

Quote of the day



But when we are faced with situations like the one that is currently occurring in Myanmar, then perhaps Asean should actually do some soul-searching.

SAIFUDDIN ABDULLAH
FOREIGN MINISTER OF MALAYSIA, AFTER ASEAN LAST WEEK EXCLUDED MYANMAR'S JUNTA CHIEF MIN AUNG MYIN AUNG FROM A FORTHCOMING LEADERS' SUMMIT

'Window for action closing'

G20 urged to hike climate pledges, sources say group split over coal, 1.5 degree climate limit

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Denmark, Costa Rica, the Marshall Islands and six other countries yesterday urged the world's biggest economies to hike their climate pledges, warning that their actions would set the tone for the upcoming COP26 summit in Scotland.

Extreme weather events and increasingly urgent calls from scientists to curb global warming are cranking up pressure on lawmakers who will meet in Glasgow later this month to discuss action to reduce their carbon emissions.

"The window for taking decisive climate action is rapidly closing," said the letter, seen by Reuters, which was sent to Prime Minister Mario Draghi of Italy, the current president of the G20 club of rich nations.

G20 leaders will gather in Italy on Oct. 30-31 for a summit. Climate change will be high on the agenda, with divisions deep over the rapid emissions reductions scientists say are needed to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels.

The meeting in Rome will "set the tone" for COP26, which starts on Oct. 31, the letter said.

Consensus looks a long way off.



Chinese, Russian leaders unlikely to be in Rome

Modi to attend COP26

Rich should pay for greater carbon footprint: study

Sources said on Wednesday that with days to go before the G20 meets, countries are still split over committing to phase out coal.

Meanwhile, a group of like-minded developing countries this week released a statement slamming developed countries for expecting poorer nations to commit to tougher emissions targets when rich countries have broken their own promises to cut CO2.

The group, which includes China, India and Saudi Arabia, also said

richer nations had failed to deliver on promises of \$100 billion a year by 2020 to help developing countries battle climate change.

At least four G20 leaders are not expected to come to Rome, including China's Xi Jinping, at the helm of the world's biggest greenhouse gas emitter, and Russia's Vladimir Putin, head of the largest energy producer.

One source said while such absences were "not a great political signal," they would not necessarily prevent progress.

However, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the UN climate summit in Glasgow.

Neither Russia, China nor India have committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050, considered a vital goal in limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees.

The COP26 president, Britain's Alok Sharma, said in a speech this month the G20, which accounts for 80% of global emissions, would be "make, or break" for achieving success in Glasgow.

Pakistan FM in Kabul to meet Taliban government

AFP, Kabul

Pakistan foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi arrived in the Afghan capital yesterday for talks with his Taliban counterpart, his office said, as the militants seek a path out of international isolation.

"The talks between the two sides will cover the entire spectrum of bilateral relations and focus on ways and means to deepen cooperation in diverse areas," the Pakistan foreign ministry said in a statement.

He will also meet "other Afghan dignitaries," during his one-day visit, the statement said.

Qureshi is also accompanied by Pakistan's outgoing spy chief, who is on his second visit to the Afghan capital since the Taliban took power.

Pakistan, one of only three countries

that recognised the last Taliban regime in the 1990s, is seen as wielding considerable influence over the group.

It has long faced US allegations that its intelligence service supported the Islamist insurgents in their two-decade battle against Nato forces and the now deposed Western-backed government.

On Wednesday, the Russian government hosted a high-level Taliban delegation and officials from 10 countries, including China and Pakistan, to push the militants for action against Islamic State fighters which it says have massed in perennially volatile Afghanistan. In return, the Taliban -- which is facing

economic and humanitarian crises within its borders -- urged the international community to recognise their interim government.



India administers one billionth Covid jab

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India administered its one billionth Covid-19 vaccine dose yesterday as it fights its way back from a devastating surge in cases that brought the health system close to collapse, but cases surged in China and Russia.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the feat as a "triumph of Indian science", but authorities remain on guard for a new pandemic wave.

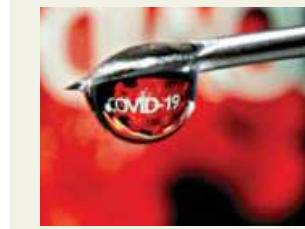
About three-quarters of adults in the country of 1.3 billion people have had one shot and 30 percent are fully vaccinated, according to government figures.

