



**Won't respond to people with 'narrow mindset'**

IST, New Delhi

The Congress president Sonia Gandhi yesterday refused to respond to BJP leader Giriraj Singh's comments about her.

In Madhya Pradesh to interact with farmers affected by unseasonal rain, Sonia said Giriraj Singh suffered from a narrow mindset and his comments did not warrant a response from her.

"I would not like to comment on remarks made by people with a narrow mindset," Sonia said.

Giriraj, a BJP MP from Nawada in Bihar, stirred a hornet's nest with his comments, "Had Rajiv Gandhi married a Nigerian woman who did not have a fair skin, would the Congress have accepted her leadership?" in a video, while talking to local Press at the circuit house in Hajipur on Tuesday.



**YEMEN EVACUATIONS**

**First batch of Indians reach home**

*Pakistan to debate Yemen crisis in parliament*

**AGENCIES**  
An IAF plane carrying 190 Indian nationals evacuated from Yemen landed in Mumbai in the government's first major mission to rescue Indians stranded in the strife-torn nation.

The flight landed at 4am at the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Kirit Somaiya who was at the airport, welcomed the waiting family members and said the Maharashtra government had made arrangements for their accommodation free of cost.

The Railways would also make

further arrangements for their travel along with a travel allowance.

A majority of the evacuees who landed in Mumbai are from Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, while some are from Maharashtra.

They were part of as many as 350 Indians who reached Djibouti after being evacuated on a Navy vessel from Aden, the seaport city of Yemen.

Pakistan will hold a special session of parliament on Monday to debate whether to join the Saudi-led coalition against anti-government rebels in Yemen, the prime minister's office said.

Islamabad, a close and longstanding ally of Saudi Arabia, has so far resisted

Riyadh's demand for it to join the group of Arab nations trying to prevent Shiite Huthi rebels from taking over in Yemen.

Meanwhile, India has acceded to Sri Lanka's request to evacuate stranded Sri Lankans along with Indian nationals from strife-torn Yemen, the foreign ministry said.

There are reportedly around 75-100 Sri Lankan expatriates, including students, in Yemen.

Due to the volatile situation in the country, Sri Lanka is making arrangements to evacuate all Sri Lankans in Yemen, who are principally residing in the capital Sanaa and other main cities, such as Hodeida, Aden and Mukalla.

**Afghan suicide blast kills 16**

AFP, Khost

A suicide bomber yesterday killed at least 16 people and wounded 40 others, including a prominent lawmaker, at an anti-corruption rally in eastern Afghanistan, the latest casualties ahead of the Taliban's expected spring offensive.

The attack targeted an anti-graft demonstration outside the residence of the acting governor of restive Khost province, sending terrified, blood-soaked victims fleeing for cover.

The attack comes just a week after Washington announced it would not be halving the 9,800 US troops still in Afghanistan by the end of the year, backpedalling on previous plans. The Taliban warned that the US troop announcement would damage any prospects of peace talks.

However, the Taliban denied responsibility for the blast.

**'COSMETIC' LIFTING OF THAI MARTIAL LAW US, UN lead criticism**

AFP, Bangkok

The Thai junta's decision to lift martial law was denounced by critics yesterday as cosmetic, with Washington and the United Nations warning that replacement security measures would not loosen the military's grip on power.

In an announcement late Wednesday Thailand's generals officially lifted martial law 10 months after seizing power in a coup.

But the controversial law, which western allies had called on Bangkok to revoke, was replaced with a new executive order retaining sweeping powers for the military and junta chief Prayut Chan-O-Cha.

Those measures were passed under Section 44 of the junta-written interim constitution, a controversial provision handing Prayut power to make any executive decision in the name of national security.

The new order includes a continuance of a ban on political gatherings of more than five people, while the military retain the right to arrest, detain and prosecute people for national security crimes or those who fall foul of the country's strict royal defamation laws.

A new rule also appears to deepen censorship of the media, by allowing military officers to stop the publication or presentation of any news they deem to be "causing fear or distorted information".

UN's human rights chief Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein described the new powers as "even more draconian" than martial law.

He added he was "alarmed" by the move "which bestows unlimited powers on the current prime minister without any judicial oversight at all".

