

## Quotes of the day



The United States views the regime's latest undemocratic, authoritarian actions — driven by Ortega's fear of an electoral loss — as the final blow against Nicaragua's prospects for a free and fair election.

US SECRETARY OF STATE  
ANTONY BLINKEN



We are not looking for war and we do not want to head towards war, but we are ready for it.

HASSAN NASRALLAH,  
THE HEAD OF HEZBOLLAH  
MOVEMENT, VOWS  
A 'SUITABLE AND  
PROPORTIONATE' RESPONSE  
TO ISRAELI AIR STRIKES ON  
LEBANON



A firefighting airplane makes a water drop as a wildfire burns near the village of Ellinika, on the island of Evia, Greece yesterday. Thousands of people have fled their homes in Evia as wildfires burned uncontrolled for a sixth day yesterday, and ferries were on standby for more evacuations after taking many to safety by sea.

PHOTO: REUTERS

NEWS  
IN briefTwitter temporary 'locks'  
Rahul Gandhi's account

The Congress yesterday said its leader Rahul Gandhi's Twitter account had been "temporarily locked" after the social media platform countered the party's claim that his handle had been "temporarily suspended" amid a controversy over the removal of an image posted by the MP a day ago. Rahul Gandhi's account is not suspended and continues to be on the service, a Twitter spokesperson told NDTV after the party made the announcement and said "due process" was being followed to restore it. This came a day after Twitter removed a controversial post by Gandhi with a picture of him meeting the family of a 9-year-old Dalit girl who died after being allegedly raped in Delhi. A message from Twitter read that the tweet had violated its rules. Generally, once a user's tweet is taken down for violation of rules, they are not allowed to tweet for 24 hours. Revealing the identities of sexual assault victims or their families is illegal in India and may count as a violation.

8 reported missing in  
huge California wildfire

At least eight people were missing yesterday as one of the worst wildfires in the nation scorched through Northern California communities, forest and tinder dry scrub in the Sierra Nevada mountains, destroying a historic gold rush town. Even as the calmer, less windy weather gave firefighters a break overnight with the Dixie fire, the third largest fire in California's history, the Pulamas County Sheriff's Office released the somber news. Five of the missing belong to the old mining town of Greenville where blazes leveled most of its downtown, about 160 miles north of Sacramento. Greenville, with a population 800, was founded more than 150 years ago when nearby gold mines attracted settlers and merchants to the picturesque town in the Indian Valley. Nearly 447,000 acres have already burned in the Dixie fire and it was 21 percent contained by midafternoon. The cause of the fire is listed as unknown but remains under investigation.

5 arrested in India for posting  
defamatory content against judges

The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested five people for allegedly posting defamatory content against judges of the Andhra Pradesh High Court and the Supreme Court on social media, Indian officials said yesterday. The role of a Lok Sabha member, Nandigam Suresh, and Amanchi Krishna Mohan, both of the YSR Congress, are under scanner in the case, and both have been examined by the agency in its effort to unearth a larger conspiracy, they said. The agency had on Saturday arrested two people — Pattapu Aadarsh and Lavanuru Samba Siva Reddy — from Andhra Pradesh. Earlier, the CBI had arrested Dhami Reddy Konda Reddy and Pamula Sudheer on July 28, while Lingareddy Rajasekhara Reddy, who was residing in Kuwait, was arrested on July 9 when he landed in India, the officials said. The arrests were made by the CBI in the case in which it had booked 16 individuals for allegedly posting defamatory content against the judges.

SOURCE: THE STATESMAN, REUTERS

## 'Starkest warning yet'

Warns COP26 chief ahead of release of landmark UN climate report

AFP, London

An upcoming UN report on climate change gives the international community its clearest ever warning about the dangers of accelerating climate change. Britain's COP26 President Alok Sharma said yesterday.

The chief for the November summit due to be held in the Scottish city of Glasgow told the Observer newspaper a report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) due on Monday would show the world was on the brink of potential disaster.

