

Quote of the day



“After the crimes against humanity of the Shoah (Holocaust), it has been possible to reset and to reestablish relations. ... I want to use this opportunity to emphasise that the topic of Israel's security will always be of central importance and a central topic for every German government.”

OUTGOING GERMAN CHANCELLOR ANGELA MERKEL DURING HER FAREWELL VISIT TO THE JEWISH STATE



A makeshift place of worship with a theme of Bangladesh's 50th independence anniversary is displayed on the occasion of Durga Puja festival in Kolkata, India. Photo was taken on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

MORE NEWS

Iran reports it has 120 kg of 20pc enriched uranium

Iran has enriched more than 120 kilogrammes of 20-percent enriched uranium, the head of the country's atomic energy agency said on state television Saturday evening. "We have passed 120 kilogrammes," said Mohammad Eslami, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran. In September, the International Atomic Energy Agency reported that Iran had boosted its stocks enriched above the percentage allowed in the 2015 deal with world powers. Under the deal, Iran was not meant to enrich uranium above 3.67 percent, well below the 90-percent threshold needed for use in a nuclear weapon.

Russian plane carrying parachutists crashes, 16 killed

A plane carrying a group of parachute jumpers crashed in the Russian region of Tatarstan yesterday, killing 16 people and injuring six, the Emergencies Ministry said. The aircraft, which came down near the city of Menzelinsky, had been carrying 20 parachutists and two crew members. Six people were in a serious condition, the Health Ministry said. A Let L-410 Turbolet twin-engine short-range transport aircraft, the plane was owned by an aeroclub in the city of Menzelinsk, the TASS news agency reported. The cause of the accident was not known but the RIA agency cited local authorities as saying one of the engines could have failed.

Malaysia lifts travel curbs for fully vaccinated people

Malaysia yesterday lifted interstate and international travel restrictions for residents fully vaccinated against Covid-19, as the country achieved its target of inoculating 90 percent of its adult population. Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the government has agreed to allow fully vaccinated Malaysians to travel overseas without applying for permission. The new rules take effect from today. The government is preparing to shift into an endemic Covid-19 phase where it will not impose wide lockdowns again if cases rise, Ismail Sabri told a news conference. "We have to train ourselves to live with Covid, because Covid may not be eliminated fully," he said.



Five killed in Yemen blast targeting Aden governor

Five people have been killed in a car-bomb attack targeting the governor of Aden, the seat of Yemen's internationally recognised government, security sources said yesterday. Aden, in southern Yemen, is home to a separatist movement that last year precariously integrated into the central government, and both have long been aligned against Huthi rebels in a grinding civil war. Aden governor Ahmed Lamlas and Saleem al-Socotri, a government minister, both survived the blast which went off as their convoy passed, the sources said. Five members of the entourage were killed and 11 others were wounded in the attack. No one has yet claimed responsibility for the blast.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

HIGH-LEVEL DOHA TALKS ON AFGHANISTAN

Taliban warns US not to 'destabilise' regime

AFP, Doha

The Taliban have warned the United States not to "destabilise" the regime during their first face-to-face talks since the US withdrawal, as a deadly sectarian bombing raised further questions about their grip on power.

As mourners in northern Afghanistan buried their dead from an attack on a Shia mosque that killed 62, a Taliban delegation told US officials in Doha that any weakening of their government could cause "problems for the people".

Scores more worshippers were wounded in Friday's blast in Kunduz, which was claimed by the Islamic State group -- who appear to be attempting to further shake Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover.

As the two-day talks began on Saturday in Doha, IS-K said the attack was carried out by a Uyghur suicide bomber who had "detonated an explosive vest amid a crowd" of Shia worshippers.

"We clearly told them that trying to destabilise the government in Afghanistan is good for no one," the Taliban's foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi told the Afghan state news agency Bakhtar after the talks in the Qatari capital.

"Good relations with Afghanistan are good for everyone. Nothing should be done to weaken the existing government in Afghanistan which can lead to problems for the people," he said, in a recorded statement translated by AFP.

The Taliban are seeking international recognition, as well as assistance to avoid a humanitarian disaster and ease Afghanistan's economic crisis.

A State Department official said the US delegation would press the Taliban to ensure terrorists do not create a base for attacks in the country. It would also pressure Afghanistan's new rulers to form an inclusive government and to respect the rights of women and girls, the official said, stressing the meeting did not indicate Washington recognised Taliban rule.

"We remain clear that any legitimacy must be earned through the Taliban's own actions," the official said.

The Taliban security chief in Kunduz accused the mosque attackers of trying to foment trouble between Shias and Sunnis.

"We assure our Shia brothers that in the future, we will provide security for them and that such problems will not happen to them," Mulawi Dost Muhammad said.

Michael Kugelman, a South Asia expert at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, told AFP the Taliban would find it difficult to consolidate power unless they tackle terrorism and the growing economic crisis.

"If the Taliban, as is likely, is unable to address these concerns, it will struggle to gain domestic legitimacy, and we could see the emergence of a new armed resistance," he said.

