

NEWSIN brief

Kidnapped journo appears in IS video

AFP, Baghdad

The Islamic State group has released a video showing John Cantlie, a British journalist kidnapped in Syria four years ago, alive in the Iraqi city of Mosul. The propaganda video by the IS-affiliated Amaq network shows an emaciated Cantlie speaking in English to the camera in the style of a news report similar to previous videos in which he appeared.

Saudi, Iran engaging in 'proxy wars': UK FM

AFP, London

Britain's foreign minister Boris Johnson has accused Saudi Arabia and Iran of "puppeteering" and engaging in "proxy wars" in the Middle East, a video showed yesterday. In the clip, Johnson tells a conference in Rome last week it was a "tragedy" that politicians in the region were "twisting and abusing religion" to advance their political objectives.

Surprise fall in US life expectancy

AFP, Miami

Life expectancy in the United States dropped last year for the first time since the peak of the HIV/AIDS crisis more than 20 years ago, as deaths rose from nearly every major cause, federal data showed yesterday. The total US population's life expectancy in 2015 was 78.8 years, a decrease of 0.1 year from 2014, said the report by the National Center for Health Statistics.

Palestinian tries to stab Israeli, shot dead

AFP, Jerusalem

An 18-year-old Palestinian threatened Israeli border police with a knife at a flashpoint junction in the occupied West Bank yesterday and was shot dead, Israeli authorities said. The incident occurred at the Tapuah junction near the northern West Bank city of Nablus, police said.



A man retrieves belongings from a collapsed shop following a strong earthquake in Meureudu, Pidie Jaya, Indonesia, yesterday. Humanitarian organizations descended on Aceh province as the local disaster agency called for urgent food supplies and officials raced to assess the full extent of damage.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Death toll passes 100

Search for survivors continues as aid agencies call for urgent medicine, doctors to treat hundreds injured

AFP, Meureudu

Aftershocks rattled the survivors of a devastating Indonesian earthquake that killed more than 100 people, as officials urgently appealed yesterday for medicine and doctors to treat the hundreds injured. The shallow 6.5-magnitude quake levelled hundreds of homes, mosques and businesses across Aceh province, one of the areas worst affected by the devastating 2004 tsunami.

Search and rescue crews using advanced life-detecting devices have been combing the rubble for any sign of movement, as hopes fade of finding any more survivors more than a day after the quake.

"These scan through the rubble to see if anyone's alive or dead," national disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho told AFP.

The death toll stands at 102 but is expected to rise, he added. The figure has fluctuated as authorities identify the dead across the region.

Thousands of soldiers and emergency personnel have been using excavators to clear rubble in the worst-hit areas, with volunteers -- equipped with little more than hoes and their bare hands -- also chipping in.

President Joko Widodo asked all Indonesians to pray for their countrymen in the disaster-stricken province.

"Aceh is not alone," he posted on his official Twitter account.

But attention is shifting to caring for those injured and homeless.

The army has established kitchens, shelters and a field hospital in the hard-hit town of Meureudu, Aceh military chief Tatang Sulaiman told AFP.

"Our priority today is to re-check all the buildings to ensure no more victims are trapped, and to help the refugees," he said. Medical supplies and other essentials are lacking, officials said, with the region's ill-equipped hospitals overwhelmed.

More than 700 people were injured in the quake, many seriously, according to the disaster agency.

Said Mulyadi, the deputy chief of the worst-hit Pidie Jaya district, said they were in desperate need of medicine and extra hands to treat the injured.

INDONESIAN QUAKE

Most victims spent the night outdoors, either unable to return to their homes or terrified of the aftershocks rattling the region, he added.

Aid has begun trickling into the region, with emergency shelters erected to house those left with nowhere to go.

But more was needed for the 4,000 people evacuated to shelters, said local disaster agency chief Puteh Manaf.

"They really need food, clean water, medication and blankets," he told AFP.

Many fled for higher ground when the quake struck, fearing a tsunami, though no alert was issued.

Indonesia experiences frequent seismic and volcanic activity due to its position on the Pacific "Ring of Fire", where tectonic plates collide.

UK MPs back PM's Brexit timetable

AFP, London

British Prime Minister Theresa May secured a symbolic victory on Brexit on Wednesday after MPs agreed not to delay her plans to begin the EU exit talks by the end of March, although she had to promise to give them more details of her negotiating strategy.

The opposition Labour party's original motion demanded the government publish its "plan" before triggering EU Article 50, which begins the two-year exit process.

This motion had been expected to draw support from dozens of May's Conservative MPs but the premier fended off a rebellion with a last-minute amendment, accepting the Labour motion on condition that MPs support her timetable for triggering the Brexit talks.

Lawmakers voted 461 in favour of the amendment, backing May's timeline to trigger the divorce negotiations with Brussels by March 31, 2017.

Vietnam dredges on a disputed reef in Spratlys

Satellite imagery shows Hanoi aims to bolster claim in strategic waterway risking Beijing's ire

REUTERS, Hong Kong

Vietnam has begun dredging work on a disputed reef in the South China Sea, satellite imagery shows, the latest move by the Communist state to bolster its claims in the strategic waterway.

