

AFP, New Delhi

Millions sweltered in an early summer heatwave across India and Pakistan yesterday, leading to power and water shortages as annual furnace-like temperatures hit South Asia.

In New Delhi, a burning rubbish dump choked residents for a third day with temperatures crossing 45 Celsius (113 Fahrenheit) in parts of South Asia yesterday—several degrees higher than normal -- and forecasters warning that it will get even hotter this weekend.

Heatwaves have killed over 6,500 people in India since 2010, and scientists say climate change is making them harsher and more frequent across the region.

The Indian states of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh imposed power cuts on factories as consumption for air conditioning and fans skyrocketed. Many regions also reported falling water supplies that will only worsen until the annual monsoon rains in June and July.

Water shortages will hit farmers hardest, including those growing wheat as India aims to boost exports to help ease a global shortage due to the war in Ukraine.

Temperatures are expected to be up to eight degrees higher than usual in parts of Pakistan, with the mercury peaking at 48 degrees in parts of rural Sindh on Wednesday, Pakistan’s Meteorological Society warned.

Says UK, tells China its rise depends on playing by the rules

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Britain yesterday denied it was over-reaching against Russia after Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said “the whole of Ukraine” must be liberated, indicating that Crimea must also be regained.

Defence Secretary Ben Wallace said Truss’s remark, made in a high-profile speech, complied with the West’s longstanding stance since Russia seized the Crimean peninsula in 2014.

“We’ve constantly said that Russia should leave Ukraine sovereign territory, so that hasn’t changed,” Wallace told Sky News.

But when asked whether Britain would support Ukraine militarily for any offensive to recapture the peninsula, he said: “There’s a long way to go before Ukraine pushes into Crimea.



“I think what I would certainly say is, we are supporting Ukraine’s sovereign integrity. We’ve done that all along. That of course includes Crimea.”

Addressing diplomats and business leaders in London late Wednesday, Truss said Britain was “doubling down” on its military support.

“We cannot be complacent -- the fate of Ukraine remains in the balance,” she told diplomats and business leaders in London,

deploring the “failure” of global security structures that should have prevented the war.

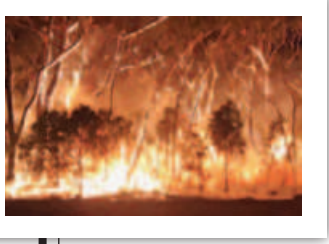
A victory for Russian President Vladimir Putin would have “terrible consequences across the globe”, and more, heavier, weapons should be sent to Ukraine despite the risk of escalating the conflict.

“We must be prepared for the long haul and double down on our support for Ukraine.

Liz Truss also warned that China must play by international rules or be punished.

“China is not impervious,” she said. “Their rise is not inevitable.

“They will not continue to rise if they do not play by the rules (and) we have shown with Russia the kind of choices that we’re prepared to make when international rules are violated.”



by more than 100 world leaders at a United Nations climate summit last November to halt deforestation by 2030, the analysts said.

Supply crunch worsens crisis

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Palm oil, on the other hand, was sold for Tk 165-168 per litre at the wholesale markets and for Tk 170-175 at the retail markets in Chattogram and Bagerhat.

Traders said retail prices of edible oil have gone up by Tk 10-15 per litre overnight.

“Most of the shops in Kazir Dewri do not have edible oil. I was lucky to buy a two-litre soybean oil bottle for Tk 350 today [yesterday], up by Tk 30 from two days ago,” said Abul Hossain, a resident of Kazir Dewri bazar area of the port city.

In the capital, this newspaper could not find soybean oil at the Shewrapara bus stop kitchen market, Kazipara bus stop kitchen market and Mirpur-1 kitchen market yesterday.

Mohammad Gofran, owner of Comilla General Store at Karwan Bazar kitchen market, said, “I have been doing businesses in this market for 20 years, but have never seen an edible

oil crisis like this one ahead of Eid.”

In Bagerhat, consumers were paying an additional Tk 10-15 for each litre of non-bottled soybean oil.

Visiting several shops, including those at the main market in the district town, The Daily Star found that most of them did not have bottled soybean oil.

