

NEWS IN brief

US-led forces close in on IS in Syria

Syrian fighters backed up by artillery fire from a US-led coalition pressed their assault yesterday to retake a last morsel of territory from the Islamic State group, a war monitor said. More than four years after the extremists declared a "caliphate", several offensives have whittled that proto-state down to a tiny holdout.

Yemen food aid at risk of rotting: UN

Food aid in a warehouse on the frontlines of the Yemen war is at risk of rotting, the UN said yesterday. The Red Sea Mills silo, located in the western port city of Hodeida, are believed to contain enough grain to feed several million people for a month. But the granary has remained off-limits to aid organisations for months. Hodeida, and its food silos, have been in the hands of Yemen's Huthi rebels since 2014, when the insurgents staged a takeover of large swathes of Yemeni territories.

India toxic alcohol toll rises to 99

At least 99 people have died and scores have been hospitalised in northern India after drinking toxic alcohol, triggering a crackdown against bootleggers, officials said yesterday. News of the deaths in the states of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand has trickled in over the past three days, with police suspecting the moonshine had been cut with methanol.

BITS OF HISTORY (FEBRUARY 11)

- 1929: The Lateran Treaty was signed establishing an independent Vatican state in Rome.
1945: The Yalta Conference ended. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and US President Franklin Roosevelt agreed on the founding of the United Nations and plans to defeat Germany in World War Two.
1990: Nelson Mandela was released from prison after serving 27 years.



This handout picture provided by the Iranian presidency yesterday shows President Hassan Rouhani addressing crowds during a ceremony celebrating the 40th anniversary of Islamic Revolution in the capital Tehran's Azadi (Freedom) square. In his speech, Rouhani dismissed US efforts to isolate Iran, saying US sanctions could not break the Islamic Republic. Inset, an Iranian man carries an effigy depicting US President Donald Trump.



China rejects Turkey criticism on Uighurs

China yesterday hit back at Turkish criticism over its treatment of Uighurs and denied Ankara's claim that a renowned poet from the Muslim minority had died in custody, calling it an "absurd lie".

Turkey's foreign ministry had released a statement on Saturday severely criticising China's mass detentions of its Turkic-speaking Uighurs, and claiming that poet Abdurrahim Heyit had died serving an eight-year Chinese prison sentence imposed as punishment over "one of his songs". But China on Sunday released a video showing a man who identified himself as Heyit and saying that he was alive and well. "China has made solemn representations toward Turkey. We hope the relevant Turkish persons can distinguish between right and wrong and correct their mistakes," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said during a daily press briefing. She called the Turkish statement "vile" and urged Ankara to withdraw its "false accusations". "I saw his (Heyit's) video online yesterday, showing that he is not only alive but also very healthy," she said. A UN panel of experts has said that nearly one million Uighurs and other Turkic-speaking minorities had been herded into "re-education camps" in China's northwestern Xinjiang region, where most of the country's more than 10 million Uighurs live. Turkey had said China's treatment of Uighurs was "a great embarrassment for humanity" -- perhaps the strongest condemnation yet from a Muslim country.

Saudis don't know where Khashoggi's body is: FM

Pompeo says US 'not covering up' murder

Saudi authorities do not know where dissident Jamal Khashoggi's body is, despite having in custody the Saudi team that murdered him, the kingdom's foreign minister said in an interview broadcast Sunday. The dissident journalist was dismembered after his murder October 2 in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul but his remains have yet to be found. Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir said the murder was carried out by Saudi officials "acting outside their scope of authority" and that 11 people have been charged with the crime. But asked where Khashoggi's body is, he told CBS's "Face the Nation," "We don't know." Jubeir said the public prosecutor responsible for the case had sought evidence from Turkey but had received no response. Questioned why those in custody couldn't tell them where the body was, Jubeir responded: "We are still investigating." "We have now a number of possibilities and we're asking them what they did with the body, and I think this investigation is



