



If the British overhauled their (labour) legislation - they started doing it but haven't gone far enough - there would be no people in Calais and Dunkerque. Why do they go to Britain? Because the British labour market functions..."

FRENCH INTERIOR MINISTER GERALD **DARMANIN** TELLS BRITAIN TO STOP 'GIVING LESSONS' ON MIGRANTS

# **BIDEN-XI SUMMIT** US aiming to defuse tensions

AFP, Washington

US President Joe Biden and China's Xi Jinping were set to speak late yesterday at a virtual summit aimed at defusing some of the tensions that have built up over Taiwan and other flashpoint issues, but with both sides signaling little appetite for compromise.

The two leaders have already spoken on the phone twice since Biden's inauguration in January but, with Xi refusing to travel abroad because of the pandemic, an online video meeting remains the best available avenue for direct talks.

With most attention in the build-up focused on the sparring over Taiwan, Biden's aides have cast the summit as an opportunity to help prevent tensions escalating further. "We know as a responsible global leader that it's important to keep channels of communication open," a senior administration official told reporters.

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Members of the Belarusian Red Cross show the way to migrants during the distribution of humanitarian aid in a camp near the Belarusian-Polish border in the Grodno region on Sunday. President Alexander Lukashenko said yesterday that Belarus was working to repatriate the migrants that have amassed on its border with Poland, appearing to move to defuse the crisis ahead of an EU meeting over new sanctions on

PHOTO: AFP

# Taliban launch ops against IS in Afghanistan

Mediate talks between Pakistan govt, TTP

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The Taliban have launched a crackdown on suspected Islamic State hideouts in southern Afghanistan, officials said yesterday, following an increase in bloody attacks by the group in recent weeks. operation

Islamic against State-Khorasan -the local chapter of the jihadist group -- started around midnight in at least four Kandahar province continued and through yesterday morning, Taliban provincial police chief Abdul Ghafar

Mohammadi told AFP "So far, four Daesh (IS) fighters have

been killed and ten arrested... one of them blew himself up inside a house," he said. A member of the Taliban intelligence agency who declined to be named told AFP least three civilians were killed in the

operation. Local media quoted a Taliban official as saying there had also been a blast in a western suburb of Kabul yesterday morning with no casualties.

In the three months since the Taliban came to power, IS-K has been active in Jalalabad, Kunduz, Kandahar and Kabul.

Last month the group claimed responsibility for a suicide bomb attack on a Shia mosque in Kandahar that killed at least 60 people and injured scores more.

attack That came a week after blast mosque claimed by IS-K in northern Kunduz province more than 60 people.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan's foreign minister

said the Taliban is acting as a mediator between the Pakistani government and the Pakistan Taliban, known by the acronym TTP.

In an interview to the BBC's Urdu service on Sunday, Amir Khan Muttaqi said the Afghan Taliban had stepped in at the 'request" of both parties.

"No final agreement has been reached; however, the start has been very good, and in the first part of the [talks] there has been an agreement on a one-month ceasefire," said Muttagi.

# 4 held over Liverpool taxi 'terrorist' blast: UK police

Police in northwest England yesterday said they were treating a deadly blast outside a hospital in Liverpool as a "terrorist incident" involving a homemade bomb that was reportedly foiled by a quick-thinking taxi

Russ Jackson, in charge of counter-terrorism policing in the region, said the motivation for Sunday's blast in a taxi was unclear. But he said the improvised explosive device, which ignited in the cab, turning it nto a fireball, was "built by the passenger" who died.

Three men aged 21, 26 and 29 were arrested under the Terrorism Act soon after the explosion in the nearby Kensington area of the city and were taken for questioning. A fourth man, aged 20, was detained earlier yesterday, Jackson said, adding that "significant items" had been found at a second address in Sefton Park, near Kensington.

### **MORE NEWS**

#### India opens to tourists after 20 months

India yesterday opened to foreign tourists from countries with reciprocal agreements after a 20-month ban because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Tour operators said, however, that demand was extremely sluggish due to high ticket prices and remaining restrictions on travellers from Britain, China and elsewhere. The country famous for the Tai Mahal, desert palaces and tiger reserves barred all foreign tourists in March 2020 as the pandemic intensified. But after a devastating spike in Covid-19 cases earlier this year, the number of known infections has fallen sharply and the government, under pressure from an industry that is an important pillar of the economy, last month announced a loosening.

#### Philippines' Duterte to run for Senate in 2022

Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte yesterday filed to contest the Senate elections next year, seeking a way to remain in politics while facing an international probe into his deadly drug war. Duterte, who is constitutionally barred from seeking a second six-year term, submitted his candidacy at the Commission on Elections office, minutes before a deadline to join the race. A lawyer submitted the paperwork on behalf of the president, according to documents seen by AFP, quelling speculation he would run for vice president -- the same post his daughter, Sara, is contesting. Duterte, 76, had previously said he would run for the country's secondhighest office, before changing his mind and announcing plans last month to retire from politics -- which was met with deep scepticism among analysts.

