

NEWS IN brief

India launches 6th navigation satellite

TNN, Sriharikota
The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) yesterday accomplished the penultimate step in developing the country's own navigation system with the textbook launch of IRNSS-1F navigation satellite. IRNSS-1F is the sixth of seven satellites that would form a constellation of India's own navigation

Hawking urges Britain to remain in EU

AFP, London
Renowned cosmologist Stephen Hawking was among 150 academics to declare support for Britain remaining in the European Union yesterday in a letter that said leaving the bloc would damage science and research. Britain is due to vote on June 23 on whether to remain in the 28-member bloc. Opinion polls show that the campaign to remain within the EU is slightly ahead.

US warns of Mosul dam collapse

AFP, United Nations
The United States on Wednesday urged governments to quickly mobilize to prevent a "humanitarian catastrophe of epic proportions" from the possible collapse of Iraq's Mosul dam. Concern has grown in recent months over a possible breach in Iraq's largest dam, which would unleash a wave as high as 14 meters, devastating Mosul and flooding much of the capital Baghdad, with up to 1.5 million people at grave risk.

Venezuela pulls top diplomat from US

AFP, Caracas
President Nicolas Maduro on Wednesday recalled Venezuela's top diplomat from the US in protest against the renewal of a year-old US decree calling his country a security threat. US and Venezuela have been without ambassadors in each other's capitals since 2010. Relations between the two countries are typically tense, with Caracas often accusing Washington of imperialist meddling in Latin America.



Indian police detain a Tibetan activist during a protest held to mark the 57th anniversary of the Tibetan uprising against Chinese rule, outside the Chinese embassy in New Delhi, India, yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

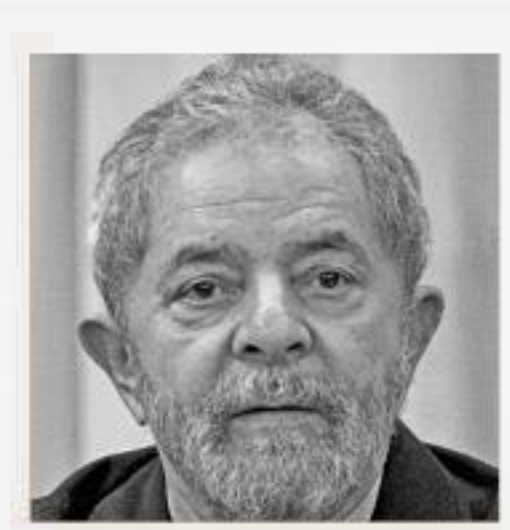
REPRESSION DURING RAJAPAKSE'S RULE Lanka to compensate journalists, media

AFP, Colombo
Sri Lanka yesterday announced plans to compensate journalists and media organisations that suffered violence and intimidation during former strongman Mahinda Rajapakse's decade-long rule.
President Maithripala Sirisena said he has appointed a panel to review unsolved crimes committed against journalists during Rajapakse's time in power, with the aim of compensating them or their families.
"All journalists and media organisations that became victims of repression will be compensated," Sirisena said in a statement, without giving details.
The president urged victims to lodge claims by mid-June to a senior civil servant who has been appointed as head of the panel.
Rajapakse has faced wide criticism for his government's dismal rights record, with rights groups accusing him of using murder and violent intimidation to silence critics and dissidents.
Over a dozen reporters and other media employees were killed between 2005 and 2015, when Rajapakse lost a presidential election to Sirisena.
Radio and television stations were bombed in and around Colombo while a Tamil newspaper office in the northern Jaffna peninsula was frequently targeted by pro-government militia.
A prominent anti-establishment editor, Lasantha Wickrematunga, was gunned down as he drove to work in January 2009 and his killing remains unsolved.

US PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION RACE Clinton, Sanders engage in fiery debate

AFP, Washington
Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders clashed forcefully on the debate stage Wednesday, with the Democratic presidential rivals opening lines of attack on immigration in the aftermath of Sanders' stunning upset win in Michigan.
With their Miami debate showdown coming just six days before the critical Florida primary, the two candidates were repeatedly pressed on immigration issues, including whether they would deport undocumented children from the United States.
Both said they support comprehensive immigration reform and pathways to citizenship for many of the 11 million people living in the shadows.
In stark contrast, Republican candidates all say they want no such track to citizenship. Donald Trump, the Republican frontrunner, wants to deport millions.
But with Florida home to a large Hispanic community, frontrunner Clinton and her sole Democratic rival Sanders openly courted the Latino vote -- each quickly said they would not expel the children of illegal immigrants, or undocumented adults with no criminal records.
It marked a break, too, of sorts from President Barack Obama's administration, which has come under fire for its aggressive deportation policies.
"I would not deport children," Clinton said.

