

UN body rejects debate on China's rights record

REUTERS, Geneva

The UN rights council yesterday rejected a Western-led motion to hold a debate about alleged human rights abuses in China's Xinjiang region after a UN report found possible crimes against humanity.

The defeat is only the second time in the council's 16-year history that a motion has been rejected and is seen by observers as a setback to both accountability efforts and the West's moral authority on human rights. The US, Canada and UK were among the countries that called for the motion.

China's envoy warned shortly before the vote that the motion would create a "dangerous shortcut" for examining other countries' human rights records. "Today China is targeted. Tomorrow any other developing country will be targeted," said Chen Xu.



A migrant hangs from a rope during a rescue operation following a shipwreck, on the island of Kythira, Greece, on Wednesday night. At least 18 people died, nearly all of them women, and about 30 more were still missing after two migrant boats sank in gale force winds off Greece, the coastguard said yesterday, with survivors dramatically winched to safety.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Don't reward rights abusers

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Ahmed is also sanctioned by the US government, naming the abuses committed by Rab while he was the director general from 2015 to 2019, said the New York-based rights watchdog.

While Benazir faces travel restrictions to the US, Bangladesh government made him part of an official delegation to a meeting at the UN in New York to bypass the ban.

Asked about reforming Rab, Al-Mamun recently said that business would continue as usual. "We are not doing anything for which we need to reform Rab. So, there is no question of reformation," the HRW quoted him as saying.

Meenakshi said these actions by the Bangladesh government send the message to the security forces that not only will the government ignore abuses, but it will reward them.

"But the US and other governments concerned see through the accolades and so should other Bangladeshi law enforcement officers," she added.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Peter Haas recently said, "There is no scope for repeal of sanctions against the Rapid Action Battalion without concrete action and accountability."

Transmission

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In reply to a query on updating the transmission system, he said they are slowly moving towards automation.

He also said they could not implement many PGCB projects due to the Covid pandemic.

"The incident is a warning for us ... We have been two years behind the schedule of implementation. We hope to be able to complete the automation project within the next two years, and then chances of such grid failure will be reduced."

Experts, however, said poor electricity transmission equipment, lack of a smart grid, and the ill-equipped National Load Dispatch Centre caused Tuesday's national grid failure.

Climate change made 2022 drought '20 times likelier'

Say scientists, warn that extreme dry periods will become increasingly common with global heating

AFP, Paris

Human-caused climate change made this summer's drought across the Northern Hemisphere at least 20 times more likely, according to a rapid analysis released Wednesday that warns such extreme dry periods will become increasingly common with global heating.

The three months from June-August were the hottest in Europe since records began, and the exceptionally high temperatures led to the worst drought the continent has witnessed since the Middle Ages.

Crops withered in European breadbaskets, as the historic dry spell drove record wildfire intensity and placed severe pressure on the continent's power grid.

Successive heatwaves between June and July, which saw temperatures top 40 degrees Celsius in Britain for the first time,

saw some 24,000 excess deaths in Europe.

China and North America also experienced unusually high temperatures and exceptionally low rainfall over the period.

An international team of climate scientists have determined the warming caused by human activity made such extreme weather significantly more likely than it would have been at the dawn of the industrial age.

The World Weather Attribution service calculated that the agricultural and ecological drought over the Northern Hemisphere was at least 20 times likelier thanks to global heating.

"The 2022 summer has shown how human-induced climate change is increasing the risks of agricultural and ecological droughts in densely populated and cultivated regions of the North Hemisphere," said Sonia

Seneviratne, a professor at the Institute for Atmospheric and Climate Science at ETH Zurich in Switzerland and one of the study contributors.

To quantify the effect of human-caused climate change on soil moisture levels, the team analysed weather data and computer simulations to compare the real climate as it is today -- that is, some 1.2C hotter than pre-industrial levels -- with a climate absent of any human-induced heating.

