



Ukrainians residing in Japan hold placards during a protest rally denouncing Russian actions in Ukraine, near Russian embassy in Tokyo, yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

UKRAINE CRISIS  
Trump backs ‘genius’ Putin

AFP, Washington

Former US president Donald Trump on Tuesday hailed Russian leader Vladimir Putin's aggression against Ukraine as “genius” but said the crisis would not have happened under the Republican firebrand's administration.

During an appearance on a rightwing radio program, the hosts asked Trump about Putin recognizing two breakaway regions in eastern Ukraine as independent.

“I went in yesterday and there was a television screen, and I said, ‘This is genius,’” Trump responded. “Putin declares a big portion of the Ukraine -- of Ukraine -- Putin declares it as independent. Oh, that's wonderful.”

Russia is facing an international backlash after Putin ordered his forces into Ukraine to secure the self-declared Donetsk and Lugansk rebel republics.

Trump said Putin's tactics had been “smart” and argued, without elaborating, that the US could replicate them on its border with Mexico.



AFP, Paris

After weeks of threats, the West imposed its first sanctions on Russia, but for the moment the actions will have limited impact on both the Russian and Western economies.

Targeting the Russian financial sector, the sanctions are “in line with the strategy of gradual measures that spare the energy sector,” said Olivier Dorgans, a lawyer specialised on economic sanctions at the Ashurst law firm.

He noted however the decision by Germany to suspend the certification of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline.

The United States, European Union and Britain have targeted Russia's financial sector with their first measures.

Britain on Tuesday slapped sanctions on five Russian banks including Rossiya and Promsvyazbank (PSB). The EU was expected to release its list of institutions hit by asset freezes, and Washington went after two banks and their subsidiaries.

But Dorgans noted that lots of Russian capital has already been repatriated as a preventative measure.

The asset freezes on several Russian oligarchs and individuals also will have a limited impact on the Russian economy.

But Western powers aim to starve Russia

WARM-UP ROUND OF RUSSIA SANCTIONS

Experts see limited impact

of financing, blocking it from access to capital markets to raise money or refinance its debt. That will weigh on the value of the Russian ruble, and thereby crimp purchasing power of ordinary Russians to buy imported goods.

Western banks however have limited exposure to Russian financial institutions, according to a senior European Central



Bank official.

Washington, however, held back on other potentially damaging sanctions, such as excluding Russia from SWIFT, the international bank transaction system, which would make most financial transactions with the country impossible.

Nor did it impose export controls which would have cut Russian firms off from key

high-tech equipment and software.

And beyond the symbolic suspension of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, which had yet to go into service, the West has so far refrained from targeting the energy sector.

Andrew Lohsen, a Russia expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said the steps seem to fall short of what US President Joe Biden had threatened.

Sanctioning Russia's energy sector would be a calculated risk for the EU as it imports 40 percent of its gas from Russia. This gives Moscow leverage as while Europe may be able to survive without Russian imports during the coming months, over the longer term it would likely cause severe economic disruption.

Gas exporting nations including the United States and Qatar have limited capability to sharply increase shipments to Europe.

The conflict has already lit a fire under commodity prices. “Russia plays a critical role in the global commodity markets -- accounting for about 10 percent of the global oil market,” Fitch Ratings said.

Price increases on wheat, metals that Russia is a prime supplier will filter through to consumers, hitting their purchasing power when inflation has already become a top concern for policymakers.

India sends 2,500 tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan

AFP, Wagah

India has sent 50 trucks carrying 2,500 tonnes of wheat for crisis-hit Afghanistan after Pakistan gave “exceptional” permission for the shipment to pass through, officials said yesterday. Western countries sharply reduced aid after the Taliban takeover last year, leaving Afghanistan facing a “devastating” humanitarian crisis with a majority of the 28 million population in need of help, according to the United Nations. In response to an appeal from the UN, India decided to gift 5,000 tonnes of wheat and the first convoy of lorries was flagged off by officials on Tuesday at a ceremony in Amritsar near the border with Pakistan. India's arch-rival said Pakistan said that it “agreed on an exceptional basis” to allow the shipment to traverse through its territory.