BIODIVERSITY TALKS

UN urges states to do more to protect species

REUTERS, Kunming

The global community must invest much more and raise the scale and speed of its pledges to protect nature and prevent species loss, David Cooper, deputy executive secretary of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, said yesterday on the eve of a new round of global biodiversity talks.

The first part of the twice-postponed "COP15" biodiversity negotiations set to begin in the southwestern Chinese city of Kunming today, with the aim of generating momentum for an ambitious post-2020 agreement to reverse decades of habitat destruction caused by human encroachment and climate change.

The talks will pave way for negotiators to thrash out a final deal in Kunming in May next year. The UN wants countries to commit to protecting 30% of their land by 2030, a pledge already agreed to by the United States and others.

KILLING OF FARMERS AT PROTEST SITE IN INDIA

Cops arrest minister's son after outrage

AFP, New Delhi

The son of an Indian minister has been arrested on preliminary charges of murder, police said yesterday, a week after the death of eight people during a farmers' protest sparked national outrage.

Ashish Mishra was detained in Uttar Pradesh late Saturday over the incident in the northern state's Lakhimpur Kheri district, where farmers were demonstrating as part of their year-long campaign against contentious agriculture laws.

Farmers claimed that a convoy belonging to Mishra and his father -- the junior home affairs minister Ajay Mishra -- slammed into protesters, killing four of them.

Angry demonstrators then set fire to several cars and four other people, including a driver and a journalist, were killed, according to authorities and local media reports.

Mishra was arrested on grounds of "non-cooperation" and "evasive replies" during an hours-long interrogation, Deputy Inspector General of Police Upendra Kumar Agrawal told reporters.

Mishra will face court today and formal charges have to be filed within 90 days. Mishra and his father have denied the allegations.

India's Supreme Court had said Friday that it was "not satisfied" with the police investigation of the case and questioned why the younger Mishra had not yet been arrested.

The incident was the deadliest since farmers started camping on the outskirts of the capital New Delhi in November demanding a repeal of the controversial laws.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government says the sector is massively inefficient and in need of reform. But farmers fear the changes will leave them at the mercy of big corporations.



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3. Mahmudul Hasan, Motijheel.
4. Mohammad Omar Faruk, Green Road.
5. Kamrul Hasan Siddique, South Banasree.
6. Meheraj Alam Bhuiya, Mohammadpur.
7. Nowshin Nur, Uttara.
8. Enamul Hasan Tanvir, Mirpur Dohs.
9. Sumaiya Azad, Aga Masi Lane.
10. Md. Misbahul Islam, Motijheel.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 11

1138 - Earthquake in Aleppo, Syria, kills an estimated 230,000.

1737 - Earthquake reported to have killed 300,000 and destroyed half of Kolkata in India.

1945 - Chinese civil war begins between Kuomintang government led by Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Zedong's Communist Party.

SOURCE: REUTERS



An Iraqi voter is frisked by a member of the security forces before entering a polling station in Baghdad yesterday. Iraqis voted yesterday in a parliamentary election held early as a concession to an anti-government protest movement but seen as unlikely to deliver major change to the war-scarred country.

PHOTO: AFP

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Invitation for e-Tender (OTM)

Memo No: 45.01.4284.000.07.001.21.728 Date: 10/10/2021

e-Tender is invited in e-GP System portal(<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) Upazila Health And Family planning Office, Rajapur, Jhalakathi for the procurement of the following goods. Details are given below.

SL	Tender ID No	Name of Goods	Tender Documents last Selling date& time	Tender Closing date& time
01	617167	Goods,(Medicine (unable to Supplied by EDCL))	26.10.2021 14.00	28.10.2021 14.00
02	617160	Goods,(Surgical equipment's)	26.10.2021 14.00	28.10.2021 14.00
03	617155	Goods,(Gauze, Bandage, Cotton)	26.10.2021 14.00	28.10.2021 13.00
04	617152	Goods,(Linen materials)	26.10.2021 14.00	28.10.2021 13.00
05	617150	Goods,(Chemicals)	26.10.2021 14.00	28.10.2021 13.00
06	616986	Goods,(Furniture and kitchen utensils)	26.10.2021 14.00	28.10.2021 13.00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

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e-Tender Notice 02/2021-22

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Tender ID No.	Package No	Description	Online Notice Publication date& time	Online Tender Closing Date & Time
615601	COX(S)FD/SUFAL/2021-22/GD-4	Supply of Bariala Bamboo, Bamboo Chatai & Sungrass for nursery Raising	12 October 2021 10.00	03 November 2021 14.00
615628	COX(S)FD/SUFAL/2021-22/GD-5	Supply of Temporary shed Materials for nursery Raising	12 October 2021 10.00	03 November 2021 15.00
615726	COX(S)FD/SUFAL/2021-22/GD-6	Supply of nursery equipment's, M.S Wire and Water supply materials for nursery Raising.	12 October 2021 10.00	03 November 2021 16.00

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