NEWS IN brief

China, Russia to hold joint naval, air drills

AFP, *Beijing*

China and Russia will hold joint military drills in the waters and airspace of the Sea of Japan, Beijing said Thursday, the latest defence cooperation between the countries. The exercises will take place August 20 to 28 in the Peter the Great Gulf and other areas off the Russian coast, defence ministry spokesman Yang Yujun told reporters.

Four civilians killed in Ukraine fighting

AFP, *Kiev*

Four civilians were killed in intense shelling attacks between the Ukrainian army and pro-Russian rebels in the separatist east of the war-torn state, officials from both sides said yesterday. The United Nations estimates the conflict has killed more than 6,800 people from April, 2014.

Boko Haram 'slits throats of fishermen'

AFP, *Kano*

Boko Haram Islamists slit the throats of 10 fishermen in villages near Baga on the shores of the Lake Chad in northeastern Nigeria, a leading fisherman and a resident said yesterday. The villages attacked were Bundaram, where they killed four people, Fishdam, where they killed two people, and Kwatar Mali, where they killed four people," Gamandi said.

Ai Weiwei denied six-month UK visa

BBC *Online*

Dissident Chinese artist Ai Weiwei has been refused a six-month visa by the British government amid claims he lied on his visa application form. Ai posted a letter on Instagram stating his entry to the UK had been restricted because he failed to declare his "criminal conviction" But Ai, though detained in China for 81 days in 2011, has never been charged or convicted of a crime in China.

Drone kills 5 Qaeda suspects in Yemen

AFP, *Aden*

A suspected US drone strike killed five presumed members of al-Qaeda in southern Yemen, a local official said yesterday. Five people, including a local Al-Qaeda chief named as Abu Ahmad al-Kazimi, died in the strike, accord-

Fat should be the sixth taste: study

AFP, *Washington*

Fat needs its place alongside the basic tastes of sweet, sour, bitter, salty and umami because it evokes unique sensations, US researchers said in a new study.

PHOTO: AFP

French gendarmes try to stop migrants on the Eurotunnel site in Coquelles near Calais, northern France, on late Wednesday. One man died Wednesday in a desperate attempt to reach England via the Channel Tunnel as overwhelmed authorities fought off hundreds of migrants, prompting France to beef up its police presence.

Britain is 'no refugee safe haven'

Prime Minister David Cameron warns over Calais migrant crisis

BBC ONLINE

Britain will not become a "safe haven" for migrants in Calais, David Cameron has warned, after hundreds continued their attempts to reach the UK.

The prime minister warned illegal immigrants would be removed from the UK, as migrants told the BBC they remained determined to reach Britain.

Cameron was speaking after people gathered for a third night at fencing at the Channel Tunnel freight terminal.

Over 3,500 attempts have been made this week to get into the tunnel terminal.

Several hundred migrants were escorted away from the terminal by French police on Wednesday night - the third night of large-scale attempts to storm the terminal.

The fresh attempts came despite the death of a man, believed to be a Sudanese national and aged between 25 and 30, who was crushed by a lorry on Tuesday.

Nine people have been killed attempting to cross the Channel in the past month.

Speaking in Vietnam during his tour of South East Asia, Cameron said the French had sent an extra 120 police to Calais and the UK was investing in fencing and security.

"Everything that can be done will be done to make sure our borders are secure and make sure that British holidaymakers are able to go on their holidays," he said.

The prime minister said the situation was "very testing" because there was a "swarm of people coming across the Mediterranean, seeking a better life".

He warned illegal immigrants would be removed from the UK "so people know it's not a safe haven".

The Refugee Council attacked Cameron's use of the word "swarm" as "irresponsible, dehumanising language".

The last official estimates suggest there are about 3,000 migrants in the port town in northern France.

It is not known how many migrants have reached Britain in recent months via the tunnel although MP Keith Vaz said police had told him 148 were held in Folkestone on Tuesday after about 2,000 migrants breached security in Calais.

