

NEWS IN brief

Another democrat joins US polls fray

AFP, Washington
 One of America's most liberal senators, Vermont's Bernie Sanders, said Wednesday that he will seek the Democratic presidential nomination, presenting a challenge to Hillary Clinton from the party's left flank. The 73-year-old Sanders, an independent who caucuses with Democrats but has described himself as a "socialist," told USA Today newspaper and the Associated Press, that he will seek the party's presidential nomination for 2016. Sanders' entry into the race is not likely to pose a serious threat to Clinton's

China, Russia to hold Mediterranean drills

REUTERS, Beijing
 China will hold joint naval drills with Russia in mid-May in the Mediterranean Sea, the first time the two countries will hold military exercises together in that part of the world, the Chinese Defence Ministry said yesterday. China and Russia have held naval drills in Pacific waters since 2012. The May maneuvers come as the United States ramps up military cooperation with its allies in Asia in response to China's increasingly assertive pursuit of

N Korean leader scraps Moscow visit

REUTERS, Moscow
 North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will not attend events in Moscow next week commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of World War Two in Europe, the Kremlin said yesterday. The trip would have been Kim's first overseas since he took power in 2011 after the

40 YEARS SINCE FALL OF SAIGON



Vietnam leaders attack 'barbarous US crimes'

AFP, Ho Chi Minh City
 Vietnam's premier yesterday hit out at the "barbarous crimes" of its wartime American foe as the nation marked four decades since the fall of Saigon, an event that delivered a communist victory and a painful blow to US moral and military prestige.
 The central streets of southern Ho Chi Minh City -- formerly Saigon -- were filled with a forest of hammer and sickle flags of the Communist Party, as regiments of goose-stepping soldiers filed past the country's top leaders.
 In front of Independence Palace -- whose gates northern tanks clattered through in one of the iconic moments of the 1975 victory -- Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung struck out at the US attempt to contain the spread of communism in Southeast Asia through war in Vietnam.
 "They committed countless barbarous crimes, causing immeasurable losses and pain to our people and country," he said in



an address.
 The war killed millions of Vietnamese -- both civilians and combatants from the divided North and South -- and left hundreds of thousands more wounded.
 The physical affects of conflict still linger, including through deformities that Vietnam says are caused by the dioxin Agent Orange, sprayed by the US air force to pare back the thick jungle used as cover by the northern guerrilla forces.
 Some 58,000 US servicemen also died in a war that remains seared into the consciousness of the American public, most often as a tragic waste of young lives and a symbol of the over-extension of power.
 It was the first Cold War conflict to be extensively covered by the Western press -- and the first to be lost by a modern superpower that thought itself unbeatable.
 The communist victory was one of "ardent patriotism," Dung said, hailing the reunification of Vietnam, which was cleaved apart in 1954 into the communist North and the US-backed South.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM US report slams India

TNN, New Delhi
 A US panel tracking international religious freedom has, in its latest report on India, noted that religious minorities in the country were exposed to "derogatory" comments by leaders of the ruling BJP as well as "violent attacks and forced conversions by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Vishwa Hindu Parishad" since the Narendra Modi government took over last year.
 It has also slammed the "ghar wapsi" campaign and accused the "Hindu nationalist groups" of offering monetary inducements not only to Muslims and Christians to convert to Hinduism but also to Hindus who carry out such "forced" conversions.
 The findings of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, largely based on the accounts of religious leaders of the minorities and non-government organisations in India, have led it to place India on its Tier 2 list of countries for the seventh year in a row.
 However, even as it reported on the alleged violation of rights of Christians and Muslims in India in 2014, the panel squeezed in a reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's February 17 statement (made after the period covered by the report) condemning attacks on churches and assuring protection to the minorities, describing it as a "positive development".

Cash swayed Clinton's nuke deal stance!

IANS, Washington
 Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign has dismissed as conspiracy theory claims made by a new book that cash donations from India swayed her stance as a senator on the landmark India-US nuclear deal.
 "Clinton Cash is attempting to rewrite history to fit a pre-determined partisan narrative," Clinton campaign spokesman Josh Schwerin told Politico, an influential Washington political news site.
 "It only takes a quick look at Hillary's actual voting record and statements to see that this conspiracy theory doesn't even come close to passing the smell test," he was quoted as saying on Wednesday.
 Politico said it has obtained a chapter relating to India from the book, "Clinton Cash: The Untold Story of How and Why Foreign Governments and Businesses Help Make Bill and Hillary Rich" by author Peter Schweizer, due for release on May 5.
 The chapter, titled, "Indian Nukes: How to Win a Medal by Changing Hillary's Mind," details a series of donations and overtures from Indians who supported the nuclear deal to the Clintons, Politico said.

