

Taliban interior minister hails suicide bombers

AFP, Kabul

One of the most senior figures in Afghanistan's Taliban government has hailed the sacrifices of suicide bombers at a meeting with families of the "martyrs" in Kabul.

Interior minister Sirajuddin Haqqani, listed as a terrorist by the US with a \$10 million bounty for his arrest, met the relatives on Monday at an upscale hotel in the capital.

Pro-Taliban social media accounts and local media yesterday published images of the minister praying and embracing men in a glitzy ballroom.

"Haqqani praised the jihad and sacrifice of the martyrs and mujahideen" calling them the "heroes of Islam and the country", Afghan state broadcaster RTA reported.

It said Sirajuddin "stressed that we must refrain from any betrayal of the aspirations of the martyrs", and promised \$125 and a plot of land for each family.

In January 2018, the Intercontinental Hotel in which the meeting was held was stormed by Taliban gunmen, who opened fire on guests and staff and took dozens hostage.

Formed by Sirajuddin's father Jalaluddin, the Haqqani network is the most feared faction of the Taliban, blamed for some of the deadliest attacks in Afghanistan during the last two decades.

Thanks to their financial and military strength -- and a reputation for ruthlessness -- the network is considered semi-autonomous while remaining within the Taliban fold.

Suicide bomb attacks were a tactic first employed by the group in the early years of their insurgency against the former US-backed government.



DEADLY FLOODS IN INDIA

A statue of Hindu god Lord Shiva is pictured amid the risen water levels of River Ganga after incessant rains in Rishikesh in India's Uttarakhand state yesterday. At least 41 people died and over a dozen were missing after landslides and flash floods triggered by several days of heavy rain hit northern India, officials said yesterday. Forecasters have also warned of more heavy rains in the coming days in the southern state of Kerala where floods have already killed at least 35 people since Friday.

PHOTO: AFP

MORE NEWS

North Korea test-fires SLBM: South Korea

North Korea fired a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) off its east coast yesterday, South Korea's military said, pulling Japan's new prime minister off the campaign trail and overshadowing the opening of a major arms fair in Seoul. The US military's Indo-Pacific Command condemned the launch as destabilising, but judged it did not pose an immediate threat to the United States or its allies. South Korea and US officials were investigating if the missile was a smaller, previously unseen version displayed last week at an exhibit in Pyongyang, a South Korean military source told Reuters.

US bill would stop Big Tech favoring its own products

About a dozen US senators from both parties on Monday formally introduced a bill that would bar Big Tech platforms, like Amazon and Alphabet's Google, from favoring their products and services. The bill follows others introduced with the goal of reining in the outsized market power of tech firms, including industry leaders Facebook and Apple. Thus far none became law, although one, which would increase resources for antitrust enforcers, passed the Senate. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Chuck Grassley's bill would prohibit platforms from requiring companies operating on their sites to purchase the platform's goods or services and ban them from biasing search results to favor the platform.



UN: 10,000 children killed or maimed in Yemen since 2015

Ten thousand Yemeni children have been killed or maimed since a military coalition led by Saudi Arabia intervened in March 2015 after the Iran-aligned Houthi group ousted the government, the United Nations children's agency UNICEF said yesterday. Four out of every five children - a total of 11 million - need humanitarian assistance in Yemen, while 400,000 are suffering from acute malnutrition and more than 2 million are out of school, it said.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

ASEAN PRESSURE ON MYANMAR

Junta frees hundreds of political prisoners

REUTERS

Myanmar's military government has freed hundreds of political prisoners from the notorious Insein prison, including Aung San Suu Kyi's party spokesman and a famous comedian Zarganar, local media reported.

Minutes after military ruler Min Aung Hlaing's speech on Monday, state television announced more than 5,600 people arrested or wanted over their roles in anti-coup protests would be freed in an amnesty on humanitarian grounds.

The release was described by some activists as a ploy by the ruling military to try to rebuild its international reputation after the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) took the rare step of excluding the junta chief from its summit.

UN Special Rapporteur Tom Andrews on Twitter welcomed the release but said it was "outrageous" that they were detained in the first place.

"The junta is releasing political prisoners in Myanmar not because of a change of heart, but because of pressure," he said.

The junta has released prisoners several times since the February coup.

Asean decided to invite a non-political representative to its Oct 26-28 summit, in an unprecedented snub to the military leaders

behind the coup against Aung San Suu Kyi's elected government.

"They came to me today and said they will take me home, that's all," Monywa Aung Shin, a spokesman for Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) party, told local media Democratic Voice of Burma late on Monday on his way home from prison.

Monywa Aung Shin was arrested on February 1 and had spent eight months in prison. Photos and videos posted on social media showed detainees reunited with weeping family members.

Other images showed a succession of buses leaving the rear entrance of the jail, with passengers leaning from windows and waving at crowds gathered outside.

Myanmar's prison department spokesman and junta spokesman were not immediately available for comment.

Myanmar has been in turmoil since the coup, which ended a decade of tentative democracy and economic reform.

Security forces have killed more than 1,100 people according to activists and the United Nations and arrested over 9,000 people including Suu Kyi, according to rights group Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, which documents killings and arrests.



Workers carry their belongings as they return back to their native places at a bus terminal in Srinagar, India yesterday, days after two labourers from India's Bihar state were reportedly killed by gunmen in Indian-administered Kashmir. PHOTO: AFP

'Seriousness' means lifting sanctions

Says Iran president Ebrahim Raisi on nuclear talks with US

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Tehran, Iran - Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi said seriousness on the part of the United States in upcoming talks to restore the 2015 nuclear deal would mean lifting sanctions against Iran.

