

LOWER-RANKED OFFICERS Russia suffers devastating losses: UK intel

AGENCIES Russia appears to have suffered devastating losses amongst mid- and junior-ranking officers in its conflict with Ukraine, raising the prospect of weaker military effectiveness in future, Britain's defence ministry said yesterday.

Brigade and battalion commanders were probably deploying to the most dangerous positions while junior officers have had to lead low-level tactical actions, the ministry said on Twitter in its latest Defence Intelligence update.

"With multiple credible reports of localised mutinies amongst Russia's forces in Ukraine, a lack of experienced and credible platoon and company commanders is likely to result (in) a further decrease in morale and continued poor discipline," it said.

The loss of younger officers was likely to exacerbate Russia's problems in modernising its military command and control, the ministry said.

"More immediately, battalion tactical groups which are being reconstituted in Ukraine from survivors of multiple units are likely to be less effective due to a lack of junior leaders," it said.

Russian forces yesterday intensified attacks to capture Sievierodonetsk, a key city in Ukraine's southeastern Donbas region which Moscow is targeting having failed to take the capital Kyiv early in the war, reports Reuters.

Meanwhile, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Sunday denied speculation that President Vladimir Putin was ill, saying there were no signs pointing to any ailment. Putin's health and private life are taboo subjects in Russia, and are almost never discussed in public, reports AFP.

Answering a question from France's broadcaster TF1, Russia's top diplomat said: "I don't think that some people can see in this person signs of some kind of illness or ailment."

Lavrov said that Putin, who will turn 70 in October, appeared in public "every day". "You can watch him on screens, read and listen to his speeches," Lavrov said in comments released by the Russian foreign ministry.

"I leave it to the conscience of those who spread such rumours." Moscow's offensive has killed thousands of people, sparked the biggest refugee crisis in Europe since World War II and led to unprecedented Western sanctions against Moscow.



A masked Palestinian protester avoids a tear gas canister amid clashes with Israeli security forces following reported altercations with Israeli settlers in Urif village, south of Nablus in the occupied West Bank, yesterday.

Pacific nations reject China security pact

Ten Pacific island nations yesterday rebuffed China's push for a wide-ranging regional security pact, amid worries the proposal was designed to pull them into Beijing's orbit.

Talks in Fiji between Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and leaders from the small island nations failed to reach an agreement, in a high-profile diplomatic setback for Beijing.

China is offering to radically ramp up its activities in the South Pacific, directly challenging the influence of the United States and its allies in the strategically vital region.

The proposed pact would see Beijing train Pacific island police, become involved in cybersecurity, expand political ties, conduct sensitive marine mapping and gain greater access to natural resources

on land and in the water. As an enticement, Beijing is offering millions of dollars in financial assistance, the prospect of a potentially lucrative China-Pacific islands free trade agreement and access to China's

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vast market of 1.4 billion people. Behind the scenes, Pacific leaders have voiced deep misgivings about the offer.

In a recent letter to fellow leaders, David Panuelo, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, warned the offer was "disingenuous" and would "ensure Chinese influence in government" and "economic

control" of key industries. A more soft-spoken public rebuke came after the talks, when leaders said they could not agree to Beijing's proposed "Common Development Vision" due to a lack of regional consensus.

"As always, we put consensus first," co-host and Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama said after the meeting, indicating that broad accord would be needed before inking any "new regional agreements".

Papua New Guinea, Samoa and the Federated States of Micronesia were said to be among those concerned about the proposals, along with Taiwan-recognising Palau, which was not invited.

"We would rather deal with our own security issues with China", Papua New Guinea Foreign Minister Soroi Eoe told AFP, indicating concern about any region-wide pact.

Record billion meth pills seized in East, SE Asia: UN

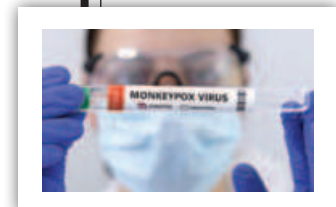
AFP, Bangkok A record one billion methamphetamine pills were seized in East and Southeast Asia last year, the UN said yesterday, as crime gangs exploited the Covid-19 pandemic and instability in coup-hit Myanmar to boost their activities. Southeast Asia's so-called Golden Triangle has long been an infamous hotspot for drug trafficking, with Myanmar, Laos and Thailand's porous borders and lax local policing allowing illegal substances to slip across.

