



A man holds a baby shortly after they arrive with other migrants and refugees on the Greek island of Lesbos after crossing the Aegean sea from Turkey yesterday. Four migrants, most of them children, died near Lesbos yesterday after their boat collided with a Greek rescue vessel, the coastguard said.

China reopens Nepal border amid fuel crisis

China has reopened a border crossing with Nepal that had been closed since the spring after being damaged during an earthquake, China's Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

The Himalayan nation has faced problems bringing in supplies of food and fuel as routes from India have been blocked by protesters opposing Nepal's new constitution.

The Nepali government had asked China to hasten the reopening of two border crossings. They have been closed since two earthquakes killed more than 9,000 people in Nepal in April, reports Reuters.

"The China-Nepal Jilong border crossing that was damaged during the Nepal earthquake at present has reopened," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told a daily news briefing.

"As far as I know, today the Chinese side through this border has already transferred a supply of aid goods and materials," she said, adding that China would continue to send aid based on Nepal's needs.

Nepal's fuel crisis eased slightly as the Himalayan nation on Tuesday began issuing gasoline for private vehicles. The government said it was allowing only a one-time sale of 15 liters per vehicle until the fuel shortage is over, reports AP.

Nepal has been hobbled by the fuel crisis, which started when Indian trucks began halting at the border after Nepal adopted a new constitution.

Hope at last for Geeta Mute Indian girl stuck in Pakistan 'identifies family'

A mute and deaf Indian girl who has been stuck in Pakistan for 13 years because she cannot remember where she came from may have finally identified her family, the charity looking after her said yesterday.

The new ray of hope for the woman known only as Geeta, believed to be in her early 20s, came after the Indian High Commission in Islamabad sent her a photograph of a family, whom she said she recognised.

The Edhi Foundation, Pakistan's largest welfare organisation who has been caring for Geeta since she was found 13 years ago, said it was trying to arrange a Skype video call with the family, reported to be based somewhere in India's Bihar province, to confirm their relationship.

Geeta was 11 or 12 when she was found by police alone and disorientated with no identity papers on a train that had crossed the border from India into the eastern city of Lahore.

She was believed to have strayed into Pakistani territory by mistake, but could not remember or explain exactly where she was from.

Unable to identify her or her family, Pakistani police handed her over to the Edhi Foundation. She now lives in one of the foundation's shelters in Karachi.

Even the name "Geeta" was given to her by Edhi staff.

"The Indian high commissioner has lately sent a family photo to us and Geeta has recognised the family," Anwer Kazmi, a senior official at the foundation, told AFP.

"We have showed the picture to Geeta and she says they are her family," Kazmi said. "We hope she will confirm the family identification during the Skype chat through sign language," Kazmi said.

It was not clear when the Skype chat would be held. In August the Indian government pledged to bring Geeta home, prompted by fresh media coverage of a smash hit Bollywood film.

"Bajrangi Bhaijaan", featuring Indian superstars Salman Khan and Kareena Kapoor, tells the mirror image of Geeta's story: a mute young Pakistani woman trapped in India.



Indian govt to declassify Netaji files

India's government has said it will begin declassifying crucial files on revolutionary leader Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from January.

Some in India have questioned the official version of events that Bose died in an aeroplane crash in 1945. Bose had approached Germany and Adolf Hitler to form an army to end British rule in India and was wanted by allied forces.

His death has been the subject of many conspiracy theories. No photograph of the body, which was said to have been cremated in Taiwan, was released.

Reports say the government has 39 classified files in its possession. Prime Minister Narendra Modi made the announcement on Wednesday after meeting 35 members of Bose's extended family in Delhi.

He said on social media that the declassification of files will begin on 23 January, the day of Bose's birth.

"There is no need to strangle history. Nations that forget their history lack the power to create it," Modi said. He said he would also request foreign governments - beginning with Russia in December - to declassify files they have on Bose.

