

# NEWSIN brief

## South Korean man defects to the North

AFP, Seoul

A South Korean man has defected to North Korea, following in the footsteps of his political parents who also made a high-profile switch of allegiance in the 1980s. Years of repression and poverty in the reclusive North have led around 30,000 people to flee to its democratic neighbour in the decades since the Korean War, but defections in the other direction are extremely rare.

## HK police arrest six at Kowloon protest

REUTERS, Hong Kong

Police arrested six people during a demonstration in one of Hong Kong's most popular tourist areas on Sunday night, where thousands of protesters sought to raise awareness among mainland Chinese visitors about the political crisis that has rocked the city. Protest organisers said 230,000 people marched through the streets of Kowloon.

## Philippines faces call for UN probe into drug war

AFP, Manila

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's narcotics crackdown has become a "systematic" campaign of killing, Amnesty International alleged yesterday, urging the UN to launch a probe into thousands of deaths. The drug war is Duterte's signature initiative, however the nightly slaying of suspects by masked gunmen has provoked international condemnation.

## Afghan rivals resume talks for peace

AFP, Doha

Dozens of powerful Afghans yesterday resumed talks with the Taliban in Doha, where a possible ceasefire is on the table along with key issues such as women's rights. Stakes are high for the talks which follow a week of US-Taliban negotiations with both sides eyeing a resolution to the bloody 18-year conflict.



Onlookers and Indian police gather around the crumpled remains of a bus that crashed on the Delhi-Agra expressway, near Agra yesterday. At least 29 people were killed and 18 others injured when the bus careered off the expressway after the driver apparently fell asleep at the wheel.

PHOTO: AFP



## Pak PM to avoid expensive hotels during US trip

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has expressed his desire to stay at the country's official residence in Washington instead of an expensive hotel during his three-day visit to the US starting on July 21, the media reported yesterday. While staying at the Ambassador Asad Majeed Khan's residence can considerably reduce the cost of the visit, Dawn news reported, adding that neither the US Secret Service nor the city administration appeared "very receptive" to the idea. The US Secret Service takes over the security of a visiting dignitary as soon as he or she lands in America, while the city administration has to ensure that the visit does not disrupt Washington's traffic.

## Rahul Gandhi starts Congress resignation spree: Rajnath

The BJP-ruled government has no relation to the ongoing developments in Karnataka and did not put pressure on any MLA or MP to switch parties, Union minister Rajnath Singh said yesterday in Lok Sabha. The defence minister said the government is committed to protect the sanctity of Parliament. "Whatever is happening currently in Karnataka, we have not relation with that," he said, replying to the issue raised by Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. Chowdhury alleged the BJP-ruled government is hatching a conspiracy to break the Congress-led government in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. "This government is secretly hatching a conspiracy against the state government. They took our MLAs to a five-star hotel in Mumbai," Chowdhury said during Zero Hour.



## Congolese 'Terminator' rebel guilty of war crimes

International Criminal Court judges yesterday convicted a Congolese rebel chief nicknamed "Terminator" of war crimes including massacring civilians and sexual enslavement, in a badly-needed victory for prosecutors in The Hague. Bosco Ntaganda's forces carried out horrific attacks including one in a banana field that left babies and children disembowelled or with their heads smashed in, judges said. The 45-year-old was a "key leader" who recruited child soldiers and gave "direct orders to target and kill" non-combatants in Democratic Republic of Congo's Ituri region in 2002 and 2003. Ntaganda was found guilty of 18 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity, including murder, directing attacks against civilians, displacing civilians, rape, sexual slavery and enlisting children under the age of 15.

SOURCE: AFP, PTI, NDTV

## ROW OVER URANIUM ENRICHMENT

# Iran 'better be careful'

## Warns Trump; China blames unilateral bullying by US for escalating nuke crisis

AGENCIES

US President Donald Trump has issued a warning to Iran after the country moved to increase uranium enrichment beyond the purity threshold reached in a landmark nuclear deal Washington pulled out of last year.

Iran made the expected move last week, putting it no longer in compliance with the deal agreed in 2015 with the US under then-President Barack Obama and five other nations. Tehran had warned it would increase enrichment following a 60-day ultimatum the country gave to the European signatories of the deal to ease sanctions on its banking and oil sectors, reported CNN online.

Speaking Sunday, Trump said "Iran better be careful."

"Because you enrich for one reason and I won't tell you what the reason is. But it's no good they better be careful," he said before boarding Air Force One in New Jersey.

Iran announced Sunday that it has begun enriching uranium past 3.67%. The level of enrichment then surpassed 4.5% yesterday, Behrooz Kamalvandi, the spokesperson for Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, told Iranian news agency ISNA.

