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TMC registers landslide victory in Kolkata civic polls

West Bengal's ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) yesterday chalked up a landslide victory in Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) elections, winning 134 of the total of 144 wards, reinforcing the party's undisputed sway on urban voters of the metropolis. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) managed just three seats in the city civic body while the Left Front and Congress won two each. The Independents, with three seats. The polling for KMC was held on Sunday. An estimated 64 percent turnout was recorded. There was good news for the Left in terms of vote share as it finished ahead of BJP in KMC poll. Also, the Left parties finished in second spot in 65 wards while BJP came second in 48, Congress in 16 and Independents in five.

India to deploy S-400 air defence system

In a major boost to the country's air defence capabilities, the Indian Air Force (IAF) is deploying the first squadron of the Russia-made S-400 air defence missile system in the Punjab sector. Parts of the Russian missile system had started reaching India earlier this month and the unit is expected to be operationalised in the next few weeks, IAF sources told NDTV. The S-400 air defence system was contracted for by India in a deal worth around Rs 35,000 crore and five squadrons would be provided to India for tackling air threats from up to 400 km. The first squadron deliveries are expected to be complete by the end of this year.



Court orders Dubai ruler to pay \$730m in divorce settlement

The ruler of Dubai was ordered yesterday to pay his former wife and children around \$550 million (\$730 million) in what is thought to be the highest divorce settlement set by an English court. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum was told he must pay Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, a half-sister of Jordan's King Abdullah II, a lump sum of £251.5 million and provide a bank guarantee of £290 million to cover children's maintenance and security as adults. The 72-year-old ruler of the emirate of Dubai has long been locked in a bitter legal battle with his 47-year-old former wife, who lives in London with their two children, aged 13 and nine. The High Court ruled in October this year that the sheikh had authorised the use of spying software to hack his ex-wife's phone, and a judge said he had "harassed and intimidated (her) both before her departure to England and since". Judge Philip Moor in his divorce settlement ruling said that Sheikh Mohammed had "accepted that his wealth was sufficient to meet any reasonable order".

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS



People take pictures with Christmas decorations in front of a shopping mall in Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday. Millions of people are gearing up for the upcoming yearend festivals amid the shadow of resurging Covid-19 pandemic.

PHOTO: AFP

Omicron now dominant in US

Govts reimpose Covid curbs ahead of new year's festivities

AFP, Washington

The United States yesterday said it will distribute hundreds of millions of free Covid tests in the face of surging Omicron cases, which forced governments worldwide to reimpose restrictions ahead of the holidays.

Washington also said Tuesday it will donate \$580 million in international Covid aid to help countries battle the pandemic, while Israel announced tough new restriction on US travel.

The highly-mutated Omicron variant, now present in dozens of countries, appears to be more infectious and possibly have higher resistance to vaccines, despite early indications that it is not more severe than the Delta strain.

The US announcements come after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Omicron now accounts for 73.2 percent of new US cases over the past week ending Saturday.

Its lightning dash around the globe has forced governments to reimpose restrictions ahead of

the holidays, dampening hopes the worst of the pandemic is over.

US President Joe Biden was due to address the nation later Tuesday after a White House official said the government will distribute 500 million free Covid tests and mobilize military medical personnel if needed.

As Omicron fears loomed large over the end of year holidays, Israel became the latest nation to reimpose tough restrictions in an effort to contain Omicron. Paris has already cancelled its new year celebrations, and Germany is expected to roll out tight restrictions on private parties and to close nightclubs.

London on Monday said it had cancelled a New Year's Eve event in central Trafalgar Square for 6,500 people. But British Prime Minister Boris Johnson ruled out any further tightening of England's coronavirus rules over Christmas.

The Netherlands has already imposed a Christmas lockdown, with EU officials warning that the Omicron variant could be dominant in Europe by mid-January.

WESTERN THREATS OVER UKRAINE

Putin warns of counter measures

AFP, Moscow

President Vladimir Putin yesterday warned that Russia was prepared to take "military-technical measures" in response to "unfriendly" Western actions over the Ukraine conflict, in a sharp escalation of rhetoric.

The Russian president has for weeks accused the United States and the Washington-led NATO military alliance of stoking tensions near Moscow's borders, but these were his first comments hinting at potential conflict.

Putin told defence ministry officials that if the West continued its "obviously aggressive stance" Russia would take "appropriate retaliatory military-technical measures".

Russia "will react toughly to unfriendly steps," he said, adding that he wanted to underscore that, "we have every right to do so."

The United States has been sounding the alarm since mid-November that Moscow could be planning a large-scale attack on its ex-Soviet neighbour Ukraine and has warned Putin of unprecedented sanctions.

