

'BUTCHER OF BOSNIA'

UN court upholds life sentence for Mladic

AFP, The Hague

War crimes judges yesterday upheld the genocide conviction of former Bosnian Serb military chief Ratko Mladic over the 1995 Srebrenica massacre, Europe's worst act of bloodshed since World War II.

The UN tribunal in The Hague rejected Mladic's appeal against his 2017 life sentence for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity over the 1992-5 Bosnian war.

Dubbed the "Butcher of Bosnia", the once burly general who is now in his late 70s sat impassively and listened to the judgement through headphones as it was read out by presiding judge Prisca Nyambe.

"The appeals chamber affirmed the sentence of life imprisonment imposed on Mr Mladic by the trial chamber," the tribunal in The Hague said in a statement.

The verdict by five judges at the UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals -- which deals with cases from the now-closed Yugoslavia war crimes tribunal -- is final and cannot be appealed any further.

Mothers of some of the 8,000 mostly Muslim men and boys killed in cold blood when Bosnian Serb troops overran Srebrenica were outside the court where they have long campaigned for justice.

"Today is a historic day, not only for us

mothers, but also for the whole Balkans, Europe and the world," Munira Subasic, president of one of the "Mothers of Srebrenica" associations, told AFP outside court. At the genocide memorial near Srebrenica, a giant screen broadcast witness testimony ahead of the verdict, near the lines of white headstones where the bodies of some 6,600 identified victims are laid to rest.

Mladic was the military face of a brutal trio led on the political side by ex-Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic and former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic.

Captured in 2011 after a decade on the run, Mladic was found guilty in 2017 of genocide for personally overseeing the massacre at the supposedly UN-protected enclave of Srebrenica.

Footage from the time showed him handing out sweets to children before they and the women of Srebrenica were taken away by bus, while the men of the town were marched into a forest and executed.

Mladic was also found guilty of orchestrating a wider campaign of "ethnic cleansing" to drive Muslims and Bosnians out of key areas to create a Greater Serbia as Yugoslavia tore itself apart after the fall of communism.

The war left around 100,000 people dead and 2.2 million displaced.



A man photographs "Mount Trashmore", an artwork depicting the G7 leaders looking towards Carbis Bay, made from electronic waste by Joe Rush, ahead of the G7 summit, at Hayle Towans in Cornwall, Britain, yesterday. The first in-person meeting of the leaders of major developed economies for nearly two years will start on Friday and take place in Cornwall on the tip of southwestern England, with the focus on the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change.

PHOTO: REUTERS

NEWS IN BRIEF

UNSC backs Guterres for 2nd term as UN chief

The United Nations Security Council yesterday backed Secretary-General Antonio Guterres for a second term, recommending that the 193-member General Assembly appoint him for another five years from Jan. 1, 2022, said Estonia's UN Ambassador Sven Jürgenson, council president for June. The 72-year-old former prime minister of Portugal has held the office since 2017 and faced no competitors for the next term in the job. Jürgenson said the General Assembly was likely to meet to make the appointment on June 18.

Lightning strikes kill 27 in West Bengal

Lightning strikes killed 27 people and four passengers on a flight were hospitalised after severe turbulence during monsoon storms in West Bengal, officials said yesterday. "Many of the 27 killed on Monday evening... in the state were farmers and working in the fields," West Bengal disaster management minister Javed Ahmed Khan told AFP. A flight from the western city of Mumbai to Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal, was caught in the storm as it was about to land, officials added. Eight passengers were injured with four taken to hospital. Nearly 2,900 people were killed by lightning in India in 2019 according to the National Crime Records Bureau.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

FIGHTING BETWEEN MYANMAR MILITARY, REBELS

100,000 more displaced

UN warns of humanitarian crisis; junta defends response to crisis amid Asean criticism

AGENCIES

An estimated 100,000 people have been displaced by new fighting between Myanmar's military and rebel groups in the east of the coup-stricken country, the UN said yesterday.

Myanmar has been in chaos and its economy paralysed since the generals ousted Aung San Suu Kyi's government in February, accusing it of fraud during 2020 elections.

The junta has failed to impose control since then. The security forces have killed at least 849 protesters and arrested more than 4,500 people, a rights group says.

Fighting has flared in several communities -- especially in townships that have seen a high death toll at the hands of police -- and some locals have formed "defence forces".