"My priorities are to deport violent criminals, terrorists and anyone who threatens our safety."
But she also wanted to "stop the raids, stop the round-ups, stop the deporting of people who are living here doing their lives, doing their jobs."
Sanders was more blunt on disagreeing with Obama. "He is wrong on this issue of deportation," Sanders said. "I disagree with him on that."
Clinton slammed Sanders, a self-described democratic socialist, for voting against an immigration reform bill in 2007.
But Sanders shot back that Clinton had taken anti-immigrant positions in the 2000s, such as prohibiting the issuing of driver's licenses to illegal immigrants.
They also clashed on the war in Iraq, Clinton's relationship with Wall Street and corporate America, health care policy and tuition for state universities.
"Madame secretary, I will match my record against yours any day of the week," Sanders boomed.
The pair sharpened their attacks, with Sanders sensing momentum after a remarkable win 24 hours earlier in Michigan, where Clinton had been expected to prevail.
Clinton has nonetheless passed the half-way point in the race to the 2,383 delegates needed to win the party's presidential nomination, after she handily defeated Sanders in the southern Gulf state of



GRAFT CASE Brazil's Lula charged by prosecutor

AFP, Sao Paulo
Brazilian state prosecutors on Wednesday filed money laundering charges against ex-president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in a dramatic twist to an anti-corruption battle threatening to bring down the government.
The indictment against the hugely influential leftist leader alleges that he hid ownership of a luxury triplex apartment at a seaside resort in Sao Paulo state, a source in the Sao Paulo prosecutor's Office said.
"He is accused of hiding property in relation to the triplex in Guarujá," the source, who asked not to be identified, told AFP.
"Having undeclared property is a form of laundering money from illicit sources."
A judge must still formally accept the charges for the case to proceed.

Japan 'can't do without' nuclear power: Abe

AFP, Tokyo
Prime Minister Shinzo Abe yesterday said Japan "cannot do without" nuclear power, speaking on the eve of the fifth anniversary of the devastating Fukushima disaster.
"Our resource-poor country cannot do without nuclear power to secure the stability of energy supply while considering what makes economic sense and the issue of climate change," Abe told a press conference.
Japan's entire stable of reactors was shuttered in the aftermath of the disaster but Abe and utility companies have been pushing to get reactors back in operation.
The disaster had forced resource-poor Japan to turn to expensive fossil fuels to plug the energy gap left by the shutdowns.
His comments came a day after a Japanese court ordered the shutdown of two nuclear reactors previously declared safe under post-disaster safety rules.

But Abe said the government would "not change its policy" in which reactors that meet the new standards can be restarted.
Abe insisted at the press conference that safety was the government's "top priority." "And it's important to recover public trust more than anything," he said.
Abe, however, also said that the government was "going to reduce dependence" on nuclear energy.
The court ruling was the first to force the shutting down of reactors switched on under the stricter safety rules adopted after the 2011 disaster, a blow to Abe's bid to bring back nuclear power.
It ordered the shuttering of Kansai Electric's No. 3 and No. 4 reactors at the Takahama nuclear plant, some 350 kilometres (215 miles) west of Tokyo.
The No. 4 reactor was taken offline last month due to an unexpected technical glitch days after it restarted, while the No. 3 reactor is currently operating.



