



Thailand's Prime Minister and Army chief General Prayut Chan-O-Cha (front row 9th R) poses for a group photo with his ministers at government house in Bangkok, yesterday. Thailand's coup leader was formally endorsed as prime minister by the nation's revered king, in a step towards forming a government to oversee sweeping reforms in the politically turbulent kingdom.

PHOTO: AFP

# World experts race to deploy Ebola drugs

AFP, Geneva

World health experts met in Geneva yesterday for urgent talks on fast-tracking experimental drugs as doctors in the worst-hit countries pleaded to be given the serums.

With no fully tested treatments for Ebola, the World Health Organization has endorsed potential cures like ZMapp to be rushed out.

"Everybody keeps asking why isn't this medication made available to our people out there?" Samuel A S Kargbo from Sierra Leone's ministry of health told AFP.

ZMapp has been given to about 10 health workers who contracted the virus, including Americans and Europeans, three of whom recovered.

Its stocks have been exhausted, but WHO said a few hundred doses could potentially be ready by the end of the year.

The meeting to discuss the merits of eight experimental treatments and two vaccines comes as the WHO warned that the death toll in the epidemic, which is centred on Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia, was still

rising fast.

"The current west African Ebola outbreak is unprecedented in size, complexity and the strain it has imposed on health systems," WHO said in a statement, acknowledging the "intense" public demand for a treatment.

Abdulsalami Nasidi, project director at the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, said that the Geneva meeting's discussion of new drugs "gives a lot of hope to the African people affected and those who are in panic". The WHO said "extraordinary measures" were in place to accelerate the pace of clinical trials on the drugs -- most of which have yet to be tested on people -- but warned new treatments were not expected to be ready for widespread use before the end of 2014.

The race to ready experimental drugs comes as affected countries are struggling to contain the outbreak, which was first detected in Guinea at the start of the year.

WHO on Thursday however put the official death toll a bit lower, at 1,841, out of a total of 3,685 cases in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia.



Inhabitants look at medical workers of the Liberian Red Cross disinfecting themselves after an intervention in the small city of Banjol, where three people infected with the Ebola virus died yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

# 92 women raped in India every day

PTI, New Delhi

92 women were raped on an average every day in India and the national capital with 1,636 cases recorded the highest number of such crimes among all cities last year.

According to figures released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the total number of rape cases reported in India has gone up to 33,707 in 2013 from 24,923 in 2012.

In 15,556 cases, the rape victims were aged between 18 and 30 years in 2013.

The number of rape cases has doubled in Delhi in 2013 compared to the previous year. A total of 1,636 rape cases were reported in the city last year, while 706 such cases were reported in the year 2012. On an average, four rape cases were reported in Delhi everyday in 2013.

The number of rape cases in Delhi was followed by 391 cases in Mumbai, 192 cases in Jaipur and 171 cases in Pune in 2013.

The data also unveiled a disturbing fact that in the majority of the cases, the offenders were known to the victims. NCRB statistics shows that in 94 per cent of the cases the offenders were familiar to the accused.

These offenders included parents in 539 cases, neighbours in 10,782 cases, relatives in 2,315 cases and other known persons in 18,171 such cases reported over the year.

# Heavy rains kill dozens in India, Pakistan

AGENCIES

More than 40 people have been killed as a result of heavy monsoon rains in Pakistan, officials said yesterday, as authorities warned more intense rainfall and flash floods could be imminent.

Most of the deaths were caused by roof collapses in buildings in Punjab, Pakistan's richest and most populous province, with 13 people killed in the provincial capital Lahore.

Pakistan has suffered deadly monsoon floods for at least the last four years -- in 2013, 178 people were killed and around 1.5 million affected by flooding around the country.

The government has been criticised for not doing more to mitigate against the dangers posed by seasonal rains washing away homes and farmland.

In Pakistani-administered Kashmir, 10 people were killed and four others injured, disaster management agency chairman Akram Sohail told AFP.

He said there had been some flash flooding in the Himalayan territory and warned that the rivers Jhelum and Neelum were close to overflowing in some places.

Meanwhile, sixty-five people were killed

after heavy rains caused flash floods in Indian-administered Kashmir, including a wedding party on a bus that was swept away, officials said yesterday.

