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Saudi reforms 'fooling nobody': Amnesty

AFP, London

Saudi Arabia's widely-vaunted reforms are no more than a public relations blitz aimed at masking Riyadh's rights record and are "fooling nobody", Amnesty International said yesterday. Saudi Arabia began to ease its ultraconservative policies following the rise to power of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Fake India media crew held in Australia

CNN ONLINE

An Indian national has been charged with people smuggling after allegedly attempting to sneak a team of fake journalists into Brisbane. The group was posing as a media contingent coming to the Australian state of Queensland to cover the 2018 Commonwealth Games, which start on the Gold Coast on April 4, Australian police said yesterday.

Dutch voters say 'no' to new spy law

AFP, The Hague

Dutch voters narrowly rejected a new law giving security services greater powers to spy on emails and online data, the electoral council announced yesterday, unveiling final referendum results. More than six million Dutch citizens out of some 13 million eligible voters cast ballots in the national referendum last week on the controversial legislation, set to come into effect on May 1.

Roof collapse kills 11 in southern Pakistan

AFP, Karachi

Eleven people were killed and nine injured when the roof of a warehouse collapsed onto workers in southern Pakistan on Wednesday, officials said. Six women and two girls were among the dead in the incident in Rohri district of Sindh province, 450 kilometres north of Karachi.



A Palestinian woman flies a kite while another waves a Palestinian flag during a demonstration ahead of the Land Day, at a tent city along the border with Israel east of Gaza City yesterday. Land Day marks the killing of six Arab Israelis during 1976 demonstrations against Israeli confiscations of Arab land.

PHOTO: AFP

'Always it's been my dream'

Tearful Malala makes first trip to Pakistan since Taliban attack

AFP, Islamabad

Nobel peace laureate Malala Yousafzai returned to Pakistan yesterday, saying tearfully that it was "a dream" to come home for the first time since she was airlifted to Britain after being shot in the head by a Taliban gunman more than five years ago.

The 20-year-old was overcome with emotion as she made a televised speech from the Prime Minister's House in Islamabad, wiping away tears as she spoke of the beauty of her native Swat valley.

"Always it has been my dream that I should go to Pakistan and there, in peace and without any fear, I can move on streets, I can meet people, I can talk to people."

"And I think that it's my old home again ... so it is actually happening, and I am grateful to all of you."

She had arrived unannounced with her parents under tight security overnight. Pakistanis awakening to the news she was back in the country flooded social media with messages of welcome, with many hailing her bravery -- but others accusing her of a conspiracy to foment dissent.

Her schedule for the four-day trip is being closely guarded.

Malala is widely respected internationally as a global icon for girls' education, but opinion is divided in Pakistan, where some conservatives view her as a Western agent on a mission to shame her country.

Residents of Swat said they were happy to see her return.

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She was treated for her injuries in the British city of Birmingham, where she also completed her schooling.

The youngest ever winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, she has continued to be a vocal advocate for girls' education while pursuing her studies at Oxford University.

Malala met with Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi earlier yesterday and later took questions from an audience.

"We have amazing women," she told them in comments broadcast on state television, pushing for more education and critical thinking. She also called on Pakistanis to come together, stressing unity for the betterment of the country.

Malala began her campaign aged just 11, when she started writing a blog -- under a pseudonym -- for the BBC's Urdu service in 2009 about life under the Taliban in Swat, where they were banning girls' education.

First summit in decade

N Korea's Kim agrees to meet South's Moon on April 27; meeting agenda include denuclearisation of peninsula

REUTERS, Seoul

North and South Korea will hold their first summit in more than a decade on April 27, South Korean officials said yesterday, after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un pledged his commitment to denuclearisation as tensions ease between the old foes.

South Korean officials, who announced the summit date after high-level talks with North Korean counterparts, said the summit agenda would largely be the denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula and an improvement of inter-Korean relations.

The two Koreas had agreed to hold the summit at the border truce village of Panmunjom when South Korean President Moon Jae-in sent a delegation to Pyongyang this month to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Yesterday's meeting was the first high-level dialogue between the two Koreas since the delegation returned from the North.