Those having bottled soybean oil were charging customers Tk 185 per litre against the retail price of Tk 170.

Besides, consumers were forced to buy loose soybean oil for Tk 190 to Tk 200 a litre.

Earlier, commerce ministry Additional Secretary AHM Safiquzzaman had termed the edible oil crisis in the local market artificial.

Speaking to The Daily Star on Tuesday, he said the country still has edible oil reserves to meet the demand for at least the next one and a half months.

According to the National Board of Revenue (NBR),

about 8.5 lakh tonnes of palm oil and 4.06 lakh tonnes of soybean oil have been imported in the first three and a half months of this year.

Traders alleged that the refiner companies and dealers manipulated the supply of the essential product.

However, Biswajit Saha, director for corporate and regulatory affairs at City Group, denied the allegation. “The supply of goods from the mills is normal, but it is not reaching the market properly.”

He said the prices of the product were going up in the international market and the supply would also be less than before.

“Traders know that if they can reduce oil sales for a few days, they will get at least Tk 10-15 more per litre as the government has announced that the price will be re-fixed after Eid,” said Saha.

Our Bagerhat correspondent also contributed to this report.

Freed at last

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“We love you Bubur [the prime minister],” she said.

“We are very happy. We sought an Eid gift from the prime minister and she has given it to us,” said Subha Safayet Sizza, a student of class three, who was present at the programme.

She said the number of playgrounds in the city had reduced but a playground is very important for children’s physical and mental health.

Speaking at the press conference, Mubashar Hussain, president of Institute of Architects Bangladesh, pledged his support to prepare a modern design for the playground and sought funds to make Tentultala a beautiful playground.

He hoped that Dhaka South City Corporation would take charge of the playground from now and do everything for its development.

“We are grateful to the prime minister. With the decision she proved that she is the daughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman,” said Rasheda K Chowdhury, former adviser to the caretaker government and vice president of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon.

Thanking the PM, Dr

Zafrullah Chowdhury, founder of Gonoshasthaya Kendra, said even from behind the scenes the prime minister can see what many politicians cannot.

“We are beside you, prime minister. Do not have any fear,” he said.

The construction work of the boundary wall for the police station went on under the supervision of police until midnight Wednesday.

A day after the detentions of Ratna and her son, green organisations, rights bodies and eminent citizens demanded that the government keep the Tentultala playground open to all and stop the construction of a police station there.

On January 31, Dhaka Deputy Commissioner’s Office handed over the playground to Dhaka Metropolitan Police for constructing a building for Kalabagan Police Station. At present, a rented place on 30 North Road is being used as the police station.

Over the years, Tetultala playground, which covers one bigha of land, has been in use for multiple purposes. It has been used as a playground, Eidgah and a place for namaz-e-janaza.

Toll likely to be 1.5 times

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the original TK 10,161 crore.

Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina earlier this month told parliament that the bridge would be open to public by the year-end.

PROSED TOLL RATE OF PADMA BRIDGE		
VEHICLES	FERRY TOLL (in taka)	PADMA BRIDGE TOLL (in taka)
Bike	70	100
Car, Jeep	500	750
Pick-up, luxury Jeep, Prado	800	1,200
Microbus	860	1,300
Minibus	950	1,400
Medium Bus	1,350	2,000
Bus	1,580	2,400
Truck (up to 5 tonnes)	1,080	1,600
Truck (5 to 8 tonnes)	1,400	2,100
Truck (8 to 11 tonnes)	1,850	2,800
Truck (three axle)	3,940	5,500

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Tender/Proposal ID No.	Name of works & package description	Last selling date & time	Opening date & time
W-02 693752	Repair & Renovation work of Dormitory Building under BFRI Mymensingh.	11-May-2022 17:00pm	12-May-2022 16:50pm

