

INSULTING REMARKS India rushes to quell outrage

REUTERS, Mumbai

India's government yesterday sought to calm anger at home and abroad after two officials of the ruling BJP party made remarks about the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), with 38 people arrested for rioting in a northern city and a protest planned later in Mumbai.

The arrests in the city of Kanpur were part of an effort to quell sporadic religious tension that arose after two officials from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist



Israeli soldiers argue with Palestinian demonstrators during a protest against Israeli settlements in Jordan Valley in the Israeli-occupied West Bank yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS



Bharatiya Janata Party made remarks that have generated widespread anger among Muslims in India and overseas.

Some of India's top officials were engaged in managing the diplomatic fallout as nations including Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman, the UAE, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran demanded an apology from the government for allowing the derogatory remarks, an Indian foreign ministry official said.

Over the weekend, Indian diplomats stationed in the Gulf were summoned by officials in those countries to protest against the comments by BJP officials.

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), in a statement, said: "These insults come in the context of the increasing intensity in hatred of and insults to Islam in India and the systematic harassment of Muslims."

India's foreign ministry said in a statement the offensive tweets and comments did not, in any way, reflect the views of the government.

Climate action must not be delayed by global crises

UN talks told

AFP, Paris

Negotiators from almost 200 countries yesterday met in Germany for climate talks tasked with reigniting momentum on tackling global warming, as Russia's invasion of Ukraine overshadows the threat from rising emissions.

The conference will set the stage for a fresh round of major United Nations talks later this year in Egypt.

It will also be a chance to test the resolve of nations facing a catalogue of crises, including escalating climate impacts, geopolitical tensions, bloodshed in Ukraine and the threat of a devastating global food crisis.

Issuing a call for international unity to hold firm, outgoing UN climate change chief Patricia Espinosa told delegates it was "not acceptable to say that we are in challenging times".

"We must understand that climate change is moving exponentially. We can no longer afford to make just incremental progress," she said at the opening of the June 6 to 16 meeting.

"We must move these negotiations along more quickly. The world expects it."

Governments have already accepted that climate change is a grave threat to humanity, and have advocated immediate action to cut fossil fuel emissions and prepare for the accelerating impacts of warming.

The summary to this year's landmark climate report from the IPCC concluded that any further delay in action "will miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all".

'Act prudently' China warns Australia after jet interception

AFP, Beijing

Beijing yesterday warned Australia to "act prudently" or face "serious consequences" after Canberra accused a Chinese fighter jet of dangerously intercepting one of its spy planes over the South China Sea. Australia has argued it is not unusual for it to undertake surveillance flights in the South China Sea -- a region Beijing insists comes under its domain despite a 2016 Hague ruling that dismissed its claims.

China's stance has heightened tensions with the United States and its allies, which insist on freedom of navigation in the area.

Australian Defence Minister Richard Marles said Sunday that a Chinese J-16 fighter intercepted a P-8 surveillance aircraft late last month, in a "dangerous" manoeuvre that put the safety of the Australian Defence Force crew at risk. But Beijing hit back yesterday, saying it would "never allow any country to infringe upon China's sovereignty and security... under the pretext of freedom of navigation".



Lanka minister convicted of extortion

AFP, Colombo

A cabinet minister in crisis-hit Sri Lanka was convicted of extorting money from a businessman over a land deal yesterday, a rare guilty verdict in a graft case in the South Asian country. Prasanna Ranatunga -- whose elder brother Arjuna captained the country's cricket World Cup winning team -- was given a two-year suspended prison sentence and fined 25 million Sri Lankan rupees (\$68,500). He is currently the urban development minister and was previously responsible for tourism, before a brief spell as public security minister. Ranatunga intimidated the businessman to demand a bribe of 64 million rupees in 2015 (then about 470,000 US dollars), the High Court found. Only part of the money had been paid when the developer went to the police after he said Ranatunga threatened to kill him if he did not pay up in full. As well as the suspended jail term and fine, High Court Judge Manjula Thilakarathne ordered Ranatunga to pay the man one million rupees (2,700 US dollars) in compensation. "The judge also ruled that the minister must serve a 12-year sentence should he neglect to pay the fine and compensation," a court official said. There was no immediate comment from the 55-year-old politician, who at the time was the chief minister of the Western Province, which covers the capital Colombo.

RESPONSE TO NORTH KOREA TESTS S Korea, US launch 8 ballistic missiles

REUTERS, Seoul

South Korea and the United States said they fired eight surface-to-surface missiles off South Korea's east coast early yesterday, responding to a barrage of short-range ballistic missiles launched by North Korea on Sunday.

The action is a demonstration of "the capability and readiness to carry out precision strikes" against the source of North Korea's missile launches or the command and support centres, South Korea's Yonhap news agency cited the South Korean military as saying.

South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol, who took office last month, has vowed to take a tougher line against the North and agreed with US President Joe Biden at a May summit in Seoul to upgrade joint military drills and their combined deterrence posture.

North Korea has conducted a flurry of missile launches this year and Yoon said its missile and nuclear weapons programmes have reached a level at which they pose a threat to regional and world peace.

The South "will continue to build fundamental and practical security capabilities and deter the North's nuclear and missile threats," Yoon said at an event for South Korea's Memorial Day.

