

'Don't drown' the world

UN chief launches urgent appeal to leaders on climate change

AFP, United Nations

The UN chief has made an urgent appeal to world leaders to act on climate change and "lower the temperature" so as not to "drown" the world, after visiting flood-hit Pakistan.

"I have just returned from Pakistan, where I looked through a window into the future -- a future of permanent and ubiquitous climate chaos on an unimaginable scale," Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told a news conference days before dozens of global leaders were due to arrive in New York for the UN General Assembly High-Level Week.

"What is happening in Pakistan demonstrates the sheer inadequacy of the global response to the climate crisis, and the betrayal and injustice at the heart of it."

Nearly 1,400 people died in flooding in Pakistan that covers an area the size of the United Kingdom.

"My message to world leaders

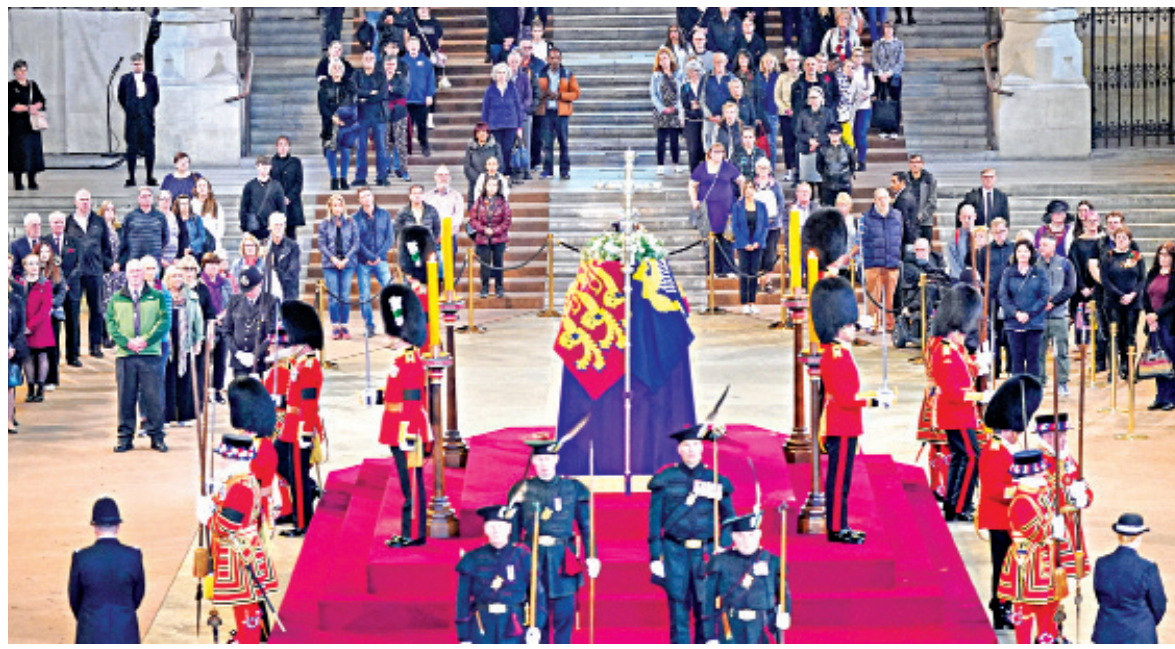
gathering here is clear: Lower the temperature -- now. Don't flood the world today; don't drown it tomorrow," he said on Wednesday, denouncing "decades of intransigence by big emitters," particularly Group of 20 members.

"If one-third of G20 countries was under water today, as it could be tomorrow, perhaps they would find it easier to agree on drastic cuts to emissions."

He hit out at big fossil fuel companies as well, accusing them of "killing the planet to rake in the most" possible.

Guterres also lamented divisions in the international community, saying, "Geostategic divides are the widest they have been since at least the Cold War."

"They are paralyzing the global response to the dramatic challenges we face," including war, climate change, poverty, hunger and inequality, he said. "The solidarity envisioned in the United Nations Charter is being devoured by the acids of nationalism and self-interest."