ongoing, and I would expect that eventually we will find the truth," he said. Jubeir was interviewed on Friday, the same day President Donald Trump ignored a congressional deadline for reporting on who assassinated Khashoggi, a columnist for the Washington Post who had been critical of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. The CIA has concluded the Saudi operation was likely directed by the powerful crown prince, but the White House has sidestepped that finding amid strenuous denials by Riyadh, a key US ally. Jubeir also said Saudi Arabia does not need a United Nations-led probe or an international investigation into the murder because its "competent legal system" can handle the matter, reported Aljazeera Online. Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said yesterday US government will continue investigating the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, reported Reuters. "America is not covering up for a murder," he said during a visit to Hungary, adding that the United States would take more action to hold accountable all those responsible for Khashoggi's death.

DRONE FLOWN OVER HOUSE Myanmar cops arrest French national

Myanmar police have arrested a French national in the capital, Naypyitaw, police and France's embassy said yesterday, after the man reportedly flew a drone near parliament. Naypyitaw is not a common destination for foreign tourists, but some curious visitors are drawn to its oversized official buildings and largely empty, runway-like roads. The junta constructed the city in secret and moved the country's administration there in the mid-2000s. In 2017, two foreign journalists for Turkish state TV station TRT World and their interpreter spent two months in a Myanmar jail for flying a drone over the legislature. The three pleaded guilty to breaching the colonial-era Aircraft Act.

Acting Pentagon chief supports Kabul role

Denies immediate troop withdrawal from Afghanistan

Acting US defence secretary Patrick Shanahan arrived in Afghanistan yesterday and said it was important the Afghan government is involved in talks, from which it has so far been excluded, to end the 17-year-old war. Shanahan, who will meet US troops and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on his first trip in his new role, said he had so far not received any direction to reduce the nearly 14,000 US troops in Afghanistan. He also said the United States had important security interests in the region. Ghani's government has been shut out of the evolving peace talks between Taliban negotiators and US envoys, with the headline Islamist movement branding his government a US puppet. Kabul is also concerned that a sharp drawdown of US forces could lead to chaos in the region. "It is important that the Afghan government is involved in discussions regarding Afghanistan," Shanahan told a small group

of reporters traveling with him on the unannounced trip. "The Afghans have to decide what Afghanistan looks like in the future. It's not about the US, it is about Afghanistan." Shanahan took over from Jim Mattis, who quit in December over policy differences with US President Donald Trump. He said he could not make any guarantees because US peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad was leading the talks. "The US military has strong security interests in the region. (The) presence will evolve out of those discussions," Shanahan said. He also said his goal on the trip was to get an understanding of the situation on the ground from commanders and then brief Trump on his findings. Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Sunday offered the Taliban the possibility of opening an office in Afghanistan but the proposal was swiftly spurned by the group that is determined to keep his government out of accelerating peace talks.

TALIBAN-US PEACE TALKS
US gov't has important security interests in the region: Shanahan
Afghan president offers Taliban local office, but group wants Doha instead

SECOND TRUMP-KIM SUMMIT

A 'remarkable breakthrough' for peace

Says S Korea's Moon

The agreement for a second summit between Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un was a "remarkable breakthrough" for peace negotiations on the Korean peninsula, President Moon Jae-in said yesterday, but he acknowledged doubts remained over denuclearisation. The US President and North Korean leader are due to meet in Hanoi from February 27 to 28 following their landmark first summit in Singapore last June. That meeting -- the first-ever between the leaders of the US and North Korea -- produced a vaguely-worded document in which Kim pledged to work towards "the denuclearisation of



Venezuelan migrants climb on a truck on the road from Cucuta to Pamplona, in Norte de Santander Department, Colombia, on Sunday. Opposition leader Juan Guaido, recognised by some 50 countries as Venezuela's interim president, warned the military that blocking humanitarian aid from entering the country is a "crime against humanity."

