



Taiwan's main opposition legislator Hsu Shu-hua brawls with a member of ruling Democratic Progressive Party during a review of a major infrastructure project at the Parliament in Taipei yesterday as the government of President Tsai Ing-wen pressed ahead with controversial reforms.

PHOTO: AFP

'I will not resign on anyone's call': Sharif

DAWN ONLINE

An emergency meeting of Pakistan's federal cabinet yesterday endorsed Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's decision to not step down as the premier even as clamour for his exit got louder in wake of the Joint Investigation Team (JIT) report.

While addressing his cabinet in Islamabad, Sharif termed the JIT report a pack of "allegations and speculations", officials privy to the meeting told DawnNews.

Sharif announced: "I will not resign as the prime minister on anyone's call", as the cabinet members suggested that he fight the legal battle to vindicate himself in the Panama Papers case.

Pointing to the opposition parties who have been vehemently demanding his resignation following release of the JIT report, the prime minister said that the PML-N had bagged more votes than those of the opposition parties combined.

"The people of Pakistan have elected me and only they can remove me from this

post," he was quoted as saying.

During his briefing of the cabinet, Sharif claimed that all allegations levelled by the JIT in its report were in reference to his family's business dealings, saying his family had "earned nothing after entering politics, but lost a lot."

He said that projects worth billions of rupees are being executed in the country but no evidence of any corruption has been found in any of them.

The premier challenged his opponents to bring forth proof of "corruption of a single paisa" since 1985 against his family.

He alleged that the language employed in the JIT report reeked of "bias and mala fide intentions", adding that his family had cooperated with the JIT in its probe to uphold the law and constitution.

The JIT, in its report, highlighted that the prime minister was "non-committal" about the two letters furnished before the Supreme Court by the former Qatari prime minister.

India court bans waste dumping in Ganges

THE HINDU ONLINE

India's top environment court yesterday passed a slew of directions to rejuvenate the Ganga. It declared as 'No-Development Zone' an area of 100 metres from the edge of the river between Haridwar and Unnao and prohibited the dumping of waste within 500 metres from the river.

A bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) also declared that a penalty of 50,000 rupees as environment compensation charge would be imposed on anyone who dumped waste in the river.

The NGT directed the Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand governments to formulate guidelines for religious activities on the ghats of the Ganga or its tributaries.



Philippine National Police chief Ronald Bato Dela Rosa holds an M60 machine gun during a Gun and Ammunition show at a mall in Mandaluyong city, metro Manila, Philippines, yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Trump supported us

Say Afghan girls after robotics visa U-turn

AFP, Herat

A team of Afghan girls who had been denied visas to attend a Washington robotics competition spoke of Donald Trump's support yesterday after US authorities changed course and allowed them to come.

Clutching Afghan flags and waving to photographers, the schoolgirls boarded a plane in Herat in western Afghanistan yesterday afternoon to begin the long journey to Washington, where they will become the first robotics team to represent the war-torn country overseas.

US authorities had originally refused access to schoolchildren from a number of Muslim-majority nations to participate in the science contest, decisions that followed implementation of stricter visa policies under Trump.

But the US president urged a reversal following public outcry over the Afghan girls' inability to attend the event, according to US media, with the decision announced Wednesday.

"The President of the United States and the people of America supported us in this case, which shows that they have not forgot-

ten us," one competitor, Yasamin Yasinzadah told AFP at the airport in Herat.

"We want to take the message of peace to America and convey that Afghanistan is not only the country of war, and there are girls who chase their dreams in robots and education," added Fatema Qaderyan.

Organiser Ali Reza Mehraban of the Digital Citizen Foundation said the decision meant "supporting peace and women of Afghanistan, who have been deprived of everything for the past forty years".

President of organisers First Global, Joe Sestak said he was "most grateful" at the decision, noting that teams from Gambia, Yemen, Libya and Morocco would also attend.

"All 163 teams from 157 countries have gained approval to the United States, including Iran, Sudan, and a team of Syrian refugees," said Sestak, a former US Navy admiral and congressman.

"I could not be more proud."

The six girls from Herat, Afghanistan, were reportedly blocked from attending the robotics competition even after two rounds of interviews for a one-week visa.

