

NEW COVID VARIANT OMICRON

China could record 6.3 lakh daily cases
Peking University report warns

PTI, Beijing

China is expected to continue its much-criticised Zero Covid policy, shutting the country to most of the world as a new study has warned of a “colossal outbreak” with over 6.30 lakh patients per day if it opens up despite Omicron concerns.

According to a report by the Peking University mathematicians, China could face more than 630,000 coronavirus infections a day if it dropped its zero-tolerance approach and followed other countries by lifting travel bans.

“The estimates revealed the real possibility of a colossal outbreak which would almost certainly put an unbearable burden on the medical system,” the report said.

The country on Saturday reported 23 new Covid-19 cases, including 20 imported ones as the country appears to have contained a recent spike of infections in Beijing and other cities.

China, where the coronavirus first surfaced in Wuhan in late 2019 before it turned into a pandemic, has so far reported 98,631 cases and 4,636 deaths, the National Health Commission said yesterday.

This included 785 patients still receiving treatment.

On Saturday, Chinese top respiratory expert Zhong Nanshan warned that the new and more contagious coronavirus variant Omicron may cause more challenges to the work of preventing and controlling the pandemic as the World Health Organization (WHO) said it carries a large number of mutations.



Israeli security forces clash with Palestinian parents protesting after their children were prevented from going to school as Israeli settlers block the entrance to the al-Lubban al-Sharqiya village, south of Nablus city in the occupied West Bank yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

MORE NEWS

Australian govt vows to unmask online trolls

Australia's government said yesterday it will introduce legislation to unmask online trolls, and hold social media giants like Facebook and Twitter responsible for identifying them. Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the law would protect Australians from online abuse and harassment. “The online world should not be a wild west where bots and bigots and trolls and others can just anonymously go around and harm people and hurt people, harass them and bully them and sledge them,” Morrison told reporters.

NZ politician cycles to hospital in labour, gives birth

New Zealand Member of Parliament Julie Anne Genter got on her bicycle early yesterday and headed to the hospital. She was already in labour and she gave birth an hour later. “Big news!” the Greens politician posted on her Facebook page a few hours later. “At 3.04am this morning we welcomed the newest member of our family. I genuinely wasn’t planning to cycle in labour, but it did end up happening.” The island nation of 5 million already has a reputation for down-to-earth politicians. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern famously took maternity leave while in office and brought her three-month old to a United Nations meeting as she was still breastfeeding.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

RARE JOINT OPINION ARTICLE

China, Russia decry US democracy summit

AFP, Washington

A rare joint opinion article by the ambassadors of China and Russia has sharply assailed President Joe Biden's plans for a virtual summit of democratic countries -- from which they were pointedly excluded.

Calling the US plan “an evident product of its Cold-War mentality,” ambassadors Anatoly Antonov of Russia and Qin Gang of China said the December 9-10 event would “stoke up ideological confrontation and a rift in the world, creating new ‘dividing lines.’”

The summit is meant to fulfill a campaign pledge by Biden to advance the cause of global democracy at a time when autocratic governments have been on the rise. But when the State Department on Tuesday published a list of about 110 invited countries -- without including Russia or China -- their reaction was furious.

China was especially angered by the inclusion of Taiwan, over which it claims sovereignty.

Writing on the website of conservative journal National Journal, the two ambassadors to the United States said democracy “can be realized in multiple ways, and no model can fit all countries.”

“No country has the right to judge the world's vast and varied political landscape by a single yardstick,” the ambassadors added.

The article described communist China as having “an extensive, whole-process socialist democracy (which) reflects the people's will, suits the country's realities, and enjoys strong support from the people.”

“It has been proved that the whole-process democracy works in China, and works very well.” The article did not mention Taiwan.

It said that Russia -- where long-serving President Vladimir Putin in April signed a law that could allow him to remain in power until 2036 -- is a “democratic federative law-governed state with a republican form of government” with century-old parliamentary traditions.

Without naming the United States, the envoys said that wars and conflicts launched in the name of spreading democracy, “severely undermine regional and international peace, security, and stability.”

“Bombings of Yugoslavia, military intervention in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya, and ‘democratic transformation’ do nothing but harm,” they wrote.

BJP sweeps Tripura civic elections

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party yesterday swept the urban civic body elections in north eastern state of Tripura bagging all the seats of the 51-member Agartala Municipal Corporation and taking control of several other municipalities.

The opposition Trinamool Congress, which had deployed several of its top leaders for the poll campaign in Tripura for several weeks, and CPI(M) failed to open their account in the Agartala civic body and got just one seat and three seats respectively in a few other municipalities.

Tripura goes to fresh assembly poll in 2023 and TMC is hoping to wrest power in that state.

