

NEWSIN brief

Monsoon likely to arrive in India on June 6

AFP, New Delhi

Monsoon rains, which usually arrive on the southern tip of Kerala around June 1, are expected to arrive on the country's southern coast on June 6, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said yesterday. India receives 70 per cent of the annual rainfall in the monsoon season, which is key to the success of the agricultural sector. Meanwhile, temperatures pushed towards 50 degrees Celsius across much of India yesterday as an unrelenting heatwave triggered warnings of water shortages and left locals fearing for their livelihoods.

Trump to announce re-election bid on June 18

AFP, Washington

US President Donald Trump said Friday that he would formally announce his bid for re-election at a June 18 rally in Florida -- a state that was key to his victory in 2016. Trump's wife Melania, Vice President Mike Pence and his wife Karen will also be part of the evening event in Orlando at the Amway Center arena, Trump said on Twitter.

Taliban leader says no truce soon

AFP, Kabul

The Taliban are unlikely to call a ceasefire any time soon, the group's leader indicated yesterday, though he said the "doors of dialogue" with the US remain open. The rare message from Haibatullah Akhundzada comes after Afghan President Ashraf Ghani proposed a nationwide ceasefire at the start of Ramadan early last month. The Taliban rejected the offer.



In this handout photo taken and released by the All India Congress Committee (AICC) Communication Department yesterday, Indian Congress Parliamentary Party leader, Sonia Gandhi, and Congress President Rahul Gandhi (2L sitting) attend the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) meeting at the Parliament House in New Delhi.

PHOTO: AFP

Sonia Gandhi elected as leader of Congress Parliamentary Party

THE HINDU ONLINE

India's United Progressive Alliance (UPA) chairperson Sonia Gandhi was elected yesterday as the leader of the Congress Parliamentary Party at a meeting in New Delhi.

Sonia Gandhi will now pick the party's floor leader in the Lok Sabha. There has been speculation that Rahul Gandhi, who resigned from the party president post, may opt for this position.

Sonia thanked Rahul Gandhi, who is unmoved by entreaties to rethink his decision to resign from the party president's post, for his relentless campaign during the polls.

At the meeting, Rahul thanked the voters and the party workers. "Every Congress member must remember that each one of you is fighting for the Constitution, for every person in India irrespective of the colour of his skin or belief," he said.

With 52 MPs, the post of Leader of the Opposition remains elusive again for the Congress. With 545 members in the House, the party that has 55 members is eligible for the position.

OIC backs Palestinians

Condemns any decision to recognise Jerusalem as Israel's capital

AFP, Makkah

A Saudi-hosted Islamic summit yesterday threw its support behind Palestinians ahead of a US-led peace plan suspected to be skewed in favour of Israel, as Muslim states rallied around Saudi Arabia over tensions with Iran.

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) meeting, the third and final Iran-focused summit in the holy city of Makkah this week, denounced controversial US moves to transfer its embassy to Jerusalem and recognise Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

The summit of the 57-member bloc, marked by the notable absence of Iranian and Turkish leaders, called for a "boycott" of countries that have opened diplomatic missions in the city.

Trump broke with decades of bipartisan policy to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel in December 2017.

The OIC's statement comes as Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner prepares to roll out economic aspects of his long-awaited Middle East peace plan at a conference in Bahrain later this month.

The plan, which has been heavily talked up by Trump and dubbed his "deal of the century", has already been rejected by the Palestinians, who say the president's

policies have shown him to be overwhelmingly biased in favour of Israel. The Palestinians see the eastern part of the disputed city as the capital of their future state.

Saudi King Salman told leaders of the OIC countries gathered at the summit: "The Palestinian cause is the cornerstone of the works of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, and is the focus of our attention until the brotherly Palestinian people get all their legitimate rights."

"We reaffirm our unequivocal rejection of any measures that would prejudice the historical and legal status of Quds (Jerusalem)."

OIC summit condemned the inhumane situation of Rohingya Muslims, urging a halt to violence. The summit in Mecca also stressed that Myanmar's government has the responsibility to protect its citizens, the statement added.

The OIC also backed Saudi Arabia in escalating tensions with Iran, as King Salman warned that "terrorist" attacks in the Gulf region could imperil global energy supplies.

Meanwhile, the head of the Lebanese Shia movement Hezbollah warned on that if there was a war against Iran the whole Middle East region would "erupt", amid escalating US-Iranian tensions.

Calls for a 'boycott' of countries that opened diplomatic missions in Jerusalem

Condemns inhumane situation of Myanmar's Rohingya

Summit backs Saudis over tensions with Iran; Hezbollah warns against regional chaos

China must end threatening behaviour to neighbours

Warns acting Pentagon chief, vows to defend Asian allies

AFP, Singapore

The United States warned China yesterday against threatening its neighbours' sovereignty and said Washington is investing in new military technology to defend its Asian allies.