The two sides said in a joint statement they would hold a working-level meeting on April 4 to discuss details of the summit, such as staffing support, security and news releases.

"We still have a fair number of issues to

QUESTION PAPER LEAK IN INDIA

Millions of students to resit their finals

AFP, New Delhi

India yesterday vowed to strengthen its online security after high school exam papers were leaked ahead of crucial tests, forcing millions of students to resit their finals.

Education Minister Prakash Javadekar said an investigation was underway into how the mathematics and economics papers were accessed and spread via WhatsApp before the exam.

"The criminals who did this won't be spared. I am sure police will catch these people soon. Let me assure that we will further improve the system and make it foolproof," he told reporters yesterday.

It is another embarrassment for a government which has weathered storms around alleged cracks in its Aadhaar system, a database containing the personal details of more than one billion Indians.

It comes as Facebook reels from a scandal over user data and India's ruling and main opposition parties accuse each other of mining and sharing followers' personal information.

The row erupted this weekend after a French security researcher flagged flaws with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's personal app, alleging that users' data was being shared without their consent.

The main opposition Congress party's Rahul Gandhi used the exam leak to revive the attack on Modi's administration over digital security.

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resolve on a working-level for preparations over the next month," said Ri Son Gwon, the chairman of North Korea's committee for the peaceful reunification of the country in closing remarks to the South Korean delegation.

"But if the two sides deeply understand the historic significance and meaning of this summit and give their all, we will be able to solve all problems swiftly and amicably," Ri added.

Tension over North Korea's tests of nuclear weapons and ballistic missile surged last year and raised fears of US military action in response to North Korean threat to develop a nuclear weapon capable of hitting the United States.

But tension has eased significantly since North Korea decided to send athletes to the Winter Olympics in South Korea in February. The neighbours are technically still at war after the 1950-53 conflict ended with a ceasefire, not a truce.

China commended the two sides for their efforts to improve ties.

"We hope the momentum of dialogue can continue and that the peaceful situation also can last," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang told a briefing.

Institute of Modern Languages

University of Dhaka

Extension Notice

Session: 2018-2019

The admission to the Junior Certificate Courses in different languages is going on at the Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka.

Languages	Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Hindi, Italian, Persian, Russian, Korean, Turkish, Spanish and Bangla for foreigners.
Duration of the courses	1 Year (120 hours).
Time and duration of the classes	Classes are held twice/thrice a week. Each class is of 2 hours duration.
Qualification for admission	The minimum qualification for admission is HSC/equivalent, e.g. A-Level, with at least second division/GPA 2.5. For foreign applicants certificate for a minimum period of 12 years will be required.
Submission of application for admission	Prescribed application form can be collected for Tk. 600/- (Taka six hundred) only from Janata Bank, Dhaka University, TSC Branch during office hours and submitted to the same Bank on or before 04 th April, 2018.

For further information follow the Admission Guidelines available with the Admission form.

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Director

KHULNA SHIPYARD LIMITED

BANGLADESH NAVY, KHULNA

29 March 2018

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INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