#### Syria airstrike probed by NY Times 'legitimate': US

The US Central Command said Sunday that a 2019 airstrike that killed civilians in Syria was "legitimate," after a New York Times investigation said the military had concealed the death of dozens of non-combatants. The newspaper published the results of its investigation on Saturday saying a US special task force operating in Syria -- sometimes leaving its military partners in the dark to preserve secrecy -- dropped three bombs on a cluster of civilians near the Islamic State group bastion of Baghouz, killing 70 people, mainly women and children. The report says a US legal officer "flagged the strike as a possible war crime" but that "at nearly every step, the military made moves that concealed the

catastrophic strike." SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

## China fights biggest Delta outbreak

REUTERS, Beijing

China is battling the spread of its biggest Covid-19 outbreak caused by the Delta variant, according to numbers announced yesterday, with travellers om a city where infections have grown faster than elsewhere in the country subject to tough quarantine rules in nearby areas.

Chinese authorities said 32 new domestically transmitted infections with confirmed symptoms have been reported for November 14, most of which were in northeastern Dalian city.

That brings the tally of local cases since Oct. 17 to 1,308, Reuters calculations based on official data showed, surpassing the 1,280 local cases from a summer Delta outbreak.



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the follow	the following items.						
Serial No.	Tender ID	Description of works	Online (e-GP System) tender publication date & time	Tender/propos al document last selling date and time	Tender/proposal document closing and opening date and time		
1	627241	Construction of 03 (three) storied Office Building with 05 (five) storied foundation of Janata Bank Limited's own plot at Kharampatti, Kishoreganj, RCC frame structure including Civil, Sanitary, Electrical and other related works.	15/11/2021 16.00	13/12/2021 13.30	13/12/2021 15.00		

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in National e-GP Portal and no official hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any 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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Sl.	Tender ID	Name of works		Tender Closing Date
No.	No.		of Tender Security	& Time
			Submission	
1.	626753	Procurement of Air Conditioner and Related Services	06/12/2021; 2:00 pm	06/12/2021; 3:00 pm

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Office of the Executive Engineer PWD E/M MIS Division-2 Purta Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka Invitation for Tenders (IFT)

	o No. 25.36.0000.622.18.003.21-575	Date: 14.11.2021		
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing & Public Works.		
2	Executing agency	Public Works Department.		
3	Name of procuring entity	Executive Engineer, PWD E/M MIS Division-2, Purta		
		Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.		
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.		
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.		
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Physical Services.		
7	Invitation Reference No.	25.36.0000.622.18.003.21-575		
8	Date	14.11.2021		
<b>KEY</b>	INFORMATION			
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
FUN	DING INFORMATION			
10	Budget and source of fund	Revenue Budget, Government of Bangladesh.		
PAR	TICULAR INFORMATION			
11	Tender Package No.	PSN/Driver/2/2021-2022		
12	Tender package name	Supply of driver of government inspection jeep		
		through outsourcing for office of the Executive		
		Engineer PWD E/M MIS Division-1 and PWD E/M		
		MIS Division-2 Dhaka. FY 2021-2022.		
13	Tender No.	PSN/Driver/2/2021-2022		
14	Tender publication date	On or before 16.11.2021		
15	Tender last selling date	29.11.2021 up to 17:00 hours.		
16	Tender closing date and time	30.11.2021 Time 12:00 hours.		
17	Tender opening date and time	30.11.2021 Time 13:00 hours.		
	Name & address of the office(s)			
	Selling tender document (principal)	Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M MIS		
18		Division-2, Purta Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.		
	Opening tender document	Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M MIS		
		Division-2, Purta Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.		
19	Price of tender document (BDT)	BDT 1000 (one thousand) only.		
PRO	CURING ENTITY DETALLS			
20	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Nafiz Mahmood.		
21	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer.		
22	Address of official inviting tender	PWD E/M MIS Division-2, Purta Bhaban,		
		Segunbagicha, Dhaka.		
23	Contact details or official inviting	Tel: 02-47120535; Email: ee_mis2@pwd.gov.bd		
	tender			
24	The procuring entity reserves the right	to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.		
		Md. Nafiz Mahmood		

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# **US** journalist 'pardoned'

Says Myanmar junta; Blinken welcomes his release from prison

AFP, Yangon

US journalist Danny Fenster was "pardoned" before being deported from Myanmar where he had been sentenced to 11 years in jail and was to face further terror and sedition charges, the junta said yesterday.

Fenster was pardoned before his release on "humanitarian grounds" following negotiations with former US top diplomat Bill Richardson and two Japanese envoys, the junta's information team said in a



information team showed Fenster, flanked by two Myanmar military officials, signing a document in capital Naypyidaw, where he later boarded a flight to leave the country.

The United States welcomed his release, saying he had been "wrongfully detained."

"We are glad that Danny will soon be reunited with his family as we continue to call for the release of others who remain unjustly imprisoned in Burma, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said, using Myanmar's former name.

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