

INDIA BRIDGE COLLAPSE

Death toll rises to 141; nine arrested

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The death toll from a foot bridge collapse in India rose to 141 yesterday, including many children, as police detained nine people as part of a criminal investigation into one of the deadliest accidents in the country in the past decade.

Nine persons of the OREVA group, involved in the maintenance and management of the bridge, were arrested yesterday in connection with the collapse of the cable suspension bridge on the Machchhu river. Police have registered an FIR on charges of culpable homicide against agencies given the task of maintenance and operation of the bridge in Morbi city, reports The Hindu.

Several teams of NDRF and personnel of Navy and Air Force have been ordered to be airlifted to the site to help in the rescue efforts and comb the river bed.

Ashwin Mehra, who was undergoing treatment after sustaining leg and back injuries when he plunged from the bridge, said he and six others had reached the shore by holding onto the bridge's metal railings and netting.

"Some 15-20 mischievous young kids were shaking the ropes of the bridge. Three times a noise came from the bridge before it collapsed," he told Reuters TV partner ANI.

Local officials told Reuters the manager of the bridge, a company making clocks and electrical items, had not informed the authorities that the bridge would be reopened last week after repairs, adding that no certificate that it was fit for public use had been issued.

Ex-Pak PM Imran wins by-election

AFP, Islamabad

Former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan won another national assembly seat in a weekend by-election, officials said yesterday, as he leads a so-called "long march" of thousands of supporters to Islamabad.

Khan has been demanding an early general election since being kicked out of office in April by a no-confidence vote, heaping pressure on the government.

His latest win in the northwest of the country was confirmed by the Electoral Commission of Pakistan (ECP). "We didn't even run an election campaign for Imran Khan there, but he won with a big margin," Fawad Chaudhry, a senior Khan aide, told private TV channel HUM News.

The ECP ruled this month that Khan had failed to properly declare the value of gifts he received from foreign leaders while in office.

World food supplies at risk

Wheat shipments to Africa, ME in peril after Russia's withdrawal from grain deal; Europe to face corn shortages

REUTERS, Singapore

Russia's weekend backtrack from a UN-brokered deal to export Black Sea grains is likely to hit shipments to import-dependent countries, deepening a global food crisis and sparking gains in prices.

Hundreds of thousands of tonnes of wheat booked for delivery to Africa and the Middle East are at risk following Russia's withdrawal, while Ukrainian corn exports to Europe will get knocked lower, two Singapore-based traders said.

Russia on Saturday suspended participation in the UN grain deal for an "indefinite term", after what it said was a major Ukrainian drone attack on its Black Sea fleet in Crimea.

"If I have to replace a vessel which was due to come from Ukraine, what are the options? Not much really," said one Singapore-based grains trader who supplies wheat to buyers in Asia and the Middle East.

Chicago wheat futures yesterday jumped more than 5 percent and



corn rose over 2 percent from the fears over supplies.

Earlier this year global wheat prices Wv1 jumped to an all-time high and corn Cv1 hit a 10-year top as Russia's invasion of Ukraine added fuel to a rally set off by adverse weather and Covid-19 supply disruptions.

Australia, a key wheat supplier to Asia, is unlikely to be able to fill any supply gap, with shipping slots booked right up to February, traders said.

Shares in Australia's Graincorp GNC:AX - which posted a five-fold jump in H1 profit due to supply constraints arising from the Russia-Ukraine conflict - rose more than 7

percent.

No ships moved through the established maritime humanitarian corridor on Sunday. The United Nations, Turkey and Ukraine, however, pressed ahead to implement the Black Sea grain deal and agreed on a transit plan for yesterday for 16 vessels to move forward, despite the withdrawal of Russia.

"We have to see how the situation unfolds. It is not clear if Ukraine will continue to ship grains and what happens to Russian exports," said the Singapore-based grains trader.

Asian buyers booking Ukrainian wheat cargoes include Indonesia, the world's second-largest importer of the grain, although the region typically relies on Australia and North America.