01. Procuring Entity Name	Khulna Shipyard Limited
02. Invitation For	Slipway Carriage, Plate Bending Roller Machine, Spare Parts for Control/Monitoring Panel, Horizontal Bending and straightening Machine
03. Invitation Reference No.	A) BABE (F) - Slipway Carriage/2017-2018 DATE: 29 March 2018 B) BABE (F) - 294/2017-2018 DATE: 29 March 2018 C) BABE (F) - 304/2017-2018/ DATE: 29 March 2018 D) BABE (F) - 295/2017-2018 DATE: 29 March 2018
04. Procuring Method	Open Tender
05. Budget & Source of Funds	Own Finance
06. Tender Last Selling Date	(1) 20 May 2018 for A tender. (2) 13 May 2018 for B, C and D tender.
07. Tender Closing Date and Time	(1) 21 May 2018 Time : 1115 AM for A tender. (2) 14 May 2018 Time : 1115 AM for B, C and D tender
08. Tender Opening Date & Time	(1) 21 May 2018 Time : 1130 AM for A tender. (2) 14 May 2018 Time : 1130 AM for B, C and D tender.
09. Name & Address of the Office (s) for Selling, Receiving and Opening of Tender Documents:	(1) Cash Section, Accounts Department, Khulna Shipyard Ltd. Bangladesh Navy, Khulna. (2) Naval Store Sub Depot, Khilkhat Nama Para, Khilkhat, Dhaka.
a. Selling Tender Document	Khulna Shipyard Ltd, Khulna
b. Receiving Tender Document	(1) Khulna Shipyard Ltd, Khulna (2) Tenderer's and their authorized representatives are allowed to attend.
c. Opening Tender Document	(1) Khulna Shipyard Ltd, Khulna (2) Tenderer's and their authorized representatives are allowed to attend.
10. Price of Tender Document	A) Tk. 5,000.00 (Tk. Five Thousand) Non-refundable. B) Tk. 1,000.00 (Tk. One Thousand) Non-refundable. C) Tk. 1,000.00 (Tk. One Thousand) Non-refundable. D) Tk. 2,000.00 (Tk. Two Thousand) 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.

DGM (Commercial and Purchase)

BILL FOR PEACEKEEPING OPS

Nations need to pay bigger share: Haley

AFP, United Nations

US Ambassador Nikki Haley told countries at the United Nations on Wednesday they need to "step up" and pay a bigger share of the multi-billion-dollar bill for peacekeeping operations.

The largest financial contributor to UN peacekeeping, the United States last year negotiated a \$600 million cut to that budget, but Haley made clear the administration wants to further trim the bill.

The United States will remain the number one financial supporter, Haley told a Security Council debate on peacekeeping, but it will cap its contribution to 25 percent, down from the current level of 28.5 percent.

"One country should not shoulder more than one quarter of the UN peacekeeping budget, and we look forward to a more equitable distribution of the budget among member states," she said.

"Moving forward, the United States will not pay more than 25 percent of the peacekeeping budget."

"All of us have a role to play, and all of us must step up."

After complex negotiations among the UN's 193 countries, the peacekeeping budget for 2017-2018 was set at \$6.8 billion with 10 countries paying the lion's share.

ALLEGED GULEN LINKS

Turkey orders arrest of 70 army officers

REUTERS, Istanbul

Turkish prosecutors ordered the detention of 70 serving army officers over alleged links to the US-based preacher accused of orchestrating an attempted coup in 2016, CNN Turk said yesterday.

Police launched simultaneous operations in 38 provinces across Turkey in a probe led by state prosecutors in the central Turkish province of Konya, the broadcaster said.

It said the suspects were targeted based on statements by soldiers previously detained over ties to the cleric Fethullah Gulen and were believed to have been responsible for recruiting students for Gulen's movement.

The UN human rights office said earlier this month Turkey has detained 160,000 people and dismissed nearly the same number of civil servants since the failed coup in July 2016, which Ankara blames on Gulen. He denies any involvement.

Among those detained, more than 50,000 have been formally charged and kept in jail during trial.

Meanwhile, President Tayyip Erdogan has filed a lawsuit against the leader of Turkey's main opposition party over "baseless" comments linking the president to the Muslim cleric Ankara blames for a failed 2016 coup, Erdogan's lawyer said yesterday.

21. Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount	Completion time
a) Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of complete Hydrogen Compressor with motor at existing foundation base for 2x64MW Hydrogen Plant of APSCL.	At APSCL's Store & Supply & Commissioning Station of 450MW CCP South of APSCL, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.	BDT 1,35,000.00 or USD 1,625.00	180 days from the date of L/C Opening.
b) Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of OCW pump motor of 450MW CCP South of APSCL.	At Store of 450MW CCP South of APSCL, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.	BDT 1,25,000.00 or USD 1,505.00	210 days from the date of L/C Opening.
22. Name & Designation of official Inviting Tender	Md. Rafiquddaula, Manager (Procurement), APSCL, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria.		
23. Address of official Inviting Tender	Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd., Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.		
24. Contact details of official Inviting Tender	Tel: +88 085		