

Quote of the day



“It seems to me our responsibility as leaders of China and the United States is to ensure that our competition between our countries does not veer into conflict, whether intended or unintended, just simple, straightforward competition. ... It seems to me we need to establish some common sense guardrails. To be clear and honest where we disagree, and work together where interests intersect, especially on vital global issues like climate change.”

US PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN TELLS CHINA'S XI JINGPING



Polish law enforcement officers use water cannons against migrants attempting to break into Poland at the Bruzgi-Kuznica border crossing on the Belarusian-Polish border, yesterday. The crisis has led the EU to prepare further sanctions against Belarus, which it accuses of attempting to destabilise the bloc by pushing migrants across the border illegally.

PHOTO: AFP

MORE NEWS

Sudan releases Al Jazeera's bureau chief

Authorities in Sudan have released Al Jazeera Media Network's bureau chief in Khartoum, two days after he was arrested during a midnight raid on his home. El Musalmi El Kabbashi was released yesterday. The journalist was among hundreds of people taken into custody amid mass protests across Sudan against a military power grab last month. El Kabbashi's arrest on Sunday came after security forces fired live bullets and tear gas at anti-coup protesters in Khartoum and its twin city of Omdurman, killing at least eight people.

UK police name Liverpool taxi blast terror suspect

British police have identified the suspect behind an explosion which engulfed a taxi in flames outside a hospital in Liverpool on Sunday, a blast the authorities have declared a terrorist incident. Police say 32-year-old Emad Al Swealmeeen, who was killed in the blast, boarded the taxi in the northern English city and asked to be driven to the hospital, which was about 10 minutes away. The blast took place within the car as it approached the drop-off point in front of Liverpool Women's Hospital. The taxi driver was treated for injuries and released after medical attention. Police said it was unclear why the passenger had wanted to go to the hospital or what had caused the sudden explosion of the device.



Hindu hardliners attack Indian ex-FM's house

Hindu hardliners have attacked and set fire to the home of a former Indian foreign minister, police say, in the latest incident of religious violence that critics say has been inflamed under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Salman Khurshid, from the main opposition Congress party, published a book last month in which he compared the kind of Hindu nationalism that has flourished under Modi to "extremist groups" such as ISIL (ISIS). Police said a mob of about 20 people from a headline local Hindu group massed outside Khurshid's house near the northern city of Nainital, Uttarakhand state, on Monday. Khurshid, who served as foreign minister from 2012 to 2014, was away with his family at the time of the incident.

UK defence minister visits Ukraine over Russian concerns

Britain's defence minister Ben Wallace met Ukrainian officials on a visit to Kyiv yesterday, a show of support at a time when Ukraine and Nato countries have expressed concern about Russian troop movements near Ukraine's borders. Prime Minister Boris Johnson's spokesman on Monday expressed Britain's "unwavering" support for Ukraine and said it would back Kyiv in the face of Russian hostility.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS



NOVEMBER 17

**1558** - Elizabeth I aged 25, ascends the English throne upon death of her half sister, Queen "Bloody" Mary.

**1800** - Congress holds its 1st session in Washington, D.C. in an incomplete Capitol Building.

**1831** - Ecuador and Venezuela separated from Greater Colombia

**1869** - Suez Canal in Egypt opens, linking Mediterranean and Red seas.

SOURCE: WEBSITES

AIM FOR RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE WITHOUT US ASSETS

EU to go solo by 2025

REUTERS, Brussels

The European Union is considering a joint military force of up to 5,000 troops by 2025 to intervene in a range of crises and without relying on the United States, according to a draft plan.

The "EU Rapid Deployment Capacity" should be made up of land, sea and air components that could be swapped in and out of any standing force, depending on the crisis, according to the confidential 28-page document dated Nov 9 and seen by Reuters.

EU foreign and defence ministers began debating the plan on Monday evening in Brussels and continued yesterday, aiming to settle on a final document by March next year.

EU presidency chair Slovenia told reporters that government reactions were positive, but noted the traditional divide between EU states focused on Russia and those worried about terror attacks and instability on the bloc's southern flank.

"First impressions are quite good. Of course we need some fine tuning," said Matej Tonin, Slovenia's defence minister.

Two decades after EU leaders first agreed to set up a 50,000-60,000-strong force but

failed to make it operational, the draft strategy by the bloc's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell is the most concrete effort to create a standalone military force that does not rely on U.S. assets.

"We need more rapidity, robustness and flexibility to undertake the full range of military crisis management tasks," said the draft, called the "Strategic Compass".

"We need to be able to respond to imminent threats or quickly react to a crisis situation, for example a rescue and evacuation mission or a stabilisation operation in a hostile environment," the draft said.