They found that western and central Europe experienced particularly severe drought. Moisture in the top 7cm of soil across the Northern Hemisphere was made five times likelier to experience severe drought due to climate change, the study found.

For the top one metre of soil -- known as the root zone -- this summer's dryness was made at least 20 times likelier due to global heating.

CHILDREN'S DEATHS IN GAMBIA

India tests samples of cough syrup

REUTERS, New Delhi

India is testing samples of cough syrups produced by Maiden Pharmaceuticals for exports after the World Health Organization said its products were linked to the deaths of dozens of children in Gambia, the country's health ministry said yesterday. The deaths of 66 children in the West African country is a blow to India's image as a "pharmacy of the world" that supplies medicines to all continents, especially Africa.

The WHO on Wednesday said laboratory analysis of four Maiden products -- Promethazine Oral Solution, Kofexmalin Baby Cough Syrup, Makoff Baby Cough Syrup and Magrip N Cold Syrup -- had confirmed "unacceptable" amounts of diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol, which can be toxic and lead to acute kidney injury.

Diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol are used in antifreeze and brake fluids and other industrial applications but also as a cheaper alternative in some pharmaceutical products.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters on Wednesday that the UN agency was investigating the deaths from acute kidney injuries with India's drug regulator and the drug maker.

Maiden, which launched its operations in November 1990, manufactured and exported the syrup only to Gambia, the Indian health ministry said.

Sonia Gandhi joins Rahul-led Congress march

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India's Opposition Congress President Sonia Gandhi yesterday joined the "Bharat Jodo Yatra" (Unite India Street March) by her son Rahul in Mandya town of the southern Indian state of Karnataka, in her first participation in a public event of the party after a long gap.

Amid cheers and slogan-shouting by party workers, Sonia walked besides Rahul Gandhi and other leaders in Mandya town of Karnataka in a bid to bolster the party's pan-India "Bharat Jodo" (Unite India) campaign. Sonia walked a short distance, surrounded

by a large crowd of party workers, before getting into a car. At one point of the street march, Rahul Gandhi was seen kneeling next to his mother to tie her shoelaces. Sonia was expected to address a rally in Ballary to launch the party's campaign in BJP-ruled Karnataka that will go for fresh state assembly elections in a few months.



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Ex-cop kills 38 in a knife

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When he did not find his child there, he began the killing spree, Paisal said. "He started shooting, slashing, killing children at the Utai Sawan daycare centre," Paisal said.

About 30 children were at the facility when the attacker arrived, fewer than usual, as heavy rain had kept many people away, district official Jidapa Boonsom, who was working in a nearby office at the time.

"The shooter came in around lunchtime and shot four or five officials at the childcare centre first," Jidapa told Reuters.

At first, people thought the shots were fireworks, she said.

"It's really shocking. We were very scared and ran to hide once we knew it was

shooting. So many children got killed, I've never seen anything like it."

The attacker forced his way into a locked room where the children were sleeping, Jidapa said. She said she thought he killed children there with a knife, adding that a teacher who was eight months pregnant was also stabbed to death.

Gun laws are strict in Thailand, where possession of an illegal firearm carries a prison sentence of up to 10 years. Illegal weapons, many brought in from strife-torn neighbouring countries, are common.

Mass shootings in Thailand remain rare. In 2020, a soldier angry over a property deal gone sour killed at least 29 people and wounded 57.

