

# Afghan 'children are going to die'

UN agency warns as millions face acute food insecurity

Millions of Afghans, including children, could die of starvation unless urgent action is taken to pull Afghanistan back from the brink of collapse, a senior United Nations official warned, calling for frozen funds to be freed for humanitarian efforts.

World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Director David Beasley told Reuters that 22.8 million people - more than half of Afghanistan's 39 million population - were facing acute food insecurity and "marching to starvation" compared to 14 million just two months ago.

"Children are going to die. People are going to starve. Things are going to get a lot worse," he said in Dubai.

"I don't know how you don't have millions of people, and especially children, dying at the rate we are going with the lack of funding and the collapsing of the economy."

Afghanistan was plunged into crisis in August after Taliban fighters drove out a Western-backed government, prompting donors to hold back billions of dollars in assistance for the aid-dependent economy.

The food crisis, exacerbated by climate change, was dire in Afghanistan even before the takeover by the Taliban, whose new administration has been blocked from accessing assets held overseas as nations grapple with how to deal with the hardline Islamists.



A Sudanese protester draped with the national flag flashes the victory sign next to burning tyres during a demonstration in the capital Khartoum yesterday, to denounce overnight detentions by the army of members of Sudan's government.

PHOTO: AFP

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China will always uphold world peace: Xi Jinping

President Xi Jinping yesterday vowed that China would always uphold world peace and international rules, amid concerns expressed by the United States and other countries over its increasing assertiveness globally. The comments come after Taiwan said this month that military tension with China was at its worst in more than 40 years, amid mounting worries that the giant neighbour might try to take back by military force the self-ruled island it claims as its own. In a speech marking the 50th anniversary of China's return to the United Nations, Xi said it would always be the "builder of world peace" and a "protector of international order".

'Robust' vaccine response in kids aged 6-11: Moderna

US pharmaceutical giant Moderna yesterday reported a "robust neutralizing antibody response" to its Covid vaccine in children aged 6-11, and said that it will submit the trial data to global regulators soon. "We are encouraged by the immunogenicity and safety profile of mRNA-1273 in children aged 6 to under 12 years and are pleased that the study met its primary immunogenicity endpoints," chief executive Stephane Bancel said in a statement. Data from clinical trials with more than 4,700 children in the age range "demonstrate strong immune response... one month after the second dose," Moderna said in the statement.



'MBS sent death squad to assassinate ex-spy'

A former top Saudi Arabian spy has said the country's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman dispatched a feared team of mercenaries to kill him while in exile in Canada. In an interview with US broadcaster CBS News' "60 Minutes", Saad Aljabri - formerly a top spy and interlooper between the kingdom's intelligence services and Western governments - alleged he was targeted after he fled the country following a 2017 power grab by the crown prince. A friend at a Middle Eastern intelligence service, he said, warned that he could face a fate similar to that of Saudi dissident and journalist Jamal Khashoggi, who investigations have alleged was murdered by a Riyadh-linked death squad after visiting the kingdom's consulate in Istanbul in 2018. "The warning I received, don't be in a proximity of any Saudi mission in Canada. Don't go to the consulate. Don't go to the embassy... You are on the top of the list," Aljabri told "60 minutes".

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

REPORTS ON MYANMAR  
Junta accuses UN envoys of bias

Reports on Myanmar by two United Nations envoys used unreliable sources, made sweeping allegations and infringed on the country's sovereignty, the ruling junta said in its latest swipe at the international community's response to its crisis.

Protests and unrest have paralysed Myanmar since the February 1 coup, with the military accused of atrocities and excessive force against civilians, though the junta blames the unrest on "terrorists" allied with a shadow government.

The junta's foreign ministry said recent reports and remarks by special envoy Christine Schraner Burgener and special rapporteur Tom Andrews were far from reality and reflected a UN bias.

\$100b target can be reached in 2023

Say COP26 ministers ahead of summit

A decade-old target for rich countries to contribute \$100 billion a year to help poorer ones fight climate change should be attainable in 2023, ministers said yesterday ahead of the COP26 summit.

The target was meant to have been reached last year, and the failure of developed nations to do so has become a key point of contention heading into the summit starting next week in Glasgow.

The UK government's COP26 president, Alok Sharma, had tasked the environment ministers of Canada and Germany to review pledges so far, and they pointed to a "positive trend" in a new report.

"So our work continues, but we have reached a significant milestone today, one that I hope will start to restore trust and build momentum in this final stretch ahead of COP26," Sharma said at the report's unveiling.

The ministers said analysis by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) showed "significant progress towards the \$100 billion goal in 2022 and provides confidence that it would be met in 2023".

Sharma stressed the work on helping poorer nations adapt to and mitigate for the worst impacts of climate change was "far from complete".

World 'way off track'

Warns UN as greenhouse gases hit record high

Greenhouse gas concentrations hit a new record in 2020, the UN weather agency said yesterday, warning that the world was "way off track" to reach its goals for capping rising temperatures.

A report by the World Meteorological Organization showed that carbon dioxide levels surged to 413.2 parts per million in 2020, rising more than the average rate over the last decade despite a temporary dip in emissions during Covid-19 lockdowns.

