

One dead as Israel army raids W Bank

AFP, Jenin

Israeli security forces raided the flashpoint West Bank district of Jenin yesterday killing a Palestinian and wounding 12 others, after vowing there will “not be limits” to curb surging violence.

The operation, which lasted several hours, came after a gunman from Jenin went on a shooting rampage in a popular Tel Aviv nightlife area on Thursday evening, killing three Israelis and wounding more than a dozen others.

Following the attack, Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett gave security agencies “full freedom” to end deadly violence that killed 14 people since March 22.

Over the same period, at least 10 Palestinians have been killed.



A woman waves to say good bye to her husband as she leaves on a bus, a day after a rocket attack at a train station in Kramatorsk, Ukraine, yesterday. Evacuations resumed yesterday from the town in eastern Ukraine where a missile strike killed 52 people at a railway station as civilians in the east of the country fled a feared Russian offensive.

PHOTO: AFP

Amnesty, HRW offices to shut down in Russia

AFP, Moscow

Russia said it was shutting down the local offices of Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International that have been working in the country for the past 30 years.

Human Rights Watch has been operating in Russia for 30 years, while Amnesty has had a presence in the country since 1993.

All in all, 15 organisations have been taken off Russia's registry of international organisations and foreign NGOs due to “violations of the current legislation of the Russian Federation,” the justice ministry said in a statement without providing further details.

Russia also shut down the local offices of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the Aga Khan Foundation, the Wspolnota Polska Association and other organisations.

Rachel Denber, deputy director of the Europe and Central Asia division at Human Rights Watch, said there was little doubt the move was in response to the organisation's reporting on Russia's offensive in Ukraine.

Denber, who previously directed the watchdog's Moscow office, said Human Rights Watch would continue to work on Russia.

Agnes Callamard, Secretary General of Amnesty International, said her organisation would also continue to support Russians.

Over the past year Russian authorities have been presiding over an unprecedented crackdown on dissent and independent journalism that has included dubbing non-governmental organisations and media outlets as “foreign agents”.

‘These leaders must go’

Support wanes for Sri Lanka's embattled leader as he faces biggest street protest mid economic meltdown

AFP, Colombo

Tens of thousands marched on beleaguered Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's office yesterday, in the biggest protest to date over the country's dire economic and political crisis.

Sri Lanka's 22 million people have seen weeks of power blackouts and severe shortages of food, fuel and other essentials in the country's worst downturn since independence in 1948.

Yesterday's social-media organised protest drew the largest numbers since the crisis blew up last month according to AFP reporters. And pressure on Rajapaksa intensified further as the country's powerful business community also began withdrawing support for the president.

Men and women poured onto Colombo's seafront promenade and laid siege to the colonial-era Presidential Secretariat, chanting “Go home Gota” and waving the national lion flag.

Barricades blocked the entrance to the president's office with police in riot gear taking up positions inside the tightly guarded compound.

“These are innocent people here. we are all struggling to live. The government must go and allow a capable person to lead the country,” one man told the crowd.

The protests appeared to be peaceful, but a



police official said teargas and water cannon were at the ready if needed.

Residents said there were widespread protests in the suburbs of the capital too while the Catholic and Anglican churches also brought their followers onto the streets.

“Everyone must get on the streets till the government leave, these leaders must go. You must go. You have destroyed this country,” Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, the head of the Catholic Church, said.

Sri Lanka's business community, which largely funded Rajapaksa's election campaign, also appeared to ditch the president yesterday.

“The current political and economic impasse simply cannot continue any further, we need a cabinet and interim government within a week at most,” said Rohan Masakorala, head of Sri Lanka Association of Manufacturers and Exporters of Rubber products.

The government is preparing for bailout negotiations with the International Monetary Fund next week, with finance ministry officials saying that sovereign bond holders and other creditors may have to take a haircut.

New finance minister Ali Sabry told parliament on Friday that he expects \$3 billion from the IMF to support the island's balance of payments in the next three years.