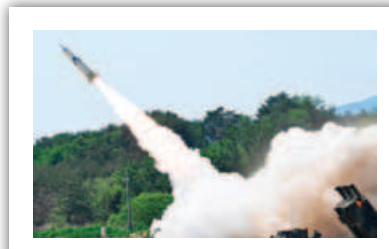
The militaries of South Korea and the United States fired eight surface-to-surface missiles over about 10 minutes starting at 4:45 am in response to the eight missiles fired by the North on Sunday, Yonhap reported.

An official from South Korea's Defence Ministry confirmed eight Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS) had been fired. US Indo-Pacific Command said the exercise included one US Army missile and seven from South Korea.

"The ROK-US Alliance remains committed to

peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula and throughout the Indo-Pacific," it said in a statement, using the initials of South Korea's official name.

North Korea's short-range ballistic missiles, fired toward the sea off its east coast on Sunday, were probably its largest single test and came a day after South Korea and the United States ended joint military drills.





Khulna University

Khulna-9208, Bangladesh

Invitation for Tender

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education		
02	Agency	Khulna University, Khulna-9208		
03	Procuring Entity Name	Khulna University, Khulna-9208		
04	Procuring Entity District	Khulna		
05	Invitation for	Supply of Books for Kazi Nazrul Islam Central Library		
06	Invitation Ref. No. & Date	Tender No. KU/LI/37/1994/V-5(1) Date - 29.05.2022		
07	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method(OTM)		
08	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB, ADP		
09	Project Name	Further Development of Khulna University		
10	Tender Last Selling Date & Time	26/06/2022	Up to banking hour	
11	Tender Closing Date & Time	27/06/2022	2.30 pm	
12	Tender Opening Date & Time	27/06/2022	3.00 pm	
13	Selling Tender Document	Agrani Bank Ltd, Khulna University Branch, Khulna-9208		
14	Receiving & Opening Tender Document	Office of the Registrar, Khulna University, Khulna-9208		
15	Eligibility of Tender	This Invitation for Tender is open to all qualified tenderers as mentioned below: a) The Tenderers shall have a minimum of five (5) years of overall experience in the supply of Books. b) The Satisfactory completion of the supply of Books of minimum Tk.25.00 Lac (Twenty five Lac) under one (1) contract/ Tk.35.00 Lac (Thirty five Lac) under two(2) contracts in the last Five(5) years. c) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is Tk. 40.00 lac (Forty Lac). d) The Tenderers must have updated Trade License, Tax Clearance Certificate VAT Registration Certificate, etc. e) All books must be original printed copy. f) Pirated and photocopy of books are not acceptable. g) All others as mentioned in the Tender Document.		
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	PB-01	Supply of Books for Kazi Nazrul Islam Central Library	2000/- (Two Thousand)	50,000/- (Fifty Thousand)
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Migrants walk in a caravan to cross the country to reach the US border, as regional leaders gather in Los Angeles to discuss migration and other issues, in Tapachula, Mexico yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS



The longer the range of the systems that will be delivered, the further we will move back the Nazis from that line from which threats to Russian-speakers and the Russian Federation may come.

Russian FM **Sergey Lavrov** on long-range weapons threat



পল্লী কর্ম-সহায়ক ফাউন্ডেশন (পিকেএসএফ)
প্ৰট: ই-৪/বি, আগারগাঁও প্রশাসনিক এলাকা, শের-ই-বাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭।
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পিকেএসএফ-এর নাম ও লোগো ট্রেডমার্ককরণ এবং তা ব্যবহারে সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পল্লী কর্ম-সহায়ক ফাউন্ডেশন (পিকেএসএফ)-এর পরিচালনা পর্ষদের অনুমোদন মোতাবেক (১) সাদা ব্যাকগ্রাউন্ডের মাঝে গাঢ় সবুজ রংসহ সুষম ষড়ভুজ (ঘরের আদলে) মাপের মনোপ্রামসহ পল্লী কর্ম-সহায়ক ফাউন্ডেশন (পিকেএসএফ) বাংলায়; (২) মনোপ্রামসহ "Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)" ইংরেজিতে; (৩) "পিকেএসএফ" বাংলায়; (৪) "PKSF" ইংরেজিতে; এবং (৫) সাদা ব্যাকগ্রাউন্ডের মাঝে গাঢ় সবুজ রংসহ সুষম ষড়ভুজ (ঘরের আদলে) মাপের পিকেএসএফ-এর মনোপ্রাম-এর নিবন্ধন শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়ের আওতাধীন পেটেন্ট, ডিজাইন ও ট্রেডমার্কস অধিদপ্তর হতে ইতোমধ্যে সম্পন্ন হয়েছে এবং উক্ত ট্রেডমার্কস অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃপক্ষ পিকেএসএফ-এর নামে বিগত ০৯/০৫/২০২২ তারিখে ৫টি সার্টিফিকেট ইস্যু করে।

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সে ক্ষেত্রে, পিকেএসএফ-এর পক্ষ হতে এই মর্মে সতর্ক করা যাচ্ছে যে, এই বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের পর প্রত্যেক কোন ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠান পিকেএসএফ-এর নাম ও মনোপ্রাম/লোগো ব্যবহার করলে বা পিকেএসএফ-এর নাম ও লোগো ব্যবহার করে ভুল্যা বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশ করলে, তাদের বিরুদ্ধে যথাযথ আইনী ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

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