Members of the public file past the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II, draped in the Royal Standard with the Imperial State Crown and the Sovereign's orb and sceptre, lying in state on the catafalque in Westminster Hall, at the Palace of Westminster, London, ahead of her funeral on Monday. Tens of thousands of mourners, some waiting through the night, queued for hours yesterday to pay their last respects to Queen Elizabeth II on the first full day of her coffin lying in state.

PHOTO: REUTERS

MAJOR BILL TO MAKE TAIWAN TIES MORE OFFICIAL US Senate takes first step

AFP, Washington

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee took the first step Wednesday toward the United States directly providing billions of dollars in military aid to Taiwan and making ties more official, ramping up support following.

The United States has for decades sold weapons to Taiwan but the new legislation will go further by

providing US security assistance to the tune of \$4.5 billion over four years, a move that has infuriated Beijing.

China slammed the bill yesterday, saying it had lodged "solemn representations" with Washington over legislation it claimed "violates the one-China principle".

Under the act, the United States will still not diplomatically recognize Taiwan. The de facto US embassy --

now officially the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office -- would be renamed the Taiwan Representative Office and the US government would be instructed to interact with Taiwan as it would with any government.

The act would also designate Taiwan a "major non-Nato ally," a status for the closest US military partners outside of the trans-Atlantic alliance.

ARMENIA-AZERBAIJAN CLASHES Ceasefire holds

AFP, Yerevan

Azerbaijan yesterday said that 71 of its troops had died in border clashes with Armenia over the last two days in the worst fighting since 2020. Yerevan said a ceasefire was holding on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border, with no fresh violence reported overnight. The earlier death toll given by Azerbaijan was 50. Azerbaijan's defence ministry published a list of 71 servicemen killed in clashes between the historic rivals since Tuesday while Yerevan said 105 of its troops were killed.

CLASH WITH ISRAELI FORCES Palestinian teen killed

AFP, Kafr Dan

A Palestinian teenager was shot to the head yesterday during clashes with Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank. Uday Salah, 17, was killed in Kafr Dan, Jenin governorate. The Israeli army said its forces were "mapping out the homes of the terrorists who killed Major Bar Falah", who was shot dead at a checkpoint north of Jenin in pre-dawn clashes on Wednesday. Two Palestinian also died in Wednesday's violence.

Typhoon lashes China

AFP, Shanghai

High winds and heavy rain lashed China's densely populated east coast yesterday after Typhoon Muifa forced around 1.6 million people to leave their homes and grounded most flights at Shanghai's main airports. Muifa is the strongest tropical cyclone to hit Shanghai -- home to more than 25 million people -- since record-keeping began in 1949, state broadcaster CCTV said. However, there were no immediate reports of any deaths or casualties.

A Tribute to Yasir Arafat

For T.S Eliot, it was April. For us, it is this month of September that proved to be the cruellest.

Yasir Arafat, 33, loving husband of my younger sister Urmila Chowdhury, and someone I loved and adored as a little brother, passed away from a sudden massive heart attack on 12th September, 2022. This tragic role that fate played in the lives of his loved ones has left all of us emotionally shattered and leaves that unfillable void. 5 years ago, Yasir made my sister Urmila the happiest girl in the world as her husband

Mr Ishtiaq Farook and late Mrs Fahmida Farook. We imagine the parents and son in a heavenly embrace in a world better than ours. We will try and find solace in that. He leaves behind his loving wife Urmila, friends and cousins and a lifetime of loving memories. Please kindly pray for this wonderful individual who I shall forever love as my little brother. May the Almighty has His angels guide him towards his eternal peace. By **Rushmilla Rahman, eldest sister of Urmila Chowdhury.**

and, in no time, won the hearts of those around him with his sweet, humble and innocent nature. Always with a smile, there was never a dull moment with him around. He was the only child of late



Co-op makes US-sanctioned states stronger

AFP, Samarkand

Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi yesterday told his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin that the cooperation among countries sanctioned by the United States will make them "stronger".

"The relationship between countries that are sanctioned by the US, such as Iran, Russia or other countries, can overcome many problems and issues and make them stronger," Raisi said in a meeting with Putin in Uzbekistan. "The Americans think whichever country they impose sanctions on, it will be stopped, their perception is a wrong one."

