

NEWSIN brief

New Malaysian opposition bloc formed

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

A new Malaysian opposition alliance was launched yesterday, three months after its forerunner collapsed over policy disputes, as embattled Prime Minister Najib Razak faces rising accusations of corruption and economic mismanagement. The three-party Pakatan Harapan, or Alliance of Hope, said it would aim to end a "leadership crisis" afflicting Malaysia, and declared jailed former opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim as its prime ministerial choice.

Tsipras urges EU aid on migrants

AFP, Athens

Freshly re-elected Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras worked yesterday on the makeup of a coalition cabinet to steer unpopular economic reforms as he urged Europe's help with the thousands of migrants landing daily on Greek shores. Tsipras "will probably announce the makeup of the government on Wednesday morning," government spokesman Rodolphos Moronis told AFP.

Coalition air raid kills 21 in Yemen capital

AFP, Sanaa

A Saudi-led coalition air strike on rebels in a residential area of the Yemeni capital yesterday killed at least 21 people including civilians, witnesses and medics said. The raid targeted Iran-backed Huthi insurgents in the Sabien neighbourhood of the rebel-held capital Sanaa, but nearby homes were also damaged, witnesses said.

India withdraws encryption policy

BBC ONLINE

The Indian government has withdrawn a draft encryption policy after public uproar over the proposed measures. IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said the proposals were released to the public without his knowledge. The new law would have forced Indians to store plain-text versions of their encrypted data for 90 days and make it available to security agencies.



Syrian refugees frantically run off an overcrowded dinghy moments after arriving on the Greek island of Lesbos after crossing a part of the Aegean Sea from the Turkish coast yesterday. Inset, migrants carry a man who collapsed in front of a registration camp for migrants in Opatovac, Croatia. PHOTO: REUTERS



CLASHES AT AL-AQSA COMPOUND

Abbas warns of risk of new intifada

AFP, Paris
Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas yesterday warned of the "risk of an intifada" if clashes over the Al-Aqsa mosque compound continue, after a meeting with French leader Francois Hollande in Paris.

"What is happening is very dangerous," Abbas said, calling on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to "stop" the chaos at the flashpoint holy site. Abbas warned against "an intifada (uprising) which we don't want". Tensions are high after days of clashes at the Al-Aqsa mosque site during the Jewish new year last week.

The mosque, located at the site of what Jews venerate as the sacred Temple Mount, the holiest site in Judaism, is in east Jerusalem, captured by Israel in the 1967 Six Day War.

Al-Aqsa is also the third holiest site in Islam and is believed to be where the Prophet Mohammed made his night journey to heaven.

Muslims have been alarmed by an increase in visits by Jews to the site and fear rules governing the compound will be changed. Jews are allowed to visit but not to pray, to avoid provoking tensions.

Netanyahu has said repeatedly he is committed to the status quo at the site.

Israeli authorities fear further trouble ahead when the Muslim feast of Eid al-Adha coincides today with the solemn Jewish fast of Yom Kippur.

Hollande called for "peace, calm and the respect of principles."



EU relocation plan voted in

Migrants will be moved from Italy, Greece, Hungary to other EU countries

AGENCIES
European interior ministers yesterday agreed a deal to relocate 120,000 migrants across the continent in a vote passed by a significant majority.

Under the plan, migrants will be moved from Italy, Greece and Hungary to other countries in the EU. Romania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary voted against accepting mandatory quotas, reports BBC.

But a large majority of EU member states backed the plan, which will take effect over the next two years. Finland was the only country of the EU's 28 members to abstain from the vote. Poland, who had opposed the proposal, voted for it.

Earlier, the UN and other international organisations warned it was the "last chance" for increasingly overwhelmed European states to agree on how to cope with the tide of people fleeing conflict in countries like Syria, Afghanistan.

Luxembourg Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn, who is chairing the meeting, said: "We have a text on the table which should deliver an agreement. It is very balanced. I think it will have a good influence on all the delegations so we can reach a

result this evening."
"I want to confirm that both the interior minister and myself... will unequivocally reject any effort to introduce a permanent mechanism of refugee redistribution," Czech Prime Minister Sobotka earlier told reporters in Prague.

"We also reject the introduction of quotas," he added. The ministers are trying to reach a deal that could be ratified by European Union leaders at a crisis summit today, which will focus on wider issues of strengthening the bloc's external borders.

German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere, whose country is set to take in around one million asylum seekers this year, earlier said he was "optimistic" that they could reach a deal but warned that the talks would be difficult.

Croatian Prime Minister Milanovic urged Serbia yesterday to restart directing migrants to Hungary and Romania to help ease the burden on his own country, reports AFP.

Nearly half a million people fleeing war and poverty, two-fifths of them from Syria, have crossed the Mediterranean this year to reach Europe, overwhelming the EU's southern states and plunging them into furious rows over border controls.

DEVELOPMENTS

Czechs, Slovaks, Romanians, Hungarians voted against quota

Talks could be the "last opportunity" for a united response: UN

MYANMAR POLLS

Suu Kyi urges 'brave' votes

Touts constituency development

AFP, Kawhmu

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi said yesterday supporters need not be afraid when they cast ballots in a landmark election, as she railed against government neglect while campaigning in her rural constituency.

