

BRICS SUMMIT IN CHINA

Putin back on the world stage

CNN ONLINE

When Russian President Vladimir Putin dials into the virtual BRICS summit hosted by Beijing today, it will be his first time attending a forum with the heads of major economies since launching an invasion of Ukraine earlier this year.

For Putin, this could offer a welcome picture: his face beamed onscreen alongside other leaders whose countries make up this acronymous grouping: China's Xi Jinping, India's Narendra Modi, Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro, and South Africa's Cyril Ramaphosa — a signal that Russia, though battered by sanctions and remonstrations for the invasion, is not alone.

It's a message that may resonate even more clearly as China and Russia, weeks before the invasion, declared their own relationship to have "no limits," and as each of the BRICS leaders have avoided condemning Russia outright, even as they hold varying levels of interest in not being seen to endorse its actions — and run foul of Western friends.

Below the surface, Putin's invasion is likely to throw another complication into BRICS, a more than a decade-old grouping

of major emerging economies, which already suffers from mistrust between members and mismatched ideologies.

But the decision by the group to press ahead with its 14th annual summit does reflect a view held by BRICS countries on the global order and, by extension, the situation in Ukraine, that departs from that of the West, experts say.

"We're talking about some very major economies whose leadership is willing to be seen with Putin, even if it is only on a virtual platform," said Sushant Singh, a senior fellow at the Center for Policy Research (CPR) in New Delhi.

"The fact that Putin is welcome, he's not a pariah, he's not being pushed out — and this is a normal engagement, which has taken place every year and it's still taking place — that is a big plus for Putin," he said.

Unlike the G7, BRICS is expected to tread carefully when it comes to Ukraine at Thursday's summit, likely speaking in favor of peaceful resolution, even as its members may carefully call for Western countries to examine the impact of their sanctions on the global economy, observers say.

Beijing — this year's host and by far the

most economically powerful of the five nations, which together make up around a quarter of worldwide GDP — appears set to focus on its own agenda: promoting its new global development and security initiatives and pushing back on what it sees as "bloc"-building by the United States.

BRICS countries should "strengthen political mutual trust and security cooperation," coordinate on major international and regional issues, accommodate each other's core interests, and "oppose hegemonism and power politics," Xi said in a speech to BRICS foreign ministers last month, where he called on the group to promote development in this "period of turbulence and transformation."

Since its inception, BRICS, which added South Africa in 2011, has been united in calling for more representation of major emerging economies on the world's stage — and against what it views as a disproportionate dominance of the Western powers. That has meant pushing for reforms at the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and, on occasion, making a veiled jab at Nato actions.

It's also seen the countries discussing issues like how to settle trade in their own currencies — outside the US dollar system — an issue that could now take more relevance for BRICS following Western sanctions on Russia, according to Shahar Hameiri, a professor and political economist at the University of Queensland in Australia.



BJP nominates tribal, female politician for India president

REUTERS, Bhubaneswar

A female Indian politician from a tribal community has been nominated as presidential candidate by ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, officials said yesterday.

Droupadi Murmu, 64, a veteran politician who has held senior posts in the eastern state of Odisha, is almost certain to be elected as BJP holds a majority in parliament, say political analysts.

Indian opposition parties said they would back Yashwant Sinha, a former BJP federal finance minister before he turned rebel, as their candidate for the presidential election.

The presidential poll will be held in July.

Myanmar minister attends Asean defence meeting

REUTERS, Phnom Penh

Myanmar's military-appointed defence minister joined a meeting of his Southeast Asian counterparts yesterday, despite pressure from some countries in the regional bloc and pro-democracy groups to exclude the junta from such gatherings.

General Mya Tun Oo is the most senior Myanmar official to attend a ministerial meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian nations (Asean) since the junta was sidelined late last year over its failure to honour a peace plan agreed with Asean.

Divisions persist within the 10-nation bloc over how to deal with the military that seized power in Myanmar last year and has led a bloody crackdown against its opponents.

Singapore, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia have urged current chair Cambodia to exclude the junta until progress is made toward ending hostilities.

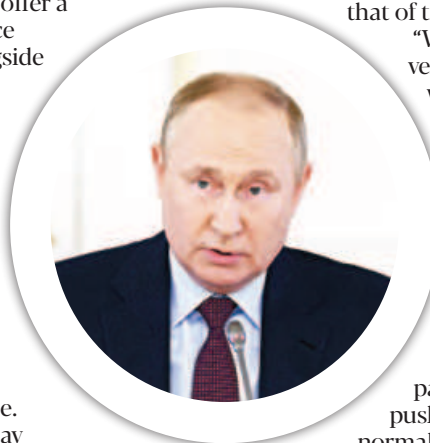
The Malaysian defence ministry said that even though yesterday's meeting involved the military government, "this does not mean Malaysia recognises the (junta) as the legitimate government of Myanmar". Cambodian Defence Minister

Tea Banh said the Myanmar general's presence indicated a unified bloc.