Thai junta quashes coup rumour as 'fake news'

Election panel disqualifies princess as PM candidate

Thailand's junta chief yesterday dismissed rumours of an impending coup as "fake news", as speculation ricocheted across a kingdom unsettled by the ill-fated political union between a princess and a party allied to the powerful Shinawatra clan. Conjecture has coursed through Thailand since Friday when the Thai Raksa Chart party proposed Princess Ubolratana, King Maha Vajiralongkorn's elder sister, as a candidate for premier after the March 24 election. Hours later, a royal command from the king appeared to put a pin in her unprecedented political aspirations. It said the monarchy was above politics and described his sister's candidacy as "highly inappropriate". The slapdown by an unassailable mon-



arch - protected by some of the world's harshest royal defamation laws - who has never addressed the public in such strong terms, set off a chain reaction. A chastened Thai Raksa Chart, a key pillar in the election strategy of billionaire ex-premier Thaksin Shinawatra, swiftly agreed to comply with the command. Election authorities yesterday disqualified Princess Ubolratana for running for prime minister, ending her brief and ill-fated political union with Thai Raksa Chart party allied to the powerful Shinawatra clan. But the gruff former general, who masterminded a putsch against the government of Yingluck Shinawatra, Thaksin's sister, in 2014, tried to stop it short. "Rumours...? We're investigating. Fake news," he told reporters at Government House about the merits of the speculation.

1MDB MEGA-SCANDAL

Malaysia court delays Najib's trial

Former Malaysian premier Najib Razak's trial over a massive financial scandal that contributed to his government's downfall was postponed yesterday, in a blow to slow-moving efforts to bring the disgraced politician to justice. Najib had been due to go on trial today for the first time over allegations linked to his involvement in the looting of Malaysian sovereign wealth fund 1MDB in a fraud that reverberated around the world. Najib, who allegedly received huge sums from the fund into his personal bank accounts, has denied any wrongdoing.