Suu Kyi received a rock star welcome in her impoverished constituency of Kawhmu, as she worked to bring her party victory in the first nationwide polls it has fought for 25 years.

"It's not 1990 anymore, so people don't need to be afraid. They can be brave to vote for the National League for Democracy," she told a rally in remote Wah Ba Lauk Tauk village, referring to elections that were won by her party but ignored by the then-junta.

The NLD is expected to sweep the November 8 parliamentary polls, seen as a test of democratic progress in a nation that only emerged in 2011 from a half-century of military rule.

Sri Lanka rejects int'l war crimes probe

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's prime minister yesterday rejected a UN call for international involvement in an investigation into alleged war crimes.

Ranil Wickremesinghe said talks were under way to establish a credible domestic mechanism to investigate abuses during the decades-long conflict with Tamil separatist rebels that ended in May 2009.

"There is nothing to be got from abroad," Wickremesinghe said, after a damning UN report recommended Colombo allow international experts to assist its domestic investigation.

"The media says hybrid (inquiry), but it is not hybrid," said Wickremesinghe, after UN rights chief Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein asked the government to establish "a hybrid special court, integrating international judges, prosecutors, lawyers and investigators".

Members of Sri Lanka's Tamil minority say they do not trust a local inquiry to reach the truth about the conflict, in which more than 100,000 people died. It ended in 2009 with the defeat of rebels who had waged a long fight for a separate homeland for the Tamils.

President Maithripala Sirisena's new government has vowed to punish war criminals, in contrast to his hawkish predecessor Mahinda Rajapakse who had insisted that not a single civilian was killed by troops under his command.

Sri Lanka became an international pariah after repeatedly resisting calls for a credible probe into the horrendous crimes, including the killing of at least 40,000 Tamil civilians in the final months of the war.

But in a major shift Washington last month announced it would support Colombo's plans for a domestic inquiry, which is also supported by neighbouring India.

Afghan Taliban leader 'open to talks'

Says no peace until troops leave Kabul

AFP, Kabul

The Taliban's new leader told Kabul yesterday it must cancel a security deal with the United States and expel all foreign troops if it wants peace, as 10 Afghan soldiers died in an "insider" attack.

Mullah Mansour, who formally took charge after the death of Taliban founder Mullah Omar was founded in July, made the demand in a message marking the Muslim festival of Eid-ul-Adha. "If the Kabul administration wants to end the war and establish peace in the country, it is possible through ending the occupation and revoking all military and security treaties with the invaders," Mansoursaid.

Highlighting the precarious security situation, 10 soldiers were killed yesterday after a collaborator allowed Taliban militants access to their post in the northern province of Jawzjan, governor Lutfullah Azizi told AFP. And six police officers including a district chief were killed the same day by a roadside bomb in Balkh.



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

National Board of Revenue (NBR)

Rajashwa Bhaban
Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000

Tender-2015-2016

1	Ministry/Division	Internal Resources Division (IRD), Ministry of Finance (MOF).	
2	Agency	National Board of Revenue (NBR), Rajashwa Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.	
3	Procuring entity name	National Board of Revenue (NBR), Rajashwa Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.	
4	Procuring entity code	N/A.	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
6	Invitation for	Tender	Stationery goods
7	Invitation ref. no.	NBR/No 08.01.0000.003.53.001.2015(1)/..... Date: 28-09-2015.	
8	Date	28.09.2015	
KEY INFORMATION			
9	Procurement method	NCT	OTM
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget	Government
11	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A	
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A	
14	Tender package no.	01/2015.	
15	Tender package name	Supply of stationery goods to the Board Admin-3 Section Offices under NBR.	
		Date	
16	Tender publication date	28/09/2015	
17	Tender last selling date	07/10/2015	During office hour
		Date	Time
18	Tender dropping date and time	11.10.2015	1.00
19	Tender opening date and time	11.10.2015	2.00
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address	
	-- Selling tender document (principal)	Second Secretary (Board Admin-3), National Board of Revenue (NBR), Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.	
	-- Selling tender document (others)	-do-	
	-- Receiving tender document	Second Secretary (Board Admin-3), National Board of Revenue (NBR), Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.	
	-- Opening tender document	Second Secretary (Board Admin-3), National Board of Revenue (NBR), Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
21	Eligibility of tenderer	Well-reputed and financially solvent tenderer of supply for stationery goods. Details are given in the tender document.	
22	Brief description of goods or works	Supply of stationery goods.	
23	Brief description of related services	Supply of stationery goods.	
24	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 500/- (in cash non-refundable).	
	Lot No.	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
25	1	NBR/No. 08.01.0000.003.53.001.2015(1)/. Date: 28-09-2015. (a) Supply of stationery goods	National Board of Revenue (NBR) 30,000/- 3 weeks from the date of contract
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
26	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Mostafa Kamal.	
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Second Secretary (Board Admin-3).	
28	Address of official inviting tender	National Board of Revenue (NBR), Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.	
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone & Fax: 9354324	
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.		
		Md. Mostafa Kamal Second Secretary (Board Admin-3) National Board of Revenue (NBR) Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000	

US Muslims fear a new wave of Islamophobia

REUTERS, Anaheim

Muslim Americans responded with a mix of frustration, exasperation and anger to what many see as a growing wave of Islamophobia fuelled by two of the Republican Party's most popular presidential candidates, Donald Trump and Ben Carson.