Not all 27 EU states would need to take part, although approval of any deployment would require consensus.

The Strategic Compass is the closest thing the EU could have to a military doctrine and akin to US-led Nato's "Strategic Concept" that sets out alliance goals. Crucially for the EU, Borrell wants EU states to commit to "providing associated assets and the necessary strategic enablers".

That means developing the logistics, long-range air transport and command and control capabilities of the United States that European allies in Nato have relied on.

Pfizer strikes licensing deal for Covid pill

95 countries to be benefitted

REUTERS

Pfizer Inc yesterday said it will allow generic manufacturers to supply its experimental antiviral Covid-19 pill to 95 low- and middle-income countries through a licensing agreement with international public health group Medicines Patent Pool (MPP).

The voluntary licensing agreement between Pfizer and the MPP will allow the UN-backed group to grant sub-licences to qualified generic drug manufacturers to make their own versions of PF-07321332. Pfizer will sell the pills it manufactures under the brand name Paxlovid.

Pfizer, which also makes one of the mostly widely used Covid-19 vaccines, has said the pill cut the chance of hospitalisation or death for adults at risk of severe disease by 89% in its clinical trial.

The 95 countries in the agreement cover around 53% of the world's population and include all low- and lower-middle-income countries. They also include countries that have transitioned from lower-middle to upper-middle-income status in the past five years, Pfizer and the MPP said.

Pfizer will waive royalties on sales in low-income countries. Meanwhile, according to a new analysis Pfizer, BioNTech and Moderna are making combined profits of \$65,000 every minute from their highly successful Covid-19 vaccines while the world's poorest countries remain largely unvaccinated.

People's Vaccine Alliance (PVA) estimates that the trio will make pre-tax profits of \$34 billion this year between them, which works out to over \$1,000 a second, \$65,000 a minute or \$93.5 million a day.



'Down' and 'out'?

COP26 wording clouds way ahead on climate

REUTERS, Beijing

How humanity confronts climate change may come down to the intentions behind two words.

The UN COP26 climate conference adopted a final deal UN climate agreement clinched after late drama over coal on Saturday that at the last minute dropped wording calling for the "phase out" of coal-fired power, replacing it with "phase down".

Producers of coal - the most polluting fossil fuel - and countries that consume oil, gas and coal said the change of wording showed they had successfully defended the use of natural resources for which demand is still high and supply is tight.

"If we are to successfully transition to the energy system of tomorrow, we cannot simply unplug from the energy system of today," Sultan al-Jaber, Chief Executive of Abu Dhabi state oil company Abu Dhabi National Oil Co (ADNOC), said on Monday.

"We cannot just flip a switch."

The oil and gas industry will need to invest over \$600 billion a year until 2030 to meet expected demand, he said. The wording change, and a clause calling for an end to fossil fuel subsidies qualified as "inefficient", upset progressive nations and climate activists.

Industry watchers saw a mixed bag. "Last-minute changes reflect current realities of individual energy markets where countries aim to prioritise supply security over environmental goals," said Prakash Sharma of Natural resources consultancy Wood Mackenzie.

The success of India, backed by China and other coal-dependent developing nations, in clinching the less decisive language on coal brought British COP26 President Alok Sharma to the brink of tears.

Developing countries, finally enjoying boom growth, are suspicious of efforts by prosperous Western countries - where fossil fuel production has already peaked - to curb coal output.

The agreement was widely applauded for keeping alive prospects of capping global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius, but many of the nearly 200 nations had wanted to leave the conference in Glasgow with more.

"We were disappointed with the last-minute change to the language around coal," said Simon Kofe, foreign minister of the low-lying nation of Tuvalu which sees itself as on the front line of the climate battle.

"I think we were quite disappointed, as well as other Pacific island countries, with that last-minute change," Kofe told Reuters. "It's basically the survival of countries like Tuvalu (at stake)."

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার  
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**সংশোধিত বিজ্ঞপ্তি**  
স্মারক নং-শ.এম.এম.এ.মে.ক.হাস.সিরাজ/২০২১/১৬৬/১(২১) তারিখঃ ১০/০৮/২০২১ইং মোতাবেক জারিকৃত স্থপিতাদেশটি এতদ্বারা প্রত্যাহার করা হলো এবং বর্ণিত ছক মোতাবেক দরপত্র কার্যক্রম প্রতিপালিত হবে।

