NEWS IN BRIEF

Trump wanted to 'swap' **Puerto Rico for Greenland** President Donald Trump wanted to sell Puerto

Rico or swap it for Greenland because he viewed the US territory as dirty and poor, a former senior administration official said Wednesday. Miles Taylor, who was chief of staff at the Department of Homeland Security, said Trump expressed those views as the government undertook

support operations after two massive hurricanes ravaged the Caribbean island in 2017. Taylor told MSNBC that just before one 2018 trip by officials, Trump, who had regularly talked about acquiring Greenland from Denmark, seriously suggested he could trade away Puerto Rico. "He told us, not only did he want to purchase Greenland, he actually said he wanted to see if we could sell Puerto Rico, could we swap Puerto Rico for Greenland, because in his words, Puerto Rico was dirty and the people were poor," Taylor said The former official said he did not take Trump's remarks as a joke. On Tuesday Trump dismissed Taylor on Twitter as a "former disgruntled employee" who is "said to be a 'real stiff."

Google services restored for users around the world

Popular Google services including Gmail, Docs and Drive were down for many users around the world yesterday, but were restored after a few hours, the US technology giant said. "We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience and continued support," the company said. "System reliability is a top priority at Google. We are making continuous improvements to make our systems better." Frustrated customers in countries including Australia, Japan, France and the United States complained online of the outage, and tracking website DownDetector reported Google services were down in every continent.

US formally ends three accords with Hong Kong

American authorities on Wednesday formally notified Hong Kong that the United States has withdrawn from three bilateral deals with the semi-autonomous Chinese city on extradition and taxation. The agreements covered the surrender of fugitive offenders, the transfer of sentenced persons, and reciprocal tax exemptions on income derived

from the international operation of ships. The announcement follows President Donald Trump's decision to revoke Hong Kong's preferential trade status as Beijing clamped down on the territory over huge and often violent pro-democracy protests last year. In July, Trump signed an executive order stipulating that Hong Kong lacked the autonomy needed to justify special treatment as compared with China. Hong Kong yesterday said it will suspend some legal cooperation with the United States, China's foreign ministry said, in a tit-for-tat response to Washington ending the agreements.

Thai cops

REUTERS, Bangkok

arrest 4 anti-

govt protesters

Thai police yesterday said

they have arrested four

over a July 18 protest

demanding a new

anti-government activists

that triggered a wave of

student-led demonstrations

constitution and elections. Three of the activists were arrested late on Wednesday

and a rapper who performed at the protest was detained

early yesterday, as police step a crackdown on a

countrywide movement behind the biggest rallies

seen in Thailand since a 2014 military coup.

police detained human rights lawyer Anon Nampa on Wednesday for a speech he made at another protest calling for the reform of the powerful monarchy. It

Their arrests come after

was the second time he has been arrested this month.



Flames surround Lake Berryessa during the LNU Lightning Complex fire in Napa, California, on Wednesday. Thousands of people fled their homes in northern California on Wednesday as hundreds of fast-moving wildfires spread across the region, burning houses and leading to the death of a helicopter pilot. Cal Fire officials said the series of fires in that region, dubbed the LNU Lightning Complex, had destroyed 50 homes, burned through nearly 50,000 acres and were zero percent contained by early Wednesday evening. PHOTO: AFP

45 migrants die off Libya coast

At least 45 migrants and refugees perished off Libya this week in the deadliest shipwreck there so far this year, the United Nations said on Wednesday.

The UN agencies for refugees and migration said in a statement that 37 survivors from Monday's sinking, who were rescued by fishermen, said at least 45 others, including five children, had died when the engine of the vessel they were aboard exploded off the Libyan coastal

The survivors, mainly from Senegal, Mali, Chad and Ghana, were later detained when they disembarked in Libya, UNHCR and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) said.

The two organisations called on countries to urgently review their approach to the tragic situation, which routinely sees migrants desperate to leave war-ravaged Libya for Europe perish at sea.

The latest tragedy brings to 302 the number of migrants and refugees known to have perished on the route so far this year, they said, stressing that the actual figure was likely much higher.

"There is an urgent need to strengthen the current search and rescue capacity to respond to distress calls," they said, adding that "there remains a continued absence of any dedicated, EU-led search and rescue programme".