Obama takes Afghan U-turn

Extends US troops presence in the war-torn country

President Barack Obama announced plans yesterday to keep nearly 10,000 US troops in Afghanistan through most of next year and 5,500 when he leaves office in 2017, casting aside his promise to end the war on his watch and instead ensuring he hands off the conflict to a successor.

Obama called the new war plan a "modest but meaningful" extension of the US military mission in Afghanistan, which he originally planned to end next year. He acknowledged America's weariness of the lengthy conflict but said he was "firmly convinced we should make this extra effort."

After lengthy internal deliberations, Obama settled on a plan to maintain the current force of 9,800 troops in Afghanistan through most of next year, then draw down to 5,500 troops in 2017, at a pace still to be determined after consultation with commanders.

It will be up to Obama's successor - the third US commander in chief to

oversee the war - to decide how to proceed from there.

"I suspect that we will continue to evaluate this going forward, as will the next president," Obama said, standing alongside Vice President Joe Biden, Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Joseph Dunford.

Until now, Afghanistan has barely been a factor in the 2016 presidential campaign. But Obama's announcement could send candidates in both parties scrambling to outline their own plans for a war they could inherit.

Military leaders have argued for months that the Afghans needed addi-

tional assistance and support from the US to beat back a resurgent Taliban and hold onto gains made over the past 14 years of American bloodshed and billions of dollars in aid. In his remarks from the White House yesterday, Obama said that while Afghan forces have made progress, the security situation in the country remains fragile.

Meanwhile, The Taliban yesterday said their forces were prepared to keep fighting until American troops pull out of Afghanistan, after US officials said they would extend their military presence in the country beyond 2016.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said the insurgents would continue to fight on and prompt US forces to exit Afghanistan.

"When the attacks continue to mount on the occupiers and when they see they have to spend more money in their meaningless war, they will be forced to change their oppressive policy. Our jihad will continue until the last occupier is expelled," the spokesman told AFP.



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 Census of the Undocumented Myanmar Nationals Staying in Bangladesh 2015 Project
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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

BANGLADESH BUREAU OF STATISTICS		
Sl. No.	Item	Description
1.	Ministry/Division	Statistics and Informatics Division
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Census of the Undocumented Myanmar Nationals Staying in Bangladesh 2015 Project
4.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
5.	Expression of Interest for selection of	1 (one) Individual Census Consultant for the project with consolidated pay.
6.	EOI Ref. No.	52.01.0000.405.07.031.15.153
7.	Date	15-10-2015
KEY INFORMATION		
8.	Procurement Sub-method	Selection of Individual Consultant (SIC)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
9.	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget, Government (GoB).
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
10.	Project code	5042
11.	Project Name	Census of the Undocumented Myanmar Nationals Staying in Bangladesh 2015 Project
12.	EOI closing date and time	Date: 01-11-2015 & Time: 2:00 PM.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
13.	Brief Description of the Assignment for the Census Consultant	<p>1. Responsibilities of the Census Consultant:</p> <p>i) To prepare and conduct the census plan, pre-testing the census questionnaire, manuals, control forms, tabulation plan etc.</p> <p>ii) Processing, compilation, tabulation and analysis of main census, PEC data and writing all reports;</p> <p>iii) Advising on designing of the sample questionnaire and also standardizing the questionnaire for quality data collection and meeting data needs of the users;</p> <p>iv) Independently responsible for organizing and imparting training in the field of PEC design and questionnaire preparation; and</p> <p>v) To perform any other task as assigned by the authority and required for successful completion of the project.</p> <p>2. Duration: Tenure of employment will be initially for 5 months or till March, 2016 which comes earlier. The duration may be extended subject to the approval of competent authority.</p> <p>3. Educational Qualification: Master in Statistics or in any social science discipline.</p> <p>4. Experience and Skill:</p> <p>i. At least 03 (three) years working experience in statistical work related management level. Also have sufficient working experience in statistical work, especially in census management, tabulation plan, report writing and organization, etc.</p> <p>ii. Fluent in oral and written English.</p>
14.	Other Details	<p>a. Consultant will be selected using the selection procedure of individual consultant as stated in Public Procurement Rules, 2008.</p> <p>b. Remuneration: Tk. 2,00,000/- (Taka Two lac only) per month, and payment will be made at the end of each month based on performance report in cheque issued by CAO, Statistics and Informatics Division, CGA Building, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.</p> <p>c. Interested candidates are required to submit their Expression of Interest in prescribed form to be obtained from the project office during office hours.</p> <p>d. Applicants should provide attested copies of documents in support of their qualification and experience with EOI.</p> <p>e. EOI shall be submitted in sealed envelope and be clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest for the Census Consultant" or "Request for Expression of Interest for the Data Processing cum OCR/ICR Consultant"</p>
PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAIL		
15.	Name of Official Inviting EOI	Md. Alamgir Hossen
16.	Designation of Official inviting EOI	Project Director
17.	Address of the Official inviting EOI	Census of the Undocumented Myanmar Nationals Staying in Bangladesh 2015 Project Parishankhyan Bhaban, (2 nd Floor, Block-2.) E27/A Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
18.	Contact details of Official inviting EOI	Telephone: 02-55006833 Fax: 02-55006832 Email: alamgir.hossen@bbs.gov.bd
19.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOIs without showing any cause.	