Raisi said his country is "seriously determined to develop bilateral strategic relations" with Russia in the fields of politics, economy, trade, and aerospace.

It was the second meeting between Raisi and Putin in two months, after the Russian President's visit to Tehran on July 19.

Putin also hailed growing ties with the Islamic republic, saying "on the bilateral level, cooperation is developing positively".

He added that work on a major new Russia-Iran treaty on strategic ties was nearly completed and that Moscow would be sending a Russian business delegation to Iran next week to develop commercial ties.

"We are doing everything to make Iran a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation," Putin added, in reference to Tehran's application for full membership in the group, which brings together China, Russia, India, Pakistan and four ex-Soviet Central Asian countries.

At a conference in Dushanbe in September last year, members of the bloc endorsed Iran's future membership.

Bangladesh Bank

Common Services Department-2
(Mechanical Engineering Wing)
Head Office, Dhaka-1000

Invitation for Tender (Procurement of Non-consulting Services) through Web

01.	Procuring entity	Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
02.	Procuring method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
03.	Invitation Ref. No. & date	CSD-2(MES): 13/1/2022-44 Date: 14/06/2022
04.	Source of funds	Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
05.	Name of the work	Operation, servicing and repairing & maintenance works of pumps installed at houses (7 Nos.) locating different quarters (Faridabad, Motijheel, Banani, RK Mission & Minto Road) & Head Office's premises of Bangladesh Bank, Dhaka. From web: www.bangladeshbank.org.bd , www.bangladeshbank-bank.org (e-Tender)
06.	Address of the web for submission of e-Tender	
07.	Last date & time e-Tenders through web	11/10/2022 on or before 3:00pm.
08.	Last date & time and name & address of the office for receiving original tender security and other documents	11/10/2022 on or before 3:15pm. Director (Engineering-Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2 (7th floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
09.	Tender opening date & time	11/10/2022 at 3:30pm.
10.	Name & address of the office opening tender	Director (Engineering-Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2 (7th floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000 (Intending tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the tender opening).
11.	Eligibility of the tenderer	(a) Tenderer shall have at least 07 (seven) years of overall business experience in the supply and installation of mechanical machineries and workshop facilities with machines. (b) Tenderer shall have specific experience for operation, maintenance, servicing & repairing works of mechanical machineries installed in any govt./semi-govt./autonomous organization worth not less than Tk 50 lac in a single contract in the last 05 (five) years. (c) Tenderer shall have specific experience for operation, maintenance, servicing & repairing works of pump houses installed in any govt./semi-govt./autonomous/recognized organization engaging at least five persons in multiple contract in the last 05 (five) years. (d) Tenderer shall have to submit Agency/Distributorship certificate/chain of authorization letter for supplying spare parts during the contract period of 03 (three) years currently issued from renowned brand pump manufacturer. (e) The tenderer shall have to furnish the certificate in this respect from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent and shall meet all other criteria, terms & conditions as specified in the tender document without which tender will not be considered.
12.	Tender security	Tender security amounting BDT 2.00 (Taka two) lac only will be required in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee in favour of Director (Engineering-Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
13.	Work's completion time	36 (thirty-six) months from the date of Award of Contract.
14.	Address of official inviting tender	Sudhangshu Kumar Sarker, Director (Engineering-Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2 (7th floor, 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
15.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 88-02-9530490, Fax: +88-029530321.
16.	Special instructions	i. Tenderer shall submit tender and scanned copy of documentary evidence through Bangladesh Bank website (e-Tendering) & must have valid e-mail address for participation in e-Tendering. ii. Original PO/BD/BG as tender security with tender submission letter (PSN-1 form) shall be reached at Director (Engineering-Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2 (7th floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka within stipulated date and time on Tender Data Sheet (TDS). iii. Tenderer shall provide documentary evidence etc. (attested or original whichever necessary) when requested, failing which the Tender may be considered as non-responsive. iv. The tenderer shall submit "PSN-1", "PSN-2", "PSN-3" and "PSN-4" as per format given in Tender Document and attached during submission of tender. v. PSN-1 form shall be completed and signed by the authorized signatory on the letterhead pad attached by scanning during submitting tender and original shall send with sign to Director (Engineering-Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2 (7th floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka within stipulated date and time on Tender Data Sheet (TDS). vi. Furnishing of any false, misleading documents may result in rejection of tender and may lead to action under Rules 127 of PPR 2008/Reg 12 of BSRP 2004. vii. All sorts of Security and Safety measures shall be carried out by the firm during execution of the work. viii. Bangladesh Bank reserves all right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. No claim will be entertained in this regard.