"This is going to be the starkest warning yet that human behaviour is alarmingly accelerating global warming and this is why COP26 has to be the moment we get this right," Sharma said.

"We can't afford to wait two years, five years, 10 years -- this is the moment," he added, explaining that unless nations "act now, we will unfortunately be out of time". Sharma was forced to defend British fossil-fuel projects that include plans to license new oil and gas fields in the North Sea, which have proven embarrassing for Britain as it seeks to galvanise international action on climate change.

The Paris-based watchdog, the International Energy Agency (IAE), has



warned all fossil fuel development and exploration must cease this year if the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees celsius is to be met.

"Future (fossil fuel) licences are going to have to adhere to the fact we have committed to go to net zero by 2050 in legislation," the COP26 president said. "There will be a climate check on any licences," he added.

A series of catastrophic emergencies in recent weeks including floods in Europe and China, record temperatures in North America and forest fires around the world have focused minds on global warming, Sharma said.

"We're seeing the impacts across the

world," Sharma said. "Every day you will see a new high being recorded in one way or another across the world," he added.

Sharma said he was "throwing the kitchen sink" at efforts to reach a deal on the contentious target to limit warming to 1.5 degrees, holding a large number of virtual and in-person meetings as he looks to bring 197 countries together in consensus on the aim.

US climate envoy John Kerry said recently that the summit marked a "pivotal moment for the world to come together to meet and master the climate challenge."

"Glasgow is the place, 2021 is the time and we can, in a little more than 100 days, save the next 100 years."

## POST-COUP MYANMAR

Protesters mark 1988  
uprising anniversary

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar protesters yesterday marked the anniversary of a 1988 pro-democracy uprising that brought Aung San Suu Kyi to prominence, with flash mobs and marches of defiance against the ruling junta.

The country has been in turmoil since the generals launched their February putsch and subsequent crackdown on dissent that has killed more than 900 people, according to a local monitoring group.

Yesterday, flash mobs popped up across Yangon and second city Mandalay to commemorate the 1988 uprising -- a massive pro-democracy movement which the military violently quelled by opening fire on protesters and jailing thousands.

Following the calls of an online campaign, red-clad protesters flashed an eight-finger salute and carried banners that read "Let's return the old blood debt of 1988 in 2021."

"In 1988, our country sacrificed a lot -- many people lost their lives. But the dictatorship is still alive," said Ko Sai Win, who joined a morning protest in Mandalay.

"It is like a black shadow on our country." The 1988 uprising heralded the rise of Suu Kyi, who had returned to Myanmar just before protests kicked off to care for her ailing mother. Through her leadership, Suu Kyi emerged as a pro-democracy icon, later receiving the Nobel Peace Prize.

A shadow "National Unity Government" -- formed largely of MPs from her ousted party -- vowed in a statement released yesterday to continue the fight for democracy.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Date: 08/08/2021

## Request for Expressions of Interest (Consulting Firm)

Name of the Service: **Consultancy/Research firm for Review of Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements suggested by Ministry of Commerce in FY 2021-22 (National).**

Name of the Project: Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1, Ministry of Commerce  
Credit No. 60020; Project ID No.: 154580  
Reference number: BRCP/MOC/SD-27

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received an SDR 150 million Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) -- a member of the World Bank Group -- for financing the cost of the Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project 1 (BRCP-1), being jointly implemented by the Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA), National Board of Revenue (NBR) and Ministry of Commerce. The second component of this umbrella project is being implemented by the Ministry of Commerce as a separate technical assistance project.

The review of various existing bilateral and regional trade agreement with the important trading countries will provide policy feedback to the government to enhance cooperation in trade, transport and transit facilitation of Bangladesh. These will also promote policy advocacy for important issues related to export promotion, trade facilitation and opportunities and challenges of LDC graduation. Total No. of independent review/study/agreement under this assignment will be limited to approx. 20 (twenty), whereby 10 (ten) topics has been decided and the other 10 (ten) will be decided later on.