At the same time the non-governmental organisations, who have taken on much of the burden of saving lives in the Mediterranean as European states scaled back state-led efforts, were facing numerous legal and logistical restrictions, they said, urging countries to stop impeding their work.

Harris accepts VP nod

Obama says Trump never took presidency 'seriously'

REUTERS, Washington

US Senator Kamala Harris accepted the Democratic nomination for vice president on Wednesday, imploring Americans to elect Joe Biden in November and accusing President Donald Trump of failed leadership that had cost lives and livelihoods during a pandemic.

Making history as the first Black woman and Asian-American on a major US presidential ticket, Harris said Trump's divisive leadership had brought the country to an "inflection point" and made a direct appeal to the party's diverse electorate whose vote is crucial to defeat Trump on Nov. 3.

"The constant chaos leaves us adrift, the incompetence makes us feel afraid, the callousness makes us feel alone. It's Obama said, in unusually sharp criticism of a sitting a lot," the California senator and former prosecutor said, speaking from an events center in Biden's hometown of Wilmington, Delaware, that was

largely empty because of the coronavirus outbreak. We must elect a president... who will bring Indigenous — to achieve the future we collectively

want. We must elect Joe Biden," she said.

Former US President Barack Obama, speaking just before Harris, also delivered a sharp rebuke of his Republican successor, saying Trump had used the power of his office only to "help himself and his friends.'

Obama, whose vice president was Biden from 2009-2017, said he had hoped that Trump would take the job seriously, come to feel the weight of the office, and

discover a reverence for American democracy. "For close to four years now he has shown no interest in putting in the work... no interest in treating

the presidency as anything but one more reality show that he can use to get the attention he craves,'

president by a former president. Biden leads Trump in opinion polls, bolstered by

a big lead among women voters. Biden, 77, would be the oldest person to become president if he is elected, leading to speculation he will serve only one all of us together - Black, White, Latino, Asian, term. The nomination for vice presidency would make Harris, 55, a potential top contender for 2024.

REIMPOSITION OF UN SANCTIONS ON IRAN

US to trigger controversial 'snapback' mechanism

Iran unveils new ballistic and cruise missiles

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President Donald Trump announced Wednesday that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will activate a controversial mechanism aimed at reimposing UN sanctions on Iran, escalating a row with European allies that has huge repercussions for the Iranian nuclear deal.

Pompeo was in New York yesterday to notify the United Nations Security Council that the US is triggering the so-called "snapback" procedure, which Britain, France and Germany say it doesn't have the right to

"It's a snapback, not uncommon," Trump told reporters, despite the contested measure having never been used before.

The move comes after the United States suffered a humiliating defeat at the Security Council last week when it failed to muster support for a resolution to extend a conventional arms embargo on Iran.

"Snapback" aims to restore international sanctions against Iran that were lifted as part of the 2015 accord with Tehran that sought to prevent it from developing nuclear weapons.

Trump withdrew the US from the agreement, known officially as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), in 2018 and introduced American sanctions on Iran as part of a "maximum pressure" campaign against the Iranian regime.

Despite pulling out of the deal, America claims that, as a "participant" of the original agreement, it has the power to unilaterally reimpose UN sanctions on Iran.

The "snapback" procedure is supposed to

lead to the re-establishment of sanctions after 30 days, without the possibility of Russia or China wielding their vetoes.

Experts say the snapback threatens to lunge the Security Council into crisis.

"Most of the council will reject the US argument that it retains the right to trigger snapback despite leaving the JCPOA. They will write off this process as a sham," UN expert Richard Gowan told AFP.

"The real winners in this process will be



China and Russia, who will argue that they are defending the UN from US unilateralism, while the Europeans distance themselves from Washington," added Gowan, who works at the International Crisis Group

Meanwhile, Iran displayed a surface-tosurface ballistic missile vesterday that Defence Minister Amir Hatami said had a range of 1,400 kilometres and a new cruise missile, ignoring US demands that Tehran halt its missile programme. "The surface-to-surface missile, called martyr Qassem Soleimani, has a range of 1,400 km and the cruise missile, called martyr Abu Mahdi, has a range of over 1,000 km," Hatami said in a televised speech.

