

### Half of global pregnancies unintended Says UN

AFP, Paris

Nearly half of all pregnancies worldwide are unintended, the UN reproductive health agency said yesterday, warning that the war in Ukraine could further exacerbate what it called a “human rights crisis”.

Out of 121 million unintended pregnancies every year – 331,000 a day – more than 60 percent end in abortion, almost half of them unsafe, the United Nations Population Fund said in a new report.

The UNFPA said the report was not about “unwanted babies or happy accidents”, but how a combination of gender inequality, poverty, sexual violence, and lack of access to contraception and abortion robbed women of “the most life-altering reproductive choice – whether or not to become pregnant”.

UNFPA executive director Natalia Kanem said studies estimated that more than 20 percent of displaced women worldwide experience sexual violence.

The report said seven million women had to be hospitalised each year after unsafe abortions, which are one of the leading causes of maternal death.

## ‘Ukrainians are not naive’ Says Zelensky as Russia bombards key cities despite promise to scale back



Residents walk past a damaged Russian tank in the northeastern city of Trostianets, which Ukrainian forces recaptured this week. The photo was taken on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

REUTERS

Russian forces bombarded the outskirts of Kyiv and a besieged city in northern Ukraine yesterday, a day after promising to scale down operations there in what the West dismissed as a ploy to regroup by invaders taking heavy losses.

Nearly five weeks into an invasion in which it has failed to capture any major cities, Russia said it would curtail operations near Kyiv and the northern city of Chernihiv “to increase mutual trust” for peace talks.

But Reuters journalists in Kyiv heard intensified bombardment on Wednesday morning from the direction of frontline suburbs. The capital itself was not hit overnight, but windows rattled from the relentless artillery on its outskirts.

Chernihiv’s Mayor Vladyslav Astroshenko

said Russian bombardment had intensified over the past 24 hours, with more than 100,000 people trapped in the city with just enough food and medical supplies to last about another week. Reuters could not verify the situation in Chernihiv.

In an overnight address, Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelenskyy made clear he took nothing Moscow said at face value. “Ukrainians are not naive people,” he said. “Ukrainians have already learned during these 34 days of invasion, and over the past eight years of the war in Donbas, that the only thing they can trust is a concrete result.”

Zelenskyy adviser Oleksiy Arestovych said Moscow was shifting some forces from northern Ukraine to the east, trying to encircle the main Ukrainian force there. Some Russians would stay behind near Kyiv

to tie Ukrainian forces down, he said.

Russian forces also hit industrial facilities in western Ukraine in three strikes overnight, a regional governor said.

Around a quarter of Ukrainians have been driven from their homes by the biggest attack on a European country since World War Two. The United Nations said that the number who have fled the country had risen above 4 million. More than half of those refugees are children and the rest mostly women.

Russia says it is carrying out a “special operation” to disarm and “denazify” its neighbour. It says Ukraine has crossed a redline by intending to Join Nato.

Western countries say Moscow launched an unprovoked invasion, which included a full-scale assault on the capital that was repelled by fierce Ukrainian defence.

### Pak school teacher killed for ‘blasphemy’

AFP, Peshawar

A teacher at an all-girls religious school was killed by a woman colleague and two students who accused her of blasphemy, Pakistan police said yesterday, the latest murder in the country related to the hugely sensitive issue. The latest incident took place Tuesday in Dera Ismail Khan in the country’s ultra-conservative northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province that borders Afghanistan. Police said two students and a teacher ambushed Safoora Bibi at the main gate of the school and attacked her with a knife and stick. The girls told police a relative had dreamt the dead woman “had committed blasphemy”, officers said, adding they were also investigating if the main suspect, Umra Aman, had a personal grudge.

### Israel on high alert after gunman kills 5

REUTERS, Jerusalem

Israeli security forces were on high alert yesterday after a Palestinian gunman killed five people in a Tel Aviv suburb. Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said Israel was facing a “new wave of terrorism” and called a security cabinet meeting, as police beefed up their presence in Israeli cities. The shootings on Tuesday in Bnei Brak, a Jewish ultra-Orthodox city, raised to 11 the number of people killed by Arab attackers in Israel over the past week. Police said the gunman was a Palestinian from Ya’bad, a town in the occupied West Bank. He was shot dead by police during the shooting spree.



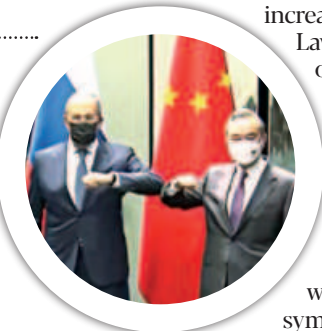
## ‘A just world order’ China, Russia bat for multipolar world; Lavrov to visit India

AFP, Beijing

Beijing and Moscow advanced a vision of a new world order yesterday as Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov made his first visit to key ally China since the invasion of Ukraine.

Moscow’s top diplomat landed in the eastern city of Huangshan earlier for a series of meetings about the future of Afghanistan.

Beijing has refused to condemn the invasion and has provided a level of diplomatic cover for an



increasingly isolated Russia.

Lavrov painted a picture of a new world order, saying the world was “living through a very serious stage in the history of international relations”.

