## TWITTER GAFFE 2 Indian ministers left red-faced

Two Indian ministers were left red-faced yesterday after their attempts to glorify Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government on Twitter backfired spectacularly.

Critics have accused Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of running a relentless propaganda campaign on social media to increase its base of supporters.

Media reports have suggested the party employs a "backroom army of trolls" to attack its rivals and run smear campaigns.

Yesterday, Railway Minister Piyush Goyal shared a video purportedly showing India's first semi high-speed train zipping past at lightning speed, in order to trumpet Modi's pet "Make in India" initiative.

But it turned out to be a digitally altered video with the speed of the train enhanced by two times, prompting a backlash from Twitter users. "Massive respect for Piyush Goyal. He just made the

video 2X times faster and called it semi-high speed train when he could have made it 6X times faster and called it super high speed train," wrote one user.

Goyal has yet not commented on the video, which can still be seen on his timeline.

India's junior minister for finance and shipping, Pon Radhakrishnan also found himself at the receiving end after inadvertently criticising his own government in multiple tweets.

The minister retweeted posts with the hashtag #ModiforNewIndia without reviewing the content.



Jammu & Kashmir National Conference Faroog Abdullah (C) attend an opposition political rally in New Delhi yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

## Messi fan now a Taliban target

Ahmadi, 7, and his mother now hide out among many refugees in Kabul

CNN ONLINE

year-old. In Afghanistan, it can also be lifethreatening.

Global fame is hard to handle for any 7-

Murtaza Ahmadi went

viral, thanks to his makeshift version of an Argentine football shirt of his idol Lionel Messi. The shirt, a blue-and-whitestriped plastic bag with Messi's names and number

etched in pen on the back, earned the child two autographed shirts, a signed football and a meeting with the millionaire footballer 11 months later.

Today, plenty of people now may recognise Ahmadi -- but he's on the run, wishing they didn't.

Ahmadi's problems began after he met his hero in a brief visit to Qatar. They weren't troubles caused by the constant spotlight or paparazzi that blight footballers' lives. It was the Taliban, who, in November, In January 2016, a photo of young invaded the district of Jaghori in Ghazni province where he grew up.

> "The Taliban were killing our relatives and they were searching houses. They would stop cars and kill their passengers, searching houses and killing people," Ahmadi told CNN.

"We were not allowed to play football by the Taliban or even go out of the house," he said.

Ahmadi in particular became a target for threats, says his mother, Shafiqa, citing his fame.

# 'Little to no change'

Top US commander in S Korea tells Senate about N Korea's military capabilities as second Trump-Kim summit looms

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February 27 to 28

AFP, Washington

The commander of US forces in South Korea said Tuesday that he had seen "little to no verifiable change" in North Korea's military capabilities. President Donald Trump met North Korean leader Kim

Jong Un last June in a bid to resolve tensions over Pyongyang's nuclear program, and the two

signed off on a vaguely worded document in which Kim pledged to work towards "the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula." General Robert Abrams, the

new head of US Forces Korea, said the summit had helped dial down tensions on the Korean peninsula, but had not led to substantive changes. "Little to no verifiable change

has occurred and North Korea's military capabilities,"

Abrams told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"Further, North Korea's conventional and asymmetric military capabilities along with their continued development of advanced conventional systems remains unchecked. These capabilities continue to hold the United States, the Republic of Korea and our regional allies at risk."

Abrams added that North Korea was continuing its winter military training at historic norms. Trump and Kim are set to meet in Hanoi from February

27 to 28 for a second summit, following their historic first meet in Singapore last year. Abrams noted that it had been 440 days since North

Korea's last "provocative action" and credited diplomatic

efforts and international sanctions for leading to a "significant reduction in tension." Despite the bonhomie of Kim

and Trump's first meeting, progress has since stalled with the two sides disagreeing over what Kim's pledge means. Analysts say tangible progress on

denuclearization will be needed if the talks are to avoid being dis-

missed as "reality TV." After that first summit, Trump called off large-scale joint

exercises with South Korea.

