

'Unfortunate accident'

Poland says missile that hit it was Ukrainian stray, easing concern of escalation

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Poland yesterday said a deadly blast that killed two people in a village near the border with Ukraine was likely caused by a stray Ukrainian air defence missile launched against a Russian barrage.

Polish President Andrzej Duda played down international fears of a further escalation in the war in Ukraine saying there was "no indication that this was an intentional attack on Poland".

Duda said it was "very likely" the Soviet-era missile was launched by Ukraine in what he called an "unfortunate accident" but he said the blame lay with Russia because of its attacks on Ukraine.

After emergency talks of the Nato military alliance, its chief Jens Stoltenberg also said there was "no indication of a deliberate attack" on Poland.

The blast occurred in the village of Przewodow in eastern Poland at 1440 GMT on Tuesday, killing two farm workers.

Nato member Poland put its military on heightened alert and summoned Russia's ambassador late Tuesday but had cautioned against reaching any hasty conclusions as to the origin of the Soviet-era missile.

Western powers voiced solidarity with



Poland in intensive rounds of diplomacy, including on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Indonesia's Bali.

Nato ambassadors held emergency talks in Brussels, while the Kremlin said it had "nothing to do with" the missile blast.

"Photographs of the wreckage... were unequivocally identified by Russian military experts as fragments of a guided

anti-aircraft missile of a Ukrainian S-300 air defence system," the Russian defence ministry said in a statement.

It added that its own strikes "were carried out on targets only on the territory of Ukraine and at a distance of no closer than 35 kilometres from the Ukrainian-Polish border."

The Kremlin praised Washington's

"measured" response after US President Joe Biden said it was "unlikely" that it had come from Russia.

Poland is protected by Nato's commitment to collective defence — enshrined in Article 5 of its founding treaty — but the alliance's response will likely be heavily influenced by whether the incident was accidental or intentional.

Poland shares a 530-kilometre (329-mile) border with Ukraine and has taken a lead in providing military and humanitarian aid to Ukraine and sanctioning Russia.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba had on Tuesday rejected as a "conspiracy theory" the idea that it may have been a Ukrainian missile.

President Volodymyr Zelensky sent "condolences over the death of Polish citizens from Russian missile terror".

The explosion came after a wave of Russian missiles hit cities across Ukraine on Tuesday, including Lviv, near the border with Poland.

Zelensky said the strikes cut power to some 10 million people, though it was later restored to eight million of them, and also triggered automatic shutdowns at two nuclear power plants.

Iran protests enter third month

AFP, Paris

Iran issued a second death sentence in three days and clashes killed at least six people as women-led protests over Mahsa Amini's death in custody entered a third month yesterday. Street violence raged across Iran overnight as protests sparked by the September 16 death of Amini, who died in the police custody for allegedly breaching Iran's strict dress code for women, showed no sign of abating. The unrest has grown into a broad movement against the theocracy that has ruled Iran since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Sunak-Xi meeting at G20 cancelled

AFP, Nusa Dua

A planned meeting between Britain's new Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the G20 summit has been cancelled, Downing Street said. "The meeting has been cancelled because of scheduling issues," a spokeswoman for the prime minister told AFP. Downing Street had said Sunak planned to call for a "frank and constructive relationship" between London and Beijing.

Govt building fertiliser stock

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chemical fertiliser for fiscal 2022-23 and most of it would be met through imports because domestic production is inadequate.

Bangladeshi factories produce 10 lakh tonnes of urea and small quantities of triple super phosphate and diammonium phosphate a year.

But in fiscal 2021-22, farmers used over 55 lakh tonnes of fertiliser.

In September, Agriculture Minister Muhammad Abdur Razzaque said there will be no fertiliser crisis

in Bangladesh, even if the country faced a shortage of gas.

If the government does not get enough gas for fertiliser production, imported fertilisers will be supplied to the farmers even if the price of fertilisers is high in the international market.

Yesterday, the government purchase committee also approved BCIC to import 30,000 tonnes of phosphoric acid from the UAE for the state-owned DAP Fertiliser Company Limited.

The committee also approved paying Tk 983.82 crore to the China Communications Construction Company Ltd for maintenance and toll collection at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Tunnel (Karnaphuli Tunnel) in Chattogram.

The company will get 65 percent of the total amount in local currency.

Additional Secretary Sayeed Mahub Khan said there was no mention of payment in foreign currency in the earlier proposal. Now,

this has been specified in the revised proposal.

Meanwhile, at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs a proposal was placed by the information ministry regarding procurement of broadcast rights of FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 for Bangladesh Television from Tomma Construction and Co Ltd under the direct purchase method (DPM).

The additional secretary said the proposal was discussed at the meeting but no decision was made.

They will strengthen Bangladesh

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Centre for Governance Studies (CGS) in partnership with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Bangladesh, at a city hotel yesterday.

Zillur Rahman, executive director of CGS, moderated the event, which was attended by politicians, civil society groups and former diplomats.

The remarks come as the political parties are gearing up for the next election with the international community closely watching.

Turan said there must be willingness to make the election a participatory one for the benefit of the country, adding that he believes the government and the Election Commission are trying their best to ensure the participation of the opposition.

He said both the government and the opposition parties have the responsibility to hold free and fair polls, and flourish the country's democracy.

"Though the main responsibility lies with the government".

He added, "I hope the opposition and the ruling parties, all participate in the upcoming election. Bangladesh will be much stronger if that happens."

The diplomat made it clear that it is up to Bangladesh whether or not to accept foreign election observers.

He emphasised that polls observation by the parties themselves is the best way to ensure a free and fair election.