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Md. Alamgir Hossen
 Project Director

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 (An Enterprise of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh)

Memo No.: DPDC/PSEEIIP/AFD/2015/138 Date: 12/10/2015.

Time Extension Notice of DPDC's International Bid

The bid submission/opening/selling date of the following bid is hereby extended as shown below:

Invitation for Bid No.	Name of Bid	Last date for selling of Bid document	Bid Submission/Opening Date	
			Previous	Extended
DPDC/PSEEIIP/AFD/2015/39, Date: 06/08/2015.	Lot-1: Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 7 nos. new 132/33 kV GIS Substations at Char Sayedpur, Fatulla, Jigatola, Kazla, Motijheel, New Ramna and Postogola on Turnkey basis.	29/11/2015	Last date of Submission	Last date of Submission
	Lot-2: Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 7 nos. new 33/11 kV Substations at B.B Avenue, BSMMU Hospital, Dhaka Udyan, Green Road Dormitory, Monipuripara, P&T and Segunbagicha on Turnkey basis.		29/10/2015 12.00 Noon	30/11/2015 12.00 Noon
	Lot-3: Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 132 & 33 KV Underground Cable on Turnkey basis		Opening	Opening
	Lot-4: Survey, Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 132 kV Overhead Transmission line on Turnkey basis.		29/10/2015 02.00PM	30/11/2015 02.00PM

All other aspects of the Invitation for Bids will remain unchanged. This corrigendum shall be an integral part of the Bidding Document.

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Upgradation of Khulna 150 MW Peaking Power Plant to 225 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant Project

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the national e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of:

S/R	Invitation Ref. No.	Tender ID	Package No.	Description of Works	Tender Publication Date & Time	Tender Document Last Selling / Downloading Date & Time	Last Date & Time of Tender Security Submission	Tender Closing Date & Time	Tender Opening Date & Time
01.	01/e-GP/Work/UpKhulna225/NWPGCL/2015-16	32174	upku 225/W-01	Construction of Single Storey Ansar Barrack (Floor Area 93 sqm)	18 October 2015 at 09:00	29 October 2015 at 17:00	03 November 2015 at 17:00	04 November 2015 at 12:00	04 November 2015 at 12:30
02.	02/e-GP/Work/UpKhulna225/NWPGCL/2015-16	32385	upku 225/W-02	Construction of 3 Storied Rest House (Floor Area 130 sqm)	18 October 2015 at 09:00	29 October 2015 at 17:00	03 November 2015 at 17:00	04 November 2015 at 12:00	04 November 2015 at 12:30

i. This is an online Tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal.
 ii. No offline/hard copies will be accepted.
 iii. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.wprocure.gov.bd>) is required.
 iv. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any online Registered Bank Branch.
 v. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP Help Desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).
 vi. For more details please contact with the Procuring Entity (PE).

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