

EU PROPOSAL FOR NUKE DEAL Germany 'regrets' Iran failure

AFP, Berlin

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said yesterday that Iran has failed to agree to proposals from European countries on reviving a deal on restricting its nuclear programme, warning this would put any accord out of reach "in the near future".

His comments came as Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid visited Germany in his latest diplomatic effort to persuade Western powers to ditch the agreement with Tehran.

Israel has long opposed a revival of the 2015 accord, which has been moribund since then US president Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew in 2018 and re-imposed biting sanctions on Tehran.

Momentum that built towards a restored agreement last month has slowed, with the three European nations party to the agreement -- Germany, France and Britain -- expressing doubts about Iran's sincerity over the weekend.

Speaking alongside the Israeli leader in Berlin, Scholz said he regretted that Iran "has not yet given a positive response to proposals" from the Europeans.

"There is now actually no reason for Iran not to agree to these proposals. But we have to note that this is not the case, and will not happen certainly in the near future."



Britain's King Charles III, flanked by Britain's Princess Anne, Princess Royal, Britain's Prince Andrew, Duke of York and Britain's Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex walk behind the procession of Queen Elizabeth II's coffin, from the Palace of Holyroodhouse to St Giles Cathedral, on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, Scotland yesterday, where Queen Elizabeth II will lie at rest.

PHOTO: AFP

HIV, TB, MALARIA FIGHT 50m lives saved in 20 yrs: Global Fund Appeals for \$18b to save millions more

AFP, Geneva

The fight against HIV, tuberculosis and malaria has saved 50 million lives over the past 20 years, the Global Fund said yesterday, appealing for \$18 billion to save millions more.

"We have made tremendous progress," the global partnership created in 2002 to battle the three deadly diseases said in its annual report, with their death rates halved since then.

"But our fight is not over," it cautioned, pointing to a range of colliding crises, including climate change, conflicts and the Covid-19 pandemic, that "threaten to knock us backward".

The Global Fund will next week hold a replenishment conference in New York, where it aims to raise at least \$18 billion in funds to cover its programmes from 2024 through 2026.

The fund, which brings together governments, multi-lateral agencies, bilateral partners, civil society groups, people affected by the diseases and the private sector, estimates that financing would help cut HIV, TB and malaria deaths by nearly two-thirds and save 20 million lives.

Last year, the Global Fund warned that the pandemic in particular was having a "devastating" impact on efforts to root out HIV, tuberculosis and malaria, leading to declining results across the board for the first time in the fund's history.

But it said yesterday that the massive resources it had pumped to counter the downturn had paid off and "recovery is underway". Since March 2020, the Global Fund said it had invested more than \$4.4 billion to fight the pandemic and mitigate its impact on its programmes.

'Living' instrument of democracy

King Charles III praises UK parliament, pledges to follow late queen's example in maintaining its independence

REUTERS, Edinburgh

King Charles called Britain's parliament the "living and breathing instrument of our democracy" and pledged to follow his late mother Queen Elizabeth's example in maintaining its independence in an address to both chambers yesterday.

Charles arrived at Westminster Hall in London to a fanfare of trumpets with his wife Camilla, Queen Consort, for the address - part of a series of pageantry-filled ceremonies following the queen's death on Thursday at her holiday home in Balmoral, Scotland, after 70 years on the throne.

After the address, the new monarch set out for Edinburgh to join his siblings for a solemn procession when the coffin of Queen Elizabeth was taken to the city's historic cathedral.

They then took part in a vigil at St. Giles' Cathedral, on the Scottish capital's centuries-old Royal Mile, where the coffin will lie at rest before being flown to London today.

Prime Minister Liz Truss - still in her first week in office - and parliamentarians from the House of Commons and the House of



Lords - attended the address in Westminster Hall.

The Lord Speaker described the late queen as "both a leader to and servant of her people".