Details of the ministers' discussion were not available but a joint statement shared with media showed all of them pledged support for efforts to "bring about a peaceful transition to normalcy in Myanmar" through a special envoy.

Democracy activists in Myanmar and elsewhere raised concerns that efforts to engage with the junta legitimise it.

All 10 Southeast Asian defence ministers are also due to meet their Chinese and Japanese counterparts virtually later on Wednesday, Tea Banh said.



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Because of the geopolitical situation, climate change is being pushed back. ... It's time to start the reality check. We have been planning and planning.
Egypt's climate Ambassador Mohamed Nasr ahead of COP27

RPCL-NORINCO Intl. Power Limited
Memo No: RNPL/1320/2022/0342 Date: 21-06-2022
Request for Expression of Interest (Eoi) for Coal Transportation including Transshipment for Patuakhali 1320 (2X660) MW Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant Project

- RPCL-NORINCO INTL POWER LIMITED (RNPL), a joint venture company of Rural Power Company Limited (RPCL), Bangladesh and NORINCO International Corporation Ltd., China, incorporated under the laws of Bangladesh and having its principal place of business at: 7th Floor, Atlanta Trade Center, House# 01, Road# 1/A, Sector# 04, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka, Bangladesh is implementing the 1320 (2X 660) MW Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant Project at Nishanbaria, Londa and Dhankhali Mouza, Dhankhali Union, Kalapara Upazilla, Patuakhali district, Bangladesh (the Project).
- Approximate yearly demand = 4.00 million Ton.
- RNPL intends to invite and select experienced internationally reputable professional shipping companies and/or firms (the Applicants) to convey their Expression of Interest (Eoi) to provide Coal Transportation, Transshipment and Barging (the Services) to the power plant which is under construction.
- Through this Request of Eoi, RNPL intends to prepare short-listed companies which are qualified for the Bid stage of the tender process, when further Project information, details on the Services and RNPL's needs will be communicated by means of a Request for Proposal (RFP).
- The Services are not dividable and one contract will be awarded for all Services and shall mainly compose of the following:
 - The Services is expected to cover for 5 years starting from the first shipment of Coal to Project Jetty;
 - Coal ocean transportation, from coal loading ports in Indonesia and Australia respectively, by means of standard bulk vessels.
 - Coal transshipment within Bangladesh which shall close to the Project site, from the ocean transportation vessels to barges;
 - Barging in self-propelled barges up to Project Jetty.
 RNPL will be responsible for discharge of any shipment at the Project Jetty.
- Qualification criteria:
 - The Applicants can be financially sound companies, firms, joint ventures or consortium from all countries except Israel, with proven experience in transshipment and shipping projects for at least 10 years.
 - The Average Annual Turnover for the preceding three Financial Years shall not be less than USD 75m.
 - The Net worth/Paid-up Share Capital (NWT/PUSC) as on the last day of the preceding financial year shall not be less than 1.
- The documents to be submitted shall comprise of:
 - Letter of Expression of Interest;
 - Company profile/brochures, which shall specify its experience in transshipment and shipping projects;
 - Legal documents/incorporation or constitution or joint venture agreement/Trade license, VAT registration certificate etc.;
 - Audited financial report of last three (3) years;
 - Envisaged company structure, organization chart to fulfill the Services.
 Two sets of hard copies (at least one original) of the above-mentioned documents shall be submitted by the Applicants.
- RNPL may, in its absolute discretion but without being under any obligation, update, amend or supplement this Request for Eoi and reserve the right to accept/reject one or all Eois or stop the process of approval at any stage, at its sole discretion and shall bear no liability whatsoever consequence upon such a decision.
- The Applicants shall bear all the costs associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of its Eoi.
- Expression of Interest shall be submitted in English via e-mail and in two hard copies to the following contact before 12.30 PM (BST) on 31st July 2022.
Company Secretary
RPCL-NORINCO INTL POWER LIMITED (RNPL)
7th Floor, Atlanta Trade Center, House# 01, Road# 1/A, Sector# 04, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka, Bangladesh
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(Kazi Mohammad Tanvir)
Company Secretary
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Memo No: RNPL/1320/2022/0343 Date: 21.06.2022
Invitation for Proposal for Operation and Maintenance Of PATUAKHALI 1320 (2 X 660) MW COAL FIRED THERMAL POWER PLANT

