Accords with Israel, US are void: Palestinian president

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has announced that his administration considers all agreements signed with Israel and the United States null and void, after Israel declared it would annex parts of the occupied West Bank, according to local media reports. Palestinian news agency Wafa reported that Abbas made the announcement during an emergency meeting held in Ramallah to discuss the Israeli plans. Abbas threatened to withdraw from agreements back in February, after US President Donald Trump unveiled his Middle East plan, which included the possibility of annexation. Al Jazeera correspondent Nida Ibrahim said the implications of the move remained unclear. During his address, which was broadcast on Palestinian television, Abbas also said he was still ready to negotiate with Israel and remains committed to ending the conflict on the basis of a two-state solution.

Singapore slammed for Zoom death sentence

Singapore was criticised for being "cruel and inhumane" yesterday after a death sentence was handed down via video-conferencing platform Zoom. Malaysian drug trafficker Punithan Genasan was Friday sentenced to hang in a hearing conducted remotely due to restrictions in place to combat the spread of the coronavirus, court officials said. The 37-year-old had been found guilty over the trafficking of at least 28.5 grams (1.0 ounce) of heroin, a crime punishable by death under the city-state's tough anti-drugs laws. The Supreme Court said that it was the first criminal case where a death sentence was handed down in a remote hearing. Singapore has reported over 29,000 coronavirus infections including 22 deaths.

Climate change is turning Antarctica green: study

Parts of the Antarctic Peninsula will change colour as "green snow" caused by blooming algae is expected to spread with increases in global temperatures, research showed yesterday. Although often considered devoid of plant life, Antarctica is home to several types of algae, which grow on slushy snow and suck carbon dioxide from the air. Researchers from the University of Cambridge and the British Antarctic Survey combined satellite imagery with on-the-ground observations to detect the current extent of green algae in the world's most barren continent. They identified more than 1,600 separate green algae blooms on snow across the peninsula, with a combined surface area of 1.9 square kilometres.

SOURCE: **AFP, REUTERS**

The brighter side of pandemic

Road accidents, crimes, pollution in check as Asia sees unexpected gains in lockdowns

AFP, *Pathum Thani*

Emergency workers usually busy attending accidents on Thailand's roads mill around ambulances parked at a service station -- fewer crashes and crimes a welcome outcome for several Asian countries during coronavirus lockdowns.

As Asia starts to assess the damage caused by the pandemic, some countries are realising there have been unforeseen benefits.

Vietnam's nationwide isolation has seen a drop in crime, Hong Kong has hailed an early end to its annual flu season -- and now, Thailand is seeing a much-needed win in road safety.

"Accidents have gone down quite a lot," said Banjerd Premjit, chief of the Por Tek Tung emergency medical team operating just outside Bangkok.

He credited Thailand's virus-fuelled measures, including a ban on alcohol sales and a nighttime curfew.

Thailand has one of the highest rates of road fatalities per capita in the world, coming second only to war-torn Libya in 2015. But this year Thailand saw a 60 percent decrease nationwide, with the death toll dropping to 167 from 386 people the year before.

Even Thailand's coffin makers have seen a dip in demand, with one factory reporting orders are down by a third.

Regional neighbours with traffic-clogged megacities are reporting similar trends. Deaths from road accidents in Japan fell by nearly 20 percent in April, while Malaysia saw daily fatalities decrease from 17 to five, according to official news agency Bernama.

This year's figures are even promising in India, which normally records 150,000 fatalities each year on its chaotic roads.

Police said the death toll in the state of Kerala sank by 90 percent during the lockdown, compared with the same period last year.

"Rapes also fell from 123 to 37 cases during the lockdown," Kerala police spokesman Pramod Kumar told AFP.

When the coronavirus hit Hong Kong in late January, residents scarred by memories of the 2003 SARS outbreak flocked to buy masks and immediately embraced social distancing. With millions practising better hygiene, doctors noticed the annual winter flu season came to an abrupt end in February -- nine weeks early with less than a third of last year's deaths.