In a late-night television interview on Monday aired by state television, the president said Iran is "serious and committed" to return - at a still unspecified time - to Vienna to resume "result-oriented" talks aimed at restoring the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

"For the other side, a readiness to lift sanctions can be a sign for its seriousness," Raisi said.

Raisi also said when Enrique Mora, the European Union's top representative to the Vienna talks, travelled to Tehran last Thursday for discussions, he was told the same.

"The Islamic Republic is serious in this. We must

also see seriousness on the other side," Raisi said.

Iran's foreign ministry said earlier this month the country has no pre-conditions for returning to the negotiating table.

Mora led a delegation that held talks with Ali Bagheri Kani, Iran's new deputy foreign minister for political affairs and its top nuclear negotiator.

After the meeting, Iranian officials said the talks were "positive and constructive" and they would continue in Brussels within two weeks.

But as Iran says it will come back to the Austrian capital "soon" and is still reviewing records of six rounds of negotiations that ended in June, the US and EU continue to push Iran to commit to a return date.

On Monday, EU's Foreign Policy Chief Josep Borrell said, "We made it clear to the Iranians that time is not on their side and it's better to go back to the negotiating table quickly."



UK PM sets out green ambitions with some caveats

REUTERS, London

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson yesterday set out his ambition for a green revolution that would force Western economies to kick their centuries old addiction to fossil fuels.

Johnson, who once expressed scepticism about climate change, cast his 368-page net zero strategy as a document that would put the United Kingdom at the vanguard of green economies, forcing competitors such as China and Russia to follow London's lead.

"The UK leads the world in the race to net zero," Johnson said in a foreword to the "Net Zero Strategy: Build Back Greener".

"The likes of China and Russia are following our lead with their own net zero targets, as prices tumble and green tech becomes the global norm."

The document is essentially a series of long-term promises, some caveated, to shift the world's fifth largest economy towards green technologies - from moving to clean electricity "subject to security and supply" to "setting a path" to low carbon heating in British homes.

The government said it would secure a final investment decision on a large-scale nuclear plant by the end of this parliament while seeking 40GW of wind by 2030 as well as 1GW of floating wind power. Britain will deliver 5GW of hydrogen production capacity by 2030 while halving emissions from oil and gas. The government has an ambition to deploy at least 5Mt of CO2 a year of engineered greenhouse gas removals by 2030.



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e-Tender Notice

Memo No: 50.01.0000.407.33.014.20-117 Date: 19/10/2021

e-Tenders are invited in e-GP System Portal (<http://eprocure.gov.bd>) by Chief Engineer, Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka for the Procurement of:

SI No	Tender ID	Name of the works
1	621202	"Supply, Installation and commissioning of Online UPS Battery for Toll Operation Works of Bangabandhu Bridge, Bhuapur, Tangail"

This is an Online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no off-line/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<http://eprocure.gov.bd>).

e-Tender details can be downloaded from 19/10/2021 to 28/10/2021 & time 17:00 on e-GP System Portal (<http://eprocure.gov.bd>) for pursue.

e-Tender will be closed at 31/10/2021 & time 12:00. Accepted tenders will be opened immediately after 31/10/2021 & time 12:00.

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বিষয়ঃ ইউজিসি স্বর্ণপদক ২০২০ এর জন্য দরখাস্ত আহ্বান।

বাংলাদেশ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন প্রবর্তিত ইউজিসি স্বর্ণপদক ২০২০-এর জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্তে কমিশনের নির্ধারিত ফরমে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে-

- ১) দেশের পাবলিক ও প্রাইভেট বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের পূর্ণকালীন শিক্ষকগণ ইউজিসি স্বর্ণপদকের জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবেন;
- ২) আবেদনকারীকে অবশ্যই বাংলাদেশী নাগরিক হতে হবে;
- ৩) প্রকাশিত প্রবন্ধ/পুস্তক অবশ্যই ২০২০ সালে প্রকাশিত হতে হবে, কোনো পুনঃমুদ্রিত প্রবন্ধ/পুস্তক গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না;
- ৪) বর্ণনা ও জরিপমূলক, অনুবাদ বা সম্পাদনা কর্ম এবং রিভিউ আর্টিকেল এই স্বর্ণপদকের জন্য বিবেচিত হবে না;
- ৫) প্রবন্ধ যদি যৌথ প্রকাশনা হয় সেক্ষেত্রে কেবলমাত্র প্রধান লেখক বা সর্বশেষ লেখক অন্যান্য সহলেখকগণের সম্মতিপত্রসহ আবেদন করতে পারবেন;
- ৬) পুস্তকের ক্ষেত্রে একাধিক লেখক হলে যৌথভাবে আবেদন করতে হবে;
- ৭) বাংলা ও ইংরেজিতে অনধিক ২০০ শব্দের মধ্যে জীবনবৃত্তান্ত জমা দিতে হবে;
- ৮) প্রকাশিত প্রবন্ধের ক্ষেত্রে ৬ কপি এবং পুস্তকের ক্ষেত্রে ৪ কপি জমা দিতে হবে;
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 20

1935 - Communist forces end their Long March at Yan'an, in Shaanxi, China, bringing Mao Zedong to prominence

1944 - In World War Two, Russian and Yugoslav forces captured Belgrade from German forces.

2011 - Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi is captured and killed by rebel forces near his hometown of Sirte.

SOURCE: REUTERS