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ADB: Pandemic ‘pushed 80m in Asia into extreme poverty

The coronavirus pandemic may have pushed as many as 80 million people in developing Asia into extreme poverty last year, threatening to derail progress on global goals to tackle poverty and hunger by 2030, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said yesterday. Developing Asia's extreme poverty rate - or the proportion of its people living on less than \$1.90 a day - would have fallen to 2.6% in 2020 from 5.2% in 2017 without Covid-19, but the crisis likely pushed last year's projected rate higher by about 2 percentage points, ADB simulations showed.

Israeli PM to present Iran plan in first White House visit

New Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett plans to push for a new Iran strategy during his first White House visit, saying he will urge US President Joe Biden not to revive the 2015 nuclear deal with Tehran. Bennett said he would tell Biden: "This is the time to stop the Iranians, not to give them a lifeline in the form of re-entering an expired nuclear deal." Meanwhile, a 15-year-old Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire in the occupied West Bank yesterday when clashes erupted after Israeli forces stormed a refugee camp near Nablus in search of a suspect. The Palestinian health ministry said Imad Khaled Saleh Hashash died after sustaining a gunshot wound to the head.

Al Capone's guns to go under the hammer in US

Guns once owned by Al Capone, one of the most notorious gangsters in United States history, are to go under the hammer at a California auction. The mobster's favored .45 automatic pistol is among the haul, which also includes vintage photos, a letter to his son written from Alcatraz. Capone was one of the most feared figures in organized crime during the Prohibition Era, when the sale or production of alcohol was banned in the United States. He was the boss of the Chicago Outfit, a 1920s gang that beat out rivals in bootlegging and racketeering with increasingly brutal methods.

Philippines' Duterte to run for vice president

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte will run for vice president in next year's elections, his party said yesterday, after months of speculation about whether he would seek to stay in power. Duterte, who was elected to the top job in 2016 and is barred under the constitution from seeking another term. "President Rodrigo Roa Duterte agreed to make the sacrifice ... and accepted the endorsement of the PDP Laban Party for him to run as vice president in the 2022 national elections," the party said in a statement. The party is also expected to endorse Duterte's top aide, Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go, to be their presidential candidate.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS



Afghans walk through a corridor as they arrive in Pakistan through the Pakistan-Afghanistan border crossing point in Chaman yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Credible reports of executions by Taliban

Says UN rights chief; China urges accountability for US-led coalition's actions

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The UN human rights chief yesterday said that she had received credible reports of serious violations committed by the Taliban in Afghanistan, including "summary executions" of civilians and Afghan security forces who have surrendered.

Michelle Bachelet gave no details of the killings in her speech to the Human Rights Council, but urged the Geneva forum to set up a mechanism to closely monitor Taliban actions.

The Taliban treatment of women and girls would be "a fundamental red line", she told the council's emergency session, held at the request of Pakistan and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Afghanistan's diverse ethnic and religious minorities were also at risk of violence and repression, she said, citing reports of killings and targeted attacks in recent months.

Nasir Ahmad Andisha, a senior Afghan diplomat from the deposed government, called for accountability for Taliban actions, describing an "uncertain and dire" situation where millions of people fear for their lives.



Members of anti-Taliban forces stand guard at an outpost in Panjshir province on Monday. Taliban said they have surrounded the area but want negotiated settlement of the standoff.

SOURCE: AFP

Independent UN human rights experts, in a joint statement, said that many people were in hiding as "the Taliban continues to search homes door-to-door" and that seizures of property and reprisals were being reported.

But China's ambassador to the UN in Geneva, Chen Xu, said that the US army and the militaries of other

coalition partners, including Britain and Australia, should be held accountable for alleged rights violations their forces committed in Afghanistan.

The United States condemned attacks that it said were being carried out against civilians, journalists, activists and minority groups, but did not name the Taliban.

The council will consider a draft resolution, submitted by Pakistan, that voices concern at reports of violations.

But it does not mention the Taliban by name, nor would it set up an international fact-finding mission to probe them.

Instead, it calls on Bachelet to report back to the forum at its March 2022 session and urges all parties to respect human rights law including "the full and meaningful participation of women" and of minorities.

