

This is absolutely a leadership issue. Anyone aspiring to lead our country needs to demonstrate that they take this issue incredibly seriously.

UK climate chief **Alok Sharma** says he may resign if the new Tory leader fails to commit to a strong green agenda





Firefighters try to control a forest fire near Louchats in Gironde, southwestern France, yesterday. Authorities across southern Europe yesterday battled to control huge wildfires in countries including Spain, Greece and France, where thousands of people have been evacuated in soaring temperatures.

PHOTO: AFP

## Biden disputes Saudi account of Khashoggi murder discussion

REUTERS

US President Joe Biden on Saturday differed with Saudi Arabia in their account of discussions at a bilateral summit about the 2018 murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. US intelligence agencies believe Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman ordered the killing in 2018 of Khashoggi, a Saudi-US citizen, which the de facto Saudi ruler denies. Answering reporters as he arrived at the White House from his first Middle East trip as president, Biden disputed the Saudi foreign minister's account that he did not hear Biden blame Mohammed bin Salman for the killing of the Washington Post columnist, a harsh critic of his native Saudi Arabia. Asked whether the minister was telling the truth in recounting the exchange between Biden and the crown prince, the president said "No". The Saudi minister said the crown prince, known as MbS, had told Biden the kingdom had acted to prevent a repeat of mistakes like Khashoggi's killing and that the United States had also made mistakes.

## US spreading 'Iran-phobia'

### Tehran accuses Washington of provoking 'crises' in Middle East

AFP, TEHRAN

Tehran yesterday accused Washington of provoking tensions in the Middle East, a day after US President Joe Biden ended a tour to Iran's rival Saudi Arabia and arch-foe Israel.

Washington "has once again resorted to the failed policy of Iran-phobia, trying to create tensions and crises in the region," Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani said in a statement.

The comments come after Biden on Saturday vowed that the United States would not "tolerate efforts by any country to dominate another in the region through military buildups, incursions, and/or threats", in a transparent reference to Iran.

Biden's first Middle East visit came just a few days before Russian President Vladimir Putin is due to visit Tehran on July 19.

Biden, in a speech in the Saudi Arabian city of Jeddah at a summit that brought together the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council as well as Egypt, Jordan and Iraq, assured Arab leaders that Washington would remain fully engaged in the Middle East.

"We will not walk away and leave a vacuum to be filled by China, Russia or Iran," Biden said.

Following the meeting, a joint statement committed the leaders to "preserve regional security and stability". It also underscored diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon, and notably called for enhanced joint deterrence capabilities "against the increasing threat" posed by unmanned aerial vehicles -- a likely reference to Tehran, which on Friday unveiled ships and submarines capable of carrying armed drones.

Tehran, which denies seeking to build a nuclear bomb, yesterday dismissed the comments made in Jeddah.

"These false allegations are in line with Washington's seditious policy... in the region," Kanani said.

Biden began his tour on Wednesday in Israel, before visiting the Palestinian Territories and then flying to Saudi Arabia.

In Israel, Biden signed a security pact reinforcing a common front against Iran, where the president vowed to use "all" US power to stop Tehran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

Kanani said the pact was a "great sign of the deception and hypocrisy" of the United States, because "they turn a blind eye to the Zionist (Israel) regime as... the greatest holder of the arsenal of nuclear weapons in the region".

Israel is widely believed to hold the Middle East's sole but undeclared nuclear arsenal.



## A 100-day protest that shook Lanka

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's protest movement reached its 100th day yesterday, having forced one president from office and now turning its sights on his successor as the country's economic crisis continues.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled his palace shortly before demonstrators invaded it last weekend and on Thursday resigned from the presidency.

His mismanagement is blamed for Sri Lanka's financial turmoil, which has forced its 22 million people to endure shortages of food, fuel and medicines since late last year.

The campaign to oust Rajapaksa, organised mainly through posts on Facebook, Twitter and TikTok, drew people from across Sri Lanka's often unbridgeable ethnic divides.

United by economic hardships, minority Tamils and Muslims joined the majority Sinhalese to demand the ouster of the once-powerful Rajapaksa clan.

It began as a two-day protest on April 9, when tens of thousands of people set up camp in front of Rajapaksa's office.

Under Sri Lanka's constitution, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe was automatically installed as acting president following Rajapaksa's resignation. He is now the leading candidate to succeed him permanently. But the veteran politician is despised by the protesters as an ally of the Rajapaksa clan.

The Rajapaksa's SLPP party -- which has more than 100 MPs in the 225-member parliament -- is backing Wickremesinghe in the vote due Wednesday.

## West's dominance ending

### Tony Blair sees end of the unipolar world

REUTERS, London

The Ukraine war shows that the West's dominance is coming to an end as China rises to superpower status in partnership with Russia at one of the most significant inflection points in centuries, former British Prime Minister Tony Blair said.