Recent clashes and "indiscriminate attacks by security forces against civilian areas" had forced an estimated 100,000 to flee their homes in eastern Kayah state near the Thai border, the UN's Myanmar office said yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Myanmar junta's foreign minister had defended its plan for restoring democracy, state media reported yesterday, after a meeting at which Southeast Asian counterparts pressed the army to implement a regional agreement meant to end turmoil.

The junta has paid little heed to demands from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) to respect a "consensus" agreed in late April to end violence and hold political talks with its opponents.

Southeast Asian foreign ministers expressed disappointment at the meeting in China on Monday at the "very slow" progress made by Myanmar on its proposal for ending the turmoil.

State media cited junta-appointed foreign minister Winna Maung Lwin as telling the Asean-China foreign ministers' meeting that the military had made progress on its own five-step roadmap for the country unveiled after its coup.

GLOBAL CRIME STING

Over 800 arrested worldwide

AFP, The Hague

Police arrested more than 800 people from 18 countries in a huge global sting involving encrypted phones that were secretly planted by the FBI, law enforcement agencies said Tuesday.

Cops in 16 countries were able to read the messages of global underworld figures as they plotted drug deals, arms transfers and gangland hits on the compromised ANOM devices.

Mafia groups, Asian crime syndicates, motorcycle gangs and other organised crime syndicates around the world were all monitored using the spiked phones as part of Operation "Trojan Shield".

The sting, jointly conceived by Australia and the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, prevented around 100 murders, foiled several large-scale narcotics shipments and led to seizures of weapons and cash, they added.

"The results are staggering," FBI Assistant Director Calvin Shivers told reporters at the headquarters of the EU's police agency Europol HQ in The Netherlands.

Shivers said the FBI had provided criminal syndicates in over 100 countries with the devices over the last 18 months "that allowed us to

monitor their communications".

Europol hailed the "exceptional" operation, which saw around 12,000 of the ANOM devices distributed worldwide to criminals who thought they were chatting in secret.



"This information led over the last week to hundreds of law enforcement operations on a global scale from New Zealand to Australia to Europe and the USA, with impressive results," said Jean-Philippe Lecouffe, Deputy Director Operations at Europol.

"More than 800 arrests, more than 700 locations searched, more than eight tonnes of cocaine."

Police also seized 22 tonnes of cannabis, two tonnes of methamphetamine, 250 firearms, 55 luxury vehicles and over \$48 million (39 million euros) in various

currencies and cryptocurrencies, Europol said.

Australian police said the supposedly hardened encrypted devices were handed out to operatives within the mafia, Asian crime syndicates, drug cartels and outlaw motorcycle gangs as part of the elaborate FBI-led plot.

The operation began after global police work in the past two years disrupted two other major encrypted phone networks used by criminals, Encrochat and SkyGlobal.

To fill the void, "the FBI operated its own encrypted device company, called 'ANOM'", the New Zealand police added.

The FBI's Shivers said this enabled them to "turn the tables" on criminals.

Showing the massive global scale of the sting, Australia said more than 200 people had been charged already. Sweden said it had arrested 155 people, Germany detained 70 suspects, the Netherlands 49, and New Zealand 35 as a result of the operation.

Most of the 27 million ANOM messages obtained by the sting were in Dutch, German and Swedish, Dutch police said.

CO2 in the air hits record high

REUTERS

Despite a massive reduction in commuting and in many commercial activities during the early months of the pandemic, the amount of carbon in Earth's atmosphere in May reached its highest level in modern history, a global indicator released on Monday showed.

Scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California San Diego, said the findings, based on the amount of carbon dioxide in the air at NOAA's weather station on Mauna Loa in Hawaii, was the highest since measurements began 63 years ago.



The measurement, called the Keeling Curve after Charles David Keeling, the scientist who began tracking carbon dioxide there in 1958, is a global benchmark for atmospheric carbon levels.

Instruments perched on NOAA's mountaintop observatory recorded carbon dioxide at about

419 parts per million last month, more than the 417 parts per million in May 2020.

Because carbon dioxide is a key driver of climate change, the findings show that reducing the use of fossil fuels, deforestation and other practices that lead to carbon emissions must be a top

priority to avoid catastrophic consequences, Pieter Tans, a scientist with NOAA's Global Monitoring Laboratory, said in a report on the emissions.

"We are adding roughly 40 billion metric tons of CO2 pollution to the atmosphere per year," Tans wrote. "That is a mountain of carbon that we dig up out of the Earth, burn, and release into the atmosphere as CO2 - year after year."