On the mainland empty roads and shuttered factories meant killer toxic pollutants dissipated.

Scientists estimate China's improved air quality averted more than 12,000 cardiovascular-related deaths, although warned in the Lancet journal their results should be "interpreted with caution".

Global CO2 emissions from fossil fuels are set to drop by up to seven percent in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic, researchers reported Tuesday.

In early April, coronavirus lockdowns led to a 17 percent reduction worldwide in carbon pollution compared to the same period last year, according to the first peer-reviewed assessment of the pandemic's impact on CO2 emissions, published in Nature Climate Change.

Though the scientist are saying the reduction isn't enough, the environmental gains seen during a global lockdown have scientists and celebrities calling for a "radical transformation" to save the planet instead of a return to normal.

'Indian virus more lethal than Chinese'

Nepal PM says amid border row

THE STATESMAN/ANN

In a latest shocker amid row over a "new map" claiming parts of Indian territory, Nepal Prime Minister KP Oli has said that "Indian virus looks more lethal than Chinese and Italian now".

In a speech in parliament, Oli has blamed India for the spread of coronavirus cases in his country.

"Those who are coming from India through illegal channels are spreading the virus in the country and some local representatives and party leaders are responsible for bringing in people from India without proper testing," the Nepal PM was quoted as saying by NDTV.

"It has become very difficult to contain COVID-19 due to the flow of people from outside. Indian virus looks more lethal than Chinese and Italian now. More are getting infected," he further said outraging officials in India.

The offensive comes as India and Nepal are engulfed in a diplomatic war over a disputed border area. The tensions erupted when India inaugurated a road link connecting Kailash Mansarovar, a holy pilgrimage site situated at Tibet, China, that passes through the territory which Nepal claims its own.

Nepal's Cabinet had on Tuesday endorsed a new political map showing Lipulekh, Kalapani and Limpiyadhura under its territory.

Taiwan says no to 'one country, two systems'

China says 'reunification' inevitable

REUTERS, *Taipei*

Taiwan cannot accept becoming part of China under its "one country, two systems" offer of autonomy , President Tsai Ing-wen said yesterday, strongly rejecting China's sovereignty claims and likely setting the stage for an ever worsening of ties.

China responded that "reunification" was inevitable and that it would never tolerate Taiwan's independence.

In a speech after being sworn in for her second and final term in office, Tsai said relations between Taiwan and China had reached an historical turning point.

"Both sides have a duty to find a way to coexist over the long term and prevent the intensification of antagonism and differences," she said.

Tsai and her Democratic Progressive Party won January's presidential and parliamentary elections by a landslide, vowing to stand up to China, which claims Taiwan as its own and says it would be brought under Beijing's control by force if needed.

"Here, I want to reiterate the words 'peace, parity, democracy, and dialogue'. We will not accept the Beijing authorities' use of 'one country, two systems' to downgrade Taiwan and undermine the cross-strait status quo. We stand fast by this principle," Tsai said.

China's Taiwan Affairs Office, responding to Tsai, said Beijing would stick to "one country, two systems".

"Reunification is a historical inevitability of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation," it said. "We have the firm will, full confidence, and sufficient ability to defend national sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Taiwan has become a rising source of friction between China and the United States, with the Trump administration strongly backing Taiwan even in the absence of formal diplomatic ties.

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

KEY UPDATES

CASES NEAR 50 MILLION

The novel coronavirus has killed at least 323,370 people since the outbreak first emerged in China last December, according to a tally from official sources compiled by AFP at 1100 GMT yesterday. At least 4,910,110 cases of coronavirus have been registered in 196 countries and territories. The United States has the highest number of toll with 91,938 deaths, which is followed by Britain, which has recorded with 35,341 deaths. It is followed by Italy with 32,169 deaths, France with 28,022 deaths infections and Spain with 27,778 fatalities.