But hundreds of millions of Indians under 18 -- who make up about 40 percent of the population -- have not had a single shot.

Only China's government, which says it has given out more than 2.3 billion shots, has administered more doses than India.

Meanwhile, authorities in China cancelled hundreds of flights, closed schools and ramped up mass testing yesterday to try and stamp out a new Covid-19 outbreak linked to a group of tourists.

Beijing has maintained a relentless zero-Covid approach with strict border closures and targeted lockdowns, even as other countries tentatively try



Flights cancelled, schools closed as China fights virus outbreak

Moscow to shut non-essential services over virus

to ease restrictions.

In Russia, Moscow will shut non-essential services between October 28 and November 7, its mayor said yesterday, as coronavirus deaths soar in Russia, the country in Europe hardest hit by the pandemic, amid dramatically low vaccination rates.

Mayor Sergei Sobyanyin announced the 11-day closure a day after President Vladimir Putin ordered a nationwide paid week off at the end of the month to curb fast spreading infections.

Russia reported a record 1,036 Covid-19 deaths in a single day yesterday, but officials have warned the worst is yet to come, with only 35 percent of Russians fully vaccinated.



OCTOBER 22

1884 - International Meridian Conference in Washington, D.C. adopts Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) worldwide, creating 24 international time zones with longitude zero at the Greenwich meridian.

1962 - US President John Kennedy announced that a Soviet missile base was being built in Cuba and ordered a naval blockade of ships carrying equipment there.

1964 - French writer Jean-Paul Sartre rejected the Nobel Prize for Literature, saying it would reduce the impact of his writing.

SOURCE: REUTERS

Turkey warns of expelling 10 western envoys

AFP, Istanbul

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan yesterday threatened to expel the US, German and eight other Western ambassadors after they issued a rare joint statement in support of a jailed civil society leader.

Parisian-born philanthropist and activist Osman Kavala, 64, has been in jail without a conviction since 2017, becoming a symbol of what critics see as Erdogan's growing intolerance of dissent.

The 10 ambassadors issued a highly unusual joint statement on Monday -- distributed widely on their Turkish social media accounts -- saying Kavala's continued detention "cast a shadow" over Turkey.

Kavala has faced a string of alternating charges linked to 2013 anti-government protests and a failed military coup in 2016.

The 10 envoys were summoned to the Turkish foreign ministry on Tuesday.

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Prequalification of Retailers and Food Wholesalers for WFP Bhasan Char Island Ref. CXB21NF104EOI

WFP plans to start providing assistance to displaced people through national retailers in Bhasan Char Island of Noakhali district in Bangladesh. WFP beneficiaries receive an entitlement that they can use to purchase a variety of perishable and non-perishable food and non-food items at WFP-designated distribution points.

Retail partners will be responsible for:

- Procurement of food (and some non-food items). WFP contracted retailers will be encouraged to procure fresh and perishable items from local producers in the Noakhali district and other areas across Bangladesh to support the local economy.
- Implementation of a full logistics plan to transport the commodities to the Bhasan Char Island (Noakhali District)
- Running the distribution points in line with the humanitarian principles/code of conduct and in coordination with WFP-designated NGO partners. Strict food quality and safety standards must be implemented and maintained at all stages of the supply chain.

Interested and reputable organizations working in the food retail/wholesale business sector, who have the supply chain capacity to provide the services as mentioned above, are kindly requested to submit their Expression of Interest to the email address coxsbazar.procurement@wfp.org by the mentioned deadline.

Minimum Requirements:

- Meets all legal requirements for a retailer contract with WFP (Legal registration, Trade License, VAT etc.) or has the ability to acquire all required legal licenses needed for companies to trade in Bangladesh.
- Company with a minimum of three years' experience as an established business; (retail business experience is preferred) with good understanding of supply chain of food commodity market in Bangladesh.
- Company accepts WFP's payment terms and conditions.
- Ability to provide staff training on retail operations and in-store services and / or store maintenance.
- Ability to provide store operations manuals (including back office, logistics, etc.) in the required language.
- Ability to meet food quality standards and WFP's monitoring and inspection requirements.
- Readiness to allocate staff to outlet locations as per the demand of operation.
- Willingness to improve service quality by learning and applying data analytics for running the retail business efficiently; maintain uninterrupted food supply, delivering high quality service whilst maintaining cleanliness and hygiene levels.
- Ability and willingness to procure locally produced fresh food (vegetables, eggs, chicken, live fish etc.) from the local farmers.
- Ability to adhere to WFP's humanitarian principles and standards, including no discrimination against beneficiaries, data protection requirements.

