

'What have we done wrong?'

Afghan girls ordered home just hours after schools reopen

AFP, Kabul

The Taliban ordered girls' secondary schools in Afghanistan to shut yesterday just hours after they reopened, sparking heartbreak and confusion over the policy reversal by the hardline Islamist group.

The U-turn was announced after thousands of girls resumed lessons for the first time since August, when the Taliban seized control of the country and imposed harsh restrictions on women.

The education ministry offered no coherent explanation even as officials held a ceremony in the capital to mark the start of the academic year, saying it was a matter for the country's leadership.

A Taliban source told AFP the decision came after a meeting late Tuesday by senior officials in the southern city of Kandahar, the movement's de facto power centre and conservative spiritual heartland.

Crestfallen girls at Zarghona High School in the capital, Kabul, tearfully packed up their belongings after teachers halted the lesson.

For Atiya Azimi the joy of school opening was shockingly brief.

"Suddenly we were told to leave until another order is issued," said Azimi, who was returning to grade 12 at Zarghona Girls School.

"What have we done wrong? Why should women and girls face this situation? I ask the Islamic Emirate to start our classes."

US special envoy to Afghanistan Rina Amiri said the move "weakens confidence in the Taliban commitments".



Children rest at a collecting point after fleeing from Mariupol in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine. More than 3.6 million people have fled Ukraine since Russia's invasion, the UN said yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

'A real opportunity'

Palestinians, analysts say Israel is using the Ukrainian crisis to bring in Jews to maintain demographic 'supremacy'

INTERNATIONAL DESK

Israel is keen on bringing in Ukrainian Jewish refugees for the purpose of maintaining Jewish demographic "supremacy" over the Palestinian population, academics and analysts say.

Since the outbreak of the war with Russia on February 24, the Israeli government has called on Ukrainian Jewish refugees to immigrate to Israel and removed bureaucratic hurdles to secure their arrival as quickly as possible. Israeli officials said some 10,000 are expected to arrive in the coming weeks.

Last month, the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Division announced the building of 1,000 housing structures for Ukrainian Jews in both Israel and settlements in the illegally occupied Palestinian territories.

"Israel is seeing in the Ukraine crisis a real opportunity to bring Jewish people to increase the number of Jews in Israel," Lana Tatour, professor of settler-colonialism and human rights at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, told Al Jazeera.

On Tuesday, Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh warned against promoting Israeli settlements in the West Bank with Ukrainian Jews, reported Asharq Al-Awsat website.

"Demography is the central aspect of Zionism. The whole idea of Zionism is to bring together all the Jews of the world and transfer them to Palestine," political analyst Awad Abdelfattah told Al Jazeera.

Awad noted there has been no significant Jewish immigration to Israel since the resettlement of some one million Russian Jews following the breakup of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s, making the Ukraine crisis beneficial to Israel.

China FM to make surprise India visit

REUTERS, New Delhi

China's foreign minister will make a surprise stop for talks in New Delhi tomorrow, an Indian official said, though neither side has formally announced what would be the highest level visit since border clashes soured relations two years ago.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi has attended a conference of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Pakistan this week and is set to also visit Nepal tomorrow, as part of a tour of South Asia.

The Indian government source, who requested anonymity, said Wang was expected to meet with Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, and while the agenda was unclear, discussions over the Ukraine conflict were expected.

Neither China or India have condemned Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Russia, which refers to its actions as a "special military operation", counts both China and India as friendly powers, having cultivated diplomatic and economic ties since the Cold War era.

Relations between China and India became fraught in June 2020, when 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers were killed during a high altitude clash in a disputed section of the western Himalayas. India has restricted many Chinese firms from operating in the country since then.

Aside from the tensions in the Himalayas, India's mistrust of China stems from Beijing's support of old foe Pakistan, the competition for influence in Nepal, and concern over China's economic clout in Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka.

Wang said at an annual news briefing in Beijing this month that Asia's two largest nations should help each other accomplish goals, instead of "draining each others' energies".

CHINA EASTERN JET TRAGEDY Rescuers find a black box

AFP, Wuzhou

A black box from the crashed China Eastern airliner was recovered yesterday as investigators try to piece together what made a jet carrying 132 passengers nosedive into a mountainside in southern China. The Boeing 737-800 plane went down near Wuzhou in southern China on Monday afternoon after losing contact with air traffic control. No one is expected to survive and the reason behind the accident is yet to be known.

Would only use nuke weapons if existence threatened: Russia

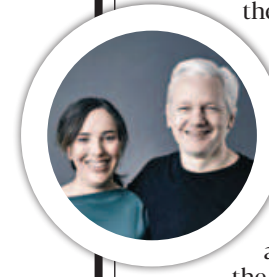
AFP, Washington

Russia would only use nuclear weapons in the context of the Ukraine conflict if it were facing an "existential threat," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told CNN Tuesday. "We have a concept of domestic security, and it's public. You can read all the reasons for nuclear arms to be used," Peskov said. "So if it is an existential threat for our country, then it can be used in accordance with our concept." Peskov's comment came as interviewer Christiane Amanpour pushed him on whether he was "convinced or confident" that Putin would not use the nuclear option in the war.