The amount of carbon in the air now is as much as it was about 4 million years ago, a time when sea level was 78 feet (24 meters) higher than it is today and the average temperature was 7 degrees Fahrenheit higher than it was before the Industrial Revolution, the report said.

Bangladesh GDP growth

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neighbouring India's economy is forecasted to contract by 7.3 percent, while Pakistan will register a GDP growth of 1.3 percent, according to the latest version of the Washington-based multilateral lender's flagship publication 'Global Economic Prospects', which was released on Tuesday.

The improved WB's GDP growth forecast for this fiscal year is still lower than the government's target of 6.1 percent, which is closer to the Asian Development Bank's forecast of 5.5-6 percent.

Recoveries in Bangladesh and Pakistan face new headwinds from a recent rise in COVID-19 cases accompanied by rising restrictions to stamp out the new surge, it said, adding that mobility around places of work and retail has again dropped below pre-pandemic levels.

Subsequently, the Bangladesh economy is forecasted to grow at 5.1 percent in the next fiscal year that begins in July -- up by 1.7 percentage points from its forecast earlier in January but once again lower than the government's target of 7.2 percent.

"In Bangladesh, the recovery is expected to be gradual." Private consumption, the main engine of growth, will lead the recovery and will be supported by normalising activity, moderate inflation and rising garment exports, it said.

In fiscal 2022-23, Bangladesh's GDP is forecasted to grow at 6.2 percent, behind India and the Maldives in South Asia. Per capita income losses will not be unwound by 2022 for about two-thirds of emerging market and developing economies. Among low-income economies, where vaccination has lagged, the effects of the pandemic have reversed poverty reduction gains and aggravated insecurity and other long-standing challenges.

"While there are welcome signs of global recovery, the pandemic continues to inflict poverty and inequality on people in developing countries around the world," said David Malpass, the WB Group president.

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Request for Expressions of Interest "Procurement Specialist"

Assignment Title: National Procurement Specialist

Reference No.: BRCP/MOC/SD 04

WTO Cell, the Ministry of Commerce is implementing the Technical Assistance Part of IDA financed Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1 (BRCP-1). The BRCP-1, MoC intends to apply a part of the IDA Credit for procuring services of individual consultants for the Procurement Specialist position. The broad scope of consulting services ("the Services") include to carry out following in the project.

1. Develop procurement plan for goods and services under the project, and update the plan as and when needed (at least quarterly) through the Bank's Systematic Tracking of Procurement Exchanges System (STEP). Upload and update the procurement transactions using STEP;
2. Prepare drafts to Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI), Invitation for Bids (IFB), Bidding document, Request for Proposals (RFP) and Pre-Bid meeting minutes as per World Bank Procurement Regulations, working in collaboration with technical staff, consultants, and Project Director (PD) of the project;
3. Guide and conduct procurement in accordance with World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016, Revised November 2020) ("Procurement Regulations");
4. Participating as member of the bid/proposal evaluation committee in evaluation of bids/proposals.

Expected date for commencement of the services is July 2021 and the tentative duration of the entire assignment is around 13 (thirteen) months (July, 2021 to July 30, 2022) to be renewed as needed and approved from competent authority. A draft TOR can be found at the following website: (<http://brcp-1.gov.bd/> or can be obtained at the address given below).

Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1 (BRCP-1), WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce now invites eligible individual to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Individual should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. S/he should have at least Bachelor's degree in Engineering/Masters in Procurement Supply Chain Management, Law, Commerce, Finance, or Business Administration. Professional certifications/degree in procurement from any recognized institution will be given preference. The short listing criteria are:

- At least total 07 (Seven) years of experience in carrying out public procurement with primary responsibilities and substantial content of his/her position in practical application of internationally accepted procurement and contracting procedures and documents for works, goods and services.
- Of which at least 03 (Three) years of experience in managing internationally competitive procurement under projects funded by multilateral organizations such as ADB/AIB and particularly World Bank.
- Individuals who are currently working full-time at any World Bank funded project and have a contract validity period of more than 6 (six) months are not eligible for this position.

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to the section III, Para 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the world Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016 and updated in November 2020," setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

An individual will be selected in accordance with the individual consultants selection (ICS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (9.00AM to 17.00PM BST).

Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 03:00 PM (BST), June 24, 2021, Necessary documents in support of educational qualifications and experience & skills shall have to be submitted for individual consultants.

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