Khulna Shipyards Limited
Bangladesh Navy, Khulna

BABE (F)-M.Slipway Carriage/2022-2023 06 October 2022

International Tender Notice

01	Procuring entity name	Khulna Shipyards Limited
02	Invitation for	Material for Slipway Carriage (Operating & Loading)
03	Invitation Reference No.	BABE (F)-M.Slipway Carriage/2022-23 Date: 06/10/2022
04	Procuring method	Open Tender (Two Envelop System)
05	Budget & source of funds	Own finance
06	Tender last selling date	Date: 13/11/2022
07	Tender closing date & time	Date: 14/11/2022 Time: 11:15am
08	Tender opening date & time	Date: 14/11/2022 Time: 11:30am
09	Name & address of the office for selling of tender documents:	(1) Cash Section, Khulna Shipyards Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Khulna. (2) Naval Store Sub Depot, Khilkhat Nama Para, Khilkhat, Dhaka.
	Receiving & opening tender	Khulna Shipyards Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Khulna (Tenderers and their authorized representatives are allowed to attend)
10	Price of tender document	Tk 2,000.00 (Tk two thousand) non-refundable.
11	Contact details of official	Tel: 02-4411-0990, Fax: 880-41-720404, Email: contact@khulnashipyards.com , qiccomf.kay@gmail.com
12	Special instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all or any tenders prior to acceptance without showing any reason.

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Bangladesh Bank, Rangpur
Website: www.bb.org.bd

Invitation for Tender

Tender No. RANG-Bkg/Currency-1302/2022-01 Date: 10/10/2022
Bangladesh Bank, Rangpur Office is inviting an open tender for appointing Currency Contractor for three years. Brief description and terms of reference are given below:

01.	Procuring entity	Bangladesh Bank, Rangpur Office.
02.	Source of fund	Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
03.	Name of the work	Appointing Currency Contractor for Bangladesh Bank, Rangpur.
04.	Time for completion of work	36 (thirty-six) months.
05.	Method of procurement	Open Tendering Method (OTM); National.
06.	Pre-tendering meeting time and place	19/10/2022 at 03:00pm, Director (Banking) Chamber, Bangladesh Bank, Rangpur.
07.	Eligibility of tenderer	(a) The minimum experience of the tenderer in contracting industries in public sector as prime contractor/sub contractor/management contractor shall be 03 (three) years. (b) The minimum specific experience as a prime contractor in providing transport (bus, microbus/jeep/car, covered van) in any government/semi-government/autonomous organization/Bank of Bangladesh during last three (3) years shall be required. (c) VAT and IT clearance certificates against similar nature of works as described on (b) according to appendix-C format of tender document. (d) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be Tk 15 lac. (e) All others eligibility, direction and condition mentioned in tender documents shall be applicable.
08.	Name & address of receiving and submission tender document online	Submit in https://etender.bb.org.bd All other supporting documents shall be submitted manually to the tender box kept on the chamber of the Director (Banking) before last date of submission.
09.	Last date and time for submission tender document through online	01/11/2022 up to 03:00pm.
10.	Submission of original tender security	01/11/2022 up to 03:00pm.
11.	Date and time for opening tender	01/11/2022 at 03:30pm. Director (Banking) Chamber, Bangladesh Bank, Rangpur (Intending tenderer or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend).
12.	Tender security amount	Tender security money Tk 1,00,000.00 (Taka one lac only) in the form of PO/BD/BG.
13.	Brief description of the works	Supply of covered van, bus, microbus/jeep/car for secured transportation of government treasury and accompanying police escort to anywhere in Bangladesh. Also supply of labour for currency related works.
14.	Special instructions	i. The tenderer shall submit tender and scanned copy of documentary evidence through Bangladesh Bank website (e-Tendering) & must have valid mail address for registration & participation in e-Tendering. ii. Tenderer should provide documentary evidence etc. (attested or original whichever necessary) when requested, failing which the Tender may be considered as non-responsive. iii. The tenderer shall submit "PSN-1" and "PSN-2" as per format given in Tender Document and attached during submission of tender in web (as pdf format). iv. Furnishing of any false, misleading documents may result in rejection of tender and may lead to action under Rules 127 of PPR 2008. v. All sorts of Security and Safety measures shall be carried out by the firm during execution of the work. vi. Bangladesh Bank reserves all right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. No claim will be entertained in this regard.

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