Assange to marry in prison

AFP, London

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and his fiancée Stella Moris were married yesterday, at the high security London prison where he is being held during his extradition case. Assange, 50, is fighting attempts to remove him from Britain to face trial in the United States over the publication of secret files relating to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Last week, the UK Supreme Court turned down a request to hear his appeal against the move, bringing the long-running legal saga nearer to a conclusion. Moris, who is in her late 30s, has two sons with Assange.



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Invitation for e-Tender
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Tender ID	Invitation Reference No.	Tender description	Tender publish date & time	Tender closing date & time
675927	JBL/ICTD-S/Proc-243/OTM-02/Server-OS/2022	Procurement of Rack Server with Server Operating System (Microsoft Windows Server) (Supply, Installation & Commissioning) for Janata Bank Limited on turn-key basis following Open Tendering Method.	23/03/2022 12:00pm	11/04/2022 12:00pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP Portal and from e-GP help desk (Email: helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description	Online notice publication date	Online last selling/downloading the e-Tender documents from bank	Online e-Tender closing date
675946	SFTSC/APPI/21-22/G1	Lot-03/1: Purchase of Raw Materials & Spare parts Code: 3256105	29.03.2022	Up to 12.04.2022 16:00pm	Up to 13.04.2022 15:00pm
675948	SFTSC/APPI/21-22/G2	Lot-9: Purchase of Learning Materials Code: 4112312	29.03.2022	Up to 12.04.2022 16:00pm	Up to 13.04.2022 16:00pm

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e-Tender Notice-03/2021-22
e-Tender have been published in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the Procurement of following works.

Sl No.	Tender ID	Procurement method	Tender/proposal document last selling/downloading date & time	Tender/proposal closing date & time	Tender/proposal opening date & time
01	675711, 675712, 675713, 675714, 675715	Limited Tendering Method (LTM)	06-April-2022 Time: 3:00pm	07-April-2022 Time: 3:00pm	07-April-2022 Time: 3:00pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) also from call to 02-9200033 or 01708-161361. Interested persons can communicate with the undersigned during office hours.

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Khulna Shipyard Limited
Bangladesh Navy, Khulna
BABE (F)-M. Slipway Carriage/2021-2022 22 March 2022

International Tender Notice

01	Procuring entity name	Khulna Shipyard Limited.
02	Invitation for	Material for Slipway Carriage (Operating & Loading).
03	Invitation Reference No.	BABE (F) - M. Slipway Carriage/2021-22 Date: 22/03/2022
04	Procuring method	Open Tender (Two Envelop System).
05	Budget & source of funds	Own finance.
06	Tender last selling date	Date: 20/04/2022
07	Tender closing date & time	Date: 21/04/2022 Time: 11:15am.
08	Tender opening date & time	Date: 21/04/2022 Time: 11:30am.
09	Name & address of the office for selling of tender documents:	(1) Cash Section, Khulna Shipyard Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Khulna. (2) Naval Store Sub Depot, Khilkhat Nama Para, Khilkhat, Dhaka.
	Receiving & opening tender	Khulna Shipyard Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Khulna.
	(Tenderers and their authorized representatives are allowed to attend)	
10	Price of tender document	Tk. 2,000.00 (Tk two thousand) non-refundable.
11	Contact details of official	Tel: 02-4411-0990, Fax: 880-41-720404, Email: contact@khulnashipyard.com , glccomf.ksy@gmail.com
12	Special instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all or any tenders prior to acceptance without showing any reason.

Manager (Commercial & Purchase)

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CORPORATE BOOKING

Fantasy Kingdom and Water Kingdom will be reserved on 24th March (Thursday), 2022 for Corporate Booking.

From 25th March (Friday), 2022 Fantasy Kingdom and Water Kingdom will remain open for all.

Contact: 01969910100

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e-Tender Notice 17(Seventeen)/2021-2022 (Open Tendering Method)
e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Executive Engineer, RHD, Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet for the procurement of following work.

Tender/ Proposal ID No. & Package No.	Name of work	Tender/ proposal document last selling/ downloading date and time	Tender/proposal closing/opening date and time
672258 & eGP-44/2021-2022/EE/RHD/Sylhet	Repairing of Existing Pavement by Herring Bond Brick Soling work at 2 nd Km(P) & 4 th Km(P) of Sheola-Sutarkandi Road (Z 2014) under Road Division, Sylhet during the year 2021-2022.	06-Apr-2022 17:00	07-Apr-2022 14:00
673757 & eGP-47/2021-2022/EE/RHD/Sylhet	Beautification of Roundabout with steel grill fencing & Repair works with Painting at 8 th (P) Km (Sreerampur Point) of Sylhet Town Bypass Road (N-210) under Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet during the year 2021-2022.	06-Apr-2022 17:00	07-Apr-2022 14:00
673758 & eGP-46/2021-2022/EE/RHD/Sylhet	Repair, Painting works of Railing & Rail Post at Different Bridge/ Culvert on Dhaka (Katchpur)-Bhairab-Jagadishpur-Shaistaganj-Sylhet-Tamabil- Jaffong Road (N 2) under Road Division, Sylhet during the year 2021-2022.	06-Apr-2022 17:00	07-Apr-2022 14:00

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