

## NORTH KOREA'S MISSILE LAUNCHES US vows 'strongest possible deterrent'

REUTERS, Seoul

The United States and South Korea would maintain the "strongest possible joint deterrent" over North Korea's "escalatory actions", the US envoy on North Korea said yesterday, amid concerns that Pyongyang was preparing to resume nuclear testing.

US Special Representative Sung Kim and his deputy, Jung Pak, met South Korean officials, including nuclear envoy Noh Kyu-duk, after arriving in Seoul early yesterday for a five-day visit.



"It is extremely important for the United Nations Security Council to send a clear signal to the DPRK that we will not accept its escalatory tests as normal," Kim told reporters after his talks with Noh.

"We agreed on the need to maintain the strongest possible joint deterrent capability on the peninsula," he said.

Kim also said the allies would "respond responsibly and decisively to provocative behaviour," while underlining his willingness to engage with North Korea "anywhere without any conditions."

Kim's arrival coincided with the start of a nine-day annual joint military drill by US and South Korean troops.



A woman mourns as medical workers retrieve the body of her father, following Russian shelling, as Russia's attack on Ukraine continues, in Kharkiv, Ukraine yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## India's Covid cases hit month-high Kerala reports big jump in deaths; US announces global Covid summit May 12

AGENCIES

India's tally of daily Covid-19 cases nearly doubled yesterday from the previous day to more than 2,000 for the first time in a month, government data showed, and the southern state of Kerala reported a big jump in deaths.

India was at the centre of the global Covid crisis this time last year but the situation has improved since then and most precautions including the wearing of masks have recently been dropped.

But cases have been creeping up in the country of 1.35 billion people in the past few days.

The capital, Delhi, last week tightened Covid precautions for schools and neighbouring Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, again made masks compulsory in public places in some districts.

Authorities reported 2,183 new infections yesterday, taking the running total to more than 43 million, according to health ministry data.



The ministry reported 214 more deaths, including 151 since April 13 in Kerala, which is widely considered to issue more accurate data than many other states, reports Reuters.

The country has reported a total of about 522,000 deaths from the coronavirus though many global experts have said its real death toll could be much higher than official records.

India has sharply criticised a forthcoming World Health Organization

study which reportedly claims coronavirus killed four million people nationally, the latest analysis suggesting a significant undercount of the pandemic's death toll.

The New York Times reported last week that New Delhi had stalled the study's release after disputing that India's true fatality count was eight times higher than official figures, reports AFP.

Apart from Kerala, Delhi and the states of Maharashtra and Haryana reported triple-digit increases in infections in the past 24 hours. Hospitalisations have remained low though.

Meanwhile, the White House said yesterday a global summit to chart an end to the Covid-19 crisis and plan for future upheavals will take place May 12. The virtual gathering will be co-chaired by the United States, along with current G7 president Germany, G20 president Indonesia, African Union chair Senegal, and Belize, the current chair of the CARICOM Caribbean grouping.

## JERUSALEM VIOLENCE

### Israel govt faces new split

AFP, Jerusalem

Israel's fractious governing coalition faced a new split on Sunday when Arab-Israeli party Raam "suspended" its membership, after violence around a flashpoint Jerusalem holy site that wounded 170 people over the weekend. The government -- an ideologically disparate mix of left-wing, hardline Jewish nationalist and religious parties, as well as Raam -- had already lost its razor-thin majority this month when a religious Jewish member quit in a dispute over leavened bread distribution at hospitals.



Since then, days of violence around Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, sacred to both Muslims and Jews, put Raam under pressure to quit too. "If the government continues its steps against the people of Jerusalem... we will resign as a bloc," Raam said in a statement. The declaration came hours after more than 20 Palestinians and Israelis were wounded in incidents in and around the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount.

## Iran warns Israel against any hostile action

AFP, Tehran

Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi yesterday warned that the armed forces would not let arch-foe Israel rest if it took action targeting the Islamic republic. "You must know that if you try to take any action against the Iranian nation... our armed forces will not leave you in peace," Raisi said, during a military parade to mark National Army Day. His comments come days after he warned neighbouring Iraq against using its territory for activities that disrupt Iran's security. Last month, Iran's Revolutionary Guards, the military's ideological arm, said it fired a dozen ballistic missiles at a "strategic" site in Arbil, the capital of Iraq's autonomous northern Kurdistan region, claiming they were being used by Israel. However, Arbil governor Oumid Khouchnaw dismissed as "baseless" the presence of Israeli sites in and around the city. "There are no Israeli sites in the region," he said at the time. Also last month, Israel hosted talks attended by top Arab diplomats and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, saying the meeting would send a strong message to Tehran.

## MOB ATTACK IN INDIA Police arrest 88

REUTERS, Bengaluru

At least 88 people have been arrested in India in connection with violence against police after a comment insulting Muslims went viral on social media, police said yesterday. A mob attacked police and vandalised public property on Saturday night in Hubli of Bengaluru, after the derogatory message spread on Whatsapp. Twelve police officers were injured in the violence and the person who posted the message had been arrested. Clashes have broken out between Hindu and Muslim communities during religious processions in several parts of India in recent weeks.

**This is nothing but deliberate terror: mortars, artillery against ordinary residential quarters, against ordinary civilians. Torture chambers are built there. They abduct representatives of local governments and anyone deemed visible to local communities.**

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky says as bodies line streets of Mariupol

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**Invitation for Tender (OTM)**

The undersigned is inviting Tender from eligible Tenders. The details of Tender are given below:

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2	Agency	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
3	Procuring Entity Name	General Service Wing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
4	Invitation for	Procurement of Ceramic Tea-Set to be distributed by Bangladesh Envoys Abroad
5	Invitation Reference No	19.00.0000.151.99.001.19/13(B)
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
6	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM) (National)
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
7	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
8	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Ceramic Tea-Set
9	Tender Publication Date	19 April 2022
10	Tender Last Selling Date	08 May 2022
11	Tender Closing Date and Time	09 May 2022 at 12:00 noon
12	Tender Opening Date and Time	09 May 2022 at 02:00 noon
13	Pre-bid meetings Date and Time	24 April 2022 at 12:00 noon
14	Pre-bid meetings Place	UNCLOS Conference Room, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
15	Name and Address of the Offices	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1 Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.
	Selling Tender Document	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1 Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.
	Receiving Tender Document	General Service Wing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1 Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.
	Opening Tender Document	UNCLOS Conference Room, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	Price Tender Document	1500.00
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDER</b>		
16	Eligibility of Tender	a) Valid Trade License b) Latest income tax certificate c) Valid VAT registration certificate d) Bank solvency certificate e) Bank statement up to March 2022 f) National Id card with copy PP size color photograph g) Experience of related work for two years.
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
17	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director (General Service)
18	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000
19	Special Instruction	All other instructions are described in the tender documents
20	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Tenders or annual the tenders proceedings	

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