UN slams ‘aggressive’ formula milk marketing

AFP, Geneva

The United Nations yesterday slammed baby formula makers for “unethical” marketing strategies, accusing them of aggressively targeting expecting parents and health workers and putting shareholder interests before children's health. It is widely recognised that breastfeeding carries huge health benefits. But countries' failure to crack down on the marketing of breast milk substitutes means far too many children are still being reared on formula, the World Health Organization and the UN children's agency Unicef warned, in a new report. It found that the \$55-billion formula milk industry systematically deploys aggressive marketing strategies, spending up to \$5 billion a year to sway parents' decisions on how to feed their infants.

Pakistan PM flies to Moscow to advance pipeline project

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan left for Moscow yesterday to push for the construction of a long-delayed, multi-billion-dollar gas pipeline to be built in collaboration with Russian companies, an official said. Khan's trip to meet President Vladimir Putin and discuss issues including economic cooperation comes hours after a number of Western nations hit Russia with new sanctions for its military deployment into parts of eastern Ukraine. The 1,100 km-long pipeline, also known as the North-South gas pipeline, was initially agreed to in 2015 and was to be financed by both Moscow and Islamabad, using a Russian company to construct it.



We think it's highly likely that he (Russian President Vladimir Putin) will follow through on his plan for a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

UK foreign minister Liz Truss

Reject Myanmar challenge to genocide case

Gambia urges ICJ

REUTERS, The Hague

Gambia yesterday urged judges at the World Court to reject a challenge by Myanmar to a case brought to halt alleged acts of genocide against its Rohingya minority, saying the West African state was “no one's proxy”.

On Monday Myanmar's junta, which detained civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi in a coup last February, demanded that the United Nations' top court drop the case because Gambia was acting as a proxy for others and had no legal standing to file a case.

“Now more than ever justice within Myanmar is impossible and now, as before, only this court can hold Myanmar accountable for its acts of genocide,” Gambia's Attorney General Dawda Jallow said.

The case before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) was brought in 2019 by Gambia, a predominantly Muslim West African country, backed by the 57-nation Organisation for Islamic Cooperation. Both Myanmar and Gambia have signed the 1948 genocide convention.

Gambia argues that Myanmar has violated that treaty, citing events in 2017, when more than 730,000 Rohingyas fled Myanmar into neighbouring Bangladesh after a military crackdown.

