

Cover up or lose jobs

Afghan Taliban tell working women

AFP, Kabul

Women working in Afghan government departments must cover up -- even with a blanket if necessary -- or they may lose their jobs, the Taliban's religious police said yesterday. Most women have been barred from their government jobs, since the Taliban retook power in August, though Afghanistan's new rulers claim they will be allowed to return once some conditions are in place -- such as segregated offices.

Yesterday, the Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice issued a statement saying women should not go to work unless they were properly covered, and they could be fired if they did not follow guidelines.



Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (UN) Vasily Nebenzya (C) fist bumps Ambassador Zhang Jun, Permanent Representative of China to the UN, as US ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield (L) looks on during an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council on the Ukraine crisis, in New York, US on Monday evening. PHOTO: AFP

OECD: Only 9pc of plastic recycled worldwide

AFP, Paris

Less than 10 percent of the plastic used across the world is recycled, the OECD said yesterday, calling for "coordinated and global solutions" ahead of expected talks on an international plastics treaty.

A new report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development report found that 460 million tonnes of plastics were used in 2019, the number nearly doubling since 2000.

The amount of plastic waste had more than doubled during that time to 353 million tonnes, the Paris-based OECD said.

"After taking into account losses during recycling, only nine percent of plastic waste was ultimately recycled, while 19 percent was incinerated and almost 50 percent went to sanitary landfills," it said in its Global Plastics Outlook.

"The remaining 22 percent was disposed of in uncontrolled dumpsites, burned in open pits or leaked into the environment."

The Covid-19 pandemic saw the use of plastics drop by 2.2 percent in 2020 compared to the previous year. However single-use plastics rose and overall use is "projected to pick up again" as the economy rebounds.

Plastics contributed 3.4 percent of global greenhouse emissions in 2019, 90 percent of it from "production and conversion from fossil fuels", the report said.

No plan to 'restore empire'

Says Putin after he orders to send Russian troops to eastern Ukraine

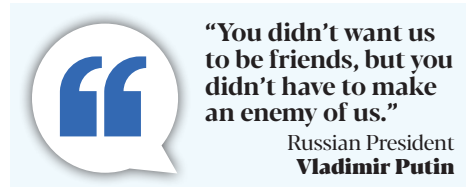
AFP, Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin said yesterday that he does not plan to restore Russia's empire, a day after he ordered Russian troops to be sent to eastern Ukraine and questioned Ukraine's sovereignty.

"We predicted speculation that Russia plans to restore (its) empire within imperial borders," Putin said at a meeting with Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev in the Kremlin, adding: "This absolutely does not correspond with reality."

On Monday, Putin recognised the independence of eastern Ukraine's Donetsk and Lugansk separatist republics -- despite warnings from the West not to.

He announced the decision after an hour-long speech heavy with historical references, in which he alleged Ukraine was "entirely created by Russia" and questioned its right to exist.



The Russian leader said yesterday that Moscow "recognised the new geopolitical realities" after the fall of the Soviet Union and works with "all independent countries in the post-Soviet space."

But he said Ukraine was an exception, saying "it is being used by third countries to create threats towards Russia."

"Unfortunately after the coup d'etat in Ukraine, we do not see such a level and quality of interaction with Ukraine. It disappeared," Putin said, referring to Ukraine's 2014 pro-Western revolution.

SOLVING INDO-PAK ISSUES Imran wants TV debate with Modi

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan said yesterday he would like to have a televised debate with his Indian counterpart, Narendra Modi, to resolve differences between the two neighbours. The nuclear-powered rivals have shared antagonistic relations since gaining independence 75 years ago, fighting three wars, with ties strained recently over the northern Muslim-majority region of Kashmir, which both claim in full. "I would love to debate with Narendra Modi on TV," Khan told Russia Today in an interview the subcontinent if differences could be resolved through debate.