DCP: 48/2022-3018
Date: 15/09/2022

স্বাক্ষরিত ও আর্থিক সনদ প্রেরণের ক্ষেত্রে নিম্নের বিধি মেনে চলতে হবে।

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Request for Expressions of Interest (Local Consultancy/Research Firm)

Assignment Title: User Satisfaction Survey of the Bangladesh Trade Portal

Reference No. BRCP1/MOC/SD-03

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank for implementing the Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1 (BRCP-1) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the consulting services to conduct user satisfaction survey of Bangladesh Trade Portal (BTP) to achieve objective on the assignment. The broad scope of consulting services ("the Services") includes conducting survey, inter-alia to analyze and to propose appropriate means of assess BTP's performance. Detailed scope of services for the study are described in the Terms of Reference (TOR) - which will be available at address of the undersigned given at the top of the letterhead and in project website: www.btcp-1.gov.bd Expected date of commencing of the services would be within 3rd week of December 2022; and duration of the assignment is anticipated to run for a period of six months from the date of signing the contract agreement. The Project Director, representing the Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh now invites eligible consultancy/research firms to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Firm shall have to provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experiences to perform the Services. The following qualifications and experiences of the Firm will be reviewed for selecting Firm for the assignment.

- The Consulting Firm/Institute shall have the legal capacity to enter into the contract and shall have minimum 07 years of general experience in providing consulting services out of which at least 03 years of experiences in conducting surveys;
- The Firm/Institute should have successfully completed at least one service contract similar/related to conducting study or surveys in Trade/Transportation sector or other related development areas of Bangladesh within last 05 years;
- The required average annual turnover of the Consulting Firm/Institute shall be at least BDT 50 (Fifty) lakh in last three years;
- Experience in conducting user satisfaction survey on digital platforms for public sector will be added an advantage.
- Experiences in working with development partner's funded projects will be added an advantage;
- A list of core team of Key Experts to be proposed for the assignment, showing their qualification and experience including the projects/assignment on which they have worked, their role in the assignment/project and duration of their engagement. However detailed CV of individual would not be required at the initial selection stage.
- Required Documents: The company must submit the following documents:
 - Company Registration, Income Tax and VAT Registration Certificate; b) Audited Financial statement (last 03 years) & c) Company's Brochure/Profile bearing organizational structure.
- A written undertaking that the Firm/Institute has not been blacklisted or debarred by any Government Organization and IDA as well;

The selection method for this package will be Consultant's Qualification-based Selection (CQS) described in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations" for IFB Borrowers (July 2016, updated in November 2020). Under this system the best qualified firm having relevant experience will be invited to submit technical and financial proposals. The attention of interested Consultants/Firms is drawn to the Section II, Para 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IFB Borrowers" setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. A consulting/research Firm is allowed to submit the Expressions of Interest (EoI) alone if it considers itself to be fully qualified on its own for the assignment, as it is not mandatory for consultants to associate with any other firm(s), whether foreign or local. Alternatively, if consultants themselves choose to associate to enhance their qualifications and capability for the assignment, then such associations may either be as a Joint Venture (i.e. all members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally responsible) and/or Sub-consultants (i.e. the Consultant will be responsible, including for the services of the sub-consultant). In case of an association, the qualifications/experience of sub-consultants will not be considered by the Client in the evaluation of Expressions of Interest for selecting purposes. Further information can be obtained at the address of the undersigned given at the letterhead, during office hours from 9:00am to 3:00pm Bangladesh Standard Time (BST). Expressions of Interest (EoI) must be delivered in a written form to the address of the undersigned (in person or by mail) by 2:00pm (BST), 03 October, 2022. The Client will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by the firm(s) in connection with the preparation or delivery of the EoI. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EoIs.

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