**ভাড়া / বিক্রয় হইবে**

উত্তরখান মাজার, কলেজ তালতলায় অবস্থিত প্রশস্ত রাস্তার পাশে (যে কোন ধরনের বড় গাড়ী চলাচলের উপযোগী) ৩৬ কাঠা জমির উপর নির্মিত একটি ছয় তলা ভবন (৯০০০ X ৬) = ৫৪,০০০ বর্গ ফুট এবং একটি পাঁচতলা ভবন (৪০০০ X ৫) = ২০,০০০ বর্গফুট এবং ইউটিলিটি ভবন চারতলা (১৫০০ X ৪) = ৬০০০ বর্গফুট সর্বমোট -৮০,০০০ বর্গফুট ফ্লোর, গ্যাস লাইন (২২৪০ সিএফটি), বিদ্যুৎ সংযোগ (৪৪০ কিলোওয়াট) এবং পানির কানেকশন বিদ্যমান অবস্থায় যে কোন ধরনের গার্মেন্টস অথবা অন্য বৃহৎ শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠান করার উপযোগী রেডী ফ্লোর বিক্রয় অথবা দীর্ঘমেয়াদী ভিত্তিতে ভাড়া দেওয়া হইবে।

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**Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre**  
Savar, Dhaka-1343.

No. 05.01.2672.130.07.394.14-1337 Date: 02.04.2015

**Invitation for Tender**

**Procurement of Laptop Computer & AC Minibus**  
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Public Administration (MOPA)
2 Agency	BPATC, Savar, Dhaka.
3 Purchaser Name	Rector, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre, Savar, Dhaka-1343
4 Purchaser Code	Not Applicable
5 Purchaser District	Dhaka
6 Invitation for	01) 300 (Three hundred) Nos. Laptop Computer & 02) 04 (Four) Nos. AC Minibus
7 Invitation Ref No	11/2014-2015
8 Date	02.04.2015

**KEY INFORMATION**

9 Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
10 Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh
11 Development Partners	N/A

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12 Project / Programme Code	N/A
13 Project / Programme Name	N/A
14 Tender Package No.	01 & 02
15 Tender Package Name	01) 300 (Three hundred) Nos. Laptop Computer & 02) 04 (Four) Nos. AC Minibus
16 Tender Publication Date	03.04.2015
17 Tender Last Selling Date	28.04.2015
18 Tender Closing Date and Time	29.04.2015 12.00 PM
19 Tender Opening Date and Time	29.04.2015 03.00 PM
20 Name & Address of the office(s)	Address Assistant Director (Purchase & Store), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343
- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	1) Office of the Director (Administration), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343
- Selling Tender Document (Others)	2) Deputy Director, RPATC, 49 New Eskaton Road, Dhaka.
- Receiving Tender Document	Place: Rector's Conference Room Date: 15.04.2015 Time: 3.00 PM
-Opening Tender Documents: Office of the Director (Administration), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka- 1343	
21 Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

22 Eligibility of Tenderer	01) For Package-1: Manufacturers/Sole Distributors of new Laptop Computer having authorization from the manufacturer. & 02) For Package-2: Manufacturers/Sole Distributors of new AC Minibus having authorization from the manufacturer.
23 Brief Description of Goods	01) 300 (Three hundred) Nos. Laptop Computer & 02) 04 (Four) Nos. AC Minibus
24 Brief Description of Related Services	Required
25 Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Tk. 5,000/= (Five thousands) for each
Package No.	Identification of Location Tender Security Amount (Tk) Completion Time in Weeks / Months
26 01	300 (Three hundred) Nos. Laptop Computer BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343 1) 5,00,000/- (Five lacs) 1) 1 month
02	04 (Four) Nos. AC Minibus RPATC, Dhaka, Khulna, Chittagong, Rajshahi. 2) 7,00,000/- (Seven lacs) 2) 1 month

**Purchaser DETAILS**

27 Name of Official Inviting Tender	Mohammad Shafiuzzaman Bhuiyan
28 Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy Director (Finance), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343
29 Address of Official Inviting Tender	BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343
30 Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	7746617 Fax-7745029
31 The Purchaser reserves the right to	reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings

(Mohammad Shafiuzzaman Bhuiyan)  
Deputy Director (Finance)  
Phone 7746617

**BORDER BOMBINGS Myanmar officially apologises to China**

AFP, Beijing

Myanmar officially apologised yesterday for a cross-border aerial bombing that left five Chinese citizens dead last month, Beijing's foreign ministry said.

Myanmar's foreign minister Wunna Maung Lwin offered his remorse as a special envoy of President Thein Sein during talks with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi in Beijing, the ministry said in a statement.

"On behalf of the Myanmar government and military, I officially apologise to China and express my deep sympathy to the families of the victims and the injured," he was quoted as saying by China's official Xinhua news agency.