RIOTS IN INDIA'S SOUTH 20 hurt after Hindu activist killed

AFP, Bangalore

India has rushed hundreds of security personnel to a district in the south after riots saw mobs burn vehicles and pelt stones after a Hindu activist was killed. At least 20 people were injured in the unrest on Monday, after the killing a day earlier of the member of the Hindu nationalist group Bajrang Dal in Shivamogga, Karnataka state. Karnataka has been on edge for several weeks after a ban on Muslim girls wearing the hijab in classrooms triggered protests and counter-protests that spread nationwide.

Italy rescues nearly 600 migrants

AFP, Rome

Nearly 600 migrants packed into overcrowded fishing boats in bad weather were rescued overnight off the coast of Calabria, Italy's coastguard said yesterday, adding that one body had been found. The 573 migrants were found aboard "two overloaded fishing boats and left at the mercy of waves with unfavourable weather conditions that were expected to worsen significantly," it said in a statement. A large ship and three patrol boats aided in the rescue, which took place about 110 kilometres off Cape Spartivento at the southern tip of Calabria, it said.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
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Phone: 48120079, E-mail: nins@hospi.dghs.gov.bd
Ref: 56(5)/NINS&H/Tender Document/2020-21/1924
Date: 22/02/2022

Invitation for Tender (OTM)

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
02	Agency	Director General of Health Service.
03	Procuring entity name	Director, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital.
04	Procuring entity code	1270208111110
05	Procuring entity district	Dhaka-1207
06	Invitation for	Supply of Medical Equipment.
07	Invitation Reference No.	56(5)/NINS&H/Tender Document/2020-21/1924
08	Date	22/02/2022

KEY INFORMATION

09	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget & source of fund	Revenue Budget (GoB).
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Office code	1270208111110
12	Office name	National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital.
13	Tender Package No.	NINS&H/2020-21/GR-22
14	Tender package name	Supply of Medical Equipment.
15	Tender publication date	23/02/2022
16	Tender last selling date	23/03/2022 (office hour).
17	Tender closing date & time	24/03/2022, Time: 12:00pm.
18	Tender opening date & time	24/03/2022, Time: 12:30pm.
19	Name & address of the office	
Selling tender document		Accounts Section, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Shere Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
Receiving tender document		1) Room No. 311, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Shere Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. 2) Emergency Department, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Shere Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
Opening tender document		Room No. 311, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Shere Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
20	Place/date /time of pre-tender meeting	Room No-311, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital. Shere Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207; Date: 08-03-2022 at 11.00am.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

21	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderer shall have the following legal documents /capacity to enter into the contract- a) Valid up-to date trade license b) TIN certificate c) VAT/BIN registration certificate d) Bank solvency certificate e) Attached DVD soft copy f) Other details conditions including in the schedule.			
22	Brief description of goods	Supply of Medical Equipment (Medical Equipment for OT, Lab, Others).			
23	Price of tender document	Tk 5000.00			
24	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Security amount	Completion time in work
	01	Supply of Medical Equipment for Lab	NINS&H	2.5% of offered price	60 days after work order.
	02	Supply of Medical Equipment for OT			60 days after work order.
	03	Supply of Others Medical Equipment			60 days after work order.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

25	Name of official inviting tender	Prof. Dr. Quazi Deen Mohammad.
26	Designation of official inviting tender	Director.
27	Address of official inviting tender	National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
28	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: +88-02-48120079; Fax: +88-02-48120568, E-mail: nins@hospi.dghs.gov.bd
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatever.	

Note: (1) If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.
(2) The bill will be paid on receipt of allotment.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Bangladesh Tourism Board
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Level-9-10 (Parjatan Bhaban), E-5 C/1, West Agargaon
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Administrative Area, Dhaka-1207

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism.
2	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Tourism Board.
3	Expressions of interest for Selection of	Software Firm (National) for development, implementation and maintenance of Online Tour operator and Tour guide registration System.
4	Title of service	Expressions of Interest for Selection of Software Firm (National) for design, development, implementation and maintenance of Online Tour operator and Tour guide registration System.
5	EOI Ref No.	30.33.0000.222.32.001.22

