

Risks of isolationism

Hagel warns Americans

WASHINGTON: US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel on Tuesday warned Americans against isolationism, saying the United States could not afford to turn away from the world's crises.

Hagel's appeal coincides with a growing fatigue at home with the country's international commitments, after 13 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Pentagon chief acknowledged Americans were wary of foreign commitments but said the costs of pulling back from the world would carry even bigger risks.

"Turning inward, history teaches us, does not insulate us from the world's troubles," Hagel said in a speech in Chicago.

"It only forces us to be more

engaged later — at a higher cost in blood and treasure, and often on the terms of others," he said. Hagel said staying engaged with the world was not an act of "charity" but a matter of practical national interests.

"Although Americans today are increasingly sceptical of foreign engagement and global responsibilities, it is a mistake to view those responsibilities as a burden or as charity," Hagel said.

"Let us remember that the biggest beneficiaries of American leadership and engagement in the world are the American people," he said. The current era of "unprecedented prosperity" could not be taken for granted and had evolved partly due to

America's diplomacy and military strength, Hagel said.

He said that "walking away from the world, and our relationships, is not an option for the United States."

Some critics on the right have accused President Barack Obama of weakening US leadership in the world through his cautious approach to intervention in Libya, pulling back from military strikes in Syria and moving slowly to aid Syrian rebels fighting the Damascus regime.

Even with the US withdrawal from Iraq and a drawdown in Afghanistan, Hagel said the American military currently has about 400,000 troops deployed

around the world in nearly 100 countries. A recent poll by the Wall Street Journal and NBC News reflected Americans' mixed feelings about the country's international role.

According to the survey conducted in March, 47 percent said the United States should be less active in global conflicts but about half said they want a president who will take on America's enemies abroad.

In his speech, Hagel criticised Congress for imposing steep, "irresponsible" automatic budget cuts that had proved damaging while refusing to tackle rising personnel and infrastructure costs that could free up funds for training and weapons. —AFP



TIBERIAS, Israel: A protest who were expelled during the Six Day War, celebrating the 66th anniversary of their expulsion.

DIRECTORATE OF PARKS AND HORTICULTURE KARACHI METROPOLITAN CORPORATION

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Tenders in sealed covers are invited on Schedule Rate plus Offer Rate Basis for the following works from the Contractors registered with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in relevant Category having valid / renewed license of PEC, valid NTN and paid up original challan of professional tax prescribed fee:

S. No.	Tender Reference Number	Name of Scheme	Estimated Cost Rs. (in million)	Bid Security (in Rs.)	Tender Cost Rs.
1.	DG/P&H/KMC /01/2013-2014	Repairing and Maintenance of Lights and Electrical Accessories at different Parks of District South (P&H), KMC.	Rs. 226409/-	Rs. 4528/-	Rs. 3000/-

Terms & Conditions:

1. Tender schedule shall be as follows:

SCHEDULE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1. Receiving of Application & Issuance of Tender	From the date of publication in newspapers to 26-05-2014 during office hours	Office of the Director General Parks & Horticulture Deptt. KMC inside Bagh-e-Jinnah (Frere Hall), Fatima Jinnah Road, Karachi.
2. Dropping of Tender	27-05-2014 at 2:00 p.m.	Office of the Director General Parks & Horticulture Deptt. KMC inside Bagh-e-Jinnah (Frere Hall), Fatima Jinnah Road, Karachi.
3. Opening of Tender	27-05-2014 at 2:00 p.m.	Office of the Director General Parks & Horticulture Deptt. KMC inside Bagh-e-Jinnah (Frere Hall), Fatima Jinnah Road, Karachi.
2.	The tender documents (Soft Copy of Terms & Conditions and Hard Copy of BOQ / Schedule-B will be issued to the contractor on submission of written request on letter head along with original documents with their photo copies as mentioned above and on payment of non-refundable cost of tender price from pay order from any schedule bank in favor of KMC. Bid Security in shape of pay order from any schedule Bank in favor of KMC as mentioned above should be enclosed with the bid otherwise the tender will be rejected. No tender will be sold on the tender opening date. The terms and conditions of the tender and contract can also be downloaded from website of KMC (www.karachi.gov.pk). However, the BOQ/Schedule-B shall be purchased from the above mentioned offices on payment of the prescribed fee and within the specified time.	
3.	In case of any reason, if the tenders are not responded on the above dates the next date of submission and opening will be dated 10/06/2014 and the tender documents will also be available for sale up to dated 09-06-2014.	
4.	In case, the date of opening or last date of sale is declared as a public holiday by the Government, the next official working day shall be deemed to be the date for last date of sale and submission and opening of tenders at the same time as mentioned above.	
5.	The total bid amount as well as the rates of items must be filled both in figures and words and in case any correction is made by the contractor himself then each correction must be initialed by the contractor; otherwise the tenders are liable to be summarily rejected.	
6.	Substantially Responsive Bid:	
	Only those bids, which comply with each of the minimum qualification requirements uploaded separately on KMC's website and attached with the tender documents, shall be declared substantially responsive bids at the time of tender opening and will be eligible for further evaluation, otherwise the same will be declared as non-responsive / rejected.	
7.	The bidders are required to submit the above information, the signed evidence against evaluation criteria along with their bids. However, Joint Venture between two or more firms is allowed subject to compliance of conditions of stipulated rules of PEC.	
8.	If any fake documents are found then the tenders is liable to be rejected/cancelled without any compensation and with penalty as per rules.	
9.	Canvassing in connection with tenders is strictly prohibited and tenders submitted by the contractors who are reported canvassing will be liable for rejection.	
10.	If a bidder submits a seriously unbalanced bid then he will be required to deposit extra performance security to a level sufficient to protect the procuring agency against financial losses, failing which the submitted bid security will be forfeited by the procuring agency.	
11.	Bid security of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released once the contract has been finalized with the successful bidder or the validity period has expired.	
12.	The procuring agency may reject all or any bid subject to the relevant provisions of SPPRA Rules 2010.	

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ADEN: Yemeni government forces captured Al Qaida's stronghold in the south of the country on Tuesday as insurgents blew up the compound of the Defence Minister.

The Yemeni Defense Ministry's website quoted an military source as saying soldiers and allied tribal - known as 'popular committees' - had entered Al Mahfad of about 30,000-40,000 fighters on the main road from Abyan to the eastern province.



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