The world, Blair said, was at a turning point in history comparable with the end of World War Two or the collapse of the Soviet Union; but this time the West is clearly not in the ascendant.

"We are coming to the end of Western political and economic dominance," Blair said in a lecture entitled "After Ukraine, What Lessons Now for Western Leadership?" according to a text of the speech to a forum supporting the alliance



between the United States and Europe at Ditchley Park west of London.

"The world is going to be at least bi-polar and possibly multi-polar," Blair said. "The biggest geo-political change of this century will come from China not Russia."

"China's place as a superpower is natural and justified. It is not the Soviet Union," said Blair, who was prime minister from 1997 to 2007. Its allies are likely to be Russia and Iran.

The West should not let China overtake militarily, he said. "We should increase defence spending and maintain military superiority," Blair said. The United States and its allies "should be superior enough to cater for any eventuality or type of conflict and in all areas."


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Former British prime minister **Tony Blair**

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Sl. No.	Tender ID	Name of works	Tender document last selling/ downloading date and time	Tender security time	Tender closing and opening date and time	Procurement method
01	709178	<b>JETIPSRB/2021/29</b> (Part-1) Construction of RCC Road start from Baushi North Para near H/O. Mr. Jubbar Moulvi to near H/O. Mr. Selim, (Ch: 0.00-210.00)m, (Part-2) Rehabilitation of Bituminous Carpeting Road start from near Ezarapara Primary School to near Boushi Rail Crossing (Ch: 0.00m-315.00m), (Salvage cost Tk=35574.00), (Part-3) Construction of RCC Road start from Boushi Rail Crossing to Ponchopir road near H/O. Mr. Abdul Hai (Ch: 0.00m-380.00m), (Salvage cost Tk=40633.00), (Part-4) Construction of RCC Road start from Baushi-Ponchopir Road to near H/O Mr. Md. Monir Uddin (Ch: 0.00m-127.00m) under Sarishabari Pourashava, Jamalpur. (Total salvage cost Tk=75207.00)	03-Aug-2022, 17:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:30:00	LTM
02	709179	<b>JETIPSRB/2021/30</b> (Part-1) Construction of RCC Road start from Boushi Bazar R & H near shop of Bonowari to near Boushi Bridge (Ch: 0.00m-284.00m) (Part-2) Construction of RCC Road start from Boushi Bazar near H/O. Mr. Abu Sultan to near H/O. Mr. Gods Miah (Ch: 0.00m-152.00m), (Part-3) Construction of RCC Drain start from Boushi Bazar Old Drain to Boushi Bazar Water Pump with Connected Internal Drain (Ch: 0.00-392.00) & 1.00 No. X-drain, (Ch: 0.00-392.00) (Total salvage cost Tk=203873.00) under Sarishabari Pourashava, Jamalpur.	03-Aug-2022, 17:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:30:00	LTM
03	709180	<b>JETIPSRB/2021/31</b> (Part-1) Construction of RCC Road start from Gojaria near H/O. Mr. Shahapahan Mollah to Gojaria Govt. Primary School, (Ch: 0.00m-402.00), (Part-2) Rehabilitation of Bituminous Carpeting Road start from Boushi Ponchopir Malek MP Fish Khamar to Chandampur Manik Moor (Ch: 0.00m-892.00m), (Part-3) Construction of RCC Road start from Gojaria near H/O. Mr. Joyen Bhuiya to near H/O. Mr. Shaiba Ali Bhuiya, (Ch: 0.00m-105.00m), (Part-4) Construction of Bituminous Carpeting Road start from Baushi Ponchopir Road near H/O Mr. Jalal to near H/O Mr. Hossain Mondol (Ch: 0.00m-255.00m) under Sarishabari Pourashava, Jamalpur. (Salvage cost Tk=109662.00)	03-Aug-2022, 17:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:30:00	LTM
04	709181	<b>JETIPSRB/2021/32</b> (Part-1) Construction of RCC Road start from Baushi Ponchopir-Perkate Road to near H/O Mr. Hossain, (Ch: 0.00m-237.00m), (Part-2) Construction of RCC Road start from Gojaria near shop of Moju to near H/O. Mr. Kader Driver, (Ch: 0.00m-41.00m), (Part-3) Construction of RCC Road start from Boushi Ponchopir Roads to near Bangalapara Kamarbari, (Ch: 0.00m-182.00m), (Part-4) Construction of RCC Road start from Ponchopir-Gojaria road to near H/O. Mr. Hanif Uddin Sander, (Ch: 0.00m-115.00m) under Sarishabari Pourashava, Jamalpur.	03-Aug-2022, 17:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:30:00	LTM