Abrams said "it is necessary to maintain a postured and ready force to deter any possible aggressive actions," but stressed that the two allied militaries continue to train together at a lower level.



'I'm sorry'

Thai princess apologises after ill-fated run for PM AFP, Bangkok

A Thai princess has apologised after her short-lived candidacy for prime minister earned a royal rebuke from her brother -- the king -- and sent jitters across the politically febrile country just weeks before elections. Thailand has been mired

in political drama since Friday, when Princess Ubolratana's name was submitted as a prime ministerial candidate by the Thai Raksa Chart Party. The party is allied with the

powerful Shinawatra clan,

which has won all elections since 2001 but whose patron, the billionaire ex-premier Thaksin, lives in self-exile to avoid jail. Ubolratana's unprecedented bid to enter frontline politics unravelled within

hours after King Maha Vajiralongkorn decried the entry of a royal into the political fray as "highly inappropriate". Thailand's monarchy is seen as above politics,

although royals have intervened in public during times of political crisis. The princess was dis-

qualified as a prime ministerial candidate by the Election Commission on Monday, which cited the royal command. It is now discussing whether to refer Thai Raksa Chart to the consitutional court for dissolution.

In an Instagram post late Tuesday the 67-year-old princess apologised for her role in the drama.

"I'm sorry that my genuine intention to help work for the country and fellow Thai people has created a problem that shouldn't happen in this era," she wrote.

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## e-Tender Notice (Re-Tender)

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284211	BIGC/AF/GD-5: Supply of Computer and Audio Visual Equipment of BIGC.	13 February 2019 Time 09-00	27 February 2019 Time 12:00	27 February 2019 Time 14:00
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### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

মোংলা কাস্টম হাউস, খালিশপুর, খুলনা ফ্যাব্যঃ ০৪১-৭৬২৫৭১, ৭৬২৫৭৯

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#### মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়ার দরপত্র আহ্বান বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মোংলা কাস্টম হাউস, খুলনার প্রশাসনিক দৈনিক কার্যাবলী, প্রিভেন্টেভ, রামেজ এবং মোংলা বন্দর ইউনিট এ দৈনন্দিন দাপ্তরিক কার্যাবলীর গতিশীলতা এবং দ্রুতায়নের লক্ষ্যে ০৪ (চার)টি মাইক্রোবাস দৈনিক ভাড়া ভিত্তিক, ভাড়া গ্রহণের জন্য নিমুবর্ণিত শর্তসাপেক্ষে লিখিত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

সরবরাহতব্য গাড়িগুলি সর্বনিমু ১৫০০ সিসি এবং ০৮ (আট) আসন বিশিষ্ট হতে হবে।

সরবরাহতব্য গাড়ির যাবতীয় কাগজপত্র হালনাগাদ ও নবায়ন হইতে হইবে এবং দরপত্রের সাথে উহার সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি সরবরাহ করতে হবে। গাড়িচালকের বৈধ লাইসেন্স হালনাগাদ নবায়িত হতে হবে এবং দরপত্রের সাথে লাইসেন্সের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।

সরবরাহের পর গাড়ির কোন প্রকার ক্রটি দেখা দিলে তাহার পরিবর্তে একই বৈশিষ্ট্য, ক্ষমতাসম্পন্ন ও সিটি ক্যাপাসিটি সম্বলিত অন্য আরেকটি গাড়ি

দরপত্রে গাড়ির যাবতীয় খরচ (যথাঃ তেল/গ্যাস-প্রতিঘন্টা, ভাড়া-প্রতিদিন, চালকের খাবার-প্রতিদিন) ইত্যাদিসহ সর্বমোট দর উল্লেখ করতে হবে। মাসিক ভিত্তিতে বিল দাখিলের নিমিত্তে লগবুকসহ নিজস্ব প্যাডে বিল উপস্থাপন করতে হবে

মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়া প্রদানকারী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, মূসক নিবন্ধন ও টিআইএন সার্টিফিকেট থাকিতে হইবে এবং বিল পরিশোধের সময় আইনানুগ ভ্যাট ও অগ্রিম আয়কর কর্তন করা হবে।

মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়া প্রদানকারী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের মালিকের NID থাকতে হবে মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়ার মেয়াদ এ দপ্তর হতে জারিকৃত কার্যাদেশে উল্লেখিত তারিখ হতে ৩০/০৬/২০১৯খ্রিঃ তারিখ পর্যন্ত বলবং থাকবে। 31 মাইক্রোবাস ০৪ (চার)টি এ দপ্তরের প্রশাসনিক দৈনিক কার্যাবলী, প্রিভেন্টেভ, রামেজ, মোংলা বন্দর ইউনিট এ দৈনন্দিন দাপ্তরিক কার্যাবলীর 201

গতিশীলতা ও দ্রুতায়নের লক্ষ্যে এবং রাজস্ব ফাঁকি রোধকল্পে গমন করবে। উল্লেখ্য যে, প্রতিদিন সকাল হতে দাপ্তরিক কাজ শেষ না হওয়া পর্যন্ত মাইক্রোবাস ০৪ (চার)টি প্রয়োজনে চালানো হতে পারে। সাপ্তাহিক বন্ধের সময় এবং সরকারি ছুটির দিনে প্রয়োজন হলে মাইক্রোবাস সরবরাহ করতে

দুর্ঘটনা সংক্রান্ত যে কোন প্রকার আইনগত জটিলতার দায়ভার মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়া প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে বহন করতে হবে। 27 1 কোন অজুহাতে মাইক্রোবাস সরবরাহ বন্ধ করা যাবে না। যে গাড়িটি ভাড়া দেয়া হবে তার রেজিঃ নং আগেই জানাতে হবে। কোন কারণে তা দিতে না 251 পারলে অন্য আরেকটি গাড়ি সরবরাহ করে তার রেজিঃ নং, ড্রাইভারের নাম ও মোবাইল নং এ দপ্তরের যানবাহন কর্মকর্তাকে জানাতে হবে।

গাড়িতে লগ বই ব্যবহার করতে হবে এবং তা যানবাহন কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক স্বাক্ষরিত থাকবে। 201 184 গাড়িটিতে কেবলমাত্র অফিসার বহন করার সময়েই মোংলা কাস্টম হাউস, খুলনা-এর স্টিকার ব্যবহার করা যাবে।

দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত সকল কার্যাদি The Public Procurement Act 2006 & Rules-2008 অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে 301

আগ্রহী দরপত্রদাতাগণকে আগামী ১৭/০২/২০১৯খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপত্রদাতাগণের নিজস্ব প্যাডে নিমুস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত বাব্দে দরপত্র দাখিল করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে। একই দিন দুপুর ৩,০০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র কমিটি দরপত্র বাক্স খুলিয়া দরপত্রসমূহ যাচাই বাছাই করিয়া সর্বনিমু দরপত্রটি গ্রহণ করিবেন।

বি:দ্র: কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও বাতিল করার সম্পূর্ণ এখতিয়ার দরপত্র কমিটি সংরক্ষণ করেন।

মোহাম্মদ সেলিম শেখ যুগা কমিশনার (চলতি দায়িত্ব) কমিশনারের পক্ষে

## Meghalaya puts bar on schoolbag weight

Sets restrictions on homework

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

In a big relief to students, the Meghalaya government in India has put a cap on the weight of schoolbags for all classes and set restrictions on homework for classes 1 and 2. According to the state's education department, the official

order issued to the school authorities is in tune with the direc-

tives of the federal Human Resources Development Ministry. "The weight of school bags for classes 1 and 2 has been capped at 1.5 kg, while bags for those studying in classes 3 to 5 should not exceed 3 kg," the order said adding that for students of classes 6 to 7, the maximum weight should be 4 kg.