Washington and Beijing have been vying for influence in the region, which hosts potential flashpoints such as the South China Sea, the Korean Peninsula and the Taiwan Strait.

Ties between the two powers are once again taking centre stage at the weekend Singapore conference known as the Shangri-La Dialogue, which gathers defence ministers and top military officials from around the world.

While the forum is purely on security, the discussions are being held against a backdrop of Sino-US trade tensions and high-tech rivalry.

"China can and should have a cooperative relationship with the rest of the region ... But behaviour that erodes other nations' sovereignty and sows distrust of China's intentions must end," acting US Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan told the forum.

"Until it does, we stand against a myopic, narrow, and



part of its territorial waters.

A French warship entered the Strait in April, prompting a warning from China's navy.

Yesterday, French minister of the armed forces Florence Parly said her country's forces will not be forced from the region.

For the first time since 2011, China has sent its defence minister, General Wei Fenghe, to the Singapore gathering. Wei is scheduled to speak today, when he is expected to respond to Shanahan's remarks.

The Sino-US rivalry has placed many Asian countries in a bind as they have deep military ties with Washington but enjoy strong trade relations with Beijing.

parochial vision of the future, and we stand for the free and open order that has benefitted us all, including China."

Washington has been pushing back against Beijing's aggressive militarisation of the South China Sea, where China has staked "indisputable" ownership over almost the whole area and rejects partial claims by Taiwan, Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam.

Beijing is also regularly angered by US and other warships transiting through the Taiwan Strait, which it considers



Bolton wants UK to leave EU: report

REUTERS, London

The United States wants Britain to leave the European Union as it would strengthen the Nato military alliance and show respect for the result of 2016's referendum, US National Security Advisor John Bolton said in an interview published on Friday.

"The US preference is for Britain to follow the course of what the people asked for and leave the EU. It is a lesson for everyone in the triumph of democracy," Bolton was quoted as saying by the Daily Telegraph.

"I think it will help us in Nato in particular to have another strong and independent country that will help Nato to be more effective," he added.

Bolton told reporters in London on Thursday, when asked about Brexit, that the United States had made a success of its own declaration of independence from the United Kingdom.

His comments came before US President Donald Trump said British former foreign minister Boris Johnson would make an "excellent" prime minister to replace Theresa May.

Asked by the British tabloid newspaper The Sun for his opinion on the 12 candidates to replace her, Trump said, "I think Boris would do a very good job. I think he would be excellent."

He added that several candidates in the Conservative leadership race had asked for his support, without revealing who.

Fake Saudi prince gets 18 years jail in US

A Florida man who posed as a Saudi royal for three decades and cheated people out of \$8 million will spend 18 years in prison for fraud, authorities said Friday. Anthony Gignac, 48, constructed a personal world of luxury from his regal scam involving fake diplomatic credentials and a coterie of bodyguards. Posing as Khalid Bin Al-Saud, he lived in a condo on Miami's posh Fisher Island, drove a Ferrari with a forged diplomatic license plate and eagerly courted investors and gift-givers. Dozens of people deposited money into his bank accounts, thinking Gignac, whose apartment bore a sign on its door reading "Sultan", would invest it. Instead, he spent it on everything from designer clothes to yachts to private jet rides. Amazingly, his years as a fraudster started to collapse like a house of cards around him when a real estate developer saw Gignac happily eating ham, bacon and other pork products that would normally be off-limits for a devout Muslim prince, according to the Miami Herald.

IS widow helped CIA in hunt for Baghdadi

The captured widow of an Islamic State group leader helped the CIA in its hunt for the organisation's elusive leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, a British daily said Friday. In an interview with The Guardian, Nisrine Assad Ibrahim -- also known as Umm Sayyaf -- claimed not to have played a willing part in the detention of US hostage Kayla Mueller at her home. She has been accused of helping to forcibly hold Mueller and other captives at the home, where the American woman was sexually assaulted by Baghdadi. But when she herself was detained by the US military, the 29-year-old helped the CIA and Kurdish intelligence gain a detailed overview of the extremist supremo's hideouts and networks, investigators told the daily. In February 2016, Ibrahim identified a house in the Iraqi city of Mosul in which Baghdadi was believed to have been staying, but the United States did not call in an air strike.