"Iran is doing a lot of bad things," Trump said. "The way they want it they would have automatic rights to have nuclear weapons. Iran will never have a nuclear weapon."

China yesterday said "unilateral bullying" by the United States was the cause behind the escalating Iran nuclear crisis, after Tehran announced it was set to breach its uranium enrichment cap, reported AFP.

"The facts show that unilateral bullying has already become a worsening tumour," said Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang at a press briefing in Beijing.

The European Union said yesterday it was "extremely concerned" by Iranian plans to breach the uranium enrichment cap set by the 2015 nuclear deal, calling on Tehran to reverse course.



# One disaster occurs each week

## UN warns developing nations under-prepared for consequences

MAIL ONLINE

Climate change is causing a new natural disaster to strike every week, but developing countries are under-prepared for the consequences, warns the UN.

Although larger catastrophes make the news across the globe, most of the smaller-scale disasters draw little notice from the international community.

UN disaster expert Mami Mizutori told the Guardian that more focus needs to be placed on investments into resilient infrastructure, alongside emission cuts.

It comes after many regions of the world have been rocked by various natural phenomena triggered by climate change, such as cyclones, heatwaves and droughts.

Emphasis should be given to nature based-solutions to the climate hazards — such as promoting the growth of mangrove swamps and wetlands to limit flooding.

In addition, nations need to concentrate on protecting the most vulnerable populations who live in informal settlements rather than planned cities.

Some natural disasters — like tropical cyclones Idai and Kenneth, or the on-going drought in India — manage to secure headlines all across the globe.

However, so-called "lower impact events" are occurring much more frequently than appreciated, with many going largely unnoticed despite the displacement, distress and death that they nevertheless cause, the UN has warned.

A large proportion of these smaller-scale events would be preventable if infrastructure were built up to meet the challenge, especially in developing regions.

This might include enhanced flood defences, better severe weather warning systems, water stocks in the case of drought and more government oversight of those regions at particular risk from the changing climate.

"This is not about the future, this is about today," the UN secretary-general's special representative on disaster risk reduction, Mami Mizutori, told the Guardian.

"People need to talk more about adaptation and resilience."



CLIMATE CRISIS

## UAE reducing troops in war-torn Yemen

AFP, Dubai

The United Arab Emirates said yesterday it was redeploying and reducing troops across war-torn Yemen and moving from a "military-first" strategy to a "peace-first" plan.

The UAE is a key partner in a Saudi-led military coalition which intervened in Yemen in 2015 to back the internationally recognised government of President Abedrabbo Mansour Hadi against Iran-aligned Huthi rebels.

"We do have troop levels that are down for reasons that are strategic in Hodeida and reasons that are tactical" in other parts of the country, a senior UAE official, who requested anonymity, told reporters.

# Greece will be proud again

## Says new PM as conservatives return to power

AFP, Athens

Greece's new conservative Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis was sworn in yesterday after a sweeping election victory put him in charge of the EU's most indebted member with promises to end a decade of economic crisis.

"The Greek people gave us a strong mandate to change Greece. We will honour it to the full," Mitsotakis said after taking his oath of office in a televised ceremony.

"Hard work begins today. I am completely confident that we will prove equal to the challenge." The cabinet will be sworn in today and will meet tomorrow, he said.

The 51-year-old Harvard graduate and former McKinsey consultant took the oath of office in the presidential mansion in the presence of his wife and three children.

He then walked next door to the prime minister's office, where he had a brief discussion with defeated leftist premier Alexis Tsipras. "A painful cycle has closed,"

Mitsotakis said in a televised address immediately following his electoral victory, adding that Greece would "proudly raise its head again" on his watch.

The US-educated conservative faces a hefty challenge as he takes over from Tsipras, who imposed austerity measures required under a bailout to keep Greece in the eurozone.

The country's public debt last year stood at 335 billion euros (\$376 billion), or 180 percent of GDP.

The debt load is forecast to fall to 168 percent of GDP this year, but only under belt-tightening brought in under Tsipras's Syriza party -- something that Mitsotakis's New Democracy party says is stifling growth.

The tricky job of keeping Greece's international creditors outside while easing the hardship on Greeks -- by lowering taxes and renegotiating fiscal targets -- could result in a short honeymoon phase for Mitsotakis.



# 'Deeply shocked'

## UN rights chief appalled at US treatment of migrants

AFP, Geneva

The UN human rights chief said yesterday that she was "deeply shocked" by conditions under which migrants and refugees are held at US detention centres, following reports of severe overcrowding and disease-ridden cells.