The weight of school bags for classes 8 and 9 has been capped at 4.5 kg and the maximum weight of bags for class X students has been limited to 5 kg.

"We have issued instructions via a notification, setting limits on the weight of school bags. This is in line with the guidelines of the Union Human Resources Development Ministry, keeping in mind that the weights the children carry affect their health," Education Principal Secretary D P Wahlang said. The department has also asked the heads of institutions to

ensure that timetables are designed in a way that students do not have to carry too many books or notebooks to school.

"Schools should make sure that the students are asked to carry only those textbooks that have been mentioned in their time table," the order said.

## Give us our 284 summit cars back Papua New Guinea police plead

REUTERS, Sydney

Papua New Guinea police are seeking the return of nearly 300 imported cars loaned to officials for driving world leaders around its capital during last year's Asia-Pacific Economic Corporation meeting, a commander said on Tuesday. The purchase of the fleet, including 40 slick Maserati

Quattroporte sedans, sparked public protest in a country beset by poverty, and potholes, and the government had promised to auction the cars after the November summit. "There are 284 vehicles ... that were issued to personnel

to use during APEC that haven't been returned as yet," said Superintendent Dennis Corcoran, who heads the State Asset Recovery Unit.

Pajeros, he said, but not the luxury marques, which have been tracked down and recovered. "All 40 of the Maseratis and the three Bentleys are in top condition and locked away in the old wharf shed down on

The vehicles include Landcruisers, Fords, Mazdas and

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Contact details of official inviting

the main wharf," Corcoran said in a telephone call from Port Moresby. He said police knew that nine cars were stolen, parts had gone missing and some of the returned cars were "pretty

seriously damaged". The South Pacific archipelago of 7.3 million people pulled out all the stops at the APEC summit, hoping to put itself on the world map and lure investment. Aid money poured in from China and Australia to prepare for the event.

## 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) Ministry/division

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 Training Equipment for Jamalpur TTC and Chattogram BITAC.			
7	Invitation Ref No.	FD/SEIP/GD-55/25/(Part-1)/2016-2017/288			
8	Date	13/02/2019			
KEY II	NFORMATION	***			
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering (National).			
FUND	ING INFORMATION	12+n	2500		
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).			
PART	ICULAR INFORMATION	NB 2 1 1			
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-55			
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Training Equipment for Jamalpur TTC and Chattogram BITAC.			
		Date			
16	Tender publication date	14.02.2019			
17	Tender last selling date	19.03.2019			
	2	Date	Time		
18	Tender closing date and time	20.03.2019	2:30pm		
19	Tender opening date and time	20.03.2019	2.45pm		
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address			
	-Selling tender document	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.			
	No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents				
	-Receiving tender document	Room # 238, Building # 7, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka			
	-Opening tender document	Room # 238, Building # 7, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka by Tender Opening Committee.			
21	Place/date/time of	V3.51			
	Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Date	Time		
		28/02/2019	12.00 noon		
INFOR	MATION FOR TENDERER	1,5%	80 VX		
22	Eligibility of tenderer	The tenderer should be from ADB-member countries as listed in Section 9 of the tender document.  The tenderer shall have updated trade licence/certificate of incorporation, VAT registration and Income Tax			

The tenderer shall not be insolvent, bankrupt or in receivership and shall not be debarred for entering into defective goods.

The tenderer shall not be debarred for fraudulent, collusive, coercive and corrupt practices and for supply of

 Other eligibility criteria as stated in the tender document. Electrical, electronics, mechanical items and tools to be used for different training courses.

Brief description of goods or works Brief description of related services None

Price of tender document (Taka) 1000.00 Lot No. Identification of lot Tender security amount Completion time in Location weeks/ months/days Item-by-Item basis N/A At least 2% of the total Jamalpur 90 days Chattogram value of the items offered tender

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