China upholds UN sanctions on North Korea

AFP, Beijing

China yesterday insisted that it was upholding UN sanctions on North Korea despite a jump in its trade with the nuclear-armed nation that comes amid growing US calls for Beijing to rein in its neighbour.

Sino-US relations have soured in recent weeks as President Donald Trump has urged Beijing to step up diplomatic and economic pressure on North Korea over its nuclear and missile programmes.

Tensions rose after North Korea's test this month of an intercontinental ballistic missile that could reach the US mainland.

Despite Washington's calls for action, trade between China and its neighbour increased 10.5 percent to \$2.5 billion in the first six months of the year compared to the same period last year, including a 29.1 percent jump in exports.

Floods kill 40 in India's northeast

Endanger rare rhinos

REUTERS, Guwahati

Floods in northeast India that have killed at least 40 people and displaced nearly 1.5 million have also inundated a national park that is home to the world's largest concentration of one-horned rhinoceros.

The Brahmaputra river, which flows from China down to India and then through Bangladesh, has burst its banks after torrential monsoon rains, swamping more than 2,500 villages in India's Assam state over the past two weeks.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed his anguish over the human suffering, with thousands of people seeking shelter in more than 300 relief camps. Authorities have declared a "maximum health alert" to stop the spread of disease.

Efforts are also underway to help the rhinos and other wildlife put in danger when flood waters swamped the Kaziranga National Park, a Unesco world heritage site.

"More than 90 percent of the Kaziranga National Park is under water," Assam Forest Minister Pramila Rani Brahma told Reuters.

The 430 sq km park is home to the world's largest number of the one-horned rhinoceros, with an estimated 2,500 out of a total population of some 3,000.

"Two rhino calves have drowned and up to 15 deer perished in the high floods," Brahma said.

India develops missile with eye on China

Say two top American nuke experts in their article

PTI, Washington

India continues to modernise its atomic arsenal with an eye on China and the country's nuclear strategy which traditionally focused on Pakistan now appears to place increased emphasis on the Communist giant, two top American nuclear experts have said.

An article published in the July-August issue of the digital journal - After Midnight - has also claimed that India is now developing a missile which can target all of China from its bases in South India.

India is estimated to have produced enough plutonium for 150-200 nuclear warheads but has likely produced only 120-130, wrote Hans M Kristensen and Robert S Norris in the article - "Indian nuclear forces 2017".

India's nuclear strategy, which has traditionally focused on Pakistan, now appears to place increased emphasis on China, the two experts claimed. "While India has traditionally been focused on deterring Pakistan, its nuclear modernisation indicates that it is putting increased emphasis on its future strategic relationship with China," they wrote.

"That adjustment will result in significantly new capabilities being deployed over the next decade that may influence how India views nuclear weapons' role against Pakistan," they said.

Noting that India continues to modernise its nuclear arsenal with development of several new nuclear weapon systems, the two experts estimate that New Delhi currently operates seven nuclear-capable systems: two aircraft, four land-based ballistic missiles, and one sea-based ballistic missile.

"At least four more systems are in development. The development program is in a dynamic phase, with long-range land-and sea-based missiles emerging for possible deployment within the next decade," it said.

India is estimated to have produced

approximately 600 kilograms of weapon-grade plutonium, sufficient for 150-200 nuclear warheads; however, not all the material has been converted into nuclear warheads, it said.

"Based on available information about its nuclear-capable delivery force structure and strategy, we estimate that India has produced 120-130 nuclear warheads," the article said, adding that the country will need more warheads to arm the new missiles it is currently developing.

Kristensen and Norris said that the two-stage, solid-fuel, rail-mobile Agni-2, an improvement on the Agni-1, which can deliver a nuclear or conventional warhead

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more than 2,000 kilometres is probably targeted on western, central, and southern China.

Although the Agni-4 will be capable of striking targets in nearly all of China from northeastern India (including Beijing and Shanghai), India is also developing the longer-range Agni-5, a three-stage, solid-fuel, rail-mobile, near-intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) capable of delivering a warhead more than 5,000 kilometres (3,100-plus miles), it said.

"The extra range will allow the Indian military to establish Agni-5 bases in central and southern India, further away from China," the research article said.