"Myanmar is willing to keep in touch with China over compensation for the victims and injured and make proper arrangement," he added.

Five Chinese farm workers died last month when a bomb apparently from a Myanmar warplane landed in Chinese territory after Myanmar's military launched airstrikes against rebels in the country's mountainous Kokang area.

Tensions rose further when China subsequently mobilised fighter jets in response.

Kokang has strong bonds with China -- local people speak a Chinese dialect and China's yuan is the common currency -- and tens of thousands of people have crossed the border to flee the fighting.

China acted as an economic and political shield for Myanmar for decades, when the country was under military rule and the junta isolated by the West. Its reward was a wealth of sometimes controversial investments, particularly in dams, mines and energy infrastructure.

**India's IT plans hit by power cuts and monkeys**

TIMES OF INDIA ONLINE

As India launches an \$18 billion plan to spread the information revolution to its provinces, the problems it faces are a holdover from the past — electricity shortages, badly planned, jam-packed cities, and monkeys.

The clash between the old world and the new is sharply in focus in the crowded 3,000-year-old holy city of Varanasi, where many devout Hindus come to die in the belief that doing so will give them salvation. Varanasi is also home to hundreds of macaque monkeys that live in its temples and are fed and venerated by devotees.

But the monkeys also feast on the fiber-optic



cables that are strung along the banks of the Ganges river.

"We cannot move the temples from here. We cannot modify anything here, everything is built up. The monkeys, they destroy all the wires and eat all the wires," said communications engineer AP Srivastava.

Srivastava, who oversees the expansion of new connections in the local district, said his team had to replace the riverside cables when the monkeys chewed them up less than two months after they were installed.

He said his team is now looking for alternatives, but there are few to be found. The city of over 2 million people is impossibly crowded and laying underground cable is out of the question. Chasing away or trapping the monkeys will outrage residents and temple-goers.

**অগ্রণী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড**

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**Islamic University of Technology (IUT)**  
Board Bazar, Gazipur, Bangladesh  
Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

Memo No. IUT/PD.39.02 Date: 01 April 2015

**Invitation for Tenders**

1. Organisation	: Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).
2. Executing agency	: Islamic University of Technology (IUT).
3. Procuring entity name	: Vice Chancellor, IUT.
4. Procuring entity district	: Gazipur.
5. Tender name	: Construction of Main Gate House including Civil, Sanitary, Water Supply, Internal Electrification, Approach Road and other Ancillary Works at Islamic University of Technology, Board Bazar, Gazipur.
6. Tender No.	: 01/IUT/2015, dt. 31 March 2015.
7. Procuring method	: Open Tendering Method (OTM).
8. Budget & source of fund and payment	: IUT's Own Fund. Payment will be made in Bangladeshi Taka.
9. Price of tender document	: Tk 5,000 (five thousand) only (non-refundable).
10. Amount of tender security	: Tk 3,50,000 (Three lac fifty thousand) only in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Islamic University of Technology to be drawn on AB Bank Limited, Board Bazar Branch, Gazipur.
11. Last selling date of tender document	: Up to 04:00pm on 21 April 2015.
12. Tender receiving date, time and place	: Up to 12:00 noon on 23 April 2015 at the Office of the Vice Chancellor, IUT.
13. Tender opening date, time and place	: 02:30pm on 23 April 2015 at the Office of the Vice Chancellor, IUT in presence of the tenderer if there is any.
14. Name and address of the office selling tender document	: Accounts and Finance Office, IUT, Board Bazar, Gazipur.
15. Eligibility of tenderer/firms	: This invitation of tender is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned below and as further detailed in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS) of the tender document. a) Should have minimum 10 years general experience in construction works. b) Should be enlisted as special/first class contractors in government, semi-government, autonomous bodies in Bangladesh. c) In case of joint venture one of them must have 10 yrs experience and the other should have 5 yrs building construction work experience. Details in TDS. d) The tenderers should have experience of completion of at least 4-storied building incl. sanitary and electrical works in a single contract with an amount of not less than Tk 100 lac in the last 5 years. e) The tenderers must have valid TIN, VAT, Trade License and enlistment certificates, ABC electrical licence. All original documents must be shown by the intending tenderers before purchasing tender document.
16. Liquid asset/credit facility/working capital	: Tk. 50 lac.
17. Minimum annual construction turnover for the last 5 years	: Tk. 250 lac.
18. Special instructions	: The procuring entity (VC, IUT) reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

D-186 Chief of Planning and Development