

Indonesia, India plan to develop strategic port

Reuters, Jakarta

Indonesia and India yesterday pledged to step up defence and maritime cooperation, with plans to develop a strategic Indonesian naval port in the Indian Ocean, the leaders of the two countries said after meeting in Jakarta.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo met Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss, among other issues, developing infrastructure and an economic zone at Sabang, on the tip of Sumatra island and at the mouth of the Malacca Strait, one of the busiest shipping channels for global trade.

"India is a strategic defence partner...and we will continue to advance our cooperation in developing infrastructure, including at Sabang Island and the Andaman Islands," Widodo told a news conference after the meeting at the presidential palace.

Analysts say the move comes amid concerns over China's rising maritime influence in the region, and is part of Modi's "Act East" policy of developing stronger ties with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean).

"The India-Asean partnership can be a force to guarantee peace and progress in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond," Modi said in a statement read in Hindi.

Modi this year invited the leaders of all ten Asean nations to attend New Delhi's Republic Day parade, the biggest such gathering of foreign leaders at the annual event.

There has been tension in Southeast Asia over the disputed South China Sea, a busy waterway claimed in most part by China.

Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam also have conflicting claims in the area, through which about \$3 trillion worth of sea-borne goods passes every year.

While not a claimant, Indonesia has clashed with Beijing over fishing rights around the Natuna Islands and expanded its military presence there. It has also renamed the northern reaches of its exclusive economic zone, to reassert its sovereignty.

Modi, who is making his first trip to Indonesia, is also set to visit the Istiqlal mosque in the capital of the world's biggest Muslim-majority country.

The Indian leader flies to Malaysia today to meet recently elected Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad before heading to neighbouring Singapore to address a regional security forum, the Shangri-La Dialogue.

Last week, Indonesia's chief maritime affairs minister, Luhut Pandjaitan, said the existing port at Sabang, which is 40 metres (131 ft) deep, could be developed to accommodate both commercial vessels and submarines, according to media.

Indonesia's transport minister told reporters yesterday that Sabang would get a trans-shipment port that could be developed over two years.


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PHOTO: REUTERS

Indonesia President Joko Widodo and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi fly a kite at National Monument in Jakarta, Indonesia yesterday.

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PNG mulls 'temporary' ban on FB

AFP, Sydney

Papua New Guinea said yesterday it was mulling a temporary shutdown of Facebook to uncover false accounts and block fake news in the Pacific nation, which hosts a major global summit later this year.

The proposal, which Communications Minister Sam Basil said could lead to replacing Facebook with a locally developed social networking platform, was ridiculed as ill-timed and unworkable by opponents.

Basil floated the idea of a one-month shutdown on Tuesday, saying it would "allow information to be collected" on fake accounts and users who upload pornography and defamatory information so that they could be removed from the platform.

Basil said PNG could create a local alternative to Facebook, which has been rocked by revelations that it improperly shared the personal data of 87 million users with British consultancy firm Cambridge Analytica.

US to keep confronting Beijing in S China Sea

Says Mattis as China condemns US ops in Paracel

AFP, Aboard A Us Military Aircraft

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis vowed Tuesday that the US would keep confronting China over its territorial claims in the South China Sea, where Beijing has established a significant military presence on contested islands.

Mattis's remarks came after Beijing voiced "strong dissatisfaction" Sunday after two US warships sailed by an island in the disputed Paracel Island chain.

"You'll notice there's only one country that seems to take active steps to rebuff (such operations) or state their resentment of them, but it's international waters and a lot of nations want to see freedom of navigation, so we will continue that," Mattis told reporters as he flew to Hawaii.

The US Navy periodically conducts "freedom of navigation" operations in the contested waterway, where it sails close to island features China has built into military facilities as a way of showing it rejects any territorial claims.

"We are going out of our way to cooperate with Pacific nations, that's the way we do business in the world, but we are also going to confront what we believe is out of step with international law," Mattis said.

Sunday's operation was conducted just over a week after Beijing flew nuclear-

capable bombers to a disputed island, drawing immediate criticism from the US.

Last week, the Pentagon pulled its invitation to China to join maritime exercises in the Pacific over Beijing's "continued militarization" of the South China Sea.

Beijing has been building artificial islands to reinforce its claim over most of the resource-rich South China Sea, despite protests from Southeast Asian countries.

Its neighbors, particularly some of those involved in maritime disputes over the waters, have expressed fears China could eventually restrict freedom of navigation and overflight.

"Our diplomats are robustly engaged on this," Mattis said.

"The concerns have come to me not just from American government circles, but also from foreign nations that are concerned, very concerned about this continued militarization of features in the South China Sea."

Mattis was heading to Hawaii to attend a change-of-command ceremony for the US military's Pacific Command.

The current head, Admiral Harry Harris, has been nominated to be the new ambassador to South Korea. He will be replaced by Admiral Philip Davidson.



Water wars in India's Shimla as taps run dry

AFP, Shimla

Indian police were forced to escort water tankers through the streets of Shimla yesterday as an unprecedented shortage sparked brawls and desperation in the Himalayan hotspot popular with the rich and famous.

The mountain getaway is generally crowded with vacationers but hotels are closing and tourists being told to stay away as a crippling water shortage pinches the picturesque retreat.