The saffron party also secured all the wards in the 15-member Khowai Municipal Council, 17-seat Belonia Municipal Council, 15-member Kumarghat Municipal Council and nine-member Sabroom Nagar Panchayat, state election commission officials said.

The party made a clean sweep in the 25-ward Dharmanagar Municipal Council, 15-seat Teliamura Municipal Council and 13-member Amarpur Nagar Panchayat, they said.

Sonamura Nagar Panchayat and Melaghar Nagar Panchayat became opposition less with BJP having won all the 13 seats each. It also bagged the 11-member Jirania Nagar Panchayat.

The BJP secured 12 seats of Ambassa Municipal Council, while TMC and CPI-M won one seat each and another went to an independent candidate.

27 Russian diplomats due to leave US in Jan

Says Moscow

REUTERS, Moscow

Russia's ambassador to the United States said that 27 more Russian diplomats and their families were expelled from the United States and would leave on January 30.

“Our diplomats are being expelled...A large group of my comrades, 27 people with families, will leave us on January 30... We are facing a serious staff shortage,” Ambassador Anatoly Antonov said in a video interview for the Soloviev Live Youtube channel aired late on Saturday.

Russia has previously said that over 100 of its diplomats with families had been forced to leave the United States since 2016 when the relationship between the two countries worsened. As of October 29, nearly 200 Russian diplomats were still in their jobs in the US, included the staff of the Russian mission to the United Nations, according to Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova.

Biden's administration said last month that the staff of the US mission in Russia had shrunk to 120 from 1,200 in early 2017 after a series of expulsions and restrictions, and it was difficult to continue with anything other than a caretaker presence at the embassy.

Taliban won't 'interfere' in other nations' affairs

Says Afghan PM, urges charities to continue offering aid

AFP, Kabul

The Taliban co-founder and now prime minister of Afghanistan Mullah Mohammad Hassan Akhund pledged late Saturday that his government will “not interfere” in other countries' internal affairs, and urged international charities to continue offering aid to the war-ravaged country.

Hassan's audio speech broadcast on state television -- his first address to the nation since the Taliban seized power in August -- came ahead of next week's meeting between the United States and the Taliban in Doha.

“We assure all the countries that we will not interfere in their internal affairs and we want to have good economic relations with them,” said Hassan in a nearly 30-minute speech that came amid criticism on social media for remaining silent since the Islamists took power, even as the nation faced severe challenges.

“We are drowned in our problems and we are trying to get the strength to bring our people out of miseries and hardships with God's help.”

The Taliban seized power on August 15 after ousting the previous US-backed government, as Washington hurriedly withdrew its troops from the country after a 20-year war.

“We ask all the international charity organisations to not withhold their aid and to help our exhausted nation... so that the problems of the people could be solved,” Hassan said, insisting that the problems facing the country were the result of the previous governments.

The Taliban's previous regime was toppled in a US-led invasion after the 9/11 attacks in the United States that were carried out by Al-Qaeda, whose now-killed founder Osama bin Laden lived in Afghanistan at that time.

Hassan is a Taliban veteran who was a close associate and political advisor to Mullah Omar, the founder of the movement and its first supreme leader.

Said to be in his 60s, Hassan served as foreign minister and deputy prime minister in the movement's previous regime between 1996-2001.

He was placed on a UN Security Council sanctions list connected to the “acts and activities” of the Taliban.



Hassan's government faces a series of challenges, in particular reviving the country's dilapidated economy that has been dried of international aid, which used to make up 75 percent of the national budget under the previous US-backed governments.

Inflation and unemployment have surged in Afghanistan, while the country's banking sector has collapsed since the Taliban takeover.

The financial crunch was aggravated when Washington froze about \$10 billion of assets held in its reserve for Kabul, and deteriorated further after the World Bank and International Monetary Fund halted Afghanistan's access to funding.

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e-Tender Notice-01/2021-2022

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

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last Date and Time of Tender Security Submission	Tender Closing Date & Time
1.	632191	Renovation work of class room, teachers' common room and library at Chandpur Govt. Mohila College, Chandpur	20.12.2021 13:00	20.12.2021 14:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks' branches upto [date: 19.12.2021 & Time: 16:00]. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP Held Desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Gazi Wires Limited

(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation Under Ministry of Industries)

Re-Tender Notice (NCT)