SCHOOLS REOPEN IN SOUTH KOREA

Hundreds of thousands of South Korean students returned to school as educational establishments started reopening after a coronavirus delay of more than two months. Students lined up for temperature checks and were given sanitisers for their hands as they entered school premises while teachers greeted them with smiles and occasional elbow bumps.

'CAPTAIN TOM' TO BE KNIGHTED

Hundred-year-old British World War II veteran Captain Tom Moore, who walked around his garden to raise nearly $40 million for healthcare charities, is to be knighted, with Prime Minister Boris Johnson calling him a "beacon of light" during the coronavirus pandemic. The knighthood, which brings with it the title of "Sir", will be formally issued by Queen Elizabeth II.

CAMBRIDGE MOVES LEARNING ONLINE FOR A FULL YEAR

The University of Cambridge has said it will teach students online for the next full academic year, scrapping face-to-face classes in light of the pandemic. The university in the east of England says it expects social-distancing requirements will stay in place nationally for some time. Lectures will continue via video until summer 2021, while it may be possible for smaller teaching groups to take place in person if they "conform to social-distancing requirements," a spokesperson said. Exams will also continue to be carried out online. Cambridge can still charge full fees for online classes.

EARLY DATA ON MODERNA'S VACCINE 'INSUFFICIENT'

Data from a small, early-stage safety trial testing Moderna Inc's experimental COVID-19 vaccine does not provide the critical data needed to assess its effectiveness, health-focused Stat News reported on Tuesday, citing experts. Moderna said on Monday the vaccine candidate, the first to be tested in the United States, produced protective antibodies in a small group of eight healthy volunteers. Stat quoted health experts saying that Moderna had not provided enough data in its news release to judge the vaccine candidate. It sited lack of data on the rest of the 45-subject study, ages of the subjects, and date on how long any immunity produced by the vaccine might last.

SOURCE: **AFP, REUTERS**

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১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	:	সমাজকল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়।
২.	এজেন্সি	:	সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর, ঢাকা।
৩.	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার নাম	:	মহাপরিচালক, সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর, ঢাকা এর পক্ষে জেলা প্রশাসক, দিনাজপুর।
৪.	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার জেলা	:	জেলা-দিনাজপুর।
৫.	যে কাজের দরপত্র	:	২০২০-২০২১ অর্থ বছরে সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর কর্তৃক পরিচালিত সরকারি শিশু পরিবার এবং সমন্বিত দৃষ্টি প্রতিবন্ধি শিক্ষা কার্যক্রম, রাজবাটী, দিনাজপুরের নিবাসীদের জন্য খাদ্য, খাদ্যানুষঙ্গিক ও শিক্ষা,স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী এবং বিবিধ মালামাল সরবরাহ।
৬.	দরপত্র নম্বর তারিখ	:	নম্বর-৪১.০১.২৭০০.০০০.০৭.০০১.১৬.২৫০, তারিখঃ ১৯/০৫/২০২০খ্রিঃ
৭.	দরপত্র প্রচারের তারিখ	:	২১/০৫/২০২০খ্রিঃ
৮.	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	:	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ওটিএম)।
৯.	বাজেট এবং তহবিল উৎস	:	রাজস্ব বাজেট, জিওবি।
১০.	দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ নং	:	ক-০১টি, খ-০১টি, ঘ-০১টি, ঙ-০২টি = মোট ০৫ (পাঁচ)টি।
১১.	দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ নাম	:	২০২০-২০২১ অর্থ বছরে সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর কর্তৃক পরিচালিত সরকারি শিশু পরিবার এবং সমন্বিত দৃষ্টি প্রতিবন্ধি শিক্ষা কার্যক্রম, রাজবাটী, দিনাজপুরের নিবাসীদের জন্য খাদ্য, খাদ্যানুষঙ্গিক ও শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী এবং বিবিধ মালামাল (ক গ্রুপ- খাদ্য,খাদ্যানুষঙ্গিক (অপচনশীল ও পচনশীল), খ গ্রুপ- শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী ও অন্যান্য, ঘ গ্রুপ- খাদ্য, খাদ্যানুষঙ্গিক (অপচনশীল ও পচনশীল) এবং শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী ও অন্যান্য এবং ঙ গ্রুপ- (বিবিধ মালামাল) সরবরাহ।
১২.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	:	১৪/০৬/২০২০খ্রিঃ
১৩.	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	১৫/০৬/২০২০খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকার সময়।
১৪.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	:	১৫/০৬/২০২০খ্রিঃ দুপুর ২.০০ ঘটিকায় দরদাতা বা তার মনোনীত প্রতিনিধির উপস্থিতিতে খোলা হবে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।
১৫.	কার্যালয়ের নাম ও ঠিকানাঃ ক) মূল দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়	:	সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠান ও উপপরিচালক, জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, দিনাজপুর।
	খ) দরপত্র দলিল গ্রহণ	:	সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠান ও উপপরিচালক, জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, পুলিশ সুপার কার্যালয় এবং জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, দিনাজপুর।
	গ) দরপত্র দলিল খোলা	:	জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, দিনাজপুর।
১৬.	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	:	(১) বৈধ সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান। (২) সিডিউল ক্রয়ের ট্রেজারী চালানের মূলকপি, পূর্বে অনুরূপ কাজ করার অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র, হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ব্যাংক সচ্ছলতার সনদ, আয়কর সনদ এবং ভ্যাট প্রদান (২০১৯-২০২০) সনদ এর অধিকারী হতে হবে।
১৭.	দরপত্র সিডিউল মূল্য	:	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য ট্রেজারী চালানের মাধ্যমে কোড-১-২৯৩১-০০০০-২৩৬৬ তে (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা দিতে হবে।