ALLEGED CENTRAL AFRICA CHILD RAPES French president vows 'no mercy' if troops found guilty

AFP, Paris
 French leader Francois Hollande yesterday vowed to "show no mercy" if peacekeeping troops in the Central African Republic accused of raping starving children in exchange for food were found guilty.
 The defence ministry denied attempting to cover up the potentially devastating scandal following revelations it was made aware of the allegations in July last year when it received a leaked report compiled by UN officials stationed in the chaos-ridden African country.
 According to the report, at least six children -- the youngest just eight -- alleged that French soldiers dispatched to the impoverished nation to restore order after a 2013 coup had sexually abused them in exchange for food, and in some cases under threat.
 "If some soldiers have behaved badly, I will show no mercy," Hollande told reporters.
 The abuse reportedly took place at a centre for displaced people near the airport



of the Central African capital Bangui between December 2013 and June 2014.
 The defence ministry said it immediately launched a probe into the case, sending police investigators to the former French colony on August 1 after receiving the news.
 According to The Guardian, the UN employee accused of the leak, Swedish national Anders Kompass, turned the report over to French authorities because his bosses had failed to take action.
 He has been suspended and faces dismissal for breaching protocol, the paper said.
 The report allegedly details interviews with several children, aged eight to 15, who approached French soldiers to ask for food.
 "The children were saying that they were hungry and they thought that they could get some food from the soldiers. The answer was 'if you do this, then I will give you food'," said Paula Donovan, co-director of advocacy group AIDS-Free World that saw the report and gave it to The Guardian.

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Department of Environment
 Implementation of National Biosafety Framework of Bangladesh (INBF)
 E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment and Forests.			
2	Agency	Department of Environment.			
3	Procuring entity name	INBF Project, Department of Environment.			
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.			
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.			
6	Invitation tender for	Supply and Installation of Equipments towards Establishment of Biosafety/GMO Detection Lab.			
7	Invitation No.	DOE/INBF Project/Lab Equipment/56/2015/70			
8	Date	30/09/2015			
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procuring method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget/source of fund	United Nations Environment Programme-Global Environment Facility (UNEP-GEF).			
11	Development partner (if applicable)	UNEP.			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project code	GFL/5060-2716-4C59			
13	Name of project	Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of Bangladesh.			
14	Tender package No.	GD-1			
15	Tender package name	Laboratory Equipment.			
16	Tender publication date	30/04/2015.			
17	Tender last selling date	12/05/2015 upto 03:00pm.			
18	Tender submission date & time	14/05/2015 upto 11:00am.			
19	Tender opening date & time	14/05/2015 at 11:30am.			
20	Name & address of the office selling, receiving & opening of tender documents	INBF Project, Department of Environment, E-16, Agargaon, Dhaka.			
21	Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
22	Eligibility of tenderer	a. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall experience in the supply & installation of equipments and related services towards establishment of Biosafety/GMO Detection Lab. b. The tenderer shall have successfully completed minimum three (3) numbers supply contract of equipments, installation and commissioning towards establishment of Biosafety Lab within last 5 (five) years.			
23	Brief description of goods	Supply of equipments for Biosafety Lab.			
24	Brief description of related services	Installation, commissioning and training of technicians/scientific personnel for the operation of equipments of Biosafety/GMO Detection Lab.			
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	Cash BDT 2000.00 (two thousand) only.			
26	Particular of packages				
	Lot No.	Identification of lots	Location	Tender security (BDT)	Completion time
	1	Equipment Category-1	Department of Environment, Dhaka	1,95,000/- (one lac ninety-five thousand)	90 days from the date of contract signing
	2	Equipment Category-2		1,21,000/- (one lac twenty-one thousand)	90 days from the date of contract signing
	3	Equipment Category-3		1,25,000/- (one lac twenty-five thousand)	30 days from the date of contract signing
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
27	Name of the official inviting tender	Mohammed Solaiman Haider.			
28	Designation of the official inviting tender	Project Director.			
29	Address of the official inviting tender	INBF Project, Department of Environment.			
30	Contact details of the official inviting tender	E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.			
31	The procuring entity or UNEP-GEF reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever.				

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Project Director, INBF Project
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