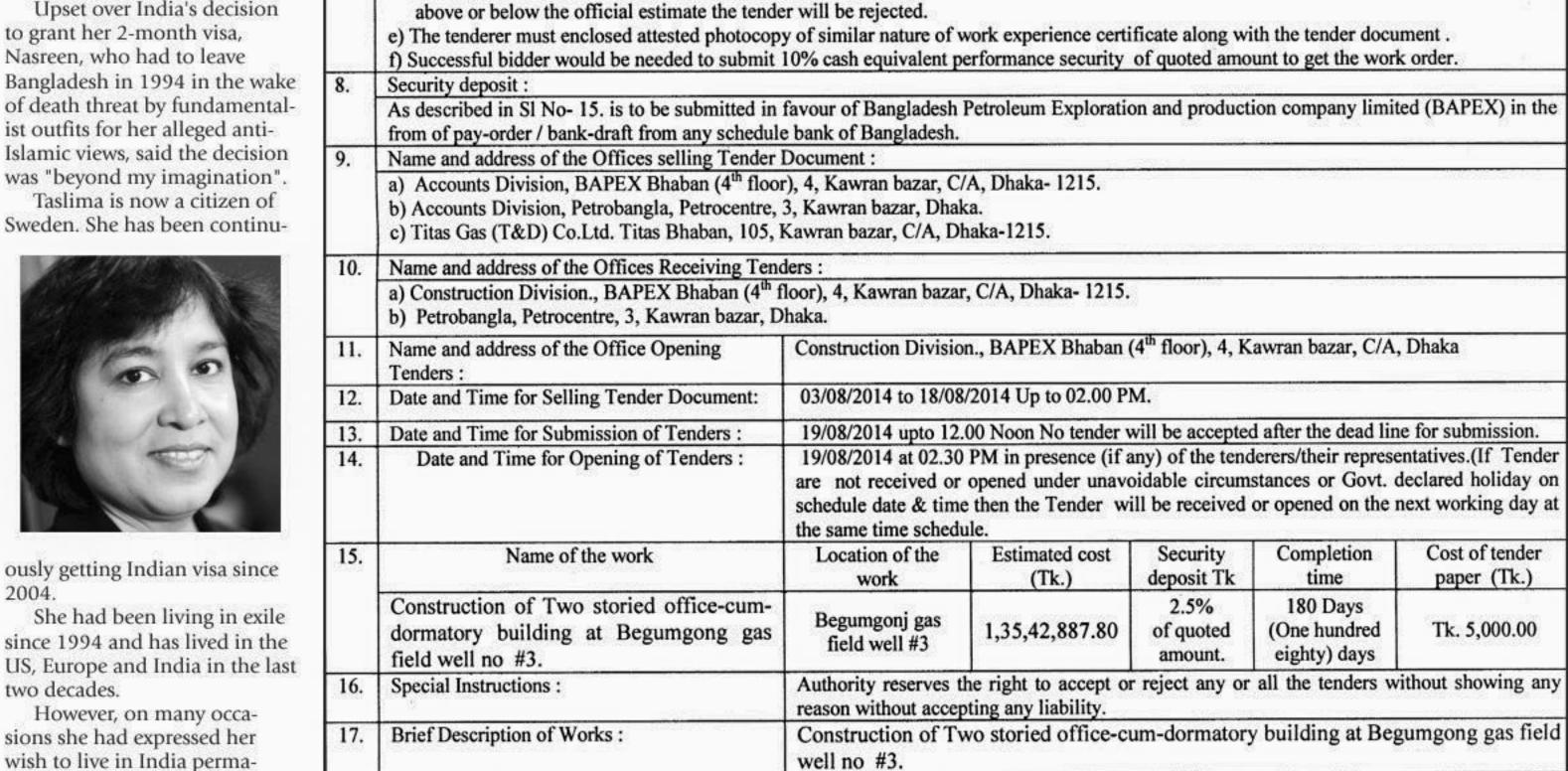
two decades. However, on many occasions she had expressed her

wish to live in India permanently, especially in Kolkata which she has described as her second home. The writer had to leave Kolkata in 2007 following

violent street protests by a

section of Muslim groups

against her works.



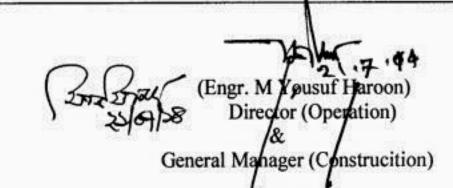
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