

Maduro will not go to UN rights forum

REUTERS, Geneva

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro will not address the UN Human Rights Council next week, contrary to what had been announced, the United Nations said yesterday. Maduro had been expected to address the opening day of a three-week United Nations Human Rights Council session on Sept 11.

Taiwan appoints new premier

AFP, Taipei

Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen named a staunchly pro-independence city mayor as her new premier yesterday in a move which some analysts said would rile China. China still sees self-ruled Taiwan as part of its territory, even though they split almost 70 years ago.

Eight killed in clashes with Pakistan militants

AFP, Quetta

Eight people including four security personnel have been killed in three separate clashes with militants in southwest Pakistan and Karachi, officials said yesterday. Pakistan has been battling Islamist, ethnic and political insurgencies for decades but violence has been reduced in recent years following military operations across the country.

Boko Haram attacks kill 400 since April: Amnesty

AFP, Lagos

A spurt in attacks by Boko Haram Islamists has claimed nearly 400 lives since April in Nigeria and Cameroon, double the figure of the previous five months, Amnesty said yesterday. Boko Haram is waging an insurgency in a bid to establish a hardline Islamist state in Nigeria's mainly Muslim north.



Chinese President Xi Jinping greets Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mexico's President Enrique Pena Nieto before group photo session of Emerging Market and Developing Countries meeting during the BRICS Summit, in Xiamen, China, yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Put ties on right track

Xi tells Modi in a meeting on the sidelines of BRICS summit after Doklam border stand-off

REUTERS, Xiamen

China wants to put its relationship with India on the "right track", President Xi Jinping told Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday, as the two countries sought to mend ties damaged by a recent tense Himalayan border standoff.

The meeting was the first between the two leaders since Chinese and Indian troops ended a standoff in the Doklam border region about a week ago.

Talks between Xi and Modi had been in question before the de-escalation, which came just in time for China to host the BRICS summit of emerging economies, which also includes Brazil, Russia and South Africa, in the south-eastern city of Xiamen.

Healthy, stable ties were in the interests of both countries, Xi told Modi in a meeting on the sidelines of the summit, according to a statement from China's foreign ministry.

"China is willing to work with India ... to increase political trust, advance mutually beneficial cooperation and promote the further development of China-India rela-

tions along the correct path," Xi said.

"China and India must maintain the fundamental determination that each other constitute mutual development opportunities and do not constitute a mutual threat," Xi said, adding that peaceful, cooperative relations were the "only correct choice".

Xi and Modi spoke for more than an hour and the discussions were "constructive", Indian Foreign Secretary Subrahmanyam Jaishankar told reporters in Xiamen after the meeting.

"There was a sense that if the relationship is to go forward, then peace and tranquility on the border area should be maintained," Jaishankar said, adding

that both sides agreed that strong contacts between their defence personnel were needed to prevent another border incident. "On both sides there was a sense that more efforts need to be made to ensure that these kinds of situations don't reoccur." Pressed on how the Doklam dispute was discussed, Jaishankar said, "Both of us know what happened. This was not a backwards looking conversation. This was a forward-looking conversation."

Talks lasted over an hour and were 'constructive': India

Peaceful relations are the 'only correct choice': Xi

Pak rejects BRICS claims on militants

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan yesterday rejected a statement by the five emerging-market BRICS powers that militant groups in Pakistan pose a regional security concern, with its defence minister saying no such group operates freely inside Pakistan.

The minister's response follows a statement on Monday by Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa that also called for patrons of the Pakistan-based militant groups to be held to account.

"These organizations, they have some of their remnants in Pakistan, which we're cleaning," Defence Minister Khurram Dastagir Khan told the Geo TV channel, without specifying which groups he was referring to.

"But Pakistan, we reject this thing categorically, no terrorist organization has any complete safe havens."

Cambodia charges opposition leader

AFP, Phnom Penh

A Cambodian court yesterday charged opposition leader Kem Sokha with treason and espionage over an alleged conspiracy with unnamed foreigners, as strongman premier Hun Sen intensifies his assault on his political enemies.

Opponents of Hun Sen, as well as NGOs and the critical press, have increasingly been smothered by court cases and threats before a crucial general election next year.

Kem Sokha, 64, a veteran opposition politician who has formally led the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) since March, is accused of conniving in a "secret plan" with foreign entities which began in 1993, according to a court statement.

It said evidence of a conspiracy was substantial enough to charge him under the penal code section for "treason and espionage", which carries up to 30 years in jail.

Kem Sokha was arrested early Sunday in a swoop by hundreds of security force members at his home in the Cambodian capital.

Hours later Hun Sen -- Asia's longest-serving leader -- accused the politician of being in cahoots with the United States.

Civilian death toll in Yemen tops 5,000: UN

AFP, Geneva

More than 5,000 civilians have been killed in Yemen since March 2015, including 1,184 children, the UN human rights office said yesterday, renewing its calls for an international probe into the conflict.

The rights office has been mandated to track civilian casualties in Yemen since the start of the Saudi-led offensive in support of the government against an alliance of Iran-backed Huthi rebels and ex-president Yemeni Ali Abdullah Saleh.

"Between March 2015... and 30 August, at least 5,144 civilians have been documented as killed and more than 8,749 injured. Children accounted for 1,184 of those who were killed," the rights office said in a statement.