Israeli soldiers detain a Palestinian demonstrator during a protest against Jewish settlements near Tulkarm in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

No Israel deal without Junta, opposition Palestinian peace

Says S Arabia; Pakistan says won't recognise Israel

UAE could get F-35 jets in side

agreement to Israel peace deal

Israeli troops kill one Palestinian as

tanks shell Gaza

Saudi Arabia has said it will not follow the United Arab Emirates in establishing diplomatic ties with Israel until the Jewish state has signed an internationally recognised peace accord with the Palestinians.

The UAE last week became the first Gulf state to normalise relations with Israel, in a historic US-brokered accord that raised the prospect of similar deals

with other Arab states including Saudi Arabia. But after days of

conspicuous silence and in the face of US pressure to announce a similar deal, Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan ruled out the possibility

until the Palestinian issue is resolved.

"Peace must be achieved with the Palestinians" on the basis of international agreements as a pre-condition for any normalisation of relations, Prince Faisal told reporters during a visit to Berlin.

Meanwhile, Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan said his country will not recognise Israel until there is a Palestinian state acceptable to the Palestinians.

In an interview with local broadcaster Dunya News, Khan said on Tuesday Islamabad would not follow suit in recognising Israel as a state, in a thinly veiled reference to the United Arab Emirates which struck a United States-brokered deal last week to normalise ties with Israel.

In another development, a source who was part of the UAE-Israel deal said the United States was eyeing the sale of stealthy

F-35 fighter jets to the UAE in a side agreement. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, citing a need to maintain Israeli military superiority in the region, said on Tuesday his country

would oppose any US F-35 sales to the UAE. Meanwhile, Israeli tanks shelled Hamas positions in the Gaza Strip overnight in response to continued waves of incendiary balloons across the border, the army said yesterday. There were no casualties reported.

Yesterday, Israeli soldiers killed a Palestinian teenager who, according to Israeli military sources, was part of a group preparing to attack Israeli cars in the occupied West Bank.

close ranks in Mali

Mali's opposition coalition yesterday dismissed efforts by regional powers to block a coup-driven change of government, saying it would work with the junta that ousted the president to restore stability to the country.

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), which is convening over the crisis, suspended Mali, shut borders and halted financial flows in response to Tuesday's overthrow of President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita.

The M5-RFP coalition of anti-Keita opposition groups said it was working alongside the mutineers, and labelled the ECOWAS sanctions an over-reaction stemming from some regional leaders' fears that the coup could set off political unrest in their countries.

"(The leaders) are on an all-out drive to set ECOWAS against Mali," said M5-RFP spokesman Nouhoum Togo. ...M5-RFP and CNSP are currently working. At 10am

they should present the conclusions, which will be brought to the attention of the press this afternoon. The capital Bamako was calm for the second straight day, a Reuters reporter said, as people appeared to heed

earlier calls from junta spokesman Colonel Ismael Wague to return to work and go about their daily lives. The coup, which has rocked a country already in the grip of a jihadist insurgency and civil unrest, has been met

with almost universal condemnation abroad. It has fuelled concerns it could disrupt a military campaign against jihadists linked to al-Qaeda and Islamic State operating in northern and central Mali and West Africa's wider Sahel region.

Heads of state from all 15 members of ECOWAS were due to discuss fallout from the coup in a virtual session yesterday.

বাংলাদেশ শিপিং কর্পোরেশন



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আবেদনকারীকে সরকার কর্তৃক চাকরীর নির্ধারিত আবেদন ফরম পূরণ করে আগামী ৩০-০৯-২০২০খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে "মহাব্যবস্থাপক (শিপ পার্সোনেল), বাংলাদেশ শিপিং কর্পোরেশন, বিএসসি ভবন, সল্টগোলা রোড, চট্টগ্রাম-এর বরাবর হার্ডকপি এবং সফট্কপি (সংযুক্তিস্হ) <u>gm-spd@bsc.gov.bd (</u>cc to <u>md@bsc.gov.bd, gm-cht@bsc.gov.bd</u>) ই-মেইলে পৌছাতে হবে। অসম্পূৰ্ণ*[ক্ৰ*টি না। খামের উপর পদের নাম উল্লেখ করতে হবে। নির্ধারিত আবেদন ফরমটি জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়ের ওয়েবসাইটে এবং বিএসসির ওয়েবসাইট <u>www.bsc.gov.bd</u> তে পাওয়া যাবে।

আবেদনপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্র সংযুক্ত করতে হবেঃ

(ক) সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত কপি; (খ) প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত চারিত্রিক সন্দপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি; (গ) স্থানীয় ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/পৌরসভার চেয়ারম্যান/ওয়ার্ড কাউন্সিলর কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত নাগরিকত সনদপত্র ও জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি; (ঘ) সদ্য তোলা ০৪ কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত রঙ্গিন ছবি; (ঙ) অভিজ্ঞতা সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি; (চ) বাংলাদেশ শিপিং কর্পোরেশন, চট্টগ্রাম এর অনুকূলে ২০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকার (অফেরতযোগ্য) পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফ্ট; (ছ) সিডিসি এর সত্যায়িত কপি; (জ) সিওসি ক্লাস-১ এর সত্যায়িত কপি বি.দু. আবেদনপত্র ও খামে পদের নাম উল্লেখের ক্ষেত্রে "মাস্টার (স্থায়ী) অথবা চিফ ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (স্থায়ী) লিখতে হবে।

আগামী ৩০-০৯-২০২০খ্রিঃ তারিখে প্রার্থীর বয়স অনূর্ধ্ব ৫২ বছর হতে হবে। বয়সের ক্ষেত্রে কোন এফিডেভিট গ্রহণযোগ

মৌখিক পরীক্ষা/সাক্ষাতকার গ্রহণের সময় সকল ধরণের সনদপত্রের মূলকপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে। প্রার্থীদেরকে লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে। নির্বাচনী পরীক্ষায় (লিখিত ও মৌখিক সাক্ষাতকার)

অংশগ্রহণের জন্য প্রার্থীদেরকে কোন প্রকার টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না। কর্তৃপক্ষ সরকারি বিধি-বিধানের সাথে সাংঘর্ষিক নয় এমনভাবে কোন শর্ত পরিবর্তন বা অতিরিক্ত শর্ত সংযোজন করতে পারবেন। আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ, বাছাই এবং নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে বাংলাদেশ শিপিং কর্পোরেশন কর্তপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে। এ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি আংশিক/সম্পূর্ণ পরিবর্তন/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তপদ্ম

উপজাতীয় প্রার্থীর ক্ষেত্রে জেলা প্রশাসক/সার্কেল চীফ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদের প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড অফিসার কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত

কপি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে। কোটা সম্পর্কিত প্রচলিত সরকারি নিয়ম/নীতিমালা যথাযথভাবে অনুসরণ করা হবে।

কোন তথ্য গোপন করে বা ভুল তথ্য প্রদান করে চাকুরীতে নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত হলে সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রার্থীর নিয়োগাদেশ বাতিল করা হবে এবং তার বিরুদ্ধে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

প্রার্থীর যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা সম্বলিত ২০ (বিশ) টাকা মূল্যের ডাক টিকেটসহ ৯"×৪" সাইজের ফেরত খাম আবেদনপত্রের

চাকুরীরত প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই যথায়থ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে, কোন অগ্রিম কপি গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না এবং হাতে

হাতে কোন আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।

নিয়োগের জন্য বাছাইকৃত ব্যক্তি/প্রার্থীকে ০১ (এক) বছরের জন্য শিক্ষানবিস থাকতে হবে বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে পদের সংখ্যাহ্রাস বৃদ্ধি বা বাতিল/প্রত্যাহারের অধিকার কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত যে কোন বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে

সতর্কীকরণঃ নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত বিষয়ে কোন পক্ষের সাথে কোন ধরনের যোগাযোগ এবং আর্থিক লেনদেনের তথ্য পাওয়া গেলে তা প্রার্থীর অযোগ্যতা হিসেবে গণ্য করা হবে এবং তাৎক্ষণিক প্রার্থীর আবেদনপত্রটি বাতিল হিসেবে বিবেচিত হবে।

ক্যাপ্টেন জামাল হোসেন তালুকদার মহাব্যবস্থাপক (শিপ পার্সোনেল)

সদস্য-সচিব, নিয়োগ কমিটি বিএসসি ভবন, পোঃ বক্স নং-৬৪১ সল্টগোলা রোড, চট্টগ্রাম