KEY INFORMATION

6	Procurement method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

7	Budget and source of funds	GOB.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

8	EOI publication date	February 23, 2022.
9	Last date & time of submission of EOI	March 08, 2022; Time: 2:00pm.
10	Place of EOI submission	Chief Executive Officer (Additional Secretary), Bangladesh Tourism Board, Level-9-10 (Parjatan Bhaban), E-5 C/1, West Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Administrative Area, Dhaka-1207.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

11	Brief description of the assignment	Tour operator and tour guide law has been gazetted in 2021. The law defines every area of tour operator and tour guide including the registration. Bangladesh Tourism Board has been given responsibility as the registration authority for Tour Operator and Tour Guide. To ensure the smooth operation of registration process, Bangladesh Tourism Board has taken an initiative to implement the registration process automated. Bangladesh Tourism Board wishes to employ a component software firm to design & develop a web-based application where tour guides and tours operators can apply for registration, renewal / cancelling of their license as well as perform associated activities. The firm will be required to assess the requirements of the stakeholder, perform a gap analysis, and plan for implementation of the proposed online system; design the architecture and develop the required modules; prepare technical documents and training plan for the system and infrastructure where necessary. The main features of the systems are Online Registration system, Report Module, Application approval workflow management module, Operational Support service, Content Upload, Online Payment, etc.
12	Brief eligibility, experience, resources, delivery capacity and qualification of tenderer	The intending firm should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services and shall comply with the following as minimum eligibility criteria. The firm: 1. Must have valid and up-to-date trade license, VAT registration certificate, TIN certificate, income tax certificate and registration from The Office of The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms; 2. Must have minimum 10 (ten) years of experience in ICT business in Bangladesh; 3. Must have at least 5 (five) contracts or completion certificates of similar work for government/semi-government organizations; experience in working with Tourism will be given preference. 4. Should demonstrate minimum 3 (three) government work orders within the last 5 (five) years where each work order/contract should be at least 30 lac. 5. Must have experience in payment gateway integration. 6. Availability of adequate experienced technical professionals (Project Manager, Energy Domain Expert, Cyber Security Expert, System Analyst, Software Architect, Software Engineer, Programmer, QA Expert, Support Engineer etc.) to carry out the assignment successfully; 7. Membership of Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS); 8. Logistic capability such as well-equipped office with necessary facilities. 9. Minimum amount of liquid asset in the form of credit line or working capital shall be BDT 2 crore. 10. Average annual turnover of last 3 (three) years must be more than BDT 6 (six) crore. 11. Audited financial reports for last three years must be submitted. 12. Firms with ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 27001:2013 certifications will be given preference.
13	Other details	Interested Consultants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. 1. The consulting firm shall provide proof/completion certificate for all the criteria listed above. 2. The intending firm may associate with other consultants to fulfill their qualifications and express their interest in JV/Consortium/Associations. The maximum number of JV/Consortium/Associations allowed is 2 (two). The lead firm must comply with clause 16. 3. Interested Firms/Consultants/Consortiums are requested to submit 2 (two) hard copies (one original and one photocopy) of the EOI. 4. The EOI should be submitted with a Table of Contents & Page Numbers both in original copy & photocopy. 5. A short list of consultants will be prepared upon evaluation of EOIs of the eligible applicants and "Request for Proposal" document will be issued in their favor.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

14	Name & designation of official inviting EOI	Israt Jahan Keya, Deputy Director (Marketing and Public Relation), Bangladesh Tourism Board, Level-9-10 (Parjatan Bhaban), E-5 C/1, West Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Administrative Area, Dhaka-1207.
15	The sealed envelope marked as "Expression of Interest (EOI)" should be submitted at the Box kept in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Tourism Board, Level-9-10 (Parjatan Bhaban), E-5 C/1, West Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Administrative Area, Dhaka-1207. Short list shall comprise minimum 4 or maximum 7 companies who will be request to submit the Technical and Financial proposal. Bangladesh Tourism Board reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or annul the tender proceedings without assigning any reason.	

Sd/-
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Bangladesh Tourism Board

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