

CLASHES AT AL-AQSA SITE 42 hurt amid rising tensions

AFP, Jerusalem

Fresh clashes between Palestinians and Israeli police at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa mosque compound wounded 42 people on the last Friday of Ramadan, following weeks of violence at the flashpoint religious site.

The Palestinian Red Crescent, which gave the toll, said no one was seriously hurt but 22 people were taken to hospital.

Violence in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem has raised fears of another armed conflict similar to an 11-day war last year between Israel and Hamas, triggered by similar unrest at Al-Aqsa.

Israeli police released footage that showed young men on the compound hurling stones and fireworks in yesterday's early hours. Officers entered the site at dawn.

A police statement said they went in to contain "rioters and lawbreakers" some of whom were trying to throw stones down towards the Western Wall, the sacred Jewish site below Al-Aqsa.

Police said officers used "riot dispersal means" to contain the unrest and that two people had been arrested, one for throwing stones and the other one for "inciting the mob". An AFP journalist said Israeli police fired rubber-coated bullets while a witness said they also used tear gas.

An uneasy calm had been restored at the compound following the unrest that surrounded morning prayers, but tensions remained high.

Over the past two weeks, nearly 300 Palestinians have been hurt in clashes at Al-Aqsa, Islam's third-holiest site which is also the most holy site for Jews, who call it the Temple Mount.

The site is located in east Jerusalem, which Israel captured in the 1967 Six Day War and later annexed, in a move not recognised by most of the international community.



Israeli security forces evacuate a Palestinian man who was denied passage at a checkpoint to reach the city of Jerusalem to attend the last Friday prayers of Ramadan in the al-Aqsa mosque compound, yesterday, in Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank. PHOTO: AFP

'Ukraine mortgaging itself to US'

REUTERS, London

Russia's most senior lawmaker yesterday said that Ukraine was effectively mortgaging itself to the United States by seeking to tap billions of dollars of weapons loans proposed by US President Joe Biden.

Biden on Thursday asked Congress for \$33 billion to support Ukraine - a dramatic escalation of US funding for the war with Russia - and the Ukrainian president pleaded with lawmakers to give the request a swift approval.

Vyacheslav Volodin, who as the speaker of the lower house of the Russian parliament often voices the Kremlin's views, accused the United States of seeking to profit from the war while indebting future generations of Ukrainians.

"Lend-Lease is a commodity loan, and not cheap: many future generations of Ukrainian citizens will pay for all the ammunition, equipment and food that the United States will supply," Volodin said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is driving the country into a debt pit," he added.

Biden's funding request includes over \$20 billion for weapons, ammunition and other military assistance, as well as \$8.5 billion in direct economic assistance to the Ukrainian government and \$3 billion in humanitarian aid.

Congress on Thursday passed legislation that invokes the Lend-Lease Act of 1941, originally proposed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to help arm British forces battling Nazi Germany, to allow Biden to supply weapons to Ukraine on loan. The New York Times reported.

EUROPE-BOUND MIGRANTS Over 3,000 lost at sea in 2021: UN

REUTERS, Geneva

More than 3,000 refugees, migrants and asylum seekers died or went missing last year while trying to reach Europe via Mediterranean and Atlantic sea routes, a U.N. refugee agency report showed yesterday. UNHCR's Shabia Mantoo told a news briefing in Geneva the 2021 figure represented nearly twice the number of lives lost in the previous year. "We are seeing the increases soar," she said. "It's alarming."

N Korea 'readies for nuclear test'

REUTERS, Seoul

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called on the country's military to "bolster up their strength in every way to annihilate the enemy", state media reported yesterday, as new satellite imagery showed increased preparations for a possible nuclear test. Last month

North Korea resumed testing its largest ICBMs, and there are signs it could soon test a nuclear weapon for the first time since 2017. "Current satellite imagery indicates that preparations are well underway and should not be discounted as insignificant activity," the US-based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) said in a report on Thursday.

Analysts and South Korean and US officials have said that the North appears to be restoring Tunnel No. 3 at its Punggye-ri Nuclear Test Site, used for underground nuclear blasts before it was closed in 2018 amid denuclearisation talks with Washington and Seoul.



STUDY ON GLOBAL WARMING

Mass marine life extinction looms

AFP, Washington

By the year 2300, life in the oceans faces a mass die-off rivaling the great extinctions of Earth's deep past if humanity fails to curb greenhouse gas emissions, a study in the journal Science said.

But limiting planetary warming to two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels will stave off such a catastrophe, said the paper's authors, Justin Penn and Curtis Deutsch, both affiliated with the University of Washington and Princeton University.

The authors used ecophysiological modeling to weigh species' physical limits with projected marine temperatures and depletion of oxygen levels - a task



that was particularly challenging given a lack of previous work in the area.

The results were alarming: under "business as usual" warming, marine ecosystems planet wide could experience a mass extinction comparable to that of the end-Permian extinction, known as the "Great Dying."