Charles and Camilla sat on ceremonial chairs, with cavalry troopers in red tunics and plumed helmets standing to attention behind.

In his address, Charles said: "While very young, Her late Majesty pledged herself to serve her country and her people and to maintain the precious principles of constitutional government which lie at the heart of our nation. This vow she kept with unsurpassed devotion.

"She set an example of selfless duty which, with God's help and your counsels, I am resolved faithfully to follow."

The assembly sang "God Save the King".

Charles, 73, who automatically became king of the United Kingdom and 14 other realms including Australia, Canada, Jamaica, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea on his mother's death, is known for expressing his views on matters ranging from the environment to youth issues.

He has suggested that as king, he might have to moderate his style, in keeping with the tradition that the monarch keeps out of political matters.

On Sunday, the queen's oak coffin, draped in the Royal Standard of Scotland, was taken by hearse on a six-hour journey from Balmoral through picturesque Scottish countryside, villages, small towns and cities to Edinburgh.

Tens of thousands of well-wishers lined the roads to pay their respects, while huge crowds, some in tears, gathered in Edinburgh to greet the cortege.

"I think when the queen's coffin emerged from Balmoral Castle yesterday, I think that it was a moment of enormous significance," John Swinney, Scotland's Deputy First Minister told BBC radio.

CAA: India's SC to hear all petitions on Oct 31

THE HINDU ONLINE

India's Supreme Court fixed the hearing in 220 petitions challenging the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) of 2019 on October 31 and said it will refer the case to a three-judge Bench. The petitions came up before a Bench of Chief Justice of India U U Lalit and S Ravindra Bhat yesterday after a hiatus of many months. The hearing of the case was interrupted by the pandemic. Chief Justice Lalit asked the parties, including the Centre, to draw a "road map" highlighting the issues involved in the case, their division into various segments and the formulation of questions of law. The CAA fast-tracks the citizenship-by-naturalisation process for "illegal migrants" from six religious communities, other than Muslims, who have fled persecution from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

TERRORISM CHARGES Pak court extends Imran Khan's bail

REUTERS, Islamabad

A Pakistani court yesterday extended former Prime Minister Imran Khan's pre-arrest bail for eight more days on terrorism charges relating to a speech in which he allegedly threatened police and judicial officers, his lawyer said. Khan, who appeared in court in person, was booked in the case by police in August. This is the fourth time he has secured pre-arrest bail in the matter. "Bail is extended till 20th September with the same sureties," Khan's lawyer told Reuters. Khan has denied he threatened the officials, saying his words were taken out of context. "This amounts to making a mockery of the anti-terrorism law; making a mockery of our country," he told journalists outside the court yesterday.

CLIFFHANGER ELECTION Sweden's far right makes strong gains

AFP, Stockholm

Sweden yesterday began a days-long wait for the final results of its too-close-to-call general election, with an unprecedented right-wing and far-right bloc in position to wrest power from Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson's Social Democrats. The Scandinavian country has seen mounting political instability in recent years as the gradual rise of far right has upset the traditional balance of power in parliament. Sweden again found itself in a delicate parliamentary situation after Sunday's legislative election, with the right seen holding a razor-thin lead over Andersson's outgoing left bloc. "The close result in parliament suggests Sweden is heading for yet another messy mandate", Dagens Nyheter wrote yesterday.



Syrians gather in front of the Bab al-Hawa border crossing with Turkey yesterday, as part of a so-called "peace convoy" attempting to migrate to the EU, before being dispersed by members of the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham alliance, which dominates Syria's last major rebel bastion.

PHOTO: AFP

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

Name of the Post: Assistant Engineer-Number of posts 33*. Please visit www.dpdc.gov.bd for detail job circular.

