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Cyclone Gulab makes landfall in eastern India

A cyclone packing strong winds and rains barrelled into India's east coast late yesterday, as tens of thousands of people in three states were evacuated to shelters. Cyclones are a regular menace in the northern Indian Ocean but many scientists say they are becoming more frequent and severe as climate change warms sea temperatures. Cyclone Gulab made landfall between the coastal states of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh just after 6:00 pm local time, bearing gusts of up to 95 kilometres per hour, India Meteorological Department said. The storm system from the Bay of Bengal would bring "strong winds and very heavy (and) extremely heavy rainfall", the weather bureau added in an advisory yesterday.

Inter-Korean summit possible with 'respect': Kim's sister

The influential sister of North Korea's leader said in a statement on Saturday that an inter-Korean summit could take place, but only if mutual "respect" and "impartiality" are guaranteed. It was the second statement in two days by Kim Jong Un's sister and key advisor Kim Yo Jong. She had on Friday urged Seoul to end its "hostile policies" towards Pyongyang after South Korea's president called for declaring an official end to the state of war with the North. The 1950-53 war between the two Koreas ended in a truce, not a peace treaty, leaving Seoul and Pyongyang technically at war for over half a century. An inter-Korean summit between her brother and the South's Moon Jae-in could be held "only when impartiality and the attitude of respecting each other" are guaranteed, Kim said in a statement carried by Pyongyang's official KCNA news agency.



Taliban urge int'l airlines to resume Afghan flights

The Taliban yesterday urged international airlines to resume flights to Kabul, saying all technical issues at the country's main airport have been resolved. Facilities at Kabul airport were badly damaged in the chaotic evacuation of more than 120,000 people that ended August 30 with the withdrawal of the last US troops. Since then only charter flights have been operating, although Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), Iran's Mahan Air and Afghanistan's Kam Air have run a limited number of special flights. The international community is keen to hold the Taliban to their word that they will allow anyone to leave the country once commercial flights resume. At present airlines such as PIA and Kam Air are charging more than \$1,200 for a one-way, 40-minute flight from Kabul to Islamabad.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS



Christian Democratic Union (CDU) leader and top candidate for chancellor Armin Laschet and his wife Susanne Laschet cast their vote in the general elections, in Aachen, Germany yesterday. Germans went to the polls in a national election too close to call, with the centre-left Social Democrats (SPD) mounting a strong challenge to retiring Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives.

PHOTO: REUTERS

'Complex and grim'

China's Xi warns of current situation with Taiwan, urges the island's opposition to help seek 'unification of the country'

REUTERS, Taipei

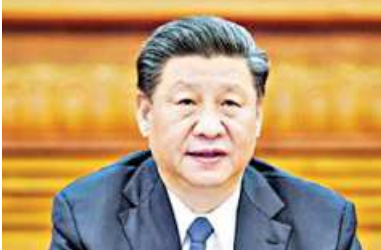
The situation in the Taiwan Strait is "complex and grim", Chinese President Xi Jinping yesterday wrote in a congratulatory letter to the newly elected leader of Taiwan's main opposition party, who has pledged to renew talks with Beijing.

Taiwan's Kuomintang (KMT) elected as their leader on Saturday former New Taipei City mayor Eric Chu, who said he would rekindle stalled high-level contacts with China's ruling Communist Party.

China claims Taiwan as its own territory and has stepped up military and political pressure to force the democratically ruled island to accept Chinese sovereignty, even though most Taiwanese have shown no interest in being governed by Beijing.

In Xi's letter, a copy of which was released by the KMT, he said both parties had had "good interactions" based on their joint opposition to Taiwan independence.

"At present, the situation in the Taiwan Strait is complex and grim. All the sons and daughters of the Chinese nation must work together with one



heart and go forward together," wrote Xi, who is also head of the Communist Party.

He expressed hope that both parties could cooperate on "seeking peace in the Taiwan Strait, seeking national reunification and seeking national revitalisation".

