

Argentina, Iran apply to join BRICS

REUTERS, Dubai/London

Iran, which holds the world's second largest gas reserves, has applied to join the BRICS group of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa that Beijing and Moscow cast as a powerful emerging market alternative to the West.

Iran's membership in the BRICS group "would result in added values for both sides", Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson said.

Russia said Argentina had also applied to join.

"While the White House was thinking about what else to turn off in the world, ban or spoil, Argentina and Iran applied to join the BRICS," Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said.

China has by far the largest economy in the BRICS grouping, accounting for more than 70 percent of the group's collective \$27.5 trillion economic might. India accounts for about 13 percent, with Russia and Brazil each accounting for about 7 percent, according to IMF data.

BRICS account for more than 40 percent of the world's population and about 26 percent of the global economy.



Rescue workers carry a body of a victim from the debris of a collapsed building in Mumbai, yesterday. At least 14 people were killed after monsoon rains caused a four-storey building to collapse in the Indian megacity, authorities said.

PHOTO: AFP

‘A horrific human tragedy’
46 migrants found dead in trailer truck in Texas

AFP, San Antonio

At least 46 migrants were found dead Monday in and around a large trailer truck that was abandoned on the roadside on the outskirts of the Texas city of San Antonio.

"At this time we have processed approximately 46 bodies that have been triaged and tagged and declared deceased," San Antonio Fire Chief Charles Hood told reporters. He said that 16 people had been transported to

the hospital alive and conscious -- 12 adults and four children. There were no initial details on the age or nationalities of the deceased.

"The patients that we saw were hot to the touch, they were suffering from heat stroke, heat exhaustion, no signs of water in the vehicle, it was a refrigerated tractor-trailer but there was no visible working A/C unit on that rig," Hood said.

Officials said three people were in custody over the incident.

"Tonight we are dealing with

a horrific human tragedy," San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg told a press conference. San Antonio, which lies about 250 kilometers (150 miles) from the Mexico border, is a major transit route for people smugglers.

The vehicle was found on a road near Highway I-35, a major US artery that stretches all the way to the border with Mexico.

Local police said the probe had been turned over to the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Three days on, police yet to arrest culprit

not even seized the cricket stump with which the student on Saturday assaulted Utpal Kumar Sarkar, a lecturer in political science at Haji Yunus Ali School and College in Ashulia's Chitrasail area.

Teachers showed The Daily Star correspondent the stump, which was left in a corridor of the school's second floor.

Contacted, Ashulia Police Station OC SM Quamruzzaman around an hour later said they have seized the stump.

The teachers later told this paper that the police seized the stump around 3:30pm.

Asked when they seized

it, the OC just said, "We have seized the stump."

"Multiple teams are trying to arrest the accused student. We are investigating whether anyone else was involved," the OC said.

Ashim Kumar Sarkar, the victim's elder brother who filed a case with Ashulia Police Station accusing the student and unnamed others on Sunday, said, "We don't know whether we will get justice. Police could not arrest the student till now."

Ashish Kumar Sarkar, another of Utpal's brothers, said, "After the attack, we rushed to the spot and found the assailant's parents and family members there. The assailant's threatened

us and tried to physically assault us. But police did not take any action.

"We have heard that the student's father is a rich person. We fear that he may make this thing go away through underhanded deals with influential people. We are helpless. We may not get justice," he told The Daily Star yesterday morning.

Saiful Islam, the institution's principal, said, "We are confused whether we will get justice. There is a possibility that the student's father may bury the issue by spending huge amount of money."

Utpal, 35, had served the institution for about 10 years.

According to teachers

and students present during the incident, he was beaten with a cricket stump on Saturday by a 15-year-old SSC examinee of the school at its playground. He breathed his last at Savar Enam Medical College and Hospital around 5:15am Monday.

Some locals said the student was seen roaming around the school playground with the cricket stump after the attack.

Locals caught him, but his father rushed to the spot and took him away.

The student has been absconding since then, the locals said.

Shafiqul Islam, a teacher of the college, was present during the attack.

"When the student was beating Utpal sir, I tried to stop him, but he threatened me and I feared for my life. Later, I took Utpal sir to a hospital," he said.

Shafiqul said the student used to stalk girls, and as the president of the college's disciplinary committee, Utpal scolded him on several occasions.

There are two CCTV cameras near the spot, but no video clip of the incident was found as there was no electricity at that time, said Abdul Alim, office assistant of the college.