941 sq kms of Amazon forest gone in 3 months

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon set a new quarterly record in the first three months of 2022 compared to a year earlier, official data showed yesterday. Satellite images revealed the destruction of 941 square kilometers (363 square miles) of rain forest – the highest quarterly rate since the start of Brazil's Deter monitoring program in 2015. Since Far-right President Jair Bolsonaro entered office in 2019, Brazil's average annual deforestation in the Amazon, a crucial resource in the race to curb climate change, has risen more than 75 percent from the previous decade. The destruction is driven mainly by farming and land speculation in agricultural powerhouse Brazil, the world's biggest exporter of beef and soy. The country hosts about 60 percent of the Amazon forest. The new figures suggest Brazil may be on track to set a new yearly deforestation record in 2022.



Iran slaps sanctions on US as talks stall

REUTERS

Iran yesterday said that it had imposed sanctions on 15 more US officials, including former Army Chief of Staff George Casey and former President Donald Trump's attorney Rudy Giuliani, as months of talks to revive a 2015 nuclear deal have stalled. Almost all the officials named served during Trump's administration which imposed sanctions on Iranian officials, politicians and companies and withdrew the United States from the Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers. Both sides say political decisions are required by Tehran and Washington to reach to a deal.




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INVITATION FOR TENDER

Invitation Ref. & Date : BIRDEM/Purchase/10-Group (Medicine & MSR Items)/2022/01

Dated : 09 April 2022

01.	Name of Works	Supply of Medicine & MSR items for BIRDEM General Hospital for the year 2022 - 2023											
02.	Details of Work	Group-01: Medicine.		Group-06: Stationery & other Items.									
		Group-02: Surgical Items.		Group-07: Crockeries & Miscellaneous Items.									
		Group-03: Linen.		Group-08: Hardware & Sanitary Items.									
		Group-04: Gauge-Bandage, Dressing & related items.		Group-09: Electro Mechanical items.									
		Group-05: Chemical & Reagents.		Group-10: Cleaning Materials.									
03.	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM)											
04.	Source of fund	BIRDEM General Hospital											
05.	Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	Director General, BIRDEM General Hospital, Shaahbag, Dhaka-1000.											
06.	Name & address of the office selling tender documents	Procurement Section, Room: 230, 1 st floor of OPD Building, BIRDEM General Hospital, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000.											
07.	Date of selling of tender documents	Tender documents will be available from 12 April 2022 to 10 May 2022 on all working days (09.00 am to 01.00 pm).											
08.	Tender closing date	12 May 2022 (From 08.00 AM to 12.00 PM).											
09.	Tender opening date	12 May 2022 at 12.30 Noon (In presence of the tenderers or their authorized agent, if anybody available).											
10.	Price of tender document (For each group)	Group: 1, 2 & 5 = 5,000/ (Five Thousand) Taka Only.		(Each Group)									
		Group: 3, 4, 8 & 9 = 2,000/ (Two Thousand) Taka Only.		(Each Group)									
		Group: 6, 7 & 10 = 1,000/ (One Thousand) Taka Only.		(Each Group)									
11.	Tender Security	Name of Group	Tender Security Amount (BDT)	Name of Group	Tender Security Amount (BDT)	Comments							
		Group-01	1,00,000.00	Group-06	10,000.00								
		Group-02	50,000.00	Group-07	10,000.00								
		Group-03	30,000.00	Group-08	20,000.00								
		Group-04	30,000.00	Group-09	20,000.00								
		Group-05	50,000.00	Group-10	10,000.00								
Said amount for each group have to be deposited in the form of Demand Draft or Pay-order from any local commercial bank in favor of BIRDEM General Hospital.													
Eligibility of tenderers													
12.	a. The tenderers should be manufacturer or their authorized supplier/distributor/dealer or seller of the items.												
	b. Each group & item of the lot shall be evaluated separately.												
	c. The tenderers should have valid & updated trade license, TIN, VAT & Income Tax Certificate.												
13.	Detail specifications, terms & conditions, warranty & After sales services are enumerated in the tender schedule.												
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Note: In case of holiday or any unavoidable circumstances last date of dropping & opening will be the next working day.													
<div><div><div>Director General BIRDEM General Hospital</div></div></div>													



One person who is not in his senses anymore cannot be allowed to wreak havoc and bring the entire country down. This is not a joke. He should not be treated as PM or ex-PM, he must be treated as a psychopath who just to save his own skin is holding the entire country hostage. Shame.

Pakistan opposition leader
Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Imran Khan



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