Biodegradable plate that you can eat too

Polish inventor and entrepreneur Jerzy Wysocki catches a brown plate -- still warm -- as it drops out of a machine and he begins to eat the crunchy, fibrous tableware. Taking a bite, the plate does not have much of a flavour. It calls to mind dry cereal flakes or maybe what you would imagine cardboard to taste like. But Wysocki says what matters is the tableware is biodegradable. "To make the plates, we only use wheat bran, which we compress at a precise pressure point and temperature, using a machine made specifically for that purpose," he explains. Biotrem distributes the plates in Europe, Asia, North America and Australia. Biotrem is hoping to expand its offer to edible boxes for takeaway meals and catering. And you do not have to eat the plate or its packaging to be a friend of the environment. In favourable weather conditions, with a little humidity, wheat bran products decompose after a month, or even after two weeks if there is rain.

SOURCE: AFP, PTI

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১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	:	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়।
২.	সংস্থা	:	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
৩.	প্রকিউরিং এনটিটির নাম	:	রেস্ট্র, পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ।
৪.	আবাসনের উদ্দেশ্য	:	নতুন ঠিকাদার তালিকাভুক্ত এবং তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদার নবায়ন করণ।
৫.	প্রকিউরিং পদ্ধতি	:	উন্মুক্ত।
৬.	বাজেট এবং অর্থের উৎস	:	রাজস্ব।
৭.	আবেদনপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	:	১৯/০৬/২০১৯খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত। প্রশাসন শাখা, পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ, মিরপুর-১৪, ঢাকা।
৮.	আবেদনপত্র জমা প্রদানের শেষ তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	:	২০/০৬/২০১৯খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকায় উপ-পরিচালক (প্রশাসন ও অর্থ) এর অফিস কক্ষ, পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ, সেকশন-১৪, মিরপুর, ঢাকা এর অফিস কক্ষে রক্ষিত বাজেট জমা প্রদান করতে হবে। নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের পর কোন আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
৯.	অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	:	পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ, সেকশন-১৪, মিরপুর, ঢাকা।
১০.	আবেদনপত্রের বস্ত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	:	২০/৬/২০১৯খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকায় উপ-পরিচালক (প্রশাসন ও অর্থ) এর অফিস কক্ষ, পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ, সেকশন-১৪, মিরপুর, ঢাকা (আবেদনকারীদের সম্মুখে, যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।
১১.	আবেদনকারীর যোগ্যতা	:	(ক) হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স এর কপি (খ) টিআইএন সার্টিফিকেট ও হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধের প্রত্যয়নপত্রের কপি (গ) ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সনদের কপি (ঘ) হালনাগাদ অর্থনৈতিক সচ্ছলতার প্রমাণপত্র (ঙ) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের ও (ডিন) বছরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র (চ) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের কপি (ছ) সদ্য তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ১ (এক) কপি ছবি। বর্ণিত সকল প্রকার কাগজপত্র প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত করতঃ আবেদনপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
১২.	কাজের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ (গ্রুপ ভিত্তিক)	:	(ক) মনিহারী ও ব্যবহার্য দ্রব্যাদি এবং বিবিধ প্রকার ক্রয়/সরবরাহ কাজ, (খ) বইপত্র ও সাময়িকী ক্রয়, প্রকাশনা, মুদ্রণ বাঁধাই সংশ্লিষ্ট ক্রয় ও সরবরাহ কাজ, (গ) আসবাবপত্র ক্রয় ও মোরামত, (ঘ) অবকাঠামো নির্মাণ ও মোরামত/সরক্ষণ কাজ, (ঙ) প্রশিক্ষণ সংশ্লিষ্ট মালামাল ক্রয়/সরবরাহ কাজ, (চ) কম্পিউটার ও আইসিটি সামগ্রী ক্রয় ও মোরামত কাজ, (ছ) যন্ত্রপাতি ও অন্যান্য সরঞ্জামাদী ক্রয় ও মোরামত কাজ, (জ) গাড়ির কাঁচামাল খুচরা যন্ত্রাংশ ক্রয় ও মোরামত কাজ, (ঞ) উদ্ভাবন সংকল্প কাজ।
১৩.	আবেদন ফরম এর মূল্য (প্রতি গ্রুপের জন্য)	:	নতুন এর জন্য ৫০০/- (অফেরতযোগ্য) এবং নবায়ন এর জন্য ৩০০/- (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
১৪.	তালিকাভুক্তি ফি এবং তালিকাভুক্তি নবায়ন ফি	:	নতুন এর জন্য নগদ ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকা এবং নবায়ন এর জন্য ২,০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকা অফেরতযোগ্য (ভ্যাট ব্যতীত)।
১৫.	প্রতিটি নির্বাচিত ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে নতুন তালিকাভুক্ত ও তালিকাভুক্তি নবায়নের জন্য নির্ধারিত ফির ১৫% ভ্যাট নগদ জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।	:	
কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে সকল/আংশিক আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।			
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