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01	693460, 24/OTM/egp/Rev/SheRD/2021-2022	Repair work of J.M Roller No-257 under Sherpur Road Division during the year 2020-2022.	28-Apr-2022 15:00:00, 17-May-2022 12:25:00
02	693471, 25/OTM/egp/Rev/SheRD/2021-2022	Repair work Truck No. of Jamalpur-M-07-0001 under Sherpur Road Division during the year 2020-2022.	28-Apr-2022 15:00:00, 17-May-2022 12:30:00
03	693476, 26/OTM/egp/Rev/SheRD/2021-2022	Repair work of Inspection Vehicle No-Dhaka Metro-Gha-11-2656 under Sherpur Road Division during the year 2020-2022.	28-Apr-2022 15:00:00, 17-May-2022 12:40:00
04	693316, 27/OTM/egp/Rev/SheRD/2021-2022	Repair work of Truck No. Dhaka Metro-E-11-0715 under Sherpur Road Division during the year 2020-2022.	28-Apr-2022 14:00:00, 17-May-2022 12:00:00
05	693377, 28/OTM/egp/Rev/SheRD/2021-2022	Repair work of Inspection Vehicle No-Dhaka Metro-Gha-11-7396 under Sherpur Road Division during the year 2020-2022.	28-Apr-2022 15:00:00, 17-May-2022 12:15:00
06	693458, 29/OTM/egp/Rev/SheRD/2021-2022	Repair work of Inspection Vehicle No-Dhaka Metro-Tha-11-3889 under Sherpur Road Division during the year 2020-2022.	28-Apr-2022 15:00:00, 17-May-2022 12:15:00

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Sl. No.	Package No. Name of Scheme & Tender ID No.	Tender method	Last date & time of selling document	Last date & time of submission document
1	JRRIDP/21/JSRW-142 Construction of 50M RCC Girder Bridge on Hazrail-Nolghona Road at Ch. 1000m over Mukteshori River Road ID-241615099 under Monirampur Upazila, District-Jashore. (TID No-691225)	OTM	23-May-2022 14:00	24-May-2022 14:00
2	IRIDP-3/JSR/DW-55 (a) Improvement of Boaliapara-Uttarpara Road. (Ch. 1959-2625m) Road ID-241615187 under Monirampur Upazila District-Jashore. (b) Construction of 4 Nos. 0.625mx0.600m dia U-Drain culvert at Ch. 2047m, 2092m, 2312m & 2466m on the same road. (TID No-691453)	LTM	16-May-2022 14:00	17-May-2022 14:00
3	IRIDP-3/JSR/DW-56 (a) Improvement of Kondobpur more-Suri more Road. (Ch. 00-1300m) Road ID-241615095 Under Monirampur Upazila District-Jashore. (b) Construction of 07 Nos. 0.625mx0.600m dia U-Drain culvert at Ch. 7m, 225m, 480m, 555m, 717m, 950m & 1159m on the same road. (TID No-691454)	LTM	16-May-2022 14:00	17-May-2022 14:00
4	IRIDP-3/JSR/DW-57 (a) Improvement of Hakoba-Bakospol via Debidaspur Road. (Ch.00-2610m) Road ID-241614061 under Monirampur Upazila District-Jashore. (b) Construction of 05 Nos. 0.625mx0.600m dia U-Drain culvert at Ch. 125m, 572m, 652m, 850m & 1350m on the same road. (TID No-691455)	OTM	23-May-2022 14:00	24-May-2022 14:00
5	IRIDP-3/JSR/DW-58 (a) Improvement of Monogolkot School-Golaghata School Road. (Ch. 1000-2504m) Road ID-241385173 under Keshabpur Upazila District-Jashore. (b) Construction of 06 Nos. 1.00mx1.00m RCC Box culvert at Ch. 1140m, 1375m, 1405, 1494m, 2115m & 2400m on the same road. (TID No-691456)	LTM	16-May-2022 14:00	17-May-2022 14:00
6	IRIDP-3/JSR/DW-59 (a) Improvement of Keshabpur-Katakhali road at Pail Para More – Gazibari Ghat via Arua Mohataber Mill Road. (Ch. 00-1600m) Road ID-241385200 Under Keshabpur Upazila District-Jashore. (b) Construction of 03 Nos. 1.00mx1.00m RCC Box culvert at Ch. 455m, 740m & 1360m on the same road. (TID No-691457)	LTM	16-May-2022 14:00	17-May-2022 14:00

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