Hajj success opens way for talks with Saudi: Iran

France appoints envoy to mediate Qatar row

AGENCIES

Iran yesterday thanked Saudi Arabia for its handling of the annual hajj pilgrimage, saying it opened the way for negotiations between the regional rivals.

"We thank Saudi Arabia... for adopting a new approach in dealing with Iranian pilgrims," said Ali Ghazi-Askar, the head of the hajj organisation in Tehran, according to the state broadcaster.

Some 86,000 Iranian pilgrims took part last week in the hajj. They were unable to attend in 2016 after talks collapsed over security concerns.

Iran had been highly critical of Saudi Arabia's organisation efforts in the wake of a stampede during the 2015 hajj that killed up to 2,300 people, including hundreds of Iranians.

"There are always differences arising among countries but the important thing is for the parties to resolve differences through dialogue and negotiation," said Ghazi-Askar, according to the ISNA news agency.

"Right now, after holding a successful

hajj, it is a good time for both parties to negotiate to resolve their bilateral issues in other fields."

Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif remained circumspect, however, saying he had yet to see "a clear prospect for change" in the relationship.

"If such a development occurs in the Saudis' mentality, it will definitely be a positive development and will be met with Iran's positive reaction," he told KhabarOnline newspaper.

Meanwhile, France's foreign minister said yesterday that it picked its former ambassador to Saudi Arabia as a special envoy to see how Paris could support mediation efforts in the rift between Qatar and several of its neighbours, reported Reuters.

"I confirm that Bertrand Besancenot, diplomatic advisor to the government, will soon go to the region to evaluate the situation and the best ways to support the mediation and appease tensions between Qatar and its neighbours," Foreign ministry spokeswoman Agnes Romatet-Espagne told reporters in a daily briefing.

GULF CRISIS

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Finance, Finance Division

Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP) Project

Invitation for Tenders for Goods (National)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance.
2	Agency	Finance Division.
3	Procuring entity name	Skills for Employment Investment Program.
4	Procuring entity code	N/A
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Furniture and Equipment for Gopalganj Technical Training Centre (TTC).
7	Invitation Ref No.	FD/SEIP/GD-72/286/2015-2016/1366
8	Date	05.09.2017

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering (National).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh and ADB.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Asian Development Bank and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/program code (if applicable)	5-0901-5014	
13	Project/program name (if applicable)	Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP).	
14	Tender package No.	GD-72	
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Furniture and Equipment for Gopalganj TTC.	
		Date	
16	Tender publication date	06.09.2017	
17	Tender last selling date	09.10.2017	
		Date	Time
18	Tender closing date and time	10.10.2017	2:30pm
19	Tender opening date and time	10.10.2017	2.45pm

20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	-Selling tender document	1. PO to National Project Director, Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP), Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Room No. 127, Building No. 7 (2nd Floor), Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000. 2. Project Officer (Attention: Mr. Tazul Islam Patwary), Skills for Employment Investment Program, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Probashi Kallyan Bhaban (15th Floor), 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000.

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	-Receiving tender document	Room # 127, Building # 7, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.		
	-Opening tender document	Room # 127, Building # 7, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka by Tender Opening Committee.		
21	Place/date/time of			
	Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Date		Time
		20.09.2017		11.30am

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The tenderer should be from ADB member countries as listed in Section 9 of the tender document.The tenderer shall have updated trade license/certificate of incorporation, VAT registration and Income Tax certificate.The tenderer shall not be insolvent, bankrupt or in receivership and shall not be debarred for entering into contract.The tenderer shall not be debarred for fraudulent, collusive, coercive and corrupt practices and for supply of defective goods.Other eligibility criteria as stated in the tender document.
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23	Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of Furniture and Equipment.
24	Brief description of related services	None
25	Price of tender document (Taka)	1000.00

26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/ months/ days
	Lot-A	Equipment and Tools for Graphics Design Course	Gopalganj TTC	BDT 34,000.00	90 days
	Lot-B	Equipment and Tools for Electrical Installation and Maintenance Course	Gopalganj TTC	BDT 73,000.00	90 days
	Lot-C	Equipment for Welding Course	Gopalganj TTC	BDT 65,000.00	90 days
	Lot-D	Equipment & Tools for Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning (RAC)	Gopalganj TTC	BDT 75,000.00	90 days
	Lot-E	Furniture for Graphics Design, Electrical, Welding and Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Course	Gopalganj TTC	BDT 10,000.00	90 days

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

29	Name of official inviting tender	Jalal Ahmed.
30	Designation of official inviting tender	Additional Secretary and National Project Director.
31	Address of official inviting tender	SEIP Project, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance.
32	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone No: +88-02-55138753-5 (PABX), Fax No: +88-02-55138752
33	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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e-Tender Notice
Memo No. 46.10.0000.063.14.044.17 Date: 05/09/2017
e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of:

Sl No	Tender ID No./Ref. No.	Name of the works	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
1	118900 e-gp/dncc/z-01/w-09/2017-2018	Improvement of Road No. 1/A 1/B 3/B 10/B and 12 of Sector-09 Uttara Zone-01 under DNCC	26-September-2017, 14:00	26-September-2017, 14:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required and only enlisted contractor in Dhaka district are eligible for tender submission.

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