

'This is genocide'

Mamata slams killing of 4 people by central forces during WB polls

NDTV ONLINE

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has labelled the killing of four people in central force firing at Cooch Behar "a genocide" and said the victims were "sprayed with bullets in the chest and neck".

"This is genocide. They have fired just like a fire spray," she said.

Mamata, who was speaking at a press meet in Siliguri in north Bengal yesterday, said, "The CISF is not trained for mob control. Now they want to suppress facts. That's why they banned entry into Cooch Behar for 72 hours."

"What has happened is unprecedented. I wanted to stand by the people of Sitalkuchi today but I have been stopped for 72 hours. I will go and meet the victim families on the 14th, once the EC ban on entry of politicians ends," she said.

On Saturday, around 10:30 am, the CISF on duty at booth number 126 at Jorpatki in Sitalkuchi constituency had opened fire in which four people died and at least another person received a bullet injury.

The Special Police Observer appointed by the Election Commission, Vivek Dube, sent a report saying the CISF had to fire in self-defence when villagers tried to snatch their weapons. There was a misunderstanding between villages and the CISF, he had said.

Mamata yesterday said "outsiders" had opened fire in violation of rules. The Centre, she said, is "trying to suppress the fact". "They are giving clean chit," she added.

The chief minister -- who could not visit the spot by the Election Commission order barring political leaders from the area -- also did a video call with some of the bereaved families.



Indonesian soldiers help residents check damaged buildings in Malang, East Java yesterday, a day after a 6.0-magnitude quake struck off the coast of Java island. Indonesian President Joko Widodo on Sunday ordered swift rescue and relief efforts after eight people died in an earthquake that hit off southern Java island.

PHOTO: AFP

CONSTRUCTION OF MEGA DAM IN TIBET

China's plans stoke fears in India

AFP, Beijing

China is planning a mega dam in Tibet able to produce triple the electricity generated by the Three Gorges -- the world's largest power station -- stoking fears among environmentalists and in neighbouring India.

The structure will span the Brahmaputra River before the waterway leaves the Himalayas and flows into India, straddling the world's longest and deepest canyon at an altitude of more than 1,500 metres.

The project in Tibet's Medog County is expected to dwarf the record-breaking Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River in central China, and is billed as able to produce 300 billion kilowatts of electricity each year.

It is mentioned in China's strategic 14th Five-Year Plan, unveiled in March at an annual congress of the country's top lawmakers. But the plan was short on details, a timeframe or budget.

Beijing may justify the massive project as an environmentally-friendly alternative to fossil fuels, but it risks



provoking strong opposition from environmentalists

Environmentalists say the area also contains a unique biodiversity. The dam would block the migration of fish as well as sediment flow that enriches the soil during seasonal floods downstream.

New Delhi is also worried by the project. The Chinese Communist Party is effectively in a position to control the origins of much of South Asia's water supply, analysts say.

"Water wars are a key component of

such warfare because they allow China to leverage its upstream Tibet-centred power over the most essential natural resource," wrote political scientist Brahma Chellaney last month in the Times of India.

The risks of seismic activity would also make it a "ticking water bomb" for residents downstream, he warned.

In reaction to the dam idea, the Indian government has floated the prospect of building another dam on the Brahmaputra to shore up its own water reserves.

India now bans exports of Remdesivir drug

Daily cases hit another record; China admits low efficacy rates of vaccines

REUTERS

India yesterday banned the export of anti-viral drug Remdesivir and its active pharmaceutical ingredients as demand rocketed due to a record surge in Covid-19 infections and led to crippling shortages in many parts.

New Covid-19 cases surged to 152,879 yesterday, the sixth record rise in seven days, overwhelming hospitals in some regions. India, known as the pharmacy of the world, has already stalled major exports of coronavirus vaccines. Deaths have also surged, with the health ministry reporting 839 fatalities on Sunday - the highest in over five months - taking the total to 169,275.

Meanwhile, China's top disease control official has said the country is formally considering mixing Covid-19 vaccines, while acknowledging the efficacy of current vaccines was "not high".

China has produced 4 vaccines with moderate efficacy rates. The currently available vaccines "don't have very high rates of protection" Gao Fu, the director of the Chinese Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told a conference in the Chinese city of Chengdu on Saturday. "Inoculation using vaccines of different technical lines is being considered," he said.