“We, together with you, and with our sympathisers will move towards a multipolar, just, democratic world order,” Lavrov said in a video released by the Russian foreign ministry ahead of a meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

A readout from the Chinese

foreign ministry quoted Wang Yi as saying that “China-Russia cooperation has no limits”, repeating a line used by President Vladimir Putin and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping to characterise ties.

From China, Lavrov will visit India for a two-day visit beginning from today. India has abstained from UN resolutions censuring Russia and continues to buy Russian oil and other goods.

Lavrov’s trip coincides with visits by British foreign secretary Liz Truss and Daleep Singh, Washington’s chief sanctions strategist. Truss and Singh were expected to urge India to assist in Western efforts to isolate Russia economically.

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Date: 31/03/2022

e-Tender Notice 02/2021-2022

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following package:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of package	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1.	668314	Interior Design at Sherpur Govt. College, Sherpur (Retender)	13-April-2022 01:00pm	13-April-2022 02:00pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks' branches up to 12-April-2022 04:00pm.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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### N Korea faked new ICBM launch: South

AFP, Seoul

North Korea faked the launch of what analysts have dubbed its “monster missile” last week, Seoul’s military said yesterday.

North Korea last Friday claimed to have successfully test-fired a Hwasong-17 missile – a long-range ICBM that analysts say may be capable of carrying multiple warheads – which it first unveiled at a military parade in 2020.

But South Korea’s defence ministry told AFP that Seoul and Washington have now concluded that the launch was actually of a Hwasong-15, an ICBM that Pyongyang test-fired in 2017.

Both ICBMs are potentially capable of hitting the mainland United States.

Seoul and Tokyo had separately confirmed at the time that the March 24 missile had flown higher and longer than any previous test – but analysts later pointed to discrepancies in North Korea’s account.

The false announcement was likely an attempt by Pyongyang to compensate for a failed launch on March 16, when a missile, which analysts said was actually the Hwasong-17, exploded shortly after launch.

জীবন বীমা কর্পোরেশন

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Bangladesh Police

Police Headquarters, Dhaka.

International Tender Notice of Goods

Memo No.44.01.0000.024.01.009.2021- 425

Date:30March 2022

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the Manufacturers/Principals/Local Agents for purchase of the following items for Bangladesh Police. Manufacturers/Principals/Local Agents must read and fill up the tender documents cautiously, so that the offered package complies with the tender documents. Conditional or alternative offer shall not be evaluated.

1. Ministry / Division	Ministry of Home Affairs/ Public Security Division			
2. Agency	Police Headquarters, Dhaka.			
3. Head of Procuring Entity Name	Inspector General, Bangladesh Police.			
4. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh			
5. Invitation for	<b>Vehicles for Bangladesh Police</b>			
6. Invitation Reference No	44.01.0000.024.01.009.2021/06 (FY-2021-2022)			
7. Date	30 March 2022			
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
8. Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelope method (International)			
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
9. Budget Code	Gov. Revenue Budget			
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
10. Tender Publication date	31 March 2022			
11. Tender Selling last date	11 May 2022.			
12. Tender closing date and time	12 May 2022 at 12.00 pm			
13. Tender opening date and time	12 May 2022 at 12.30 pm			
Name & Address of the officer (Procuring Entity)	Addl. DIG (Transport), 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Police Headquarters, Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.			
14. Selling Tender Document				
Receiving Tender Document	Addl. DIG (Transport), 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.			
Opening Tender Document				
15. Place, date & time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	25 April 2022 at 03.00 pm NCCOM, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000			
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
16. Eligibility of tenderer	(i) Up to date trade license (ii) VAT registration Certificate (iii) Up to date income tax clearance certificate (iv) Manufacturers or Local Agents shall not be black listed by any other organization in Bangladesh and (v) Other Conditions shall be described in standard document (STD).			
17. Brief Description of goods	<b>Vehicles for Bangladesh Police</b>			
18. Price of tender document (BDT)	Each Lot TK. 5000.00 (Five Thousand) Only (non-refundable).			
19. Identification of Goods				
Lot No	Identification of lot	Tender Security	Completion Time	
Lot-1	APC (Wheeled/Armed/Class-ii)	\$ 20,000 (Twenty Thousand) USD or equivalent	180 days	
Lot-2	Police Crowd Control Vehicle	\$ 12,000 (Twelve Thousand) USD or equivalent		
Lot-3	Double Cabin Pickup	\$ 4,500 ( Four Thousand Five Hundred) USD or equivalent		
Lot-4	Fork Lift (Min 8 Ton)	\$ 4,200 ( Four Thousand Two Hundred) USD or equivalent		
Lot-5	Truck (2.5 Ton)	\$ 3,500 ( Three Thousand Five Hundred) USD or equivalent		
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>				
20. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Sarwar Murshed Shamim			
21. Designation of official Inviting Tender	Addl. DIG (Transport)			
22. Address of Official Inviting Tender	Addl. DIG (Transport), 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.			
23. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 88 02 9564779, Fax: 88 02 9575663 E-mail: <a href="mailto:addldigtrans@police.gov.bd">addldigtrans@police.gov.bd</a>			
24. Important Conditions:	a. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all/any tenders or annul the tender proceeding. b. If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time & same venue c. The Procuring Entity also reserves the right to omit, increase and/or decrease the quantity of any item (s) from the tender depending on final approval from the Ministry of Finance d. The bidder must abide by the decision of the HOPE. e. The entire procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Regulation 2008.			

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