At the Islamic Institute of Orange County, which houses a mosque and a school in Anaheim, in southern California, tensions were already mounting since a group of white men screamed at mothers and children arriving at the center on this year's anniversary of the Sept 11, 2001, attacks, calling them cowards who did not belong in America.

Many of the country's 2.8 million Muslims say such tensions could become uglier during a presidential race that they fear is already tapping a vein of anger and bigotry.

"It's pretty troubling that someone running for president would make those claims," Zuhair Shaath, Palestinian-American, said of Carson, a retired neurosurgeon who on Sunday said Muslims were unfit for the presidency of the United States.

Carson's campaign defended his comments on Monday, saying he was not suggesting a Muslim should be barred from running for president. But his campaign said he would not advocate for that person becoming a leader and would not support it.

The remarks by Carson, who is near the top of opinion polls for the crowded field of Republican candidates for the 2016 election, followed billionaire Trump's failure to challenge comments made on Friday by a supporter who labelled US President Barack Obama a Muslim.

Trump later clarified his silence, saying he was not obligated to correct an audience member and that "the bigger issue is that Obama is waging a war against Christians in this country. Christians need support in this country. Their religious liberties are at stake."

Some Muslims say they fear that the remarks could strengthen the appeal of Carson and Trump, who have cast themselves as non-politicians in a race in which blunt comments laced with misogyny and xenophobia have done little to derail the popularity of Trump, who is leading in opinion polls of likely Republican voters.



Rajshahi krishi Unnayan Bank
Head Office, Rajshahi
Engineering, Procurement & Maintenance Department
Invitation of Tender

01.	Source of Fund	: Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank's Own fund.
02.	Invitation for Tender Ref & Date	: H.O/EPMD-21(7)/2015-2016/05 Date- 22.09.2015
03.	Tendering Method	: Open tender quotation.
04.	Tender Name	: Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 2 no. 1250 Kg. passengers lift for RAKUB, Head office building at Rajshahi.
05.	Time for completion of work	: 06 (Six) Months.
06.	Eligibility of Tenderers	: This invitation for Tenderers is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned below. a) Reputed bonafide Firm/Organization/Manufacturers Authorized agent for Supply, installation and Commissioning of Lift having minimum 5 (five) years of general experience. b) i) Having experience in successful completion of supply, installation and commissioning at least 50 no. lift in Government/Semi Government/Autonomous Organization of Bangladesh during the last 5 (five) years. ii) Certificates should be submitted in favour of those works done under the Government/Semi-Government/Autonomous Organization, the certifying authority shall be an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer. c) The tenderers shall have a minimum average annual turnover during last 5 (five) financial years of Tk. 200.00 (Two hundred) lac. d) The minimum amount of Liquid asset of working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be 100.00 (one hundred) lac. Document submitted along with the tender must be issued in between publication date and submission date of the tender. e) The tenderer must submit along with tender (1) Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate. (2) Valid VAT registration Certificate (3) Up-to-date trade license. (4) Up-to-date ABC category contractor and supervisory license from Electricity Licensing Board, Government of Bangladesh. (5) Attested copy of documents mentioned in sl. No. 1,2,3,4 are to be submitted. (6) Original money receipt must be enclosed with the tender. f) Other required eligibility and conditions of the tenderer are shown in Tender Data Sheet of tender documents.
07.	Price of tender documents	: Tk. 5000/- (Five thousand only)
08.	Amount of tender security	: Tk. 3.50 (Three lac fifty thousand) Lac.
09.	Rejection of tender	: The tender will be rejected if tenderer fails to submit all information regarding complete and running works with verification by the authority or if violates any rules of the tender document.
10.	Validity of tender documents.	: At least 90(ninety) days from the date of opening the tender.
11.	Name & address of the office distribute tender document.	: Engineering, Procurement & Maintenance Department Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, Head office, Rajshahi & Dhaka branch, Dhaka.
12.	Last date & time for selling tender document.	: 06.10.2015 within 4.00 Pm.
13.	Time & date for Submission of tender	: 07.10.2015 within 1.00 Pm.
14.	Time & date of opening.	: 07.10.2015 at 4.00 pm.
15.	Name & address of the office for receiving tenders.	: Engineering, Procurement & Maintenance Department, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, Head Office, Rajshahi
16.	Name & address of the office opening tenders.	: Engineering, Procurement & Maintenance Department, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, Head Office, Rajshahi
17.	Special Instruction	: a) Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank reserves the right to change any term of Tender document before the date of closing and accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason. b) All the rules, regulations, terms & conditions of this tender should be followed as per the PPR-2011 (Revised).

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