In recent deals, Indonesian millers bought four cargoes of Ukrainian wheat for November shipment in deals signed over the last few weeks, traders said. Some Vietnamese feed mills that bought Ukrainian wheat are also likely to suffer.

US, China discuss ties, war in Ukraine

AFP, Washington

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi discussed rivalry between two superpowers and Russia's war in Ukraine in a call Sunday, State Department and Beijing's foreign ministry said. The top diplomats talked about the need to "responsibly manage the competition between our two countries," Blinken said. They also discussed the need for China and US to keep open lines of communications and held talks about war in Ukraine.

GLOBAL LABOUR MARKET 'Sharp' slowdown underway: UN

AFP, Geneva

The war raging in Ukraine and other overlapping crises are taking a toll on labour markets worldwide, the UN said yesterday, suggesting a "sharp" slowdown was already underway. In a fresh report, the ILO cautioned that the outlook for global labour markets has deteriorated in recent months. It warned that multiple crises, compounded by Ukraine war, were piling up with the world still in the grips of Covid-19 pandemic.

Lula faces tough to-do list

Brazil awaits Bolsonaro's next move as far-right incumbent remains silent after losing runoff

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

A tense Brazil awaited Jair Bolsonaro's next move yesterday, as the far-right incumbent remained silent after losing a razor-thin runoff presidential election to veteran leftist Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva - who now faces a tough to-do list.

The country now faces two long months until inauguration day on January 1, after Bolsonaro's defeat by Lula with a score of 51 percent to 49 percent - the tightest race since Brazil returned to democracy after its 1964-1985 military dictatorship.

Fresh off a huge victory party that capped a remarkable political comeback, ex-president Lula - now president-elect - faces the less-pleasant business of a messy, high-risk transition process.

Bolsonaro's radio silence after the polarizing election Sunday left Brazilians on edge, after months of the ex-army captain alleging election fraud and a supposed conspiracy against him. Lula criticized his nemesis for not acknowledging the result.




"Anyplace else in the world, the defeated president would have called me to recognize his defeat. He hasn't called yet. I don't know if he will," he said in his victory speech to a euphoric sea of red-clad supporters in Sao Paulo.

The lights went out at the presidential residence in Brasilia Sunday night with no word from the leader.

"Lula will have to watch out... for any challenge Bolsonaro and his allies make to delegitimize his win and mobilize his supporters, like Trump in the United States" after his 2020 election loss, said political scientist Paulo Calmon of the University of Brasilia.

But with some key Bolsonaro allies - including the speaker of Congress Arthur Lira - acknowledging the incumbent's defeat, the president did not look to have strong backing in the halls of power to challenge the result.

Lula said he would work to heal a nation wounded by a bitter campaign. But, easier said than done. "Lula will have to show a lot of political skill to pacify the country," said political scientist Leandro Consentino of Insper University.



Cox's Bazar Development Authority

CoxDA Bhabon, Circuit House Road, Cox's Bazar

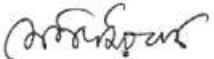
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Memo No: 25.47.2200.000.14.025.22/

Date: 31/10/2022

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Construction of Multi-storied Commercial Building of CoxDA.