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| ০১ | দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ স্থান ও সময় | ১৭/১১/২০২১ইং তারিখ হতে ২২/১১/২০২১ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত (সরকারি ছুটির দিন ব্যতিত অফিস চলাকালীন সময় সকাল ০৮.০০ ঘটিকা হইতে দুপুর ২.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত) অত্র কার্যালয় ও পুলিশ সুপার সিরাজগঞ্জ এর কার্যালয়। |
| ০২ | দরপত্র জমাদানের তারিখ ও সময়               | ২৩/১১/২০২১ইং তারিখ ৯.০০-১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত পরিচালক এর কার্যালয়ে রক্ষিত বাস্তব এবং পুলিশ সুপার সিরাজগঞ্জ এর কার্যালয়ের রক্ষিত বাস্তব।  |
| ০৩ | সার্ভিস কমিশনের হার                        | সেবা প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের সার্ভিস কমিশনের হার ন্যূনতম ৫% এর কম হবে না।  |

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e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of

| Sl. No. | Tender ID No.  | Package No.     | Description                      | Online tender notice publication date | Online tender closing date |
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| 01      | 627731 (KUET/ENS/e-GP/2021-22/01 (05), Date: 11.11.2021) | RW(2)/2021-2022 | Repair work of Amar Ekushey Hall | 15 November 2021                      | 29 November 2021           |

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for last selling/downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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**Invitation for Tender**  
Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

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| 1 | Ministry/Division          | Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources. |
| 2 | Agency                     | Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board.                          |
| 3 | Procuring Entity Name      | Directorate of Procurement                                       |
| 4 | Procuring Entity Code      | 019  |
| 5 | Procuring Entity District  | Dhaka  |
| 6 | Invitation for Tender Name | Testing Equipment  |
| 7 | Invitation Ref No.         | 27.12.0000.019.07.095.21.357                                     |
| 8 | Date                       | 15-11-2021   |

**KEY INFORMATION**  
9 Procurement Method: Open Tendering Method (NCT).

**FUNDING INFORMATION**  
10 Budget and Source of Funds: BREB Own Fund  
11 Development Partners (if applicable): N/A

**PARTICIPATION INFORMATION**  
12 Project/ Programme Code (if applicable): N/A  
13 Project/ Programme Name (if applicable): N/A  
14 Tender Package No.: BREB OWN Fund-G-1  
15 Tender Package Name: Testing Equipment  
16 Tender Publication Date: 17-11-2021  
17 Tender Last Selling Date: 14-12-2021 up to office time

| Date                            | Time                        |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 18 Tender Closing Date and Time | 15-12-2021 12:00 Noon (BST) |
| 19 Tender Opening Date and Time | 15-12-2021 12:30 PM (BST)   |

20 Name & Address of the office(s)  
- Selling Tender Document (Principal): Directorate of Procurement (7th floor), Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board, Nikunja-2, Dhaka- 1229, Bangladesh.  
- Selling Tender Document (Others): N/A

**NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS**  
- Receiving Tender Document: Directorate of Procurement (7th floor), Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board, Nikunja-2, Dhaka- 1229, Bangladesh.  
- Opening Tender Document: N/A

| Date  | Time                         |
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| 21 Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional) | N/A N/A                      |
| 22 Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer  | Only Bangladeshi Tenderer.   |
| 23 Brief Description of Goods                       | Testing Equipment            |
| 24 Brief Description of Related Services            | N/A                          |
| 25 Price of Tender Document (Tk.)                   | Tk. 3,000.00 (Each Document) |

| Tender Package No. | Sub Package No. | Description                        | Quantity | Tender Security Amount in Tk. | Description of Delivery Period & Places         |
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| BREB-OWN Fund-G-1  | Lot-1           | Portable Type Meter Testing Set    | 15       | 10,00,000.00                  | As per Delivery Schedule in the Tender Document |
|                    | Lot-2           | Multifunction Test Set Without TDE | 13       | 20,00,000.00                  |   |

27 Regarding Tender Document: Tender Document can be purchased by the interested tenderers on submission of a written application to the address below upon the payment of non-refundable BDT. 3000.00 (Taka Three Thousand) in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of BREB, Dhaka. No tender document will be sent by courier or by mail. One tender document can not be used for submission of tender proposal(s) by more than one tenderer. One tenderer, however, may submit tenders against any number of sub-packages included in the tender document by purchasing only one copy of the tender document.

28 Mode of Payment: Payment will be made directly to the suppliers in Local Currency (BDT.)

29 Delivery Period: Delivery Period shall begin from the date of signing of contract or from 28th day issuing of Notification of Award (NOA) whichever is earlier.

30 Name of official Inviting Tender: Md. Idris

31 Designation of official Inviting Tender: Director (Procurement)

32 Address of official Inviting Tender: Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board, Head Office Building (7th Floor), Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.  
Telephone: 02-8900359 & E-mail: [reprocure@yahoo.com](mailto:reprocure@yahoo.com)

33 Contract details of official Inviting Tender: N/A

34 The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.

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