This occurred 250 million years ago and led to the demise of more than two-thirds of marine animals,

because of warming and oxygen depletion, similar conditions that are occurring today.

While the tropical oceans would lose the most species, many from these areas would migrate to higher latitudes in order to survive. On the other hand, polar species would disappear en masse, since their types of habitat would disappear from the planet entirely.

Limiting warming to 2C, the upper limit of goal set by the Paris agreement, "would cut the severity of extinctions by 70%, avoiding a marine mass extinction," it said. The preferred goal, of limiting warming to 1.5C, is impossible to achieve with current international commitments, according to UN climate experts.

Massive

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for renting house, pay moallem (guide) fees and other expenses to Saudi Arabia.

There are some other tasks including arrangement of food for pilgrims and ensuring transport for them, he added.

"As the government is yet to declare the hajj package, the agencies couldn't start the other related tasks," Haab Senior Vice-president Eyaquib told The Daily Star.

He said after the announcement of the hajj package, hajj flights would be finalised on completion of the pilgrims' visa procedures.

In a special circular yesterday, the religious affairs ministry urged the hajj pilgrims to complete registration and apply for visas within a short time.

It said people below 65 (from July 1, 1957), as per their passports, will be considered eligible for performing hajj this year.

All registered pilgrims will have the opportunity to perform hajj, the ministry also said.

Pointing to the huge challenge, State Minister for Religious Affairs Faridul Haque Khan recently said due to the time constraint, everyone involved in the hajj operation will have to do their tasks sincerely for ensuring smooth hajj management.

He also asked all concerned to work day and night in this regard.

AL leader sued for grabbing

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on which Chandpur Science and Technology University has been proposed to be built, were manipulated.

The DC office began land acquisition for the proposed CSTU in Laxmipur union in May last year.

The office estimates that at the artificially hiked rate, the government would have to pay about Tk 553

crore for the land against the actual price of about Tk 193 crore.

Jawadur, Laxmipur Union Parishad Chairman Selim Khan, and some ruling party leaders were allegedly involved in the price manipulation.

After the DC office unearthed the matter, Jawadur sold his part of the land to Selim Khan.

On Monday, a special court in Dhaka issued

a travel ban on Selim following a petition filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission, which is currently looking into his wealth.

A day after the order was issued, Jawadur left Bangladesh to perform Umrah.

The Daily Star repeatedly tried to reach Jawadur and Selim over the phone for comments, but they could not be reached.

Hand it over now to city corp

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characteristic of the playground will change, she said.

As the government has instructed that Tentulata be kept as a playground, it needs to develop the playground based on a good architectural design, she added.

Tentulata was proposed to be kept as a playground by the Department of Architecture in 1980.

On the suggestion of the then Dacca Municipal Corporation, the department wrote to the Ministry of Public Works and Urban Development to develop a children's park at the Tentulata playground, according to government documents from the time.

In 1985, a foundation stone was also laid by the municipality mentioning it as a park, Rizwana said.

According to the Playground, Open Spaces, Gardens, and Water Bodies Conservation Act 2000, no one can change the characteristics of a playground. President of Institute

of Architects Bangladesh, Mubasshar Hussain, said, "If the place is to be kept as a playground for children of future generations, it is important to hand over the playground to the city corporation officially as they have a mechanism to maintain the playgrounds and parks and it will also avert creating any problem in the future."

Mubasshar said the government department concerned which has taken Tk 27 crore from DMP, should also return the money to the DMP so that they can use it to build a model police station which is also very necessary for the Kalabagan area.

Stressing the need for a playground and open space Mubasshar said such spaces are also important for taking shelter during earthquakes. Thirty percent of Dhaka ward areas do not have any playground or park, which negatively affects the mental and physical growth of children as they have no space to play and interact with friends, said Adil

Mohammad Khan, general secretary of Bangladesh Institute of Planners.

According to the draft DAP, 25 out of 75 wards under Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) and 10 out of 55 wards under Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) do not have a single park or playground.

About 20 million people live in the capital, and considering the density of population in each ward, there should be over a dozen parks and play spaces in each ward, Adil said.

Dhaka

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getting off the vessel promptly.

The Kolkata port authority took the Bangladesh sailors to the Marine Club hotel. Their documents, including passports, were taken away by the police, said the sailors.

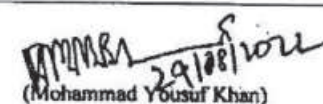
Calling upon the authorities for quick repatriation, Fahim expressed his desire to celebrate Eid with his family at home.

AGRANI BANK LIMITED

ESTABLISHMENT & ENGINEERING DIVISION
HEAD OFFICE, 9/D, DILKUSHA C/A, MOTIJEEL, DHAKA.