Gao said that taking steps to "optimise" the vaccine process including changing the number of doses and the length of time between doses was a "definite" solution to the efficacy issues.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran reports electrical incident at Natanz nuke site

A problem with the electrical distribution grid of Iran's Natanz nuclear facility caused an incident at the site yesterday, Iranian Press TV reported, a day after Tehran launched new advanced uranium enrichment centrifuges at the site. The Natanz facility, which is located in the desert in the central province of Isfahan, is the centrepiece of Iran's uranium enrichment programme. "The incident caused no casualties or contamination," Iran's Atomic Energy Organization spokesman Behrouz Kamalvandi said, adding that "electricity was affected at the Natanz facility". The cause was being investigated, Kamalvandi told Iran's semi-official Fars news agency. In July last year, a fire broke out at the Natanz facility, which the government said was an attempt to sabotage Iran's nuclear programme.

Xinjiang coalmine accident traps 21

Twenty-one miners are trapped in a flooded coalmine in northwest China's Xinjiang region, Chinese state news agency Xinhua reported yesterday, citing a local emergency department. A section of the mine filled with water, leading to power outages just after 6 pm (1000 GMT) on Saturday when 29 miners were working at the site in Hutubi county, the report said. Eight miners have been lifted out. State media outlet Global Times said 12 of the miners who remain trapped have been located and are expected to be rescued. The location of nine others has been determined, but their condition is unknown, the newspaper said. The 12 are on a platform around 1.2 km (4,000 feet) below ground, and the layout of the mine is complex, complicating rescue efforts, it said.

Trump tells Republican donors he'll help win Congress in 2022



Former President Donald Trump vowed to help Republicans win seats in Congress in 2022 elections but lashed out at two top party figures, Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell and former Vice President Mike Pence, at a donor retreat on Saturday. McConnell drew Trump's ire in the aftermath of the election for stating the obvious - that Biden had won the presidency - and the two remain at odds. Parting from the prepared text of his speech, Trump called the senator a "son of a b****", an attendee told Reuters. Pence didn't halt certification of the vote tally as Trump suggested. He has said any talk of his own plans - the Constitution gives him the right to seek another four-year term - should wait until after the November 2022 elections.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS



This photo taken and received from an anonymous source via Facebook yesterday shows slogans on plant leaves as part of a "Green Day Strike" demonstration held online by protesters against the military coup in Ye in Myanmar's Mon state. Myanmar youth are fighting the junta's 56-day internet shutdown and information suppression with an explosive underground printed newsletter they are secretly distributing across communities.

PHOTO: AFP

China, Russia blocking international response

Says EU as Myanmar death toll crosses 700

REUTERS, Brussels

The European Union's top diplomat yesterday said Russia and China are blocking the attempts of the U.N. Security Council, for example to impose an arms embargo, "EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said in a blog post.

"Geopolitical competition in Myanmar will make it very difficult to find common ground," said Borrell, who speaks on behalf of the 27 EU member states. "But we have a duty to try."

Security forces have killed more than 700 unarmed protesters, including 46 children, since the military seized power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in a Feb. 1 coup, according to a tally by the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) activist group.

That included 82 people killed in the

town of Bago, near Yangon, on Friday, which the AAPP called a "killing field".

"The world watches in horror, as the army uses violence against its own people," Borrell said.

China and Russia both have ties to Myanmar's armed forces, as the first and second largest suppliers of weapons to the country, respectively.

The UN Security Council last week called for the release of Suu Kyi and others detained by the military but stopped short of condemning the coup.

The EU is preparing fresh sanctions on individuals and companies owned by the Myanmar military. The bloc

last week agreed a first set of sanctions on 11 individuals linked to the coup, including the commander-in-chief of the military.

EU foreign direct investment in Myanmar totalled \$700 million in 2019, compared with \$19 billion from China.

The military says it staged the coup because a November election won by Suu Kyi's party was rigged. The election commission has dismissed the assertion.



WAR IN YEMEN

70 more killed as battle for Marib rages on

AFP, Dubai

Fierce fighting for Yemen's strategic Marib city has killed 70 pro-government and Huthi rebel fighters over the past 24 hours, with battles raging on three fronts, loyalist military officials said yesterday.

The Huthis have been trying to seize Marib, the capital of an oil-rich region and the government's last significant pocket of territory in the north, since February.

Two officials from pro-government forces told AFP that the rebels were mounting a concerted push that had left 26 loyalist soldiers dead as well as 44 from Huthi ranks. The rebels rarely disclose their losses.