- "RPCL-NORINCO INTL Power Limited" (RNPL), a Joint Venture of Rural Power Company Limited (RPCL), Bangladesh and NORINCO International Cooperation Ltd., China, incorporated to implement on 800 basis the "Patuakhali 1320 (2x660) MW Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant" (the Plant) at Patuakhali, Bangladesh, upon approval of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The Power Station will be an ultra-supercritical pulverized coal fired thermal power generating plant.
- The expected initial Operation Date (IOD) of this plant is August 2023 and expected Commercial Operation Date (COD) is December 2023. The current physical progress is around 61%.
- The project consists of two (2) units of Ultra Super Critical Coal Fired Power Plants each with a gross capacity of 660MW firing pulverized coal imported from Indonesia and/or Australia. The OEMs for Boiler and Steam Turbines are Harbin Boiler Company Ltd, China and Dongfang Electric Company Ltd., China respectively. Boiler uses tangential combustion with Dry Low NOx burners. The project incorporates a Flue Gas Desulphurization (FGD) Unit for removal of Sulphur manufactured by China Hualian Engineering Co. Ltd., China.
- Now RPCL-NORINCO INTL Power Limited (RNPL) intends to appoint a qualified Operation and Maintenance Contractor to perform the Operation and Maintenance of the Patuakhali 1320 (2x660) MW Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant. The Contract Period will be: Mobilization Period + Sixty (60) months. The "Mobilization period" will be considered from the effective date of the O&M contract to the Commercial operation Date (COD) of the Plant.
- Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications, summarized from the Request for Proposal (RFP), are invited to participate in the Request for Proposals. Bidders are requested to refer to Section III — Qualification Criteria of the Request for Proposals for a full range of criteria prior to submitting their proposals. In case of any discrepancies between this invitation for proposal and the Request for Proposal, the Request for Proposal shall prevail. The bidder needs to fulfill the following criteria:
 - Experience in Operation and Maintenance of Thermal Power Plants for at least ten (10) years prior to the Proposal Closing Date.
 - Currently carrying out Operation and Maintenance of at least two (2) Units of Supercritical Coal Fired Power Plants of Unit Size 600MW or larger capacity and at least one unit at over-seas.
 - The Units must be in operation for at least 3 years and continuous operation for at least one (1) year prior to the Proposal Closing Date without any major unscheduled shutdowns (major defined as shutdown that requires at least seven (7) days of shutdown).
 - The Units with similar configuration (similar configuration defined as Pulverized Coal type boiler having tangential combustion) will earn extra points.
 - Bidders with Ultra-Supercritical Coal Fired Power Plants of unit size 600MW or larger capacity will earn extra points.
 - Bidders with additional experience will earn extra points.
 - Bidders with additional overseas O & M experience at same capacity thermal power plant for at least one (1) year will earn extra points.
 - Bidders must have good working relationship with Dongfang and Harbin and Foxboro Shanghai (major equipment OEMs of Patuakhali 1320(2x660) MW Coal-Fired thermal power Plant Project).
 - Bidders shall have capacity for Power Plant Simulation Training.
- The Request for Proposal will be available from 20 June, 2022 at the following website for information only:
 - https://www.rnpl.com.bd
 - http://www.rpcl.gov.bd
- The interested bidder must collect the Request for Proposal in their name for submission of bid from the following addresses with a non-refundable fee of USD 1,200 (US Dollar one thousand Two Hundred) or BDT 100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Bangladesh Taka) in the form of an international bank draft encashable at any scheduled bank in Bangladesh or in the form of local bank draft/pay order, made payable to the Company Secretary, RNPL.
Company Secretary
RPCL-NORINCO INTL Power Limited (RNPL)
Address: Atlanta Trade Center (7th Floor), House # 01, Road # 1/A, Sector # 04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh.
Phone: +88-02-48956157, +88-01717939084, +88-01552379158
E-mail: cs@rnpl.com.bd
- The amount of Bid Security shall be US\$ 1 (one) million in the form specified in Request for Proposal and in favor of the Company Secretary, RPCL-NORINCO INTL Power Limited (RNPL)
 - Bid Security shall be valid for 208 (two hundred and eight) days from the last date of submission of proposal.
- Bid Validity shall be 180 (one hundred eighty) days from the last date of submission of proposal.
- Deliver your Proposal to the following address:
Company Secretary
RPCL-NORINCO INTL Power Limited (RNPL)
Address: Atlanta Trade Center (7th Floor), House # 01, Road # 1/A, Sector # 04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh.
Phone: +88-02-48956157, +88-01717939084, +88-01552379158
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- Date and Time for procuring RFP and submission of proposal:

Description	Date	Time
Starting Date and Time for Selling Request for Proposal	23 June, 2022	10:00 AM (BST)
Last Date and Time for Selling Request for Proposal	21 August, 2022	05:00 PM (BST)
Last Date and Time for Submission of Proposal	22 August, 2022	12:00 PM (BST)
- The Employer will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of their Proposals.

(Kazi Mohammad Tanvir)
Company Secretary
RPCL-NORINCO Intl Power Limited