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ক্র.নং	বিষয়	বিবরণ			
১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/ বিভাগ	পল্লী উন্নয়ন ও সমবায় বিভাগ			
২.	এজেন্সী	বাংলাদেশ পল্লী উন্নয়ন বোর্ড (বিস্তারিতবি)			
৩.	ক্রয়কারী কর্তৃপক্ষের নাম	প্রকল্প পরিচালক, ইরেসপো-২য় পর্যায়			
৪.	ক্রয়কারী কর্তৃপক্ষের কোড	প্রযোজ্য নয়			
৫.	ক্রয়কারী কর্তৃপক্ষের স্থান	ঢাকা			
৬.	কার্জের নাম	১টি মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়া (চালকসহ)			
৭.	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং	স্মারক নং-৪৭.৬২.০০০০.৯৬৬.০০.০২৪.২১-২০২			
৮.	তারিখ (দিন/মাস/বছর)	২২/০২/২০২২ খ্রিঃ			
৯.	ক্রয় পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি- নন কম্পাটিবিল সেবা			
১০.	উন্নয়ন সহযোগী	প্রযোজ্য নয়			
১১.	অর্থের উৎস	জিওবি			
১২.	প্রকল্পের কোড নং	২২৪৩৪৩১০০			
১৩.	প্রকল্পের নাম	দরিদ্র মহিলাদের জন্য সমন্বিত পল্লী কর্মসংস্থান সহায়তা (ইরেসপো)- ২য় পর্যায়			
১৪.	দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ নং	PSND-০১/২০২২			
১৫.	দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ নাম	১টি মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়া (চালকসহ)			
১৬.	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	২৪/০২/২০২২; সময়ঃ সকাল ০৯:০০			
১৭.	দরপত্র বিক্রির শেষ তারিখ	২০/০৩/২০২২; সময়ঃ বিকাল ০৫:০০			
১৮.	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২১/০৩/২০২২; সময়ঃ দুপুর ২:০০			
১৯.	দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময়	২২/০৩/২০২২; সময়ঃ দুপুর ৩:০০			
২০.	অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা				
২১.	দরপত্র বিক্রি	প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, ইরেসপো-২য় পর্যায়, বিস্তারিতবি, ৬ষ্ঠ তলা, পল্লী ভবন, ৫, কাওরানবাজার, ঢাকা			
২২.	দরপত্র গ্রহণ	প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, ইরেসপো-২য় পর্যায়, বিস্তারিতবি, ৬ষ্ঠ তলা, পল্লী ভবন, ৫, কাওরানবাজার, ঢাকা			
২৩.	দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণ	প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, ইরেসপো-২য় পর্যায়, বিস্তারিতবি, ৬ষ্ঠ তলা, পল্লী ভবন, ৫, কাওরানবাজার, ঢাকা			
২৪.	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	সরবরাহকারীর সংশ্লিষ্ট কার্জের বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, বৈধ ব্যাট সার্টিফিকেট, TIN সার্টিফিকেট, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি প্রত্যয়ন ইত্যাদি			
২৫.	সংশ্লিষ্ট সেবার বিপর্য বর্ণনা	টেক্সার ডকুমেন্ট এ উল্লিখিত বর্ণনানুযায়ী			
২৬.	দরপত্র মূল্য (টাকা)	২০০০.০০ (দুই হাজার) টাকা			
২৭.	লট নং	লটের নাম	স্থান	দরপত্র নিরাপত্তা অহবিল (টাকায়)	সম্পদের সময় (কার্যকাল)
২৮.	০১	১টি মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়া (চালকসহ)	প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, ইরেসপো-২য় পর্যায়, বিস্তারিতবি, ৬ষ্ঠ তলা, পল্লী ভবন, ৫, কাওরানবাজার, ঢাকা	১,৩০,০০০.০০ (এক লক্ষ ত্রিশ হাজার)	জুন ২০২৬
২৯.	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর নাম	মোহাম্মদ রাশেদুল আলম			
৩০.	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর পদবী	প্রকল্প পরিচালক			
৩১.	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর ঠিকানা	প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, ইরেসপো-২য় পর্যায়, বিস্তারিতবি, ৬ষ্ঠ তলা, পল্লী ভবন, ৫, কাওরানবাজার, ঢাকা			
৩২.	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা	ফোনঃ ০২৮৮০১৪৪			
৩৩.	ক্রয়কারী কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনমূল্য কারণ দর্শানো ব্যক্তিরকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।				

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**Invitation for International Re-Tender**

01	Procuring entity name	Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, BN, Narayanganj.
02	Invitation for	Laser Guided Alignment Machine, 01 (one) Complete Set.
03	Procuring method	Open tender.
04	Budget & source of funds	Own finance.
05	Tender selling date	23 February 2022 to 23 March 2022
06	Tender closing date and time	24 March 2022 Time: 12:15pm.
07	Tender opening date and time	24 March 2022 Time: 12:30pm.
08	Name & address of the office: a. Selling tender document. b. Receiving tender document c. Opening tender document.	Cash Section, Account Department, Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Sonakanda, Bandar, Narayanganj Or Account Name: Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, Bank name: Trust Bank Ltd, Account No. 00350320000056, Branch: Narayanganj, deposit slip submitted by tender document (If tender schedule document download from website). Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Sonakanda, Bandar, Narayanganj. Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Sonakanda, Bandar, Narayanganj. Tenderers and their authorized representative are allowed to attend.
09	Price of tender document	Tk 800.00 (Taka eight hundred only) (non-refundable).
10	Contact details official	Mobile: 01769719887, 01769719888 Web: www.dewbn.gov.bd E-mail: commercial@dewbn.gov.bd
11	Eligibility of tenderer	1. Tenderer must be OEM/distributor/local agent. 2. Experience of supply, supply of goods as mentioned (if any). 3. Document required: a. Trade license b. TIN certificate c. VAT registration d. Bank statement e. Experience certificate if any.
12	Earnest money	All bidders must submit earnest money 01% (one percent) of the actual quoted total value of the stores either by Bangladesh currency or equivalent to any international trading currencies favoring the Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, in Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee/which will be issued by any scheduled bank of Bangladesh (Not applicable to enlisted suppliers).
13	Special instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all or any part of the tender prior to acceptance without showing any reason.

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For Managing Director