Deadline for registration: 31 October 2021 at 16:00 hrs Dhaka time.

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২. পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণে প্রার্থীগণ আগামী ২৬/১০/২০২১ তারিখ থেকে পরীক্ষা শুরু অব্যবহিত পূর্ব পর্যন্ত বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত ওয়েবসাইট (<https://erecruitment.bb.org.bd>) হতে প্রবেশপত্র সংগ্রহ করতে পারবেন।

৩. প্রবেশপত্র ব্যতিরেকে কোনো প্রার্থীকে পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে দেয়া হবে না। পরীক্ষার হলে প্রবেশপত্র এবং নন-প্রোফাইমেবল ক্যালকুলেটর ব্যতীত কোন ধরণের কাগজ, বই, মোবাইল ফোন, স্মার্টওয়াচ ও অন্যান্য ইলেক্ট্রনিক ডিভাইস নিয়ে প্রবেশ করা যাবে না।

৪. প্রয়োজনীয় চেকিং কার্যক্রম সম্পন্ন করার জন্য পরীক্ষা শুরুর কমপক্ষে ৪০ মিনিট পূর্বে প্রার্থীদেরকে পরীক্ষা কেন্দ্রে উপস্থিত হতে হবে।

৫. পরীক্ষার জন্য আগত প্রার্থীদেরকে স্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক নির্দেশিত কোভিড-১৯ সংক্রান্ত স্বাস্থ্য বিধি মেনে চলতে হবে।

৬. পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য প্রার্থীদেরকে কোনরূপ টিএ/ডিএ দেয়া হবে না।

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MORE NEWS

Trump to launch new social network 'TRUTH Social'

Former US president Donald Trump announced plans Wednesday to launch his own social networking platform called "TRUTH Social," which is expected to begin its beta launch for "invited guests" next month. "I created TRUTH Social and TMTG to stand up to the tyranny of Big Tech," Trump, who was banned from Twitter and Facebook in the wake of the Capitol insurrection carried out by his supporters on January 6 this year, was quoted as saying in the statement. "We live in a world where the Taliban has a huge presence on Twitter, yet your favorite American President has been silenced. This is unacceptable," he continued. The Trump Media & Technology Group will merge with blank check company Digital Acquisition Corp to make TMTG a publicly-listed company, the statement said.

Man charged with murder of UK MP David Amess

A 25-year-old man has been charged with murder, after British MP David Amess was stabbed to death last week, the Crown Prosecution Service and police said yesterday. Ali Harbi Ali, who was arrested at the scene of the killing in Leigh-on-Sea, east of London, last Friday, also faces a separate charge of preparing acts of terrorism. He was due to appear before magistrates in central London later yesterday. Amess, a 69-year-old father-of-five, was killed as he met constituents at a church hall, in the second such death of a British MP in the last five years. The veteran Conservative MP's death sparked an outpouring of tributes from his parliamentary colleagues but also calls for better security for elected representatives.

Facebook says will pay French press for news

Facebook yesterday said it had reached an agreement with some French newspapers to pay for news content shared by its users, months after Google announced plans to remunerate them for articles shown in web searches. Facebook said the licensing agreement with the APIG alliance of national and regional newspapers "means that people on Facebook will be able to continue uploading and sharing news stories freely amongst their communities, whilst also ensuring that the copyright of our publishing partners is protected." The company said it would also launch a French news service, Facebook News, in January to "give people a dedicated space to access content from trusted and reputable news sources." Neither Facebook nor APIG said how exactly the licensing agreement would work. News outlets struggling with dwindling print subscriptions have long seethed at the failure of Google in particular to give it a cut of the millions it makes from ads displayed alongside news stories in search results.

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