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US Withholds \$800M in Aid To Pakistan

BY KAREN DEYOUNG
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WASHINGTON - The administration of US President Barack Obama has delayed payment of hundreds of millions of dollars in promised military aid and reimbursement to Pakistan to reflect its displeasure with that country's lagging security cooperation, according to US and Pakistani officials.

The decision to withhold the aid follows Pakistan's cancellation of visas for more than 100 US Special Operations trainers working with its Frontier Corps, along with its refusal to issue visas for equipment technicians, after long-escalating bilateral tensions culminated in the cross-border US raid in May that killed Osama bin Laden.

Pakistan's actions "have given us reason to pause," White House Chief of Staff William Daley said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" television news program. "Until we get through these difficulties, we'll hold back some of the money that the American taxpayers have committed to give."

The withheld aid is worth about \$800 million, including a payment of \$300 million for reimbursement of Pakistani counterinsurgency expenditures. The money, part of what Pakistan says is more than \$1 billion owed on the account, was approved by the US Defense Department several months ago but has not been disbursed.

US equipment approved for the Frontier Corps, which is based in the tribal regions where Taliban

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Philip Heijmans/The Cambodia Daily

A computer screen at the newly opened Cambodian Securities Exchange yesterday shows mock trading of the three state-owned enterprises expected to list by year's end: the Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority, Sihanoukville Autonomous Port and Telecom Cambodia.

Stock Exchange Launches, Waits for Customers

BY HUL REAKSMEY
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THE CAMBODIA DAILY

Finance Minister Keat Chhon launched the long-awaited Cambodian stock exchange in Phnom Penh yesterday with a call to state-owned entities to put "more effort" into preparations for their initial public offerings.

No companies are yet listed on the Cambodian Securities Exchange, and when the pomp and ceremony of yesterday's launch ceremony came to a close, the

bourse's dozens of trading screens stood idle.

Investors say that while the launch of the CSX is a symbolic milestone for Cambodia's financial sector, coming after years of missed deadlines and delays, it could be some time before companies list on the exchange and capital starts flowing into the economy here.

"Today is a historic day for the Cambodian financial sector and is also the new national pride for Cambodia," said Mr Chhon, addressing a crowd of government

officials, investors and securities firms who gathered for the launch at Canadia Tower, the home of the new bourse.

"This clearly shows that Cambodia is moving to a new stage of financial sector development," the minister said.

Mr Chhon said that trading at the exchange would likely commence by the "end of this year," as long as the three state-owned companies preparing to list—Telecom Cambodia, the Phnom

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Graft Risk Leads FedEx to Limit Local Business

BY SIMON MARKS
THE CAMBODIA DAILY

The US logistics giant FedEx has stopped accepting inbound shipments to Cambodia valued at more than \$300 in order to comply with recent legislation that prohibits the payment of bribes to public officials.

FedEx representatives said yesterday that the company had made the decision to limit operations in Cambodia to ensure "its agent and its agent's customs broker are all in

full compliance" with Cambodian law and that no so-called "facilitation" payments are given to officials at Cambodian customs.

Such fees are "regularly imposed by Customs and CamControl officials to cover the costs of clearance of high-value shipments," FedEx said.

FedEx, which announced the policy internally in February, also said it would only resume service for high-value shipments once Cambodian authorities modernize

the clearance process by publishing rates and charges to cover the cost of customs clearance and properly invoice and receipt payments.

Pen Siman, director of the general department of customs and excise, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Mey Vann, director of the finance and industry department in the Ministry of Finance, which the general department of customs and excise answers to, declined to

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Arsenic Removal Technology To Be Used in Prey Veng Water

BY SOK SIDON
THE CAMBODIA DAILY

A new project to remove arsenic from groundwater in Cambodia was announced yesterday at the Royal University of Phnom Penh. The project will utilize Subterranean Arsenic Removal technology, developed by a team of engineers led by Bhaskar Sengupta from Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Queen's University and RUPP have been working together on the emissions-free SAR implementation scheme for three years and are launching it in Svay Phlos commune in Prey Veng province's Peam Chor district at the end of July.

The project is funded by the British Council's Development Partnerships in Higher Education program. Mr Sengupta said that if funding extended beyond the one-year trial period, it would expand to Kandal province.

Using 2008 census data, the team assessed the need for a large-scale arsenic treatment program in Cambodia. Levels of arsenic in groundwater and tube wells were found to be 50 to 60 times higher than safe levels established by the World Health Organization. A 2008 field

study conducted near Phnom Penh revealed that arsenic dissolved into groundwater at a much higher depth than previously believed, a mere 2 to 3 meters from the surface. Arsenicosis is a slow-developing illness with symptoms including cancers, tumors and skin diseases.