Western governments have accused Moscow of amassing some 100,000 troops near its border with eastern Ukraine, where Kiev has been fighting pro-Russia separatists since 2014. Russia denies plotting an invasion and has demanded legal guarantees over its security from the United States and Nato, demanding the alliance stop an eastward expansion.

Last week Moscow presented demands to the United States and Nato saying the alliance must not admit new members or establish military bases in ex-Soviet countries.

Despite hinting at conflict, Putin said that Russia wants to avoid "bloodshed". "We want to resolve issues by political and diplomatic means," he said.

But the Russian leader repeated his grievances over Washington's support for Ukraine, which includes training Kiev's forces and committing to them more than \$2.5 billion.

Quotes of the day



An event cancelled is better than a life cancelled. It's better to cancel now and celebrate later, than to celebrate now and grieve later.

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We are extremely concerned that elements of the US global missile defence system are being deployed next to Russia. If US and Nato missile systems appear in Ukraine, then their approach time to Moscow will be reduced to seven or 10 minutes.

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN



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1917 - In World War One, peace negotiations opened between the new Russian government and Germany at Brest-Litovsk.

1989 - Berlin's Brandenburg Gate re-opens after nearly 30 years.

1993 - South Africa's white parliament buried apartheid, voting 237 to 45 to adopt an interim constitution leading to majority rule and the country's first all-race election.

SOURCE: REUTERS

US SANCTIONS OVER XINJIANG 'GENOCIDE'

China blacklists four US officials

AFP, Beijing

China yesterday blacklisted four members of a US federal commission on religious freedom in the latest tit-for-tat response to Washington's own sanctions targeting alleged perpetrators of "genocide" in Xinjiang.

Beijing's foreign ministry named United States Commission on International Religious Freedom chairwoman Nadine Maenza, vice chairman Nury Turkel, as well as commissioners Anurima Bhargava and James W. Carr as newly sanctioned.

The move came as Beijing also hit out at Washington for appointing a new special coordinator for Tibet.

China's treatment of Tibetans, Muslim minority Uyghurs in Xinjiang and an ongoing crackdown on dissent in Hong Kong have contributed to worsening diplomatic relations between Western powers and Beijing.

Xinjiang in particular has prompted Washington to slap sanctions on a growing list of Chinese politicians and companies as well as a diplomatic boycott of the Winter Olympics, sparking fury in Beijing and reciprocal measures.



A resident looks at a vehicle swept away due to floodings brought about by super Typhoon Rai in Loboc town, Bohol province, Philippines, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

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Invitation for Re-Tender

1.	Procuring entity name	Chittagong Dry Dock Limited (CDDL).
2.	Invitation Reference No.	23.02.1565.341.53.006.21.105 Date: 19 December 2021
3.	Invitation for	Purchase of Power Cable 110 Meter for 50 Ton Portal Jib Crane & 90 Meter for 40 Ten Portal Jib Crane. Note: Detail Technical Specifications mentioned on schedule.
4.	Procuring method	Open tender.
5.	Submission of tender documents	02 (two) envelopes submission to be followed. Financial documents in 01 (one) envelope and technical documents in another envelope. Both the envelopes to be sealed in covering envelope.
6.	Source of funds	Own finance of Chittagong Dry Dock Ltd.
7.	Tender last selling date (office time only)	18 January 2022 at 12.00pm.
8.	Tender closing date and time	18 January 2022 at 12.15pm.
9.	Tender opening date & time	18 January 2022 at 12.30pm.
10.	Name and address of the office(s) for selling, receiving and opening of tender documents	Cash Section, Accounts Department, Chittagong Dry Dock Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, East Patenga, Chattogram.
	a. Selling tender document	
	b. Receiving tender document	Purchase & Commerce Department, Chittagong Dry Dock Ltd.
	c. Opening tender document	(1) Chittagong Dry Dock Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, East Patenga, Chattogram. (2) Tenderers and their authorized representatives are allowed to attend.
11.	Price of each tender document	1,000 (one thousand) Tk (non-refundable).
12.	Contact details	Phone: +88 031 2501117, Fax: 880-31-2501123 Mobile: +8801769744452, E-mail: drydock.bd@gmail.com
13.	Special instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all or any tenders prior to acceptance without showing any reason.

Head of Commerce Department
For Managing Director

TYPHOON DEVASTATION IN PHILIPPINES

Survivors plead for food, water

REUTERS, Manila

Philippine officials and residents of areas that bore the brunt of Typhoon Rai pleaded for food, water, and shelter yesterday as damaged roads, flooding, and severed power and communication lines hampered relief efforts.

Rai struck last Thursday, the strongest typhoon to hit the archipelago this year, killing nearly 400 people and affecting 1.8 million, displacing 630,000 of them, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. "Our food supply is running low. Maybe, in a few days, we will totally run out," said Fely Pedrablanca mayor of Tubajon town on Dinagat Island.

