



Military instructors and civilians take part in a training session at an abandoned factory in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv on Sunday. With war clouds gathering over Ukraine, international diplomacy went into overdrive yesterday with the French and Russian presidents to talk in Moscow and the German chancellor heading to the White House to meet with Joe Biden. US officials said Russia has assembled 110,000 troops on the border with Ukraine and is on track to amass a large enough force -- some 150,000 soldiers -- for a full-scale invasion by mid-February.

PHOTO: AFP

## Commonwealth, WHO make jabs plea for small states

AFP, Geneva

The World Health Organization and the Commonwealth of Nations yesterday issued a joint plea for vulnerable small states to get better access to Covid jabs to help revive their economies.

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and Commonwealth head Patricia Scotland met at the UN health agency's headquarters in Geneva to sign an agreement focused on ending the pandemic and combating vaccine inequity.

"The impact of the pandemic will be felt for decades, especially among the most vulnerable," Tedros said. "The longer the pandemic drags on, the worse those impacts will be."

The WHO wants 70 percent of the population in each country fully vaccinated by the end of June. Tedros said that so far, 42 percent of Commonwealth citizens had been fully vaccinated -- but only 23 percent across its African member states.

Scotland noted that 32 of the world's 42 small states are in the Commonwealth.

"At current global vaccination rates, we could vaccinate the entire population of these states within two or three days," she said.

Born out of the British empire, the Commonwealth brings together around a quarter of the world's countries and a third of the world's population.

## POST-COUP MYANMAR Rakhine rebels clash again with junta troops

AGENCIES

A Myanmar rebel group said yesterday that junta troops attacked its fighters in breach of a ceasefire, accusing the military of trying to destabilise the only region of the country that has seen no post-coup crackdown.

The Southeast Asian country has been in chaos since last February's putsch, with a brutal crackdown on dissent and increased fighting in borderlands involving ethnic armed organisations.

Days after the coup, the junta reaffirmed a commitment to a ceasefire with the Arakan Army (AA), which has for years fought a war for autonomy for Rakhine state's ethnic Rakhine population.

On Friday junta troops entered an AA base in Maungdaw township, sparking three hours of clashes, a spokesperson for the group told AFP, adding one of its fighters had been killed.

"There is high tension militarily, which could break out any time," he said.

"It seems as if the military wants to destabilise Rakhine's stability and calm."

A junta spokesman said a number of border police had been killed in a mine attack on February 4, but blamed a local Rohingya insurgent group for the attack.

"We are still investigating the presence of the AA

situation there," said spokesman Zaw Min Tun.

Clashes between the AA and the military in 2019 displaced more than 200,000 people across the state, one of Myanmar's poorest, reports AFP.

After the coup, the junta ended a 19-month internet shutdown in the state of around one million. The AA previously reported its fighters had clashed with junta troops in November.

Rakhine state, home to both the Rohingya and a largely Buddhist ethnic Rakhine majority, has been a tinderbox of conflict for decades.

The military drove out more than 740,000 Rohingya Muslims from the state in a 2017 campaign that United Nations investigators have called genocide.

Meanwhile, Myanmar military leader Min Aung Hlaing agreed to arrange for an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) special envoy from Cambodia to meet members of the ousted ruling party on a future visit, a senior Cambodian official said yesterday.

The pledge, made in a January 26 video call with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, represents a small concession in a deadlocked peace process since Myanmar's military seized power a year ago from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD).

## Dumping plastic in waterways is 'criminal': Pope

REUTERS, Vatican City

Dumping plastic in waterways is "criminal" and must end if humanity wants to save the planet for future generations, Pope Francis said in a television interview on Sunday. In the hour-long interview on state broadcaster RAI's Channel 3, Francis also reiterated some of the key themes of his papacy, condemning excessive spending on armaments, defending the rights of migrants, and condemning ideological rigidity by conservatives in the Church. Francis, who has made defending the environment a cornerstone of his pontificate, recounted how Italian fishermen came to him one year and told him they had found many tons of plastic in the Adriatic Sea.

## HIMALAYAN AVALANCHE Indian Army patrol team trapped

REUTERS, New Delhi

A Himalayan avalanche trapped a patrol team of seven Indian Army personnel in the northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh near China on Sunday and they have yet to be rescued, a defence ministry official said yesterday. The team was on duty in the Kameng region, high in the Himalayas, which has seen heavy snowfall in the past few days, said Lieutenant Colonel Harsh Wardhan Pande, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Defence based in the country's northeast. "Search and rescue operations are currently underway," he said in a statement. "Specialised teams have been airlifted to assist in rescue operations."

## Tunisian police close top judicial council offices

REUTERS, Tunis

Tunisian police have locked the doors of the Supreme Judicial Council, its head told Reuters yesterday, a day after President Kais Saied dissolved it, and have stopped staff from entering the building. Saied's announcement has raised fears for the rule of law in Tunisia after his seizure of almost total power last summer in a move his critics have branded a coup, with judges' associations accusing him of an illegal act that undermines judicial independence. "The president has moved to the stage of seizing institutions. What is happening is very dangerous and illegal," said council head Youssef Bouzakher. Saied has been consolidating his powers since last summer when he suspended parliament and dismissed the prime minister.



**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Bangladesh Police  
Police Headquarters, Dhaka.  
**International Tender Notice**

Memo No. 44.01.0000.024.02.004.22.273  
Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the Breeders/Principals/suppliers/local Agents in their official pad for Supply of Horse & Dog as required by Bangladesh Police in FY 2021-2022.