"As a paediatrician, but also as a mother and a former head of State, I am deeply shocked that children are forced to sleep on the floor in overcrowded facilities, without access to adequate healthcare or food, and with poor sanitation conditions," the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, said in a statement.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) watchdog report released last week warned of "dangerous overcrowding" in multiple detention facilities holding thousands of migrants seeking to remain in the United States. Most of them are fleeing violence and poverty in Central America.

On Saturday, the New York Times and The El Paso Times published an article describing a Border Patrol station in Clint, Texas as filled with hundreds of children wearing filthy clothing and packed into disease-ridden cells.


President Donald Trump called the story a "hoax" and said he would take the media to visit the centres.

Democratic lawmakers who recently visited detention facilities reported massive crowding in cells with no running water, where children and adults lacked access to medicines and were deprived of showers for up to two weeks.

Responding to the DHS report, Bachelet said that even detaining children "for short periods under good conditions can have a serious impact on their health and development."

"Consider the damage being done every day by allowing this alarming situation to continue," added Bachelet, the former president of Chile.

Trump has previously expressed little sympathy for migrants in the facilities.



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### Invitation for Tender Through Web

Tender No. CSD-2:EES/19/Mymensingh/Solar/2019-56 Date: 04/07/2019

Tenders through electronic media (e-Tenders) are invited from the bonafide contractors/firms for "Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Operation and Maintenance of 15KWp On-Grid/grid-tie Solar Power System at Bangladesh Bank, Mymensingh." Necessary information are given below:

01	Procuring entity	:	Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
02	Source of funds	:	Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
03	Invitation for Tender No.	:	CSD-2:EES/19/Mymensingh/Solar/2019-56
04	Method of procurement	:	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
05	Qualification of tenderer	:	a) The tenderer shall have minimum 07 (seven) years overall business experience on Solar System supply, installation and related works. b) Satisfactorily completed at least 01 (one) work of similar nature (Supply, Installation of On-Grid Solar Power System) worth not less than Taka 18 lac (Taka eighteen lac) only in a single contract, in any government/semi-government/autonomous or renowned private limited organization during last 03 (three) years. The tenderer shall have to furnish work completion certificate in this respect from officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent; years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper c) Liquid asset/credit facility shall be Tk 25,00,000.00 (Taka twenty-five lac) only. d) Tenderer shall have to fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the document; failing which the tender shall be rejected and considered as non-responsive.
06	Address of the web receiving tender document	:	<a href="http://www.bangladeshbank.org.bd">www.bangladeshbank.org.bd</a> <a href="http://www.etender.bb.org.bd">www.etender.bb.org.bd</a> (e-Tender)
07	Name & address of the offices receiving tender security & other documentary evidence	:	General Manager (Engineering), Common Services Department-2 (6th Floor of 30-Storeyed Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
08	Last date and time for submission of tender document through web	:	22/07/2019 up to 2:30pm.
09	Last date and time for receiving original tender security and tender submission letter	:	22/07/2019 up to 2:30pm.
10	Date, time and place for tender opening	:	All tenders shall be opened at Common Services Department-2 (6th Floor of 30-Storeyed Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka on 22/07/2019 at 3:00pm (intending tenderer or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the tender opening).
11	Brief description of the goods and related works	:	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Operation and Maintenance of 15KWp On-Grid/grid-tie Solar Power System at Bangladesh Bank, Mymensingh.
12	Time for completion of the work	:	3 (three) months from the date of issuing the Award of Contract.
13	Tender security	:	Tk 80,000.00 (Taka eighty thousand) only.
14	Special instructions	:	i) The tenderer shall submit tender and scanned copy of documentary evidences including tenderer information sheet/(format PW2a-2) properly through Bangladesh Bank website (e-Tendering) & must have valid e-mail address for participation through e-Tendering. ii) Original PO/BD/Bank Guarantee as tender security along with original tender submission letter as per format PW2a-1 shall reach at General Manager (Engineering), Common Services Department-2, within the stipulated date and time mentioned in TDS. iii) Tenderer shall provide all documentary evidences (original or attested whichever necessary) as per tender document, failing which the tender shall be considered as non-responsive. iv) Tenderer shall submit valid ABC category electrical supervisory licence from Electrical Licensing Board, Bangladesh. v) PW2a-1 and PW2a-2 form shall be completed and signed by the Authorized Signatory on the letterhead pad attached by scanning during submitting tender through web and original shall be sent to the General Manager (Engineering), Common Services Department-2 within scheduled time as per TDS. vi) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents may result in rejection of tender and may lead to action under Rules 127 of PPR 2008/Reg. 12 of BBPR 2004. vii) All sorts of safety and security measures shall be carried out by the contractor during execution of work. viii) Bangladesh Bank reserves all right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. No claim will be entertained in this regard.

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