গ্রুপ	সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ	সিডিউল মূল্য	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটির পরিমাণ	মন্তব্য
ক.	খাদ্য ও খাদ্যানুষঙ্গিক (অপচনশীল ও পচনশীল)	৫০০/-	সিডিউল মোতাবেক	
খ.	শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী ও অন্যান্য	৫০০/-	ঐ	
ঘ.	খাদ্য, খাদ্যানুষঙ্গিক (অপচনশীল ও পচনশীল) এবং শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী ও অন্যান্য	২০০/-	ঐ	
ঙ.	বিবিধ মালামাল	২০০/-	ঐ	

১৮.	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	:	মোঃ মাহমুদুল আলম।
১৯.	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	:	জেলা প্রশাসক।
২০.	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	:	জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, দিনাজপুর।
২১.	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার সাথে যোগাযোগের নাম্বারঃ ০৫৩১-৬৫০০১।		
২২.	**শর্তাবলীঃ** (ক) পিপিএ-২০০৬ এবং পিপিআর-২০০৮ (সংশোধিতসহ) এ প্রদত্ত ক্রয় সংক্রান্ত পদ্ধতি যথাযথভাবে অনুসরণ করা হবে। (খ) গৃহীত দরদাতার নিকট হতে উদ্ধৃত দরের ১০% পারফরমেন্স সিকিউরিটির অর্থ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে। (গ) "ঙ" গ্রুপের ক্ষেত্রে বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে। (ঘ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। (ঙ) দরপত্র ক্রয়ের তারিখ হতে দরপত্র খোলার তারিখের নির্ধারিত সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্র দাখিল করা যাবে। (চ) বিশেষ নির্দেশনাঃ বিস্তারিত তথ্য দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত আছে।		

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VIRUS 'MASS WORLDWIDE KILLING'

'Incompetent' China to blame: Trump

AFP, *Washington*

US President Donald Trump again lashed out at China yesterday over the coronavirus pandemic, blaming Beijing for "mass Worldwide killing."

The early morning tweet, which also referred to an unidentified "wacko in China," was the latest heated rhetoric from the White House, where Trump is making attacks on Beijing a centerpiece of his November reelection bid.