Turkey forces, PKK clashes kill five

AFP, *Istanbul*

Five people died yesterday in new attacks on the Turkish security forces blamed on Kurdish militants, as Ankara stepped up its controversial campaign against the separatist rebels.

A new wave of violence included the killing of three Turkish troops that the army said was carried out by Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) militants, the deadliest such attack on the security forces since the crisis began last week.

Ankara says it is fighting a two-pronged "war on terror" against Islamic State (ISIS) jihadists in Syria and the PKK in northern Iraq, after a spate of attacks in the country.

But after initially targeting the ISIS group, the campaign has become increasingly focused on the PKK, with the Turkish air force bombing dozens of targets in an almost week-long campaign.

In apparent response, there has been a new wave of attacks on security forces in southeastern Turkey blamed on the PKK with at least 11 police and army members killed since last week.

Three Turkish troops, including an officer, were killed when PKK militants opened fire on their convoy in the southeastern province of Sirnak, the army said.

Meanwhile, a Turkish policeman and a civilian were killed by a gun attack late Wednesday in the Cinar district of the mainly-Kurdish Diyarbakir region blamed on the PKK.

Israel approves force feeding of prisoners

AFP, *Jerusalem*

The Israeli parliament yesterday approved a law allowing prisoners on hunger strike facing death to be force fed, a spokesman said, sparking criticism from rights groups and medical experts.

The law, which seeks to prevent imprisoned Palestinian militants from pressuring Israel by refusing food, was initially approved in June 2014 at the height of a mass hunger strike of Palestinian prisoners, during which dozens were hospitalised.

While the law does not specifically mention Palestinians, Internal Security Minister Gilad Erdan, who led the legislation, said it was necessary since "hunger strikes of terrorists in prisons have become a means to threaten Israel."

The law, which passed by 46 votes to 40, "will be used only if a doctor determines that the continued hunger strike will create an immediate risk to the life of a prisoner or long-term damage to his health," David Amsalem of the ruling

Likud party said.

But opposition members decried the new measure, with the Arab Joint List of parties criticising "a law to torture Palestinian prisoners, aimed at uprooting their legitimate struggle".

The Israeli Medical Association called the law "damaging and unnecessary," stressing on Thursday its doctors would "continue to act according to medical ethics, which prohibit doctors from participating in torturing prisoners".

It said force feeding was "tantamount to torture".

Palestinian prisoner rights group Addameer said the law was a way to provide "legal cover" to Israel's torture of prisoners, saying it would allow it "to kill more Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike" on top of the five who have died due to force feeding in Israeli prisons in the past.

According to the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, the majority of prisoners who go on hunger strike are Palestinians in administrative detention, under which they held for renewable six-month periods without charge.

MH370 wreckage found?

Malaysia says debris very likely from a Boeing 777

AFP, *Saint-andré*

Investigators yesterday scrambled to study plane wreckage that washed up on a tiny Indian Ocean island, fuelling hopes that one of aviation's greatest enigmas could finally be solved: the mystery of missing flight MH370.

The two-metre (six-foot) long piece of wreckage was found on the French island of La Reunion, offering up bittersweet hope of closure to the families of 239 people who disappeared in March last year on the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777.

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak said the debris, believed to be a part of a wing, was "very likely to be from a Boeing 777 but we need to verify whether it is from flight MH370."

But as local French air transport police studied the debris and experts from Malaysia headed to the scene, authorities warned against jumping to conclusions.

"Whatever wreckage is found needs to be further verified before we can further confirm whether it belongs to MH370," Malaysian Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai told reporters in New York, saying he hoped for answers "as soon as possible".

Flight MH370 was travelling from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing when it mysteriously turned off its route and vanished on March 8 last year.

Local government officials on La Reunion said France's civil aviation investigating authority BEA has been asked to coordinate an international probe into the origin of the debris.

"No theory is being ruled out, including that it comes from a Boeing 777," La Reunion officials said.

