

## AIRSTRIKE ON TIGRAY MARKET

At least 64 killed;  
180 injured

UN calls for urgent investigation

AFP, Addis Ababa

UN demanded an urgent investigation as an Ethiopian air strike on a market in the war-torn Tigray region killed at least 64 people and injured 180, an official of the rebel territory said.

"The air strike was in the market area, so many, many people were injured," Mulu Atsbaha, an advisor to the Tigray regional administration on maternal and child health said yesterday.

The strike on Tuesday in Togoga town also left 180 injured, Mulu added.

He said the toll had been gathered from residents of Togoga town, 30 kilometres (18 miles) north-west of the regional capital Mekele, and "confirmed with local leaders".

Ethiopia's army spokesman yesterday said that the military carried out the attack on Togoga, but said rebel fighters were the target.

But survivors and health workers described aerial explosions striking a busy market at the peak of trading, killing and injuring dozens, including children.

The attack came as vote counting was underway following Monday's national elections in Ethiopia. However, the conflict in Tigray meant no vote was held there, and the region has seen an upsurge in fighting in recent days.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed sent troops to Tigray in November to oust the dissident regional leadership, promising a swift victory. But nearly eight months later, fighting continues, which has triggered a humanitarian crisis with the UN warning 350,000 people are on the brink of famine.



Municipality workers carry a coffin from an ambulance to a designated burial area for victims of the Covid-19 in Jakarta, Indonesia, yesterday. Indonesia recorded its biggest daily increase in coronavirus cases yesterday with 20,574 infections. The data also showed there were 355 new deaths.

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brief

## 230,000 displaced in Myanmar in 2021: UN

The United Nations humanitarian agency yesterday said an estimated 230,000 people have been displaced by fighting and violence in Myanmar this year and are in need of assistance. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), in an update on the situation in Myanmar, said operations were ongoing but were being hindered by the insecurity in the country.

## Indonesia jails hardline cleric over virus lies

Indonesian police fired tear gas and water cannon at supporters of a hardline Muslim cleric jailed yesterday for spreading false information about Covid-19 after he held rallies that drew thousands. Riziek Shihab, 55, was handed a four-year jail term for claiming in a viral video that he was healthy, despite knowing that test results showed he may have been infected with the virus. Thursday's ruling comes after the same court in May sentenced Shihab to eight months' jail for holding sermons and other gatherings that drew tens of thousands of followers, breaking virus restrictions in one of Asia's worst-hit nations.

## Sri Lanka pardons 16 Tamil Tigers

Sri Lanka's president pardoned 16 men linked to the Tamil Tiger rebels yesterday, as the country faced renewed pressure from the UN over detentions without charge under an anti-terrorism law. The men were convicted under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) that gives security forces sweeping powers to arrest and detain suspects. The UN Human Rights Council and other international rights groups have called for it to be repealed. The men had been behind bars for at least a decade. Government officials said the release was the first phase of a plan to free all 78 people held or charged under the PTA.

## J&amp;K statehood will be restored

Modi assures 14 political leaders from the formerly state

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a three-hour meeting with 14 political leaders of Jammu and Kashmir yesterday, reportedly assured that he was committed to restoring statehood to the region.

The crucial meeting, the first such outreach by the government since the abrogation of J&K's special status, was also attended by Union home minister Amit Shah, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha.

The government sources said that Modi patiently heard out suggestions and inputs from all participants and expressed happiness that everyone shared their frank and honest views.

The sources said it was discussed that elections in J&K can happen soon after the delimitation process and that most of the participants

expressed willingness for it.

"It was an open discussion which revolved around building a better future for Kashmir," they said.

Sources said the main focus of the meeting was to strengthen the democratic process.

"PM Modi said that we are fully committed to the democratic process in J&K. He stressed that the holding assembly elections just like the successful conduct of DDC elections is a priority," they said.

National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah said his party told the leaders that the trust between the Centre and state was broken with the scrapping of Article 370, reports TNN.

Speaking about the meeting, the junior Abdullah told reporters that whatever happened in August 2019 is not acceptable and his party will fight the issue in the court.

NC chief Farooq Abdullah said

that restoration of the statehood would be the first trust-building exercise from the Centre's side.

J&K Apni Party leader Altaf Bukhari said that PM Modi assured during the meeting that the election process in the Union Territory will begin once the delimitation exercise concludes.

Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad told reporters after the meeting that his party raised five key demands during the discussions.

These included restoration of J&K's statehood, holding assembly elections, a guarantee on domicile and job rules, rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits and release of political prisoners under detention since August 5, 2019.

Officials said the Centre is keen on holding assembly elections in the union territory as early as possible, maybe in December this year or March 2022.