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.			
2. Agency	Police Headquarters, Dhaka			
3. Head of Procuring Entity	Inspector General, Bangladesh Police			
4. Invitation for	Purchasing of Horse & Dog			
5. Invitation Ref No	44.01.0000.024.02.004.22/06(2021-2022) (FY)			
6. Date	07 February 2022			
KEY INFORMATION				
7. Procurement method	One stage two envelop tendering method			
FUNDING INFORMATION				
8. Budget and Source of Fund	GOB Revenue			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
9. Tender Publication date	08 February 2022			
10. Tender Selling last date	22 March 2022			
11. Tender closing date and time	23 March 2022 at 12.00 hrs.			
12. Tender opening date and time	23 March 2022 at 12.30 hrs.			
13. Name & address of the office (s)	Addl. DIG (Transport), 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, NCCOM Centre, Police Headquarters, Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.			
Selling tender document	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, NCCOM Centre, Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.			
Receiving tender document	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, NCCOM Centre, Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.			
Opening tender document	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, NCCOM Centre, Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.			
14. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (Optional)	02.03.2022 at 15.00 PM Office room, Addl. DIG (Transport), 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, NCCOM Centre, PHQ, Dhaka.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
15. Eligibility of tenderer	(i) Up to date trade license (ii) Up to date income tax certificate (iii) VAT registration certificate (iv) other requirements described in the standard tender document (PG-4)			
16. Brief description of goods :				
Lot no.	Identification of item	Tender Security amount in BDT or Equivalent	Price of tender document (BDT)	Completion time
(1) Horse		5,00,000.00	3,000.00	180 days
(2) Dog		5,00,000.00	3,000.00	180 days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
17. Name of official inviting tender	Sarwar Murshed Shamim, BPM			
18. Designation of the official inviting tenderer	Addl. DIG (Transport)			
19. Address of official inviting tender	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, NCCOM Centre, Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.			
20. Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone : +88 02 223384779, Fax : +88 02 55101663 E-Mail: addigidtrans@police.gov.bd.			
21. Special Instruction-	<p>a. No tender will be received after the deadline of submission.</p> <p>b. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceeding without causing any reason.</p> <p>c. The procuring entity also reserves the right to omit, increase or decrease the quantity of tender items.</p> <p>d. The bidders must abide by the decision of the HOPE.</p> <p>e. The procurement process will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act - 2006 &amp; PPR- 2008.</p>			
<p><i>(Signature)</i> (Sarwar Murshed Shamim, BPM) BP 7401020793 Addl. DIG (Transport) Bangladesh Police For Inspector General, Bangladesh Police Police Headquarters, Dhaka. Phone : +88 02 223384779, Fax : +88 02 55101663</p>				

**Government of the people's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Alternative Medical Care (AMC)  
Director General of Health Services  
Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

**Request for Expression of interest (EOI)**

1. Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW)
2. Division	Health Services Division.
3. Agency	Directorate General of Health Services
4. Procuring Entity Name	Line Director, Alternative Medical Care (AMC), DGHS.
5. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
6. Expression of Interest for Selection of	Survey Percentage of pts taking AMC services Female & Child diseases (Leucorrhea, DUB, Pneumonia etc.) Unani System of Medicine
7. EOI Ref. No.	DGHS/AMC/Procurement plan/GoB (Services)/2021-2022/Service-Package No. SD-1 (Unani).
8. Date	08/02/2022.
9. Procurement Method	Consulting firm/research Institute will be selected in accordance with the people's Republic of Bangladesh procurement Guideline and procedures set out in the public procurement Regulation 2008 of the Government of people's Republic of Bangladesh (Followed by QCBS Method)
10. Budget of Source of Funds	As per ADP allocation 2021-2022 (GOB), Health Sector Development fund.
11. Project/Program Name	Alternative Medical Care (AMC), 4 <sup>th</sup> HPNSP.
12. Development Partners	N/A.
13. Project/Program Code	127-12702-224021011.
14. EOI Closing Date & Time	22/02/2022 (Up to 4:00 PM), EOIs shall be submitted in sealed ghala envelope to Line Director, Alternative Medical Care, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. Name of the work should be mentioned on the top of the envelop.
15. Brief Description of Assignment	Survey Percentage of pts taking AMC services Female & Child diseases (Leucorrhea, DUB, Pneumonia etc.) Unani System of Medicine
16. Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity required	The applicant shall have to submit the EOI with the following documents: (1) Category of the firm: Research Organization/Survey organization/Consulting firm; (2) Brief description of the firm with proof of working in the relevant areas and of conducting Survey; (3) Updated Valid Trade license/Registration; (4) Updated income Tax certificate; (5) Updated Certificate of VAT; (6) Minimum 05 (five) Years Experience in the health related survey/research; (7) List of major clients working in last five years with contact reference; (8) Updated Bank Solvency certificate with statement; (9) Name of the Central Key personnel with C.V. who will be involved with the assignment; (10) Relevant documents in favor of organizational strength of the firm.
17. Association with other firms	Consultant firm/Research Institute may associate with other consultants to enhance its qualiti (optional).
18. Association with foreign firms	N/A
19. Name of Official inviting EOI	Dr. Md. Abu Zaher
20. Designation of Official inviting EOI	Line Director, Alternative Medical Care (AMC)
21. Address of Official inviting EOI	Line Director, Alternative Medical Care, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
22. Contact details of Officials inviting EOI	Tel No-02-58812134, Email- amc@ld.dgbs.gov.bd.
23. The procuring Entity reserves the right to reject any or all of the EOIs	

*(Signature)*  
(Dr. Md. Abu Zaher)  
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