1	Ministry/ division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works
2	Agency	Cox's Bazar Development Authority (CoxDA)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Member (Engineering), CoxDA
4	Procuring Entity Code	
5	Procuring Entity District	Cox's Bazar
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Well experienced reputed Civil Engineering Consulting firm (National)
7	EOI Memo No. & Date	25.47.2200.000.14.025.22/ & 31.10.2022
KEY INFORMATION		
8	Procurement method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
9	Budget and source of fund	GoB
10	Development Partner	Not Applicable
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
11	Project Name	Preparation of feasibility Study Report and Draft Development Project Proposal (DPP) for Construction of Multistoried Commercial Building for CoxDA at Kolatoli, Cox's Bazar.
12	EOI Publication Date	01.11.2022 at 12:00 pm
13	EOI Closing Date and Time	17.11.2022 at 12:00 pm
14	EOI Opening Date and Time	17.11.2022 at 01:00 pm
15	Place of EOI Submission	Room # 201, 2nd floor, CoxDA Bhabon, Cox's Bazar.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
16	Brief description of the assignment	The main task of the consulting firm will be to include but will not be limited to Sub soil Investigation, Topographical/Digital Survey, Preliminary Architectural, Structural, MEP, Plumbing etc design & drawing, draft cost estimation, preparation of Feasibility report & draft DPP etc to be completed within 02 (Two) month of Notification of Award (NOA).
17	Experiance, resources & delivery capacity required	Should have minimum 10 (Ten) year experiences in similar works, availability of appropriate experience and professional qualifications among applicant's staff & resource to carry out the assignment & financial capability. A brochure should be submitted by the applicants summarizing their facilities and areas of expertise describing the performance of similar activities.
18	Other details (if applicable)	A short resume/CV of the key staffs/personnel's that plays key role of the firm Architect, Civil Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Geological Engineer and Financial Experts. The CV to be supported with recent passport size photo (Photocopy not accepted), last academic certificate, professional membership certificate & latest use cell phone number/email. Statement of salary with all indication of one monthly salary sheet to be submitted). The document of the firms defining its constitutional, legal valid registration status, power of attorney. Commercial license & VAT registration certificate renewed up to 2021-22 & Income tax clearance certificate up to last 3 (Three) year. The consultant must have experience in building design, feasibility study etc all over Bangladesh. The consultant should submit list of the project completed 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 first class gazetted govt. officer.
19	Number of Firm/Company	None
20	Duration of Consultancy	02 (Two) months.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
21	Name of the official inviting EOI	Lt Col Md Khijir Khan, PEng
22	Designation of the official inviting EOI	Member (Engineering), CoxDA
23	Address of the official inviting EOI	Room # 201, 2nd floor, CoxDA Bhabon, Cox's Bazar
24	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	Tel: +8802-334462520. Phone: +8801870-791051. Email: memberengineer@coxda.gov.bd
25	The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOI's.	




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Local e-Tender Notice

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Dated: 01/11/2022

Name of work: Construction of RCC road with box drain at south side of the road from 3rd security gate to 4th security gate (1400ft) at SPCBL, Gazipur

Electronic tenders (e-Tender) are hereby invited from the contractor having experience of construction work in the departments of PWD/MES/other government, semi-government/autonomous organizations/bank/insurance organizations for the construction of abovementioned structure for this corporation as per under noted schedule. Tender documents showing terms and conditions with specification will be available at the website e-tender.spcbletender.bb.org.bd. It is to mention here that this is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted and no hard copy will be accepted except price of tender schedule and earnest money. To submit e-Tender the bidders need to register on e-Tender.spcbl.org.bd. For more details please contact 88-02-9205110-115, Ext-266. Necessary information is given below:

1. Price per e-Tender schedule

2. Date of publish of e-Tender

3. Last date & time for submission of e-Tender

4. Date & time for opening of e-Tender

: 2000.00 (two thousand) Taka only (not refundable).

: 01/11/2022.

: 28/11/2022 up to 11.00am.

: 28/11/2022 at 11.15am.

Bidders may collect the e-Tender schedule from the abovementioned website. Bidders need to submit price of e-Tender schedule and earnest money @ 3% (three percent) of the total quoted price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the "Managing Director, The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd." in the tender box kept at Corporation's office in Gazipur on or before the scheduled deadline for submission of e-Tender, e-Tender without earnest money and price for procurement of e-Tender schedule shall not be acceptable. The e-Tender shall have to submit as per e-Tender guidelines mentioned at above website. Offer(s) shall be opened as per schedule mentioned above in presence of the tenderer(s) if any. 01 (one) e-Tender schedule is applicable only for one construction firm submitting one offer along with earnest money and price of e-Tender schedule. The authority reserves the right to reject or accept any e-Tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. Submission of e-Tender after the specified time shall not be acceptable under any circumstances.

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