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INVITATION FOR TENDER THROUGH WEB(2nd Call)

Tender no: CSD-2(EES):17/Chittagong/SST/2017-82

Date: 05/07/2017

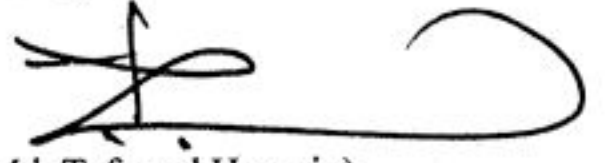
Tenders through electronic media (e-Tenders) are invited from the bonafide contractors/firms for Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 11/0.415KV, 2000 KVA Substation at Bangladesh Bank, Chittagong. Necessary information are given below:

01	Procuring entity	: Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head office, Dhaka.
02	Source of Funds	: Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
03	Invitation for Tender No.	: CSD-2(EES):17/ Chittagong/SST/2017-82
04	Method of Procurement.	: Open Tendering Method (OTM).
05	Qualification of Tenderer	: a) The Tenderer shall have minimum 10(Ten) years overall business experience on Electrical/Substation Equipment supply and related works. b) Satisfactorily completed at least 01(One) work of similar nature (11/0.415KV Substation supply and installation) worth not less than Taka 5.0 Crore (Taka Five Crore) only in a single contract, in any Government/Semi-Government/ Autonomous Organization during the last 05(Five) years. The Tenderer shall have to furnish work completion certificate in this respect from officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent. c) Liquid asset/Credit facility shall be Tk 5.50 Crore (Taka Five Crore Fifty Lac) only. d) Tenderer shall have to fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the Document; failing which the Tender shall be rejected and considered as non-responsive.
06	Address of the Web : Receiving Tender Document	: www.bangladeshbank.org.bd : www.etender.bb.org.bd (e-Tender)
07	Name & Address of the Offices Receiving Tender Security & Other Documentary Evidence.	: General Manager(Engineering), Common Services Department-2 (6th floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
08	Last Date and Time for : Submission of Tender Document through web.	: 31/07/2017 up to 2:30 P.M.
09	Last Date and Time for : Receiving Original Tender security and Tender Submission Letter.	: 31/07/2017 up to 2:30 P.M.
10	Date, Time and Place for : Tender Opening	: All Tenders shall be opened at Common Services Department-2 (6 th floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka on 31/07/2017 at 3:00 P.M (Intending Tenderer or their authorized representative are allowed to attend the Tender Opening).
11	Brief Description of the Goods and Related works	: Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 11/0.415KV, 2000KVA Substation at Bangladesh Bank, Chittagong by replacing existing 500KVA Substation without hampering regular office power supply.
12	Time for completion of the work	: 9 (Nine) Months from the date of issuing the Award of Contract.
13	Tender Security	: TK 18,00,000.00 (Taka Eighteen Lac) only.
14	Special Instructions	: i) The Tenderer shall submit tender and scanned copy of documentary evidences including Tenderer information sheet((format PG3-2) properly through Bangladesh Bank Web site (e-Tendering) & shall have valid e-mail address for participating e-tendering. ii) Original PO/BD/Bank Guarantee as Tender Security along with Original Tender submission letter as per format PG3-1 shall reach at General Manager(Engineering), Common Services Department-2, within the stipulated date and time mentioned in TDS. iii) Tenderer shall provide all documentary evidences (original or attested whichever necessary) as per tender document, failing which the Tender shall be considered as non-responsive. iv) Tenderer shall submit Valid ABC Category Electrical Contractor and Electrical Supervisory License from Electrical Licensing Board, Bangladesh. v) PG3-1 and PG3-2 form shall be completed and signed by the Authorized Signatory on the Letter-Head Pad attached by Scanning during submitting tender through Web and original shall be sent to the General Manager(Engineering), Common Services Department-2 within scheduled time as per TDS. vi) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents may result in rejection of tender and may lead to action under Rules 127 of PPR 2008/Reg. 12 of BBPR 2004. vii) All sorts of safety and security measures shall be carried out by the Contractor during execution of work. viii) Bangladesh Bank reserves all right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. No claim will be entertained in this regard.

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