They can stay at the polling centres from the beginning till the vote count and check if there are irregularities — a regular practice in Türkiye, he added.

"The opposition can play a big role in this regard. [But] For that, it needs to participate in the election."

The ambassador also spoke about various aspects of the relations between

the two countries, which have been flourishing in the recent years, despite earlier issues over war criminals' capital punishment.

Turan said the annual trade between Bangladesh-Türkiye is now close to \$1.5 billion, and would likely exceed the \$2 billion mark next year.

Defence cooperation has also deepened, with Türkiye supplying multi-launcher rocket systems, armoured personnel carriers and drones to Bangladesh.

Türkiye also signed an agreement with the Bangladesh Ordinance Factory for the joint production of artillery shells, and expressed interest in the joint manufacturing of patrol vessels for the Bangladesh Navy and Coastguard.

Turan said Bangladesh and Türkiye shared a similar foreign policy — striking balance between the powers and maintaining peace.

Türkiye, a NATO member country, will

provide political support to Bangladesh in addressing the Rohingya crisis on global platforms, and take the relationship to a strategic level, he added.

WC organisers

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been outraged by the accusations, insisting they are passionate about the sport.

Now the Qatar organising committee has weighed in, issuing a strongly worded statement, backing the contribution of the fans.

"Numerous journalists and commentators on social media have questioned whether these are 'real' fans," the statement said.

"We thoroughly reject these assertions, which are both disappointing and unsurprising."

"Qatar, and the rest of the world, is comprised of a diverse range of football fans, many of whom share emotional connections with multiple nations."

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Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Posts and Telecommunications Division, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications & Information Technology.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC)
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
5	Invitation for	Supply & Installation of Plant & Equipment of BTRC Network and Server Co-location Center (National)
6	Invitation Ref No	14.32.0000.400.07.024.22.2513
7	Date	16-11-2022
Key Information		
8	Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method (OSTETM)
Funding Information		
9	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget, GoB
Particular Information		
10	Tender Publication Date	16-11-2022
11	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	13-12-2022 ; Time: 04:00 PM
12	Tender Submission Date and Time	14-12-2022 ; Time: 01:30 PM
13	Tender Opening Date and Time	14-12-2022 ; Time: 02:00 PM
14	Address of Selling Tender Document	Administration Division (6 th Floor), BTRC, IEB Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka-1000.
15	Address of Receiving Tender Document	Administration Division (6 th Floor), BTRC, IEB Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka-1000.
16	Address of Opening Tender Document	Administration Division (6 th Floor), BTRC, IEB Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka-1000.
17	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Room-711, BTRC, IEB Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka-1000. 30-11-2022 ; Time: 11:00 AM.
Information for Tenderer		
18	Brief Description of Plant & Equipment	Supply & Installation of Plant & Equipment of BTRC Network and Server Co-location Center or any other requirement as mentioned in the tender documents.
19	Eligibility of Tenderer	(i) The Tenderer must have minimum 10 (Ten) years of overall experience and minimum 05 years of relevant field experience in Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of related equipment in the role of contractor, subcontractor, or management contractor. (ii) The Tenderer must be an IT/ITES company registered in Bangladesh. (iii) The Tenderer must have 2 (Two) successful completion record of contract in government organization for supply, installation and commissioning of Data Center Active and Passive Infrastructure equipment having minimum each value of 20 Crore BDT in the last 5 years. Bidder must have to submit a documentary proof of experience. (iv) The Tenderer must have experience of having at least two Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Data Center Infrastructure, Active networking for at least three years in 2 (Two) government organizations with 24x7 support and minimum work order value 3 (three) Crore BDT. The Tenderer must have to submit the contract agreement. (v) The Tenderer must have experience in Supply & Installation, testing, commissioning with at least one Tier-III Data Center Development. (vi) The Tenderer must have minimum average annual turnover of 50 (Fifty) Core BDT in last three (3) years from the Bid submission date. (vii) Tenderer shall have credit line facilities/liquid asset at least Tk. 15 (Fifteen) crore supported by documentary evidence as per tender documents. (viii) JVCA allowed to participate in the tender process, but number of participations in the JVCA should not be more than 02 (two) organization. (ix) The Tenderer should have at least 1 (One) Certified Professional Project Manager and Practitioner (PMP). Tenderer must submit documents from training centre certificate. (x) The Tenderer must have at least two CDCP, One CDCS and One ATD certified Engineer within the organization and having minimum of 05 (Five) years working experience (CV must be submitted). (xi) The Tenderer Must have ISO valid certificate.
20	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	
	Lot No	Identification of Lot
		Location
		Tender Document (Tk.)
		Tender Security Amount (Tk.)
		Completion Time In Days
	1	Supply, Installation and Operation of BTRC Network and Server Co-location Center (National).
		Dhaka
		10,000.00 (Ten Thousand)
		90,00,000.00 (Ninety Lac)
		120 Days
Purchaser Details		
21	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Aftab Md. Rashedul Wadud
22	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director (Administration)
23	Address of Official Inviting Tender	BTRC, IEB Bhaban (6 th Floor), Ramna, Dhaka-1000.
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25	The Purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders without showing any reasons.	

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e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following Works.

Tender No	Name of the Tender	Deadline of Submission
751052	Construction of West Side common Toilet and Member (O&M) Toilet at Bangladesh Handloom Board, Head Office.	01.12.2022 3.00 pm
752947	Repairing and Renovation works of Office Building at Basic Centre Vanga Under Bangladesh Handloom Board	01.12.2022 3.00 pm

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, Registration in the National e-GP System portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank's branches upto 2.00 pm on dated 01.12.2022.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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