Meanwhile, The UN's World Food Programme yesterday warned that low supplies of food aid were threatening to plunge war-ravaged Afghanistan into a humanitarian disaster once winter arrives.

WFP has warned that one-third of Afghanistan's population -- 14 million people -- is already at risk of severe or acute hunger.

Quotes of the day



“A fundamental red line will be the Taliban's treatment of women and girls. ... The onus is now fully on the Taliban to translate these commitments into reality.”

UN RIGHTS CHIEF MICHELLE BACHELET



“We are handing out second life jackets (to some) while leaving millions and millions of people without anything to protect them.”

MIKE RYAN, WHO'S EMERGENCY PROGRAMME CHIEF, ON RICH COUNTRIES USE OF BOOSTER DOSES



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1944 - Paris was liberated when the local German commander surrendered to the allies

1990 - UN security council authorizes military action against Iraq

SOURCE: WEBSITES



Gravediggers bury a Covid-19 coronavirus victim at a cemetery in Bandung on Tuesday, Indonesia on Monday announced it will lift some restrictions in greater Jakarta area as number of cases dropped there.

PHOTO: AFP

China slams ‘selfish’ US policy

Points finger at Afghan crisis after US VP, in Asia, accuses Beijing of ‘intimidation’ in South China Sea

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China yesterday held up America's chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan as an example of Washington's "selfish" foreign policy, hitting back at Vice President Kamala Harris's accusations of intimidation in Asian waters.

During a trip to Singapore Harris took aim at Beijing for making claims to "the vast majority of the South China Sea" as she sought to reassure regional allies of America's commitment to Asia and binding international rules.

Her comments in Singapore came as Washington seeks to reset relations in Asia after the turbulent Donald Trump era and build a bulwark against the rising might of Beijing.

But her trip to the region, which also includes a stop in Vietnam, comes as Washington faces fresh questions over its dependability amid the US pullout from Afghanistan and Taliban takeover.

In a speech laying out her

administration's foreign policy goals, Harris reiterated that Washington had "enduring commitments" in Asia -- and took aim at China.



"Beijing continues to coerce, to intimidate and to make claims to the vast majority of the South China Sea," she said.

"Beijing's actions continue to undermine the rules-based order and threaten the sovereignty of nations."

But Beijing hit back, holding up the Afghan debacle as an example of the United States' "selfish" foreign policy, and accusing Washington of "bullying, hegemonic behaviour".

"The current events in Afghanistan clearly tell us what the rules and order the US speaks of are," China's foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said.

"The US can wantonly conduct military intervention in a sovereign country and does not need to be responsible for the suffering of the people in that country," Wang said.

China claims almost all of the resource-rich South China Sea, through which trillions of dollars in shipping trade passes annually, with competing claims from four Southeast Asian states as well as Taiwan.

Harris is the latest top official from President Joe Biden's administration to visit the region. On a trip to Singapore last month, Pentagon chief Lloyd Austin also strongly criticised China's maritime claims.

The US-China relationship has deteriorated over a range of issues from cybersecurity and tech supremacy to human rights in Hong Kong and Xinjiang.

MYANMAR CRISIS Junta mulls raising village militias

AFP, YANGON

Myanmar's junta is considering raising village militias to combat opposition to its rule, state media said yesterday, as it struggles to assert control more than six months after seizing power.

The country has been in turmoil since Aung San Suu Kyi's government was ousted in a February coup, sparking huge pro-democracy protests and a bloody military crackdown.

Local "self-defence groups" have sprung up to fight the military, often using hunting rifles or weapons manufactured at makeshift jungle factories.

The groups have added to the volatile mix in Myanmar, where more than 20 ethnic rebel groups were already in various stages of conflict with the military before the coup.

The State Administration Council -- as the junta dubs itself -- has discussed the "systematic formation of village people's militia troops," the state-backed Global New Light of Myanmar reported Tuesday.

It also discussed rewards for those informing on anti-junta protesters, and the "effective hindering" of established insurgent groups on Myanmar's fringes who are providing weapons and training, the paper said.

Sporadic fighting continues across the country, with locals in the northwest Sagaing region accusing the military of using artillery during clashes with one group.

Earlier this month Myanmar's ambassador to the United Nations, who has refused to leave his post after the coup, alerted the world body to a "reported massacre" of 40 people in Sagaing.