Andrew Shantz, laboratory and research director for the NGO Resource Development International, said it is estimated that between 75,000 and 150,000 Cambodians consume arsenic-contaminated groundwater daily. A SAR plant costs about \$3,000 to construct, and it cleans and produces 10,000 liters of safe water per day. A running cost of about \$10 per month is required for electricity and related costs.

Project coordinator Chea Eliyan said the program would be used to educate local people and enable them to look after the plant themselves. "It is for the community, and they will be taught how to take care of it. During the initial project period (six to eight weeks), a project consultant and a team member...will monitor the development of the project," she said.

(Additional reporting by Alice Burke)

— National Briefs —

Firm Accused of Poisoning Villagers on Revoked Land

A company that sickened more than 170 villagers in Kampot province last week by spraying herbicides has been farming on a land concession that was revoked by the government in April. The 9,800-hectare concession in Chhuk district granted to World Tristar Entertainment Co, a subsidiary of the So Nguon company, was part of the 48,657 hectares of land concessions canceled by the Council of Ministers. Despite this, the company has continued to use the land, which is planted with acacia, corn and cassava, according to district governor Khoem Horn. "I did not know the government canceled the land concession, but I knew the company was continuing its activity," he said. Kampot governor Khoy Khunhuor said he was also unaware that the concession had been canceled. Workers at World Tristar Entertainment last week began spraying large amounts of herbicides in an area near villagers' homes in Trapeang Phlaing commune, sickening 173 people. Ke Rathavuth, director of the district health center, said the patients had been treated for gastrointestinal problems and released Sunday. "We are still concerned about them and continue to monitor," he said. So Nguon, director of the So Nguon company, could not be reached for comment. (*Chhorn Chansy*)

Man Arrested for Alleged Repeated Rape of Daughter

Kompong Cham provincial police arrested a 46-year-old man on Sunday for allegedly repeatedly raping his 15-year-old daughter, local police said yesterday. Oun Sithoun was arrested for allegedly raping his daughter on several occasions since November 2010, according to Tbong Khmum district deputy police chief Lung Sarin. "The suspect threatened the victim if she told anyone, saying he would kill her," he said. "That is why the victim was so afraid to say anything until now." On Sunday at 3 am, Mr Sithoun raped the victim while she was sleeping near her 6-year-old sister. When the younger sister saw what had happened, she told her mother, who filed a complaint with police. Provincial serious crimes bureau police chief San Sophea said the suspect would be sent to court today. (*Phok Dorn*)

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The National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development (NCDD) is mandated as the overall program authority and through its Secretariat (NCDDS) is responsible for policy formulation and program coordination. Implementation of the National Program is assigned to six national institutions, each with their own sub-program, including the NCDDS; the Ministries of Interior, Economy and Finance, and Planning; the State Secretariat for Civil Service; and the National League of Council Associations.

Underlying the design of the IP3 is a national effort to develop capacity at all levels of government for democratic development including policy formulation, institutional strengthening and human resource development. Specific emphasis in the first three years is focused on the level of the district /municipality including their newly established office to support the Commune/Sangkat Councils.

To support the capacity development and transfer of skills to the various national institutions and sub-national administrations during the initial phase of program implementation, the NCDD Secretariat is seeking qualified Cambodian Nationals for the following positions:

National Level Positions	Duty Station	Posts
NCDDS Policy Division		
Planning Policy Adviser	Ministry of Interior	1
Ministry of Planning		
National Planning Systems Adviser	Ministry of Planning	1
MIS/M&E Adviser	Ministry of Planning	1

The NP-SNDD and IP3 program documents, the detailed Job Description, and Application Forms are all available online at <http://www.ncdd.gov.kh>. Interested applicants are asked to clearly indicate in their cover letters submitting their CVs, the position being applied for. Please submit all your application documents (including NCDDS Job Application Form) to: Ms. Phan Sophak, Personnel Officer or Mr. Ros Sarom, Human Resource Adviser at NCDDS/PST, Ministry of Interior, Norodom Boulevard, Khan Chamcarmon, Phnom Penh, CAMBODIA from 08:00am to 17:00pm, Monday to Friday or through e-mail at sophak_phan@ncdd.gov.kh and sarom@ncdd.gov.kh. This vacancy is open to Cambodian applicants. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for written competency test and/or interview.

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