Activity visible on Ladd Reef in the Spratly Islands could anger Hanoi's main South China Sea rival, Beijing, which claims sovereignty over the group and most of the resource-rich sea.

Ladd Reef, on the south-western fringe of the Spratlys, is completely submerged at high tide but has a lighthouse and an outpost housing a small contingent of Vietnamese soldiers. The reef is also claimed by Taiwan.

In an image taken on Nov 30 and provided by US-based satellite firm Planet Labs, several vessels can be seen in a newly dug channel between the lagoon and open sea.

While the purpose of the activity cannot be determined for certain, analysts say similar dredging work has been the precursor to more extensive construction on other reefs.

"We can see that, in this environment,

Vietnam's strategic mistrust is total ... and they are rapidly improving their defences," said Trevor Hollingsbee, a retired naval intelligence analyst with Britain's defence ministry.

"They're doing everything they can to fix any vulnerabilities - and that outpost at Ladd Reef does look a vulnerability."

Reuters reported in August that Vietnam had fortified several islands with mobile rocket artillery launchers capable of striking

China's holdings across the vital trade route.

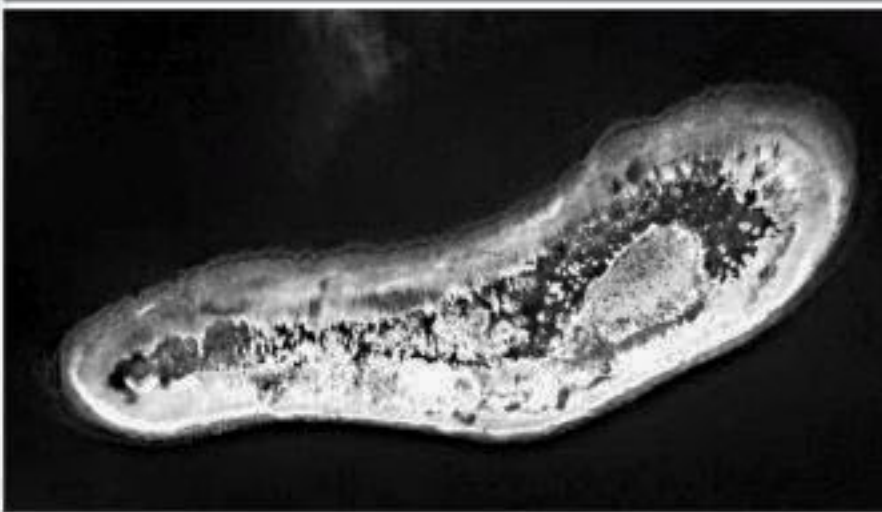
Vietnam's foreign ministry did not respond to a request for comment.

The vessels at Ladd Reef cannot be identified in the images, but Vietnam would be extremely unlikely to allow another country to challenge its control of the reef.

Greg Poling, a South China Sea expert at Washington's Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), said it remained unclear how far the work on Ladd Reef would go. Rather than a reclamation and a base, it could be an attempt to simply boost access for supply ships and fishing boats.

Ladd could also theoretically play a role in helping to defend Vietnam's nearby

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Memo No. 46.207.000.09.07.05.2016/219

Date: 06-12-2016

Corrigendum Notice of e-GP Tender (No. e-GP-3/2016-17)

e-GP Tender Notice (No. 3/2016-17) vide Memo No. 46.207.000.09.07.05.2016/201 dated 17-11-2016 published in The Daily Star, Ittefaq and Vorer Kagoj on 21-11-2016 is hereby made the following corrigendum:

Name of the Package : Construction of 3 Nos Warehouses at zone offices for Dhaka South City Corporation

Tender ID No. : 75780

Items of amendment	Previous date and time	Amended date and time
Last date and time for tender selling	08 December 2016 (13:00)	14 December 2016 (13:00)
Last date and time for tender security submit	08 December 2016 (14:00)	14 December 2016 (14:00)
Tender closing date and time	08 December 2016 (15:00)	14 December 2016 (15:00)

For other changes, please see the tender documents.

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GD-2504

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Corrigendum No. 1 Daed 4th December 2016

To

IFP No. CP-05 & 06 dated 1 November 2016 of

Invitation For Prequalification Application (IFP) of

Contract NO. CP-05: " Construction of Viaducts of and Elevated

Stations (Bijoy Sarani,

Farmgate and Karwan Bazar) between Agargaon and Karwan Bazar for

MRT LINE-6"

AND/OR

Contract No. CP-06: "Construction of Viaducts and Elevated Stations

(Shahbag, TSC, Press Club and Motijheel) between Karwan Bazar and

MOTIJHEEL For MRT LINE-6"

The Prospective Applicants are hereby informed that the due date of sale/submission of Pre-Qualification documents for Contract NO. CP-05 & 06 has been extended as detailed below.