More than 1,000 people have been killed by security forces since the coup, according to a local monitoring group.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ
কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল
রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা।

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তারিখঃ ২৪/০৮/২০২১খ্রি।

“ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি ”

পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট রেগুলেশন/০৮ (সর্বশেষ সংশোধনী) অনুযায়ী ২০১১-২০২২ অর্থ সালে কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকায় মেডিকেল ইকুইপমেন্ট ক্রয়ের লক্ষে অছেই ও অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত নামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	ঃ	স্বরচিত্ত মন্ত্রণালয়।
২.	সংস্থা	ঃ	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
৩.	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	ঃ	পরিচালক (ডিআইজি), কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা।
৪.	সম্প্রদেয় সত্তার জেলা	ঃ	ঢাকা।
৫.	দরপত্রের বিষয়	ঃ	মেডিকেল ইকুইপমেন্ট
৬.	দরপত্রের সূত্র নম্বর ও তারিখ	ঃ	কেঃ পুঃ হাঃ/দরপত্র/২৯০০, তারিখ-২৪/০৮/২০২১ খ্রিঃ।
৭.	দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	ঃ	খোলা দরপত্র।
৮.	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	ঃ	২৫/০৮/২০২১ খ্রিঃ এবং ২৬/০৮/২০২১ খ্রিঃ।
৯.	দরপত্র সিটিউল প্রাপ্তির সর্বশেষ তারিখ	ঃ	২২/০৮/২০২১ খ্রিঃ।
১০.	দরপত্র জমা দানের তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	২৩/০৮/২০২১ খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা।
১১.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	২৩/০৮/২০২১ খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।
১২.	বাজেট এবং অর্থের উৎস	ঃ	রাজস্ব বাজেট (জিওবি)।
১৩.	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর অফিস ও ঠিকানা	ঃ	পরিচালক (ডিআইজি), এর কার্যালয় কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা।
১৪.	দরপত্র সিটিউল প্রাপ্তির স্থান	ঃ	পরিচালক (ডিআইজি), এর কার্যালয়, কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা।
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১৭.	দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্র ও প্রমাণাদি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।	ঃ	সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ, ব্যাক সলভেশন, আয়কর, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট, ব্যাক সলভেশন/অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ এবং দরপত্রের বর্ণিত শর্তাদি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
১৮.	কাজের বিবরণঃ- মেডিকেল ইকুইপমেন্ট।	সিটিউল মূল্য	দরপত্র জামানত
	(ক) রেডিওলজি, প্যাথলজি এবং হিস্টোপ্যাথলজি	১০০০/-	৫,০০,০০০/-
	(খ) ফিউজ এবং ওটি	১০০০/-	৫,০০,০০০/-
	(গ) ডেন্টাল এবং গাইদী	১০০০/-	৫,০০,০০০/-
	(ঘ) চক্ষু এবং ইএনটি	১০০০/-	৫,০০,০০০/-
	(ঙ) চর্ম, ইউরোলজি এবং আইসিইউ	১০০০/-	৫,০০,০০০/-
	(চ) ফিজিক্যাল মেডিসিন এবং অন্যান্য ইকুইপমেন্ট	১০০০/-	৫,০০,০০০/-

বিশেষ জ্ঞাতব্যঃ

- প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্যাডে আবেদন পূর্বক কাশিয়ার কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকার নিকট হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে দরপত্র সিটিউল ক্রয় করা যাবে;
- দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলি নিম্নাধিকারকারীর অফিস হতে জ্ঞাতা যাবে;
- কার্যাদেশ প্রদানের পর অর্থ বরাদ্দ সাপেক্ষে বিল পরিশোধ করা হবে;
- দরপত্র জমা ও খোলার তারিখ সরকারী ছুটি থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্য দিবসে দরপত্র জমা ও খোলা হবে;
- দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত কাগজপত্র ১ম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা দ্বারা সত্যায়িত থাকতে হবে, অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে;
- সিটিউলে বর্ণিত দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী যথাযথ প্রতিপালন করতে হবে;
- কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন আবেদন/দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের খমতি সরেক্ষণ করেন।

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