Najib said authorities would ship the object to the southern French city of Toulouse to be examined by the BEA.

Further adding to the mystery, what appeared to be a piece of luggage was discovered in the same place as the plane wreckage.

Australia, which has led a fruitless 16-month search for MH370 in the southern Indian Ocean, said the discovery was an "important development".

Authorities involved in the search at sea, guided by the analysis of signals from the plane that were detected by a satellite,

believe it eventually went down in the southern Indian Ocean.

But no confirmed physical evidence has ever been found and Malaysian authorities in January declared that all on board were presumed dead.

Excitement over the discovery was tempered by suggestions it could be from planes that went down in the region before, including a South African Airways Boeing 747 that crashed near the island of Mauritius in 1987, killing all 159 people on board.

MH17 TRIBUNAL

Russia vetoes UN resolution

AFP, *United Nations*

Russia vetoed a United Nations Security Council resolution Wednesday that sought to set up a special tribunal to try those responsible for shooting down flight MH17 over Ukraine.

Eleven of the 15 members of the Security Council voted in favor of the resolution, which had been drafted by Australia, Belgium, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Ukraine.

Angola, China and Venezuela abstained. The Council session began with a moment's silence in honor of the 298 people killed in the July 17, 2014 disaster.

The resolution was supported by Britain, France and the US, which accuse pro-Russian separatist rebels of shooting down the Boeing 777 with a Buk surface-to-air missile supplied by Russia.

Moscow denies involvement and blames the Ukrainian military.

Most of the passengers on the flight from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur were Dutch. The flight was downed over rebel-held east Ukraine during heavy fighting between Kiev's armed forces and pro-Russian separatists.

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NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION OF

Procurement of Plant Design Supply and Installation of Package 6: Hathazari-Sikalbaha 230kV Transmission Line and Hathazari-Rampur 230kV Transmission Line on Turnkey Basis under National Power Transmission Network Development Project. (Bid Identification No. PGCB/JICA/BD-P70/P6):

Ref.: (i) 01/PGCB/Sec(TLD&QC)/2015/1211 dated March 02, 2015
(ii) 01/PGCB/Sec(TLD&QC)/2015/2340 dated April 16, 2015
(iii) 01/PGCB/Sec(TLD&QC)/2015/2757 dated May 06, 2015
(iv) 01/PGCB/Sec(TLD&QC)/2015/4073 dated May 24, 2015
(v) 01/PGCB/Sec(TLD&QC)/2015/4358 dated June 07, 2015
(vi) 01/PGCB/Sec(TLD&QC)/2015/4899 dated July 02, 2015
(vii) 01/PGCB/Sec(TLD&QC)/2015/5297 dated July 21, 2015

The closing date for submission of bids for the above works has been extended from July 30, 2015 at 11:00 am Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) to **August 11, 2015 at 11:00 am BST.**

All other terms and conditions for the above Bidding Document shall remain unaltered.

(Md. Ashraf Hossain)
Company Secretary

Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215
Import Section

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Invitation for Re-Tender (National) of whole husked (without husk) Red Lentil

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce.	
2	Agency	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB).	
3	Procuring entity name	Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB, Dhaka.	
4	Procuring entity code	Not applicable.	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
6	Invitation for	Whole husked (without husk) Red Lentil.	
7	Invitation Ref. No.	26.05.26.90.016.09.027.2015/4633	
8	Date	29-07-2015	
KEY INFORMATION			
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (National).	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10	Budget and source of funds	TCB's Own Fund.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
11	Package No.	TCB/Imp-86/Red Lentil/2015	
12	Package name	Whole husked (without husk) Red Lentil.	
13	Notice publication date	30-07-2015 to 01-08-2015	
		Date	**Time**
14	Documents last selling date	16-08-2015	5.00pm
15	Closing date and time of submission of tender	17-08-2015	11.00am
16	Tender opening date and time	17-08-2015	11.15am
17	Name & address of the office(s)	**Address**	
	-Selling tender document can be purchased from the banks & offices as mentioned in right column	(1) Sonali Bank Ltd., Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka. (2) Rupali Bank Ltd., TCB Bhaban Branch, TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar. (3) Trust Bank Ltd., Kawran Bazar Branch and Accounts & Finance Division, TCB's Principal Office at Dhaka.	
	-Receiving tender document	In front of TCB's Reception (2nd Floor), TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.	
	-Opening tender document	Board Room, TCB.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
18	Eligibility of tenderer	Bonafide supplier. Details conditions will be mentioned in the tender documents.	
19	Brief description of goods	Purchase of 500 (±5%) (five hundred plus minus five percent) M. Tons whole husked (without husk) Red Lentil.	
20	Price of tender document	Tk. 1000 (one thousand) per set.	