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আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে জনবল নিয়োগের দরপত্র/প্রস্তাব বিজ্ঞপ্তি
মুক্তিযুদ্ধ জাদুঘর কার্যালয়ে মুক্তিযুদ্ধ বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ের আবর্তক অনুদান বাজেটের অধীনে সম্পূর্ণ অস্থায়ীভাবে আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে জনবলের সেবা গ্রহণের উদ্দেশ্যে এতদসংক্রান্ত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠান নির্বাচনের লক্ষ্যে দরপত্র/প্রস্তাব আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।
ক্রমিক নং, সংগ্রহ সত্তা ও তথ্যাদির বিবরণী, আত্মীয় দরদাতাদের জাতব্য ও যোগ্যতার বিবরণী
১ অফিসের নাম মুক্তিযুদ্ধ জাদুঘর।
২ দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী ট্রাস্টি ও সদস্য সচিব, মুক্তিযুদ্ধ জাদুঘর
৩ অর্থের উৎস মুক্তিযুদ্ধ বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ের আবর্তক অনুদান
৪ দরপত্র প্যাকেজের নাম আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে জনবল সরবরাহ
৫ সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি
৬ জনবল সরবরাহের সময়সীমা চুক্তি সম্পাদনের তারিখ হতে ১৫ (পনের) দিনের মধ্যে
৭ জনবলের কার্যসম্পাদনের সময়সীমা চুক্তির মেয়াদকাল
৮ দরপত্র/প্রস্তাব সিডিউল বিক্রয়, দাখিল, উন্মুক্তকরণ ও যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা মুক্তিযুদ্ধ জাদুঘর, আগারগাঁও, শেরেবাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭
৯ দরপত্র/প্রস্তাব বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময় ১২/০২/২০১৯ খ্রি: থেকে ০৪/০৩/২০১৯ খ্রি: পর্যন্ত প্রতিদিন সকাল ১০ ঘটিকা হতে ৫ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত
১০ দরপত্র/প্রস্তাব সিডিউল দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় ০৫/০৩/২০১৯ খ্রি: দুপুর ১২ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত
১১ দরপত্র/প্রস্তাব উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময় ০৫/০৩/২০১৯ খ্রি: দুপুর ২:৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত
১২ প্যাকেজের বিবরণ প্যাকেজ-১: নিরাপত্তা ও পাহারা সেবা গ্রহণ। প্যাকেজ-২: পরিষ্কার-পরিচ্ছন্নতা ও বাপান পরিচর্যা সেবা গ্রহণ
১৩ পদ ও জনবলের যোগ্যতার বিবরণী প্যাকেজ-১: নিরাপত্তা ও পাহারা সেবা গ্রহণ, জনবল: ৩২ জন (নূনতম এসএসসি পাস)। প্যাকেজ-২: পরিষ্কার-পরিচ্ছন্নতা ও বাপান পরিচর্যা সেবা গ্রহণ, জনবল: ১৫ জন (নূনতম ৮ম শ্রেণি পাস)।
১৪ প্রাক-দরপত্র সভা (ঐচ্ছিক) ১৯/০২/২০১৯, বেলা ১১:০০ ঘটিকা।
১৫ জনবল সরবরাহের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও শর্তাবলী দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকবে।
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১. দরপত্র/প্রস্তাব কার্যক্রম পাবলিক প্রিকিউরমেন্ট আইন, ২০০৬ ও বিধিমালা-২০০৮ এর শর্তাবলী অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে।
২. অর্থ বিভাগ, অর্থ মন্ত্রণালয়-এর ব্যয়-ব্যবস্থাপনা-৩ শাখা কর্তৃক জারীকৃত আউটসোর্সিং প্রক্রিয়ায় সেবাগ্রহণ নীতিমালা ২০১৮-এর শারক নং-০৭.১৫৩.০২৯.০৭.০০.০১.২০১২.০১ তারিখ: ০১/০১/২০১৯ অনুসারে মতায়ন করা হবে।
৩. দরপত্র দাতা বাংলাদেশি নাগরিক হতে হবে।
৪. দরপত্র দাতা বাংলাদেশের প্রাথমিক প্রকল্পনাট অথবা ট্রেড অর্গানাইজেশনের রেজিস্টার্ড তালিকাভুক্ত হতে হবে।
৫. সিডিউলের মূল্য প্রতিটি ১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র সিডিউল জয়ের সময় নগদ পরিশোধ করতে হবে।
৬. দরপত্র দাতাকে দরপত্র জমানত বাবদ কোন তফসিলি ব্যকে হতে মুক্তিযুদ্ধ জাদুঘরের অনুকূলে প্যাকেজ-১-এর জন্য ২,০০,০০০/- লক্ষ টাকা এবং প্যাকেজ-২ এর জন্য ১,০০,০০০/- টাকার পে-অর্ডার/ব্যকে ড্রাফট দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
৭. আত্মীয় প্রতিষ্ঠানকে নিজ প্যাডে সিলমোহরকৃত খামের উপর 'প্যাকেজের নম্বর ও আউট সোর্সিং-এর মাধ্যমে জনবল সরবরাহের জন্য দরপত্র লিখে দর প্রস্তাব উল্লেখ করে হালসানের ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদ, অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র ইত্যাদিসহ নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দস্তরে রক্ষিত দরপত্র ব্যঞ্জে দরপত্রের সিডিউলে উল্লেখিত স্থানে দরপত্র/প্রস্তাব দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৬. কোনো কারণ দর্শান ব্যতিরেকে যে কোনো বা সকল দরপত্র/প্রস্তাব বাতিল/গ্রহণের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃক সংরক্ষণ করেন।
১৭. প্যাকেজ-১ এর ক্ষেত্রে জনবল সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে জরুরী প্রয়োজনে ৮ ঘটিকা নোটিশে অতিরিক্ত ৫০ জন দফ ও প্রশিক্ষিত জনবল সরবরাহ করার ক্ষমতা থাকতে হবে।
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