Anxious residents have been waiting for hours in queues hundreds deep to collect water, filling buckets at tankers guarded by police.

"We all know for the past fortnight the situation is so bad that people are getting water barely once in a week," Sanjay Chauhan, a former mayor of Shimla, told AFP.

Shimla, the erstwhile summer capital of British India, requires around 42 million litres per day but often suffers water shortages in the summer.

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Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Selection of Individual Consultant
Senior DPP Specialist

1. Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received an IDA credit toward the costs of the Modern Food Storage Facilities Project (MFSP), being implemented by the Directorate General of Food (DG Food), Ministry of Food and intends to apply part of it for Individual Consultancy Services who will provide specific technical inputs for Ministry of Food.

2. DG Food now invites eligible individual national consultant to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI) for providing the services mentioned below.

3. Duty Location: The positions are based at the Project Management Unit (PMU), Directorate General of Food and Ministry of Food.

4. Position with qualifications, expertise and key functions.

Position & Number	Minimum education required	Minimum expertise required	Deliverables
Senior DPP Specialist 1 (one)	Post graduate degree in Computer Science/Computer Engineering. Ph.D Degree in the relevant field will be given priority	At least 15 years' experience in development sector and professional services particularly ICT based management information system.	Review report on business strategy of Ministry of Food and also the organizations/ authority under the ministry. Report on the strategy for strengthening e-governance capacity of Ministry of Food. Draft feasibility study report and Development Project Proposal (DPP). Finalize the feasibility study report and DPP in consultation with the Ministry. Any other activity related to the preparation of feasibility study report and approval of the DPP by the competent authority.

5. The terms of reference of the above position are available in the website www.mfsp.gov.bd that will provide detail scope of work and required qualifications and experience.

6. Duration of the Assignment: The payment will be against deliverables (lump-sum). The duration of the assignments will be 6 (six) months.

7. Selection Procedures: DG Food now seeks the application from eligible applicants to express their interest in providing service (complete CV with detail information about employment history with duties and responsibilities, current remuneration, academic details, major publication (if any), contract address including telephone number and e-mail). The consultants will be selected in accordance with World Bank Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by the World Bank Borrowers (January 2011). Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

8. Remuneration: Negotiable consolidated remuneration inclusive of all applicable Tax & VAT as per law of Bangladesh within the project allocated budget.

9. Expression of Interest (hard copy) must be delivered to the address below by 2pm 26 June 2018.

10. The authority reserved the right to accept or reject all EOIs.

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Modern Food Storage Facilities Project

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Indian police attempt to stop Kashmiri 'Anganwadi' workers, during an anti-government protest for better pay and job security in Srinagar yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

NIPAH VIRUS INFECTION
Soldier from Kerala dies in Kolkata

AFP, Kolkata

A Indian soldier has died in West Bengal state of suspected infection by the Nipah virus, an official said yesterday, heightening fears the rare disease may be spreading.

Nipah, which is mainly spread by bats, is confirmed to have killed 13 people in the latest outbreak which so far has been restricted to the southern state of Kerala.


The soldier was admitted to hospital in Kolkata on May 20, a week after returning from holiday in Kerala, according to defence ministry spokeswoman Dipannita Dhar.

"A soldier, Seenu Prasad, died of suspected Nipah virus in Command Hospital in Kolkata on Sunday," Dhar told AFP.

"He had shown symptoms similar to that of Nipah virus infection." Body fluid and blood samples were being examined, the spokeswoman added.

There is no vaccination for the virus, which induces flu-like symptoms that lead to brain damage and a coma and has a 70 percent mortality rate.

Nipah has killed more than 260 people in Malaysia, Bangladesh and India since it first appeared in Malaysia in 1998.

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২।	DA-2-10/2017-18/KA-2	201010	Works: At Kulaura Station-Repair to 1000 shed office construction of drain work and face lifting work with other ancillary work.	OTM (NCT)	14-Jun-2018 12:30:00pm
৩।	DA-1-12/2017-18/KA-2	201026	Works: At SSAE-Works-Kawatkhali Section-Thorough Repairs to staff quarter at New Colony L/34-ABCD=4 Units at Station Colony T/21-ABCD=4 Units, T/132-A+BCD=4 Units, T/37=1 Unit, T/65=1 Unit, T/46-AB=2 Units & T/8-A 1 Unit-total = 13 Units at Guard Colony, L/116-AB=2 Units, L/117-AB=2 Units and L/119= 1 Unit total=5 Units at Malgudun Colony, E/43-A=1 Unit, T/11-B=1 Unit Total=3 Units Total (4+13+5+3)=25 Units.	OTM (NCT)	14-Jun-2018 13:00:00pm
৪।	DA-1-10/2017-18/KA-2	201034	Works: At SSAE Works Jamalpur Section-Reprofiling of embankment at different places in between Jamalpur and Tarakandi Section at kilometre 403/8-433/8.	OTM (NCT)	14-Jun-2018 13:30:00pm
৫।	CTG-3-3/2017-18/KA-1	201118	Works: Balance work of construction of hostel building with 06 (six) storied foundation as per approved drawing at Railway Training Academy Halishahar.	OTM (NCT)	14-Jun-2018 14:00:00pm

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