21	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Delivery schedule
	1	Whole husked (without husk) Red Lentil	Offers are to be made on supplier's godown	Tender is to be submitted along with earnest money amounting to BDT 6,24,000/- (six lac twenty-four thousand) only in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Demand Draft/Bank Guarantee. The successful bidder is to submit 5% (five percent) performance security in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Demand Draft/Bank Guarantee	Entire quantity of goods is to be supplied within 25 (twenty-five) days from the date of opening L/C (including L/C correction & grace period)

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
22	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Akhter Hossain.		
23	Designation of official inviting tender	Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.		
24	Address of official inviting tender	Principal Office, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB), 1 No. Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.		
25	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone No. 02-8180074	Fax No. 880-2-8180057	E-mail: tcb@tcb.gov.bd

26 **Special instructions:**
i. Incomplete, conditional tender and alternative offer shall not be considered.
ii The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason.
iii. Tenderer whose bid-bond was awarded the NOA (Notification of Awarded) earlier but could not submit Performance Security (PS) in due time, will not be eligible for the tender.
iv. Tenderer whose Performance Security (PS) was partially or totally forfeited earlier will not be eligible to participate in the tender.

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Price Sensitive Information

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh in its meeting held on 30 July, 2015 approved Dividend on ICB Mutual Funds for the year 2014-2015 as follows:

Sl.No.	Name of the Fund	Dividend Per Certificate of Tk. 10.00 each	
A.(01)	First ICB Mutual Fund	100.00	1000%
(02)	Second ICB Mutual Fund	45.00	450%
(03)	Third ICB Mutual Fund	30.00	300%
(04)	Fourth ICB Mutual Fund	30.00	300%
(05)	Fifth ICB Mutual Fund	25.00	250%
(06)	Sixth ICB Mutual Fund	12.00	120%
(07)	Seventh ICB Mutual Fund	15.00	150%
(08)	Eighth ICB Mutual Fund	14.00	140%
B. (01)	ICB Unit Fund (Per Unit of Tk. 100.00 each)	42.50	

02. The record date for entitlement of dividend of ICB Mutual Funds 12-08-2015.

03. The Certificate holders of ICB Unit Fund whose name appeared in the respective Registers on 30-06-2015 will be entitled to the dividend. The Repurchase Price of ICB Unit Certificates has been fixed at Tk. 225.00 with effect from 02-08-2015.

(Dipika Bhattacharjee)
Deputy General Manager/Secretary

Date : 30 July, 2015.

US delivers F-16s to Egypt

AFP, *Cairo*

The United States yesterday began delivery of eight F-16 fighter jets to Egypt, according to its embassy in Cairo, the first since Washington fully lifted in March a freeze on arms delivery.

The operation comes as Secretary of State John Kerry's prepares to visit Cairo for a "strategic dialogue" Sunday amid a warming in ties that were strained after the army ousted president Mohamed Morsi in 2013.

Following the overthrow of Morsi, Egypt's first freely elected leader, Washington froze $1.3 billion (1.2 billion euros) in annual military aid to Egypt.

It fully resumed assistance in March, and Cairo took delivery of two US fast missile boats last month. Washington had already delivered 10 Apache helicopters in December.