Chu, who badly lost the 2016 presidential election to current President Tsai Ing-wen, responded to Xi that people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait were "all the children of the Yellow Emperor" - in other words, all Han Chinese.

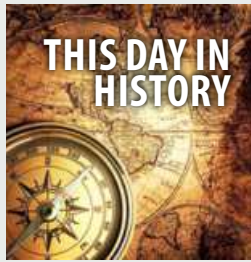
Chu blamed Tsai's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) for tensions with Beijing after pursuing anti-China policies. Chu said he hoped to "seek common ground and respect differences, increase mutual trust and geniality, strengthen exchanges and cooperation so as to allow the continued peaceful development of cross-strait relations".

Under outgoing KMT leader Johnny Chiang's 17-month tenure, high-level contacts with China stalled amid military tensions and suspicion in Beijing the party was not sufficiently committed to the idea Taiwan was part of "one China".



Mother of Palestinian Osama Soboh, who was killed by Israeli forces during clashes in a raid, mourns during his funeral in Burqin in the Israeli-occupied West Bank yesterday. An Israeli operation to dismantle a Hamas Islamist cell in the West Bank sparked fierce gun battles at multiple locations yesterday, killing four Palestinians and seriously wounding two Israeli soldiers, official sources said.

PHOTO: REUTERS



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1970 - Jordan's King Hussein and Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Movement, signed an agreement in Cairo to end Jordan's civil war.

1996 - Afghanistan's Taliban movement captured the capital Kabul and hanged the former president Najibullah.

2002 - Tiny East Timor, the world's newest nation since breaking away from Indonesia after a bloody conflict, joined the United Nations as its 191st member.

SOURCE: REUTERS

'You are totally jealous'

Mamata's swipe after Indian govt's 'no' to Rome meeting

NDTV ONLINE

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday accused the centre of jealousy after the Ministry of External Affairs refused permission for her to travel to Italy for an all-faith peace meeting organised by the Community of Sant'Egidio, a Rome-based Catholic foundation.

Banerjee said the centre had told her the event is "not commensurate at your level".

Outgoing German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi and Pope Francis are among nearly 500 religious and political leaders invited to the two-day peace conference.

"There was a meeting on world peace in Rome, where I was invited. German Chancellor, Pope (Francis) are also supposed to attend. Italy had given special permission for me to attend... yet centre denied clearance, saying it wasn't right for Chief Minister," Banerjee said Saturday.

"You will not be able to stop me. I am not eager to visit foreign countries... but this

was about the respect of the nation. You (PM Modi) keep talking about Hindus... I am also a Hindu woman. Why did you not allow me? You are totally jealous," she declared.

The Trinamool leader - who faces a critical by poll in Bengal's Bhabhinpur on Thursday, which she must win to become an MLA and remain Chief Minister - also hit out at the 'Talibani' BJP.

"We have to protect our freedom. 'Talibani' BJP cannot run in India... Trinamool alone is enough to defeat BJP. Games will start from Bhabhinpur and will finish after we win in the entire nation," she said at a public meeting.

Ahead of the Bhabhinpur by poll Banerjee has been relentless in her attacks on the BJP, which has fielded lawyer Priyanka Tibrewal from that seat. Last week she called the BJP a "jumla party" and said she would not let the centre "divide the country" and "make India like Taliban".

The results of the Bhabhinpur by poll are expected October 3.



ICELAND'S NEW PARLIAMENT

Women hold more than half of the seats

AFP, Reykjavik

In a first in Europe, women hold more than half of the seats in Iceland's new parliament, final election results showed yesterday.

Of the 63 seats in the Althing, 33 were won by women, or 52 percent, according to projections based on the final results.

No other European country has had more than 50 percent women lawmakers, with Sweden coming closest at 47 percent, according to data compiled by the World Bank.