The interested consulting firm should provide evidence of the following in their applications: The Consulting firm shall have the legal capacity to enter into the contract; The firm should have at least 10 years of general experience in providing consulting services out of which at least 05 years of experience in national and international trade related research or studies for public and private sector; The firm should have successfully completed at least three (03) study contract related to national and international trade/trade facilitation/export promotion within last 10 years for the public sector/private sector/development partners; Proven experience with Economic Modeling/simulation/analysis for analyzing bilateral and regional trade agreements/policies will be an added advantage; The firm should have experience in working with development partner's funded projects. Details of other qualification requirements and responsibilities are available in TOR.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14 to 3.18 of the World Bank Group's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Procurement in Investment Project Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank Group's policy on conflict of interest. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Fixed-budget Based Selection (FBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Terms of Reference (TOR) will be available in the office of the undersigned and also at [www.mincom.gov.bd](http://www.mincom.gov.bd) and <http://brcp-1.gov.bd>. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (i.e. 09.00 to 17.00 hours). Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form 2 (two) copies (one original and one copy) in sealed envelope to the address below (in person, or by mail) by 3.00pm on 25/08/2021.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason, whatsoever.

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## Covid passes spread worldwide

AFP, Paris

Passes and vaccine passports are increasingly being used across the world to limit entry to public places to those who have been vaccinated, recovered from Covid-19 or tested negative.

From March, Denmark, Austria and Hungary were among the first countries to introduce health passes, either on paper or in digital form.

You still need a pass to go into restaurants, hotels and sports centres in Austria. In Denmark it now only applies to hairdressers and sports centres.

In Hungary immunity certificates delivered from the first vaccine shot were required to stay in hotels, go to restaurants, theatres, sports or music events. Now they are limited to health centres and gatherings of more than 500 people.

A European Union pass, containing a QR code allowing to check if the bearer is vaccinated or had a recent negative test, came into force on July 1.

It allows travellers to cross borders of 33 European countries -- the 27

EU states and neighbouring Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway and Switzerland.

In Portugal a pass is needed to stay in a hotel or play team sport. It is also required to eat inside restaurants, but only at weekends.



Ireland demands the pass all week long to eat or drink inside pubs and restaurants, while in Luxembourg you need it to go into a shop.

In France the pass has been mandatory since July 21 for cinemas, museums and sports centres which take more than 50 people, despite street protests.

From Monday it is required for cafes

and restaurants, fairs and trade shows, planes, long distance trains and buses and medical establishments.

A similar green pass came into force in Italy on Friday which will be extended to domestic flights, trains and some ferry services from September 1. Teachers and university students will also need it from that date.

In Germany, where regions decide health policy, some require a pass to enter hotels, cinemas, sport halls and even brothels.

In Spain, which has a similar system, the northern region of Galicia recently became the first to demand the pass to enter bars and restaurants and nightclubs in the hardest-hit places.

New York became the first major US city to introduce a vaccine pass earlier this month. It would be needed for restaurants, gyms and shows. The law will come into effect on August 16.

On Thursday, Quebec announced it will introduce a vaccine passport, the first in Canada, for all non-essential activities.



AUGUST 9

**1945** - The United States dropped a second atomic bomb on Japan, this time on the city of Nagasaki; a wide area was reduced to ashes and more than 70,000 people were killed.

**1965** - Singapore separates from the Federation of Malaysia and gains its independence.

**1974** - Gerald Ford was sworn in as 38th president of the United States after Richard Nixon resigned.

SOURCE: WEBSITES



এসেনসিয়াল ড্রাগস কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

৩৯৫-৩৯৭, তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা

ঢাকা- ১২০৮

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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সকল কার্যবিবরণে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে উপরোক্ত কার্যালয় হতে শর্ত ও নিয়মাবলীসহ দরপত্র শিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাবে।

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