Unlikely monkeypox outbreak will lead to pandemic: WHO

REUTERS, London The World Health Organization does not believe the monkeypox outbreak outside Africa will lead to a pandemic, an official said yesterday, adding it remains unclear if infected people who are not displaying symptoms can transmit the disease.

More than 300 suspected and confirmed cases of monkeypox - a usually mild illness that spreads through close contact and can cause flu-like symptoms and pus-filled skin lesions - have been reported in May, mostly in Europe. The WHO is considering whether the outbreak should be assessed

as a "potential public health emergency of international concern" or PHEIC. Asked whether this monkeypox outbreak has the potential to grow into a pandemic, Rosamund Lewis, technical lead for monkeypox from the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, said: "We don't know but we don't think so. At the moment, we are not concerned of a global pandemic."



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Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science & Technology University. Office of the Project Director. FD of BSMRSTU Gopalganj. Memo No: BSMRSTU/PD&W/2021-22/1002. Invitation for Tender (IFT No. 03/2012-13). Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide Suppliers/Manufacturer of their authorized Local Agents/Distributors/Representatives for the Supply of Books for Eight Different Faculty of BSMRSTU, Gopalganj. 1. Ministry/Division: Ministry of Education (MOE). 2. Agency: Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science & Technology University, Gopalganj-8100. 3. Procuring entity name: Project Director, Further development of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science & Technology University, Gopalganj. 4. Procuring entity district: Gopalganj. 5. Invitation for: Discount on Currencies of Publishers Price for Supply of Books. 6. Invitation Reference No.: BSMRSTU/PD&W/2021-22/1002. 7. Date: 26-05-2022. 8. Procurement method: Open Tendering Method (OTM). 9. Budget and source of funds: GOB. 10. Tender Package No.: GD-1, GD-2, GD-3 & GD-4. 11. Tender publication date: Within 1/06/2022. 12. Tender selling date: 2/06/2022 to 22/06/2022 during office hour. 13. Name and address of the office for receiving tender document: Office of the Project Director, FD of BSMRSTU, Gopalganj-8100. 14. Last date and time of receiving tender: Date: 23/06/2022, Time: 01.00pm (Tender may be submitted on or before 23/06/2022 through physically/post/courier service during office hours. No Tender Document will be received after deadline for submission). 23/06/2022, 3.00pm. 15. Tender opening date and time: Office of the Project Director, Further development of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science & Technology University, Gopalganj-8100. 16. Selling tender document: Office of the Project Director, Further development of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science & Technology University, Gopalganj-8100. 17. Eligibility of tenderer: (i) Up-to-date trade license (ii) VAT registration certificate (iii) Up-to-date income Tax clearance certificate (iv) Experience certificate in similar & general mentioned as TDS. (v) Bank solvency certificate as mentioned in TDS (vi) Competency certificate after sale service as motioned in the TDS & must follow the other criteria mentioned in the TDS (vii) Money receipt of purchasing tender document shall have to submitted along with tender documents. 18. Brief description of goods or works: Supply of Books for 8 faculties (Science, Engineering, Life Science, Agriculture, Social Science, Humanities, Business Studies & Law). 19. Tender document price: Tender document can be purchased by submitting either Pay Order or Bank Draft amounting Tk 2500 for GD-1, GD-2, GD-3 & 1500/- Tk for GD-4 from any schedule bank in favor of Director, PD&W, BSMRSTU, Gopalganj. 20. Identification of package: P. No., Identification of package, Location, Tender security, Completion time in days. 21. Name of official meeting tender: Tuhi Mahamud. 22. Designation of official inviting tender & address: Project Director (In-Charge), FD of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science & Technology University, Gopalganj. 23. Contact details of official inviting tender: Tel. No. 02-6682258, Fax-02-6682173, website- www.bsmrstu.edu.bd (Tender notice available in website). 24. Special instruction: 1. Lowest bidder will be evaluated package wise under packages. 2. If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date and same time and same place. 3. If the tenderer submits any false/incorrect/fake/fabricated/manipulated certificate with tender document, tender security shall be forfeited without assigning any reason. 4. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever and also reserve the right to omit, increase and/or decrease the quantity of any item from the tender. The bidders must abide by the decision of authority. Tender form schedule of items of supply, tender notice and terms and conditions etc. are integral part of the tender. The bidders should write the name of the package and the name of their firm on the envelope clearly, VAT, Income Tax and other taxes, if any imposed by the govt. will be deducted from their bills as per govt. rules. Tuhi Mahamud, Project Director (In-Charge), Further Development of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science & Technology University, Gopalganj-8100. GD-1107