The candidates who have already applied for the position in response to the advertisement bearing memo no: 87.404.401.07.01.001.2022.378; dated: 10.04.2022 need not apply again.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Divisional Forest Officer
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Request For Expression of Interest (EOI)

Re- Advertisement

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of environment forest and climate change.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Forest Department. (FD)
3	Procuring Entity	Project Director, Environment Protection Through Social Forest in the Rajshahi Brind tract Region
4	Procuring Entity District	Rajshahi
5	Expression of Interest for selection :	Consulting Firm for all Digital Survey and Land uses Plan for Environment Protection Through Social Forest in the Rajshahi Brind tract Region project.
6	EOI Ref.No.	22.01.0000.245.29.01.1.22.3232, Date: 11/09/2022
7	Publishing Date	11.09.2022
Key Information		
8	Procurement Method	CONSULTANTS QUALIFICATION SELECTION (CQS) METHOD (National)
Fundamental Information		
09	Budget and source of fund	GOB
Particular Information		
10	Project/Program Code	224333800
11	Project/Program Name	Environment Protection Through Social Forest in the Rajshahi Brind tract Region.
12	EOI Closing Date & Time	28/09/2022, Time- 1:00 PM.
13	EOI Opening Date & Time	28/09/2022, Time- 2:00 PM.
Information For Applicant		
14	Brief Description of the assignment	The Consultancy Service required providing technical assistance to the Project director in implementing the main Components. The Consultancy firm should be familiar with the institutional processes and issues associated with Land Use Planning and digital surveying in any National Park. The following tasks are required to be carried out in order to accomplish the services: Land survey of the existing land use and topography/ Digital survey. The selected Firm should conduct digital surveys as per the survey brief in DPP. Land Use Plans should be prepared based on surveyed maps. In consultation with the relevant consultant should draw up a land use strategy for the national Park. The consultant must identify, assess and address the existing conditions, issues, problems and the development potential the National Park in order to finalize the land use strategy. The Draft Land use plan should address the issues stated out The surveyor will assist Project Director to finalize the digital survey. Mouza map (CS & RS) collection from directorate of land records and survey office.
15	Experience, Resource & delivery Capacity Required	Interested consulting firm must fulfill the following qualification experiences and requirements, on which the EOI will be evaluated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Consulting Firm should have updated valid registration from the Concern Authorities as Proprietorship/Partnership/Private Limited Company. ➤ The firm should have minimum Five (05) years of general experience in consulting services sector. ➤ At least one similar nature of work (Construction Supervision) carried out with in last five financial years and the project cost is not less than 20 lakhs in a single work-order in any Government, Semi-Government, Autonomous or reputed Private organization. ➤ Firm should have adequate manpower and expert with experience. ➤ Detail list of experience in similar work of the Firm. ➤ Updated Trade License, Vat and IT Certificate. ➤ Financial capability of the firm (Bank Statement for last six months/Banks Credit line). The interested consulting firm must be able to make available the following professionals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Team leader-1 No, Civil Engineer-1 No, Surveyor-2, No, Sub-assistant Surveyor-3
16	Other Details (place of EOI Submission)	The entire Document should be kept in a sealed envelope and should be marked as Expression of Interest (EOI) for construction works. The Envelope must be submitted to the office of the undersigned before closing date and time as mentioned in the notice. A short list will be prepared as per PPR-2008. Minimum 02 (Two) copies of document should be submitted. (TOR can be collect from Divisional Forest Officer Rajshahi)
17	Duration of the Assignment	1 year (Can be extended upon approval of Project extension)
18	Association with foreign firm is	Not Applicable.
	Ref. No.	Location
	Phasing of service	Indicative Start Date
	Placing of the project area	Indicative Complete Date
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Procurement Entity Details		
20	Name of the official inviting EOI	Md. Rafiquzzaman Shah.
21	Designation of the official inviting EOI	Project Director
22	Address of the official inviting EOI	Office of the divisional forest officer, Shal bagan, Sopura Rajshahi.
23	Contract Details of the official inviting EOI	Phone-02-588862500, e-mail- divisionalforestraj@gmail.com

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