1	Procuring entity name	Managing Director, Gazi Wires Limited (BSEC), 28-FIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh.	
2	Procuring entity district	Chattogram.	
3	Invitation for	Uniform for Workers and Staffs	
4	Invitation Ref. No.	GW/PUR/74/OTM(NCT)/2021-2022 Dated: 28/11/2021.	
5	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (NCT).	
6	Budget and source of funds	Gazi Wires Limited's Own Fund.	
7	Tender publication date	29/11/2021.	
8	Tender last selling date	13/12/2021 (During office time).	
9	Tender closing date and time	Date	Time
		14/12/2021	11.30am (Bangladesh Betar Time)
10	Tender opening date and time	14/12/2021	11.45am (Bangladesh Betar Time)
11	Name & address of the office(s)	Address	
	(a) Selling of tender document	1) Cash Section, Bangladesh Steel & Engineering, BSEC Bhaban, 102-Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. 2) Cash Section, Gazi Wires Limited, 28-FIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh.	
	(b) Receiving and opening of TD	At the office of Gazi Wires Ltd., 28-FIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh. BDT. 1,000.00 (one thousand).	
12	Price of tender document (each)		
13	Brief description of goods	Tender package No.	Description of goods and works
		GW/PUR/74/OTM(NCT)/2021-2022	Uniform for Workers and Staffs
14	Regarding tender document	The tender document may be purchased by the interested tenders on the submission of a written application to the addresses as mentioned in serial No. 11(a) and upon payment of a non refundable fee BDT. 1000.00. The method of payment will be in the form of cash in favour of Gazi Wires Ltd. No Tender will be sent by Courier or mail. One tender document cannot be used for submission on tender proposal(s) by more than one tenderer.	
15	Special instruction	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reason.	

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ভাড়া বাস সরবরাহের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

কুষ্টিয়া মেডিকেল কলেজ, কুষ্টিয়ার ২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছরের জন্য ভাড়া বাস সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন, ২০০৬ ও পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা, ২০০৮ অনুসারে প্রকৃত ঠিকাদার/প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারীর নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

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৪.	দরপত্র প্রচারের তারিখ	প্রকিয়াক প্রকাশের তারিখ।
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৬.	বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস	উন্মুক্ত বাজেট।
৭.	দরপত্র সিডিউল সংগ্রহের শেষ তারিখ ও প্রাপ্তির স্থান, তারিখ এবং সময়	প্রকিয়াক বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের পর হইতে ১৪/১২/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখ পর্যন্ত কুষ্টিয়া মেডিকেল কলেজ, কুষ্টিয়ার হিসাব শাখা হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ট্রেজারী চালানের মাধ্যমে ১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) কোড নং- ১-২৭১১-০০০০-২৩৬৬- তে জমা দান পূর্বক চালানের মূল কপি সহ প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব প্যাডে আবেদনের মাধ্যমে দরপত্র সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করিতে হবে।
৮.	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	কুষ্টিয়া মেডিকেল কলেজ, কুষ্টিয়ার “অধ্যক্ষ” এর অফিস কক্ষে রক্ষিত বক্সে ১৫/১২/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখ সকাল ৯.৩০ ঘটিকা হইতে বেলা ১১.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দাখিল করা যাবে।
৯.	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী অফিসের ঠিকানা	কুষ্টিয়া মেডিকেল কলেজ (স্বাস্থ্য ক্যাম্পাস), কুষ্টিয়া।
১০.	দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা	ভাড়া বাস সরবরাহের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্সধারী হইতে হইবে।
১১.	দরপত্র জামানতের পরিমাণ	যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংক হতে “নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী” এর অনুকূলে ৪০,০০০/- (চল্লিশ হাজার) টাকা (ফেরতযোগ্য) পো-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট মাধ্যমে দাখিল করিতে হবে।
১২.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	১৫/১২/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকায় অধ্যক্ষ এর কার্যালয়, কুষ্টিয়া মেডিকেল কলেজ, কুষ্টিয়া।
১৩.	দরপত্র কাজের বিবরণী	সিডিউলে বর্ণিত শর্ত মোতাবেক ভাড়া বাস সরবরাহ করিতে হইবে।
১৪.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম	ডাঃ মোহাঃ দেলদার হোসেন।
১৫.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর পদবী ও ঠিকানা	অধ্যক্ষ, কুষ্টিয়া মেডিকেল কলেজ, কুষ্টিয়া।
১৬.	ভাড়া বাস চলাচলের বিবরণী	কুষ্টিয়া মেডিকেল কলেজ, কুষ্টিয়া (নতুন ক্যাম্পাস) হইতে ২৫০ শয্যা বিশিষ্ট জেনারেল হাসপাতাল প্রাঙ্গন পর্যন্ত যাওয়া ও আসা ০১ (একটি) ট্রিপ হিসাবে গণ্য হইবে।
১৭.	সংরক্ষিত ক্ষমতাঃ কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র বা সকল দরপত্রগ্রহণ গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

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