"It was the 'incompetence of China', and nothing else, that did this mass Worldwide killing," he tweeted.

The virus first appeared in the Chinese city of Wuhan last December and spread rapidly around the world, killing more than 323,000 people at the latest count, and triggering huge economic damage.

Trump initially played down the seriousness of the threat and said repeatedly that China was addressing the outbreak. He later pivoted to blaming China for allowing the international spread.

60m people risk extreme poverty

Warns World Bank over pandemic

AFP, *Washington*

The head of the World Bank has warned that the coronavirus crisis threatens to push some 60 million people into extreme poverty, wiping out the gains made over the past three years.

The global lending institution is already financing aid programs in 100 countries, under its commitment to spend $160 billion over the next 15 months, bank president David Malpass said Tuesday.

Malpass said the bank anticipates a five percent contraction in the world economy this year, with severe effects on the poorest countries.

"Our estimate is that up to 60 million people will be pushed into extreme poverty, erasing all the progress made in poverty alleviation in the past three years, and our forecasts indicate a deep recession," Malpass said.

But Malpass stressed that the World Bank's efforts alone were insufficient, and urged donor nations to step up bilateral aid to poorer countries to ensure a durable recovery.

He said restoring the flow of remittance payments and tourism -- key sources of income for developing countries -- would be "critical steps in the reopening."

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Invitation for Tender (IFT)
e-Tender Notice (OTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (https://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following work.

Tender ID No.	Name of work/ package description	Last selling date and time	Closing date and time
461835	Repair work of Tinshed Workshed interior at District Jail Faridpur. At present the building is used to Doctor office and pharmacies at prison hospital.	07-Jun-2020 16:00	08-Jun-2020 12:30
461837	Repair work of Tinshed Workshed interior at District Jail Faridpur. At present the building is used to Loom Industrial.	07-Jun-2020 16:00	08-Jun-2020 12:30
461838	Repair work of Tinshed Workshed interior at District Jail Faridpur. At present the building is used to hand Industrial.	07-Jun-2020 16:00	08-Jun-2020 12:30
461839	Renovation work of teenager ward with repairing interior at District Jail Faridpur. At present the building is used to hand Industrial.	07-Jun-2020 16:00	08-Jun-2020 12:30
460952	Special Repair works at Textile Vocational Institute Faridpur.	07-Jun-2020 16:00	08-Jun-2020 12:30
461324	Tiles Changing work of 1st floor Lobbies Stair and Verandah at DCs Office Faridpur.	07-Jun-2020 16:00	08-Jun-2020 12:30
461322	Tiles Changing work of Lobbies Stair and Verandah from 2nd floor to 3rd floor at DCs office Faridpur.	07-Jun-2020 16:00	08-Jun-2020 12:30
461325	Driver Shed repair renovation and painting work at Faridpur Circuit House.	07-Jun-2020 16:00	08-Jun-2020 12:30
461323	Tiles Changing work of ground floor Lobbies Stair and Verandah at DCs office Faridpur.	07-Jun-2020 16:00	08-Jun-2020 12:30
462058	Main service cable Changing and amplification with ancillary work at Faridpur Police Lines.	07-Jun-2020 16:00	08-Jun-2020 12:30
460727	Construction of Underground water reservoir & pump house under the project of Establishment of District Social Services Complex in 64 Districts 1st Phase one at Faridpur.	07-Jun-2020 16:00	08-Jun-2020 12:30
460728	Construction of Garage Building under the project of Establishment of District Social Services Complex in 64 Districts 1st Phase one at Faridpur.	07-Jun-2020 16:00	08-Jun-2020 12:30
461321	Supplying Installation & Commissioning of 250 KVA Sub-Station 40 KVA Generator with ATS & Canopy Security Light Pump Motor Solar Panel System Fire Extinguisher Computer Network System Conference System Sound System PABX Air cooler under the project of Establishment of District Social Services Complex in 64 Districts 1st Phase one at Faridpur.	07-Jun-2020 16:00	08-Jun-2020 12:30

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