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Invitation for Tenders

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh				
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment & Forest		V
2	Agency	Department of Environment		V
3	Procuring entity name	Program Director, Integrated and Participatory Program to Control Noise Pollution		V
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present		
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka		V
6	Invitation for	Sound Level Meter, External Calibrator & Stand	V	V
7	Invitation ref. No.	OTM-03(2015-16)		
8	Date	08/03/2016		V
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement method	OTM	V	<select> V
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and source of funds	GoB		V
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	4305		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Integrated and participatory program to control noise pollution		
14	Tender package No.	01		Supply of Equipment
15	Tender package name	Supply of Equipment		
16	Tender publication date	10/03/2016		V
17	Tender last selling date	24/03/2016		V
18	Tender closing date and time	27/03/2016		V 12:30pm
19	Tender opening date and time	27/03/2016		V 01:00pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address		
	-Selling tender document (principal)	Program Director, Integrated and Participatory Program to Control Noise Pollution, Paribesh Bhaban, Level-01, Agargaon, Dhaka.		
	-Selling tender document (others)	Not applicable		
	No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents			
	-Receiving tender document	Program Director, Integrated and Participatory Program to Control Noise Pollution, Paribesh Bhaban, Level-01, Agargaon, Dhaka.		
	-Opening tender document	-Do-		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	The minimum general experience of the tenderer in the supply of goods as supplier shall be 03 (three) years. The minimum specific experience as supplier in supply of goods of at least one (1) contract successfully completed within the last 05 years, with a value of at least Tk. 60 lac. The minimum liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be Tk. 65 lac. Valid income tax certificate, Vat Registration & Trade Lic.		
23	Brief description of goods	Class 2 type 198 sets sound level meter, 02 sets class 2 type sound level meter with data logger, 10 sets external calibrators and 30 sets tripod stand (height: 1300mm-1500mm).		
24	Brief description of related services	Installation & Training.		
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	2,000/- (Tk. two thousand only)		
	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
26	1	Supply of equipment	Paribesh Bhaban	2,30,000/-
				10 (ten) weeks after signing agreement
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
30	Name of official inviting tender	Farid Ahmed.		
31	Designation of official inviting tender	Program Director, Integrated and Participatory Program to Control Noise Pollution		
32	Address of official inviting tender	Paribesh Bhaban, Level-01, Agargaon, Dhaka.		
33	Contact details of official inviting tender	028181775 02-8181772 farid@doe.gov.bd		
34	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.			
		Farid Ahmed Program Director		

AI beats human Go grandmaster

AFP, Seoul
A Google-developed supercomputer bested a South Korean Go grandmaster again yesterday, taking a commanding 2-0 lead in a five-game series that has become a stunning global debut for a new style of "intuitive" artificial intelligence (AI).
After shocking the world by defeating Lee Se-Dol -- one of the greatest modern players of the ancient board game -- in their opening match on Wednesday, the AlphaGo computer proved it was no fluke with another victory after a gruelling four-and-a-half-hour encounter.
"I am quite speechless. I admit it was a very clear loss on my part," Lee told reporters after the match, adding he had found "no weakness" in AlphaGo's performance during yesterday's match.
"AlphaGo played a near perfect game today... I will try my best so that I will win at least one game," said an ashen-faced Lee, who had earlier predicted that he would beat the supercomputer by a "landslide."
The 33-year-old must prevail in all three remaining matches -- held on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday -- to win the series that has a cash prize of \$1 million.

Liquor baron flees India owing \$1b

AFP, New Delhi
The heavily indebted Indian liquor baron Vijay Mallya has fled the country, the Supreme Court heard on Wednesday, as banks lined up to try to recover more than \$1 billion in unpaid loans.
A group of mainly state-run banks had asked the Supreme Court to prevent the flamboyant businessman, who is known for his extravagant lifestyle, from quitting India.
But the attorney general said the 60-year-old had left on March 2 after stepping down as chairman of United Spirits, the Indian arm of Britain's Diageo, following allegations of financial lapses.
"Agencies and the CBI have told me he left the country on the second of March," said Mukul Rohatgi, representing the banks in court. "Please ask Mr. Mallya to come back and appear in the Supreme Court and disclose all his assets."
Rohatgi said the state was not looking to take action against Mallya but wanted him to settle debts worth more than \$1.3b.



Application Invited:
IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT FOR ACTION (IMPACT) Fellowship Program (2016-18)
The Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention jointly invite applications for the Fellowship Program of IMPACT.
The IMPACT fellowship is a 2-year, hands-on, intensive training program taught by national and international experts. By participating in it, entry-level to mid-level health professionals will receive training to be better public health managers at the national, district, and upazila level.
For detailed information on the program and application requirements, please log on to: www.iedcr.gov.bd.
Prospective candidates should apply to the **Office of the Director, IEDCR, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212 by 7 April 2016 Thursday.**
Those who applied earlier need not to apply again.
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Application form can be downloaded from the website of the Institute (www.bids.org.bd). Please submit your completed application form as attachment by email to rabids2016@gmail.com by **10 April, 2016** but do not send any certificate/mark sheet electronically or by post. An electronically generated acknowledgement of receipt of the application will be sent by email to the applicant.
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