Authorities declared a disaster alert in the northern region after two days of heavy rain hit villages across the Kashmir valley, causing the worst flooding in two decades.

"At least 40 members of a marriage party are feared dead when their bus was washed away due to flash floods," senior police superintendent Mubassir Latifi told Reuters.

The bus accident occurred in Rajouri, 170 km (110 miles) south of the region's main city of Srinagar. Latifi, who was monitoring the rescue operation, said five passengers had swum to safety.

Heavy rain is expected for the next 48 hours.

The state government has sounded high alert and has asked the Indian Air Force to keep its helicopters on standby.

Army troops launched rescue operations at various places in the state as death toll in the J&K flash floods rose to 12, including the death of a Border Security Force inspector, during the last 36 hours, as per official reports.

# Asim Umar, the head of new al-Qaeda branch

AFP, Islamabad

The head of the newly-created South Asia branch of al-Qaeda, Asim Umar, is a Pakistani ideologue who has produced a number of online calls to jihad but has a relatively low profile.

Umar -- an alias -- was named by al-Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri in a video message as the leader of the network's new operation which will try to rouse fighters in India, Bangladesh and Myanmar.

He appears wearing a black turban and beard in several online videos produced by al-Qaeda and the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), the loose coalition of home-grown Islamist militants that have waged a bloody campaign against the Pakistani state since 2007.

An Afghan Taliban source said Umar worked with the Punjabi Taliban, the TTP chapter in Pakistan's most populous province, for some years before linking up with al-Qaeda.

"He is basically a propagandist," the source told AFP.

Amir Rana, a Pakistani expert on mili-

tancy, described Umar as an "intellectual asset" of both al-Qaeda and the TTP but said there was so far no evidence linking him to an operational role as a commander.

Umar, who appears to be middle-aged, does not look Pashtun and most of his online postings are in Urdu, the national language of Pakistan which is closely related to Hindi spoken in northern India.

Analysts say the new al-Qaeda branch faces a struggle to gain traction in India and Bangladesh, which have large but traditionally moderate Muslim populations.

There is some acknowledgement of this in a video featuring Umar put online by Al-Qaeda last year, titled "Why is there no Storm in your Ocean?".

In it Umar, speaking Urdu, urges Indian Muslims to rise up and fight to establish a caliphate. The speech contains a relatively moderate note -- he tells would-be jihadists not to force anyone to convert to Islam. An intelligence official said Umar had recently visited Syria, though it was not possible to confirm this.



Zawahiri

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information & Statistics (BANBEIS)

Ministry of Education

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## Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information & Statistics (BANBEIS).
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information & Statistics (BANBEIS).
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Lot 1, 2, 3 & 4
7	Invitation Ref No.	No. 37.20.0000.001.007.015.2014-1625.
8	Date	2/9/2014.
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14	Tender package No.	02
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Computer (PC), Printer, Scanner & UPS.
16	Tender publication date	4/9/2014.
17	Tender last selling date	24/9/2014.
		DateTime
18	Tender closing date and time	25/9/20142.00pm
19	Tender opening date and time	25/9/20143.00pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address.
	- Selling tender document (principal)	BANBEIS, Room No. 216 (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor), 1, Sonargaon Road, Palashi, Dhaka-1205.
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	- Opening tender document	BANBEIS, Conference Room (2nd Floor), 1, Sonargaon Road, Palashi, Dhaka-1205.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Not applicable.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of tenderer	1) Up-to-date trade license (2) TIN certificate (3) VAT registration certificate (4) Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate (5) Bank solvency certificate, experience & other documents described in tender documents.
23	Brief description of goods or works	Server, Computer (PC), Laptop, Printer & UPS.
24	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk. 1000/- (one thousand only).
25	Lot No.	Identification of lotLocationTender security amount (Tk)Completion time in weeks/months
	1	ServerBANBEIS, Dhaka17,000/-30 (thirty) days
	2	Computer(pc), LaptopBANBEIS, Dhaka22,000/-30 (thirty) days
	3	PrinterBANBEIS, Dhaka15,000/-30 (thirty) days
	4	Toner CartridgeBANBEIS, Dhaka24,000/-30 (thirty) days
26	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Mosharrar Hossain.
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Administrative Officer.
28	Address of official inviting tender	1, Sonargaon Road, Palashi, Dhaka-1205.
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	86311259665457
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	
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