No.	Reference	Description	Revised
1.	Invitation for Prequalification (IFP), Sl. NO.4	PQ documents on Sale	02 November 2016 to 15 January 2017 from 9:00 hrs. (BST) to 16:30hrs. (BST)
2.	ITA 16.1 (page 23)	Date and Time of deadline for submission of PQ Application	17th January 2017 up to 12:00hrs. (Noon) (BST)
3.	ITA 18.1 (page 23 & 24)	Date and Time of Opening of PQ Application	17th January 2017 at 12:30 hrs. (BST)
4.		Other Details	All other details published for tis PQ dated 1st November 2016 remain unaltered.

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GD-2479

Khulna Shipyard Limited
Bangladesh Navy, Khulna
BABA(F)-292/2016-2017 Dated: 04 December 2016

International Tender

1.	Procuring entity name	Khulna Shipyard Limited.
2.	Invitation for	Electrical AC Load Bank (complete set) with water proof canopy-01 No.
3.	Invitation Reference No.	BABA(F)-292/2016-2017 Dated: 04/12/2016.
4.	Procuring method	Open tender.
5.	Budget & source of fund	Own cash finance.
6.	Tender last selling date	14 December 2016.
7.	Tender closing date and time	14 December 2016, Time: 11:15am.
8.	Tender opening date & time	15 December 2016, Time: 11:30am.
9.	Name & address of the office(s): (a) Selling tender document (b) Receiving and opening tender document	a) Naval Stores Sub Depot, Khilkhet Namapara, Khilkhet, Dhaka. b) Cash Section, Accounts Department, Khulna Shipyard Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Khulna. Khulna Shipyard Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Khulna.
10.	Price of tender document	Tk 1,000.00 (non-refundable).
11.	Contact details of official	Tel: 041-813975/720003, Fax: 880-41-720404, E-mail: contact@khulnashipyard.com
12.	Special instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all or any tenders prior to acceptance without showing any reason.

GD-2492 DGM (Commercial and Purchase)

Jayalalithaa death shock kills over 70: AIADMK

PTI, Tamil Nadu

The AIADMK in Tamil Nadu on Wednesday said a total of 77 persons died of grief and shock over its supremo J Jayalalithaa's illness and subsequent death, and announced a sum of Rs 3 lakh each to their families as relief.

It also announced Rs 50,000 for a party functionary who allegedly attempted self-immolation and a similar amount to another person who cut his finger off following Jayalalithaa's demise on December 5.

"77 persons have died of grief and shock after having to come to know of honourable Amma's (Jayalalithaa) illness and death," an AIADMK release said.

Meanwhile, a central intelligence estimate has put the toll at 30 besides four suicide attempts. The AIADMK release did not specify whether the illness referred to her September 22 hospitalisation or the

cardiac arrest she had suffered on December 4, a day before passing away.

The party also released the list of 77 dead persons, who hailed from different parts of the state.

AIADMK expressed grief and sympathies with their families and announced a sum of Rs 3 lakh each as family welfare fund.

Further, the party will also bear the medical expenses of the AIADMK functionary from Puthukoorapettai in Cuddalore district who had attempted self-immolation following Jayalalithaa's illness, it said.

Similarly, Makali of Udayanur in Tirupur district had chopped off his finger after coming to know of Jayalalithaa's passing away and the party will bear his treatment cost too, the release said.

AIADMK also announced relief of Rs 50,000 to each of the two persons.

Pakistan crash pilot made Mayday call

AFP, Saddha Batolmi

A Pakistani aircraft carrying 47 people issued a Mayday call before losing radar contact and crashing into a mountain, killing everyone on board, authorities said, as they began collecting DNA yesterday to identify victims.

The pilot of the ATR-42 turboprop aircraft contacted ground authorities after one engine failed and issued a Mayday call at 4:14 pm, Azam Saigol, the airline's chairman, told a news conference in Islamabad.

It began descending a minute later before disappearing from radar at 4:16 pm.

"This plane was technically sound and was checked in October," he said, adding the captain had flown more than 12,000 hours and the aircraft was nine years old.

"Our focus now is to retrieve all the dead bodies," he added, vowing a full investigation.

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No- 27.27.2666.103.03.004.2016.2651 Date: 08 December 2016

Corrigendum

The following corrigendum has been made to the Tender No.: 27.27.2666.103.03.004.2016.2350 dated 31 October 2016 for Procurement of Industrial Air Filter (HEPA, Pre-1, Pre-2 and Washable filter) (H.S. Code- 8421.39.20) of GT Air Intake System for Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh:

Sl. No.	Sl. No. of Invitation for Tenders	Items/ Descriptions	Existing	Revised As
1	17	Tender Last Selling Date	13/12/2016 up to 15:00 Hr (BST)	27/12/2016 up to 15:00 Hr (BST)
2	18	Tender Submission Date & Time	14/12/2016 up to 12:00 Hr (BST)	28/12/2016 up to 12:00 Hr (BST)
3	19	Tender Opening Date & Time	14/12/2016 on 12:30 Hrs (BST)	28/12/2016 on 12:30 Hrs (BST)

All other Terms and Conditions of the Tender shall remain unchanged.

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