Invitation For Re-Tenders (IFT)

1.	Procuring Entity Name	Agrani Bank Limited, Establishment & Engineering Division, Head office (7th floor), 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.		
2.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.		
3.	Invitation for	Supply & Installation of Air Cooler for Agrani Bank Limited, Zonal Office, Jashore; Jhumjhum Branch, Jashore and Jashore Medical College Branch, Jashore.		
4.	Invitation Ref No	E&ED/ ENGG/ MECHA-2/173/2022		
5.	Date	Date : 26/04/2022		
6.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
7.	Budget and Source of Funds	Own fund of Agrani Bank Limited.		
8.	Tender Publication Date	27/04/2022		
9.	Tender Last Selling Date	22/05/2022 during office hour		
10.	Tender Receiving Date and Time	23/05/2022 at 10.00 AM to 03.00 PM		
	Tender Closing Date and Time	23/05/2022 at 03.00 PM		
11.	Tender Opening Date and Time	23/05/2022 at 03.15 PM in presence of Tenderers or their representatives (if any present)		
12.	Name & Address of the office (s)			
	Selling Tender Document.	Agrani Bank Limited, Establishment & Engineering Division, Head office (7th floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Selling Tender Document (Others)	N/A		
	Receiving Tender Document	Agrani Bank Limited, Establishment & Engineering Division, Head Office (7th Floor), 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.		
	Opening Tender Document	DGM's Chamber, Agrani Bank Limited, Establishment & Engineering Division, Head Office (7th Floor), 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.		
13.	INFORMATION FOR TENDERER (Eligibility of Tender):			
	Reputed Firm/ organization / manufacturer/ authorized agent who have minimum 03 (Three) years of general experience of similar nature of works. (Years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.)			
	Having experience in successfully completion of Air Cooler Supply & Installation of at least 02 contract(s) within the last 05 years, each with a value of at least Tk. 10.00 Lac. (Years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.)			
	The Tenderer must attach:			
	i) Up to date valid Trade license ii) In case of Limited Company, the certificate of Incorporation, Memorandum of Association, Article of association & Power of attorney iii) Up-to-date income tax certificate iv) Valid VAT registration certificate v) e-TIN Certificate.			
	The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities shall be Tk. 15.20 Lac. Should be counting 28 days backward from the date of opening of tender. In case of Bank Solvency Certificate, an account statement should be attached counting 90 days backward from the date of opening of tender.			
	The Tenderer will submit their financial statements such as profit and loss statements and audited balance sheet of last 03 years.			
	The Tenderer must submit: i) International Standard Compliance (CE/UL/ISO/ Any other) of mentioned brand ii) Catalogue/ Brochure must be submitted with Tender iii) Necessary document of Distributor/ Authorize Dealer/ Importer of Mentioned Brand.			
	All other reputed qualification, terms and conditions of the tenderer are shown in the tender data sheet (TDS) of Tender documents and all experience certificates will be submitted as per format. Necessary supporting Documents to be submitted as per requirement of ITT Clauses and technical specification of the tender.			
14.	Completion Time	6 (Six) weeks from the date of Contract Signing.		
15.	Brief Description of Goods	Any brand manufactured or assembled in Bangladesh/ China/ Turkey/ Vietnam or equivalent to these countries accepted/ approved by the bank authority in accordance with fulfillment of the given specifications and having relevant certificates as mentioned & as per detailed specifications & standard as mentioned in STD.		
	Sl. No.	Capacity	Type	Quantity
	01	12000 BTU/Hr	Split	02
	02	17000-18000 BTU/Hr	Split	01
	03	22500-24000 BTU/Hr	Split	01
	04	22500-24000 BTU/Hr	Cassette	03
	05	34000-36000 BTU/Hr	Cassette	07
16.	Brief Description of Related Services	As mentioned in STD.		
17.	Tender Document Price	Tk. 1,000.00 (Taka One Thousand) only per set (non-refundable) by Pay order/ Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of Agrani Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka.		
18.	Tender Security Money (Tk)	The amount of the Tender Security will be 57,000/- (Fifty Seven Thousand Taka Only) in the form of Pay Order/ Bank Draft (refundable) from any branch of Agrani Bank Limited in favour of Agrani Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka.		
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
19.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Yousuf Khan		
20.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager.		
21.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Agrani Bank Limited, Establishment & Engineering Division, Head Office (7th floor), 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
22.	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager, Establishment & Engineering Division, Agrani Bank Limited, Head Office (7th floor), 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. Tel: 02-223381674; e-mail: dgmeed@agranibank.org		
23.	Special Instructions			
	i. Tender security money must be submitted along with the tender documents through Pay Order/ Bank Draft favoring Agrani Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka from any branch of Agrani Bank Limited.			
	ii. If it is not possible to receive/ open the tender on the schedule date & time for any unavoidable circumstances the same will be received/open on the next working date at the same time & same venue.			
	iii. All submitted documents must be signed by the tenderer in every page of tender. All photo copy must be attested as per prevailing Laws & Rules.			
	iv. If the Tenderer submits any false/ incorrect or forged certificate, action may be taken as per PPA-2006 and PPR-2008 and its amendments.			
	v. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders prior to acceptance without assigning any reason. Agrani Bank Limited shall not be under any obligation to accept the lowest tender.			


 (Mohammad Yousuf Khan)
 Deputy General Manager

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