05	709182	<b>JETIPSRB/2021/33</b> (Part-1) Construction of Bituminous Carpeting Road start from Baushi Chandpur near Manike Mor to near H/O Mr. Mukta, (Ch: 00-357m) (Part-2) Construction of Bituminous Carpeting Road start from Gozaria near H/O Mr. Halim Bsc to Chondipur near H/O. Mr. Jhoad Ali Khan, (Ch: 00-215m), (Part-3) Construction of Bituminous Carpeting Road start from Baushi Chandpur near H/O. Mr. Mukta to near H/O. Mr. Kudu Sheikh, (Ch: 00-255m), (Part-4) Construction of Bituminous Carpeting Road start from Ponchopir Chaik Bangail Mosjid to Pours and Point, (Ch: 00-375m) under Sarishabari Pourashava, Jamalpur.	03-Aug-2022, 17:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:30:00	LTM
06	714264	<b>JETIPSRB/2021/34</b> (Part-1) Construction of RCC Road start from Boushi- Gojaria road near Mollabari Mor to near H/O. Mr. Mofazzal Hossain (Ch: 0.00m-268.00m), (Part-2) Construction of RCC Road start from Nagaula near H/O. Mr. Monsur Pathan to near H/O. Mr. Nasir Sander, (Ch: 0.00m-212.00m), (Part-3) Construction of RCC Road start from Boushi Moddho Para Gojaria pacca road to near H/O. Mr. Salam Bsc, (Ch: 0.00m-122.00m), (Part-4) Construction of RCC Drain start from Boushi Bazar near Rail Crossing to Ponchopir Road near H/O. Mr. Omor Ali via Post Office Moor (Ch: 0.00-460.00m) & 03 Nos. X-Drain under Sarishabari Pourashava, District: Jamalpur.	03-Aug-2022, 17:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 13:00:00	LTM
07	714265	<b>JETIPSRB/2021/35</b> (Part-1) Construction of RCC Road start from Shimla Bazar near Roads & Highway to near H/O Mr. Sanowar Hossain Badsha, (Ch: 0.00-33.00m), (Part-2) Construction of RCC Road start from Shimla Bazar R&H near Fire Service to Isaphani near Lalar Moor, (Ch: 0.00m-235.00m), (Part-3) Construction of RCC Road start from Isaphani near Lalar Moor to near H/O. Mr. Faruq, (Ch: 0.00m-268.00m), (Part-4) Construction of R.C.D Road at Simla Bazar Ghoshpotri near H/O. Mr. Akter to near H/O. Mr. Rasid Military (Ch: 00-48.00m) under Sarishabari Pourashava District: Jamalpur. (Salvage cost Tk=3,52,988.00)	03-Aug-2022, 17:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 13:00:00	LTM
08	714266	<b>JETIPSRB/2021/36</b> (Part-1) Construction of RCC Road start from near Champokaly pacca road to Sports Association Office, (Ch: 0.00m-84.00m), (Part-2) Construction of RCC Road start from Shimla West Para near H/O Mr. Mokul Hazi to near H/O. Mr. Nimol Thakur, (Ch: 0.00m-405.00m), (Part-3) Construction of RCC Road start from Shimla Bazar near Hotel of Mamuni to Water pump with 6.00 Nos. Link road (Ch: 66m+30.00m+485.00m+42.00m+21.00m+430.00m+11.00m) = 255.00m, (Part-4) Construction of RCC Road start from Shimla Bazar Isaphani near H/O Mr. Harun to Lulo near H/O Mr. Sultan, (Ch: 0.00m-173.00m), under Sarishabari Pourashava, Jamalpur. (Salvage cost Tk=7,83,988.00)	03-Aug-2022, 17:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 13:00:00	LTM
09	714267	<b>JETIPSRB/2021/37</b> Construction of Bituminous Carpeting Road start from Sarnochbari Chowmsta Mor to Helipad Main Road, (Ch: 0.00m-620.00m), under Sarishabari Pourashava, Jamalpur.	03-Aug-2022, 17:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 13:00:00	LTM
10.	718012	<b>JETIPSRB/2021/38</b> (Part-1) Construction of RCC Road (with Surface Drain 185.00m) start from Shimla Bazar near H/O Mr. Rahman Danuja to near Central Shahid Minar, (Ch: 0.00m-173.00m), (Part-2) Construction of RCC Surface Drain start from Simla Baza Matroodon to near H/O. Mr. Nimol Thakur via near H/O. Mr. Mokul Hazi & 1.00 No. X-drain, (Ch: 0.00-545.00), (Part-3) Construction of RCC Surface Drain start from Daktokhna near H/O. Mr. Harun (Prof.) to near T&T Office, (Ch: 0.00-205.00m) under Sarishabari Pourashava, Jamalpur. (Salvage amount= 1,26,004.00)	03-Aug-2022, 17:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 12:00:00	04-Aug-2022, 13:00:00	LTM

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