Secretary-General Petteri Taalas said that the current rate of increase in heat-trapping gases would result in temperature rises "far in excess" of the 2015 Paris Agreement target of 1.5 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial average this century.

"We are way off track," he said. "We need to revisit our industrial, energy and transport systems and whole way of life," he said, calling for a "dramatic increase" in commitments at the COP26 conference beginning October 31.

Representatives from nearly 200 countries will meet in Glasgow, Scotland with a view to strengthening action to tackle global warming

under the Paris accord.

The annual report by the Geneva-based agency measures the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide, the gases that are warming the planet and triggering extreme weather events like heatwaves and intense rainfall.

The report confirmed, as expected, that the Covid-19 economic slowdown "did not have any discernible impact on the atmospheric levels of greenhouse gases and their growth rates."

It added that early readings showed levels of carbon dioxide, the gas that makes the biggest contribution to warming, continued to rise in 2021.

Even if deep emissions cuts are made now, climate scientists say the warming trend will remain intact because past carbon dioxide emissions stay in the atmosphere for centuries.

The WMO report also flagged concerns about the ability of the ocean and land to absorb roughly half of the carbon dioxide emissions, saying that ocean uptake might be reduced due to higher sea surface temperatures. These 'sinks' act as a buffer and prevent the possibility of more dramatic temperature increases.

Carbon dioxide levels hit new record in 2020

Rate of increase exceeds 2011-2020 average

WMO report flags concerns about carbon sinks



A Spanish police officer uses a radial saw to cut a barrel and remove a climate activist from the road during a protest by Extinction Rebellion against the COP26 summit in Madrid, Spain yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS



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1951 - Winston Churchill was appointed British prime minister for a second time after his Conservative party narrowly won an election.

1979 - South Korean President Park Chung-hee was shot and killed by his intelligence chief.

1994 - Israel and Jordan signed a peace treaty in a ceremony at their border attended by US President Bill Clinton.

2001 - Veteran Afghan opposition commander Abdul Haq was captured and executed by Taliban troops while on a mission inside Afghanistan to gather support for a peace plan.

SOURCE: REUTERS

বাংলাদেশ মৎস্য উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন	
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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি	
১। সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	বাংলাদেশ মৎস্য উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন।
২। দরপত্র সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	গুপনে টেন্ডার মেথড (ভিডিও)।
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৪। দরপত্রের বিষয়	"নার্সারী পুকুর সমূহে কার্প জাতীয় পোনা মাছের খাদ্য সরবরাহ"
৫। সিডিউল বিক্রির শেষ সময় ও তারিখ	০১/১১/২০২১ (অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত)।
৬। দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ সময় ও তারিখ	০২/১১/২০২১ (দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত)।
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৮। দরপত্রের মেয়াদ	দরপত্র খোলার দিন হতে ০৭ দিন পর্যন্ত।
৯। দরপত্র প্রাপ্তির স্থান	হিসাব বিভাগ, কাগজাই হুদ মৎস্য উন্নয়ন ও বিপণন কেন্দ্র, বামউক, রাঙ্গামাটি।
১০। দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান ও ঠিকানা	ব্যবস্থাপকের কার্যালয়, বিএফডিসি, রাঙ্গামাটি।
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১২। দরপত্র সিডিউল মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)	৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা প্রতি সেট।
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CORRIGENDUM of  
Invitation for International Tender

Memo No- 44.01.0000.057.11.007.21/440/Betar Date: 25/10/2021.

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the Manufacturers/Suppliers in their official pad for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of DMR Trunking (Tier-3) System on Turnkey Basis for Bangladesh Police in FY 2021-2022.

Ministry:	Ministry of Home Affairs
Agency:	Bangladesh Police
Procuring Entity Name:	SP (Logistics), Police Telecom Organization
Tender Package Name:	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of DMR Trunking (Tier-3) System on Turnkey Basis for Bangladesh Police.
Tender Ref. No:	44.01.0000.057.11.007.21/323/Betar
Date	23/09/2021
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Tender Closing Date and Time:	08 November 2021 at 14:30 hrs.
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Tender Opening Date and Time:	08 November 2021 at 15:00 hrs.
Corrected Tender Opening Date and Time:	18 November 2021 at 15:00 hrs.

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Amendment of Tender Notice (Amendment No -1)

Project Title : Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3<sup>rd</sup> Plant), Gopalganj  
Package Name : Machinery and Equipment  
Package No. : GD-15  
Ref. No : EDCL/PD-Gopalganj/ ICT/Machinery & Equipment/2021/37, Date : 13 September, 2021

Notice Sl. No	Subject to be Amended	Existing As	Shall be amended As
17.	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	01 November, 2021, Time : 03:00 PM (Local Time)	16 November, 2021, Time : 03:00 PM (Local Time)
18.	Tender Closing Date and Time	02 November, 2021, Time : 02:00 PM (Local Time)	17 November, 2021, Time : 02:00 PM (Local Time)
19.	Tender Opening Date and Time	02 November, 2021, Time : 02:30 PM (Local Time)	17 November, 2021, Time : 02:30 PM (Local Time)

All other terms & conditions shall remain unchanged

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