## WOMEN'S INEQUALITY AT WORK

## G20 vows to tackle crisis

AFP, Milan

G20 labour ministers have called for "more and better and equally paid jobs for women", as the club of developed and emerging economies vowed to tackle gender inequality at work.

On top of a 2014 commitment to reducing participation gaps between men and women by 25 percent by 2025, G20 countries are making "a new commitment... to promote employment for women," the ministers said in a statement on Wednesday.

Nations will pay "particular attention to job quality and remuneration, and tackling the gender pay gap," they added -- without setting numerical targets.

"Women suffered more than men

from the consequences of the pandemic, because they more often hold precarious or temporary jobs," Italian Labour Minister Andrea Orlando, whose country is hosting this year's G20 gathering, told reporters.

The impact had been felt "not just in terms of higher unemployment, but also because they are over-represented among workers on the front lines of fighting the pandemic and thus more exposed to the risk of infection," he added.

Ministers also agreed on a need "to strengthen social protection floors", highlighting the cases of "temporary workers, low-income self-employed, but also informal workers and migrants" left without adequate unemployment coverage.

A pro-democracy protester holds a large replica of the 1932 Siamese Revolution plaque as he walks with others in an anti-government march in Bangkok, Thailand yesterday. Hundreds of pro-democracy protesters rallied in Bangkok yesterday to call for the government's resignation, defying warnings from authorities about the kingdom's soaring coronavirus cases.



PHOTO: AFP

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EDCL/PD-Gopalganj/OTM/WM&T/2021/192

Amendment of Tender Notice  
(Amendment No -1)

**Project Title** : Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3<sup>rd</sup> Plant), Gopalganj

**Package Name** : Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing of Workshop Machinery and Tools

**Package No.** : GD-14

**Ref. No** : EDCL/PD-Gopalganj/ Workshop Machinery and Tools /2021/36, Date : 20 June, 2021

Notice Sl. No	Subject to be Amended	Existing As	Shall be amended As
16	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	11 June, 2021, Time : 03:00 PM ( Local Time)	11 July, 2021, Time : 03:00 PM ( Local Time)
17	Tender Closing Date and Time	12 June, 2021, Time : 01:00 PM ( Local Time)	12 July, 2021, Time : 01:00 PM ( Local Time)
18	Tender Opening Date and Time	12 June, 2021, Time : 01:30 PM ( Local Time)	12 July, 2021, Time : 01:30 PM ( Local Time)

All other terms & conditions shall remain unchanged.

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**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**

চীফ কমার্শিয়াল ম্যানেজার (পূর্ব) এর কার্যালয়

বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে, চট্টগ্রাম

**পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির কার্যক্রম স্থগিত**

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## Couples must use same surnames

Rules Japan SC

AFP, Tokyo

Japan's top court on Wednesday ruled a law requiring married couples to have the same family name is constitutional, rejecting plaintiffs who sought the right to keep separate surnames, local media said.

The plaintiffs -- three couples -- submitted marriage registration documents with different surnames for wives and husbands in 2018. But municipal governments refused to accept the documents, the Mainichi Shimbun reported.

The plaintiffs argued requiring married couples to choose a single name "is against equality under the law and freedom of marriage, which are guaranteed by the constitution."

The ruling is in line with a 2015 Supreme Court decision that also found the law constitutional but urged MPs to discuss a bill addressing growing calls for flexibility on the issue.

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**e-Tender Notice: 04/2020-21**

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of works as stated as below.

Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tendering method
1	2	3	4	5
1	589410	e-Tender/Nat-S/Nat/INF-2019-20-506963-01	Construction of Wash Block at Secondary Educational Institutions under Natore Sadar Upazila, District: Natore.	OTM
2	589411	e-Tender/Nat-S/Nat/INF-2019-20-506963-04	Supply of High & Low Bench at Different Secondary Educational Institutions under Natore Sadar Upazila, District: Natore.	OTM
3	589412	e-Tender/Nat-S/Nat/INF-2019-20-506963-02	Construction of Waiting Room for Corona Patients at Upazila Health Complex under Natore Sadar Upazila, District: Natore	OTM
4	589413	e-Tender/Nat-S/Nat/INF-2019-20-506963-03	Supply of modern equipment for co-operative basis to farmers group under Natore Sadar Upazila, District: Natore	OTM

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and offline/hard copies will not be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to 4:00pm date: 12/07/2021. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and also from e-GP help desk (E-mail: [ue.natore-s@lged.gov.bd](mailto:ue.natore-s@lged.gov.bd) Or Call to 0771-66636). Interested persons can communicate with the undersigned during office hours.

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