Five other countries in the world currently have parliaments where women hold at least half the seats, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union: Rwanda (61 percent), Cuba (53 percent), Nicaragua (51 percent) and Mexico and the United Arab Emirates (50 percent).

Unlike some other countries, Iceland does not have legal quotas on female representation in parliament, though some parties do require a minimum number of candidates be women. Iceland has long been a pioneer in gender equality and women's rights, and has topped the World Economic Forum's ranking of most egalitarian countries for the past 12 years.

It offers the same parental leave to both men and women, and its first law on equal pay for men and women dates back to 1961.

Be more active

Russian FM Lavrov urges US on reviving Iran nuclear deal

AFP, United Nations

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov called Saturday on the United States to take a more active approach to help resume stalled talks aimed at reviving the Iran nuclear deal.

"It seems evident they should be more active" in "resolving all issues related" to the accord, Lavrov told reporters at the United Nations in New York.

Lavrov added that he hoped negotiations in Vienna among Iran, Russia, China, France, Britain and Germany would resume "as soon as possible."

The talks, brokered by the Europeans, seek the return of the United States to the 2015 agreement trashed by former president Donald Trump -- as well as Iran's return to full compliance.

Trump pulled America out in 2018, reinstating sanctions on Iran that Washington had lifted as part of the agreement. Since then, Tehran has also retreated from many of its commitments.

Lavrov said Iran no longer meets elements of the agreement "simply because the United States has left it."

He added that sanctions reimposed on Iran also affected countries who "trade legally" with Tehran.

"These sanctions should be lifted as part of the restoration of the nuclear deal," he said, adding that Iran's "should not suffer from unilateral US measures."

Lavrov also said that international recognition of the Taliban was not currently under consideration.

"The question of international recognition of the Taliban at the present juncture is not on the table," Lavrov told a news conference.

INTERNET BLACKOUTS IN MYANMAR

Junta blames anti-coup fighters

AFP, Bangkok

Myanmar's junta has denied suspending the internet in conflict-racked regions, blaming a recent spate of data blackouts on anti-coup protesters who had destroyed military-owned communications towers.

The Southeast Asian country has been in chaos since the military toppled Aung San Suu Kyi's government in February, triggering huge democracy protests that security forces have sought to quell in bloody crackdowns.

Some in the anti-coup movement formed local "people's defence forces" in their townships to fight back, and in recent weeks destroyed several communications towers belonging to military-owned Mytel in western Chin state.

Reports of an internet and data blackout -- particularly in regions where local defence

forces and the military are locked in conflict -- emerged soon after.

Anti-coup fighters told AFP that telecommunications services in Pinlebu, Kawlin and Wuntho townships in northern Sagaing region -- where clashes with the military have been fierce -- were down since the early hours of the day.

The junta's foreign ministry on Saturday denied that the State Administration Council -- as the military regime dubs itself -- was responsible.

"In fact, the recent internet connections were disrupted due to the terrorist acts such as destroying of communication towers by terrorist groups," the ministry said in a statement.

"The Ministry urged some foreign missions in Yangon to thoroughly verify information before making statements."

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Amendment/Corrigendum Detail of Tender ID-598249

Tender ID	Old Value 583667	New Value 598249
Name of the work	Establishment of 20 bed Isolation unit & 10 bed ICU at Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital	

This is online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will 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 e-GP registered banks branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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GD-1722

Bangladesh-China Power Company (Pvt.) Limited
(A Joint Venture of NWPGL and CMC)
8, Panthapath, Kawran Bazar, Level 5, UTC Building, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh

Invitation for Tender

1.	Background	Bangladesh-China Power Company (Pvt.) Limited (BCPCL), a Joint Venture Company (JVC) of NWPGL of Bangladesh and CMC of China, has implemented a coal-based Payra 1320 MW Thermal Power Plant (Phase-I) at Dhanbahi, Patuakhali, Bangladesh. Moreover, BCPCL is implementing Payra 1320MW TPPP (Phase-II) and Payra-Gopalganj-Aminbazar 400KV Double Circuit Transmission Line (2nd Phase) Project. BCPCL intends to procure Stationeries Items, Toner & Cartridges and Cleaning Materials to meet the frequent requirement of offices like Corporate Office, O&M of Plant (Phase-I), Payra 1320MW TPPP (Phase-II) and PGA 400KV TL (2nd Phase) through Framework Agreement for 01 (one) year.			
2.	Agency	Bangladesh-China Power Company (Pvt.) Limited (BCPCL)			
3.	Invitation for	Procurement of Stationeries Items, Toner & Cartridges and Cleaning Materials through Framework Agreement			
4.	Invitation Ref No.	BCPCL/Procurement/FA-01/2021-22/46			
5.	Date	September 26, 2021			
KEY INFORMATION					
6.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (Framework Agreement)			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
7.	Tender Name	Procurement of Stationeries Items, Toner & Cartridges and Cleaning Materials through Framework Agreement			
8.	Tender Selling Date, Closing & Opening Date and Time	Tender Document Selling starts from	Last Selling Date	Closing Date & Time	Opening Date & Time
		28/09/2021	20/10/2021 upto 5.00pm	21/10/2021 12.00 Noon	21/10/2021 12.30 PM
9.	Name & Address of the office for selling Tender Document, receiving & opening tender	Rashed Morshed Superintending Engineer, Procurement Division Bangladesh-China Power Company (Pvt.) Limited, UTC Building (Level # 5), 8 Panthapath, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
10.	Eligibility of Tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The tenderer shall have 5 (five) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services for individual lot.The Tenderer or the Manufacturer shall have specific experience as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) In supply of at least 02 (two) nos. contracts successfully completed within the last 03 (three) years, with a value of at least Tk. 1,000,000/- (ten lac) only for Lot 1: Stationeries Items;ii) In supply of at least 02 (two) nos. contracts successfully completed within the last 03 (three) years, with a value of at least Tk. 1,500,000/- (fifteen lac) only for Lot 2: Toner & Cartridges and Computer Accessories;iii) In supply of at least 02 (two) nos. contracts successfully completed within the last 03 (three) years, with a value of at least Tk. 1,200,000/- (twelve lac) only for Lot 3: Cleaning Materials.Years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.Minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility Tk.1,200,000/- (twelve lac) only for Lot-1, Tk. 2,000,000/- (twenty lac) only for Lot-2 and Tk. 1,500,000/- (fifteen lac) only for Lot-3 from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh. <p>The tenderers shall have valid trade license, TIN & VAT registration from concerned authority of Bangladesh. The tenderer shall submit work order/purchase order/contract agreement, etc., as documentary evidence supporting specific experience and supply capacity. Detail described in tender document.</p>			
11.	Brief Description of Goods	The purchaser shall supply Lot-1: Stationeries Items, Lot-2: Toner & Cartridges and Computer Accessories and Lot-3: Cleaning Materials in accordance with Section 6: Schedule of Requirements and Section 7: Technical Specification of the tender document.			
12.	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 2,000/- (two thousand) only payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favor of "Bangladesh-China Power Company (Pvt.) Limited (BCPCL)".			
13.	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	The amount of the Tender Security shall be BDT 60,000/- (sixty thousand) only for Lot 1, BDT 90,000 (ninety thousand) only for Lot 2 and BDT 75,000/- (seventy-five thousand) only for Lot 3 in favour of Bangladesh China Power Company (Pvt.) Limited.			
14.	Delivery Completion Period	Within 07 (seven) working days from the date of issuing Call-off Order			
15.	Location of Delivery	Level-5, UTC Building, 8 Panthapath, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215 & Payra 1320MW Thermal Power Plant, Dhanbahi Union, Kalapara, Patuakhali			
16.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.				

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Superintending Engineer (Procurement)
Bangladesh-China Power Company (Pvt.) Limited (BCPCL)