The new toll adds to 53 killed on both sides in the previous 24 hours, according to loyalist military officials.

The other official said that warplanes from the Saudi-led military coalition, which entered the Yemen conflict to support the government in 2015, launched airstrikes that "destroyed 12 Huthi military vehicles, including four tanks and a cannon."

However, the Saudi firepower does not seem to have halted the rebel offensive.

The Iran-backed Huthis in late 2014 overran the capital Sanaa, 120 kilometres to the west of Marib, along with much of northern Yemen. The loss of Marib would be a heavy blow for the Yemeni government, currently based in the southern city of Aden, and for its Saudi backers.

It could also lead to humanitarian disaster, as vast numbers of civilians displaced from fighting elsewhere have sought refuge in Marib.

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Memo no:CDH/Tender/2021-2022/Outsourcing/198.

INVITATION FOR TENDER

Sealed tender are here by invited from recognized Contractor/Suppliers to supply Outsourcing manpower for Chest Disease Hospital,Fouzderhat,Chattogram in the fiscal year 2021-2022. As per PPA-2006 & PPR-2008 (including all corrigendum) Terms and conditions are follow(s):

KEY INFORMATION			
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	
2.	Agency	Chest Disease Hospital,Fouzderhat,Chattogram	
3.	PE Name,Designation & Contact details	(Dr. S.M. Nurul karim) Medical Superintendent,CDH.	
4.	Procuring Entity Code &District	GOB,Chattogram.	
5.	Invitation for	Tender for procurement of supplying outsourcing manpower for CDH, Fouzderhat,chattogram in the fiscal year 2021-2022	
6.	Tender Ref.no & date	CDH/Tender/2021-2022/Outsourcing/ Date:-06 -04-2021.	
7.	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM).	
8.	Budget and Source of Fund	GOB in Bangladesh Taka.	
9.	Tender Schedule Selling Date & Time	17-04-2021 to 22-04-2021 During office hours.	
10.	Tender Dropping & Closing Date & Time	25-04-2021 09.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M	
11.	Tender Opening Date & Time	25-04-2021 11.30 A.M.	
12.	NAME & ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE'S		
	Selling Tender Document	Cashier, Office of the Medical Superintendent. Chest Disease Hospital, Fouzderhat, Chattogram.	
	Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Medical Superintendent. Chest Disease Hospital, Fouzderhat, Chattogram.	
	Tender Document Opening place	Office of the Medical Superintendent. Chest Disease Hospital, Fouzderhat, Chattogram.	
13.	Bidders Eligibility{Bidders has to submit these certificates/attested photocopy (as applicable) deficiency of any of these document would be counted as ineligibility of the respective bidder}	Must be a Bangladeshi Citizen and should submit copy of National identity card(NID), 02 (two) passport size photo of the bidder/representative, Electronic TIN(e-TIN) registration certificate, Valid Trade license(manpower supplier) for the fiscal year 2020-21, BIN(Business identification number) certificate(13 Digits), chamber of commerce certificate the fiscal year 2020-2021, In case of Ltd. company corporation charter, Bank statement (original computer sheet) from 01-01-2021 to 31-03-2021, 20,00,000/- (twenty lacs) Bank Deposit status after 01-03-2021. Financial solvency certificate stating amount 50,00,000/- (Fifty Laces) from any scheduled Bank with the bidder holding an account (The statement should be issued after 31-03-2021 (Previous one year transaction)), Sloveny certificate should be based on Bank statement.Certificate stating sound & solvent is not acceptable and bidder submitting that type of certificate will be rejected.	
14.	Details manpower:	Job Title	Category
		Electrician	category-01
		Pump operator	category-02
		Plumber	category-02
		Gardener	category-04
		Cleaning staff	category-05
		Security guard	category-05
		Aya	category-05
		Ward Boy	category-05
15.	Description of Group,price of tender document,tender security etc.		
	Sl.No.	Description of Group	Tender Security in BDT(In the form of pay order/demand draft)
	01	Tender for procurement of supplying outsourcing manpower	1000.00(one thousand only) 2,00,000.00(Two lacs only)
16.	Description of related services		
	Other's Detailed description in tender booklet.		

Note:

a)

Corrigendum if necessary in future will be a part of this notice.The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason what so ever.

b)

If the date of selling ,receiving& opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.

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All Bidders must submit tender through Tender Booklet prepared by procuring entity and abide by the terms and conditions stated in the Tender Booklet.

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