However, some locals said there was power during the time of the incident.

"I have heard the student himself disconnected the CCTV camera before the attack," said the owner of a nearby shop, requesting anonymity.

This newspaper asked Monir Hossain, deputy manager of the local electricity office, whether there was electricity in the area at the time of the incident, but Monir asked the newspaper to file an application under Right to Information Act for the information.

Speaking to The Daily Star yesterday, several students of the college said the attacker used to lead a teen gang in the area.

Shock and grief have engulfed the victim's family members.

"I still cannot believe that my son is no more. How will I survive without my son?" said 80-year-old Gita Rani, the victim's mother, said in their ancestral home in Lahiri Mohonpur/Duttapara Village in Sirajganj's Ullapara upazila.

The Daily Star is not making public the identity of the accused as he is a minor.

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3. Name of Procuring Entity	: Superintending Engineer, BARI
4. Procuring Entity District	: Gazipur
5. Expression of Interest for Selection of	: Well Experienced reputed Architectural Design & Land Scaping Consulting Firm to perform the following construction works : 1. Single Accommodation for Officer (4 storied foundation & 4 storied-8 unit), Single Accommodation for Staff (4 storied foundation & 4 storied-16 unit), Labour shed, Construction of Laboratory building, Installation of Fire Fighting & emergency shower in laboratory building, Vertical & side extension of Training Complex-cum Guest house, Threshing floor (Covered-200, Open-350), Installation of Deep tubewell, Irrigation/water supply line including necessary materials, Water purifying plant, Boundary wall, RCC Drainage, Internal HBB Road, Internal RCC road, Generator for Laboratory building (40KVA), Cooling unit for Cool house, 150KVA Transformer, PFI, CT, PT, LT Cable etc. 2. Land Development work.
6. EIO Ref. No.	: 12.21.0000.010.67.001.22. 775
7. Date	: 27 June, 2022
KEY INFORMATION	
8. Procurement Method	: Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION	
9. Budget and Source of Funds	: GOB
10. Development Partners	: NA
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
11. Project Name	: Strengthening Regional Pulse Research Station, Madaripur and increase production of pulse crops at greater Barishal, Faridpur Region.
12. Project Location	: Regional Pulse Research Station, BARI, Madaripur
13. EOI Closing Date and Time	: 19/07/2022 at 2.00 PM
14. EOI Submission place	: Buildings & Grounds Section, BARI, Gazipur
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT	
15. Brief description of the Assignment	: The main tasks of consulting firm are as following : (i) Survey of the site, Soil test, and preparation of Master Plan (ii) Preparation of Detail Architectural, Structural, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing design and drawings. (iii) Preparation of Bill of Quantities and (BOQ) (iv) Preparation of Tender Documents (v) Full time supervision and monitoring of construction works.
16. Required Qualification and Experience	: Should have minimum 20 (Twenty) years experience in similar works, availability of appropriate experience and professional qualification among applicant's staff or resource to carry out the assignment and financial capability. A brochure should be submitted by the applicants summarizing their facilities and areas of expertise describing the performance of similar activities.
17. Documents to be submitted	: (i) Trade license (with registration and age of the firm) (ii) Latest TIN Certificate (iii) VAT registration certificate (iv) Income tax Certificate (v) Audited financial report (last 3 years) (vi) Availability of Key professionals (vii) Availability of Resources (viii) All documents must be up-to-date.
18. Other Details	: 1. Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address of the undersigned. 2. The firm(s) may form joint venture association or consortium (JVCA) to enhance their qualification, but should mention whether the association is in the 'Joint Venture' or 'sub-consultancy'. In case of joint venture all firms shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire consultant's obligations under the contract. But in the case of sub-consultants the lead firm shall sign the contract and shall be liable for the entire consultant's firm obligation under the contract. 3. The consultant must have experience in building construction all over Bangladesh. The consultant should submit list of the project during last 10 (Ten) years and list of work in hand. Project completion certificate and work in hand certificate should be accompanied with respective work order and agreement duly signed by the procuring entity (Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous bodies). All papers must be attested by the first class gazetted Govt. Officer.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
19. Name of the official inviting EOI	: Md. Ferozur Rahman
20. Designation of Official Inviting EOI	: Superintending Engineer (In-Charge), BARI
21. Address of Official Inviting EOI	: Buildings & Grounds Section, BARI, Gazipur.
22. Contact Details of the Official Inviting EOI	: 0249270077, E-mail : feruzur70@yahoo.com
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