The area, facing the Pacific Ocean, was devastated by the typhoon and she said only nine out of more than 2,000 homes in her town were left standing.

The coast guard has deployed vessels to help in relief work and in trying to reach areas still cut-off, while the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) planned to ferry people to safety, including foreign tourists stranded on the holiday island of Siargao.

"We're fighting a tremendous disaster. It's Haiyan all over again," PRC Chairman Richard Gordon told Reuters, referring to one of the most powerful tropical cyclones ever recorded, which killed 6,300 people in the Philippines in 2013..

At least 375 people were killed and 56 are missing. More than 500 were injured, police said on Tuesday.

"The government prepositioned food and non-food items but they are not enough because many are in need," Danilo Atienza, Southern Leyte's disaster chief, told Reuters. President Rodrigo Duterte on Monday ordered state agencies to restore power and communications as he promised 10 billion pesos (\$200 million) for recovery efforts.

Foreign aid has also started to arrive including from Japan and China, while the United Nations said it was working with partners to help in the areas of shelter, health, food, protection and other life-saving responses.

শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়
বাংলাদেশ ইম্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশনের প্রতিষ্ঠান
বাংলাদেশ ব্রেড ফ্যাক্টরি লিঃ
২৬৫, টঙ্গী শিল্প এলাকা, গাজীপুর

ক্রয় মালামাল বিক্রয়ের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ ব্রেড ফ্যাক্টরি লিঃ এর স্টেইনলেস স্টীল রেজর ব্রেডের ক্রয় (মিডেল পার্ট, স্ট্রীপস ক্রয়প, ব্রেড ক্রয়প) এবং স্টীল খালি হাফ ড্রামসহ একেজো মালামাল বিক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে প্রকৃত বাবসারী/অগ্রহী ক্রেতা সাধারণের নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/সংস্থা	শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়/বাংলাদেশ ইম্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন।
২।	প্রতিষ্ঠান	বাংলাদেশ ব্রেড ফ্যাক্টরি লিঃ, ২৬৫, টঙ্গী শিল্প এলাকা, গাজীপুর।
৩।	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর নাম ও যোগাযোগ ঠিকানা	মোঃ ফারুক উদ্দিন, ব্যবস্থাপক (বাণিজ্যিক), বাণিজ্যিক বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ ব্রেড ফ্যাক্টরি লিঃ, ২৬৫, টঙ্গী শিল্প এলাকা, গাজীপুর। মোবাইল নং-০১৭৭৮৮৯২৩০৫
৪।	জেলার নাম	গাজীপুর।
৫।	কাজের নাম	ক্রয়প/অকেজো মালামাল বিক্রয়।
৬।	স্মারক নং	বিবিএফএল/বিক্রয়(ক্রয়প)/২২/২০২১ তাং ২১-১২-২০২১
৭।	বিক্রয় পদ্ধতি	ওটিএম।
৮।	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	২২-১২-২০২১
৯।	দরপত্র বিক্রয় তারিখ	২৩-১২-২০২১ হইতে ০৪-০১-২০২২ তারিখ বিকাল ৩.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১০।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়কারীর নাম ও ঠিকানা	১। হিসাব বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ ব্রেড ফ্যাক্টরি লিঃ, ২৬৫, টঙ্গী শিল্প এলাকা, গাজীপুর। ২। হিসাব বিভাগ, বিএসইসি ভবন (২য় তলা), ১০২, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, ঢাকা-১২১৫।
১১।	দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৫-০১-২০২২ রোজ বুধবার দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত উভয় দপ্তরে গ্রহণ করা হবে এবং একই তারিখ বিকাল ৩.১৫ ঘটিকার সময় বাংলাদেশ ব্রেড ফ্যাক্টরি লিঃ এ বাণিজ্য বিভাগে দরপত্র খোলা হবে।
১২।	দরপত্রের মূল্য	৫০০.০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা।
১৩।	টেতার সিকিউরিটি মানি	দরপত্রে উদ্ধৃত মোট মূল্যের উপর ২% হিসেবে বাংলাদেশ ব্রেড ফ্যাক্টরি লিঃ-এর অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ডিডি এর মাধ্যমে টেতার সিকিউরিটি (ফেরতযোগ্য) হিসেবে দরপত্র সিডিউলের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে।

অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ নির্ধারিত তারিখে দরপত্র গ্রহণ/খোলা সম্ভব না হলে পরবর্তী প্রথম কার্যদিবসে একই স্থানে যথারীতি দরপত্র গ্রহণ/খোলা হবে।
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