

REGIONAL TENSIONS

US, China defence chiefs meet in Cambodia

AFP, Siem Reap

US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin met his Chinese counterpart Wei Fenghe in Cambodia yesterday, with both sides describing the talks as productive without backing away from their core positions.

The rival powers have clashed over a host of issues including Taiwan, security and human rights, but there have been attempts to lower the temperature since a rare summit between the leaders of both countries last week.

US President Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping tried to cool the rhetoric but the differences were clear — and the exchange between their defence chiefs was similar.

A senior US defence official said the talks between Austin and Wei on the sidelines of a conference of defence ministers in Siem Reap were “productive” and “professional”.

“Both sides agreed that it’s important that our countries work together to ensure that competition does not veer into conflict”, but “competition remains the defining feature of the relationship”, the official told journalists.

Austin sought the “reopening of a number of military-to-military dialogues... to help manage that competition responsibly”, the official added. That was a reference to procedures which was scrapped after US House Speaker visited Taiwan in August despite furious warnings from Beijing.



A boat carrying about 400 migrants pulled by a fishing boat during a rescue operation arrive at Palaiochora harbour, at the island of Crete, Greece yesterday. Greece’s coastguard launched the operation to rescue the fishing boat believed to be carrying hundreds of migrants southwest of Crete.

PHOTO: AFP

SYRIA THREAT

Russia, US pressure mounts on Turkey

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The Kremlin said yesterday that it respects what it calls Turkey’s “legitimate” security concerns over Syria but said all parties there should avoid steps that could worsen the situation.

Turkey launched air strikes on Kurdish militant bases in northern Syria and Iraq on Sunday and President Tayyip Erdogan has said it may deploy ground forces as it targets groups it blames for a bombing in Istanbul on November 13.

Erdogan vowed yesterday that Turkey would “soon” launch a ground operation into Syria against Kurdish targets defying mounting international pressure, reports AFP.

The United States late Monday urged de-escalation and Russia said yesterday it hoped Turkey would exercise “restraint” and refrain from “excessive use of force” in Syria.

Ukrainians brace for bleak winter

Zelensky urges all to conserve energy

REUTERS, Kyiv

President Volodymyr Zelensky appealed to Ukrainians to conserve energy amid relentless Russian strikes that have already halved the country’s power capacity, as the United Nations’ health body warned of a humanitarian disaster in Ukraine this winter.

Authorities said millions of Ukrainians, including in the capital Kyiv, could face power cuts at least until the end of March due to the strikes. Citizens in the recently liberated southern city of Kherson may apply to be relocated to areas where heating and security problems are less acute, they said.

Temperatures have been unseasonably mild this autumn, but are starting to dip below zero and are expected to drop to -20 Celsius or even lower in some areas during the winter months. Russia has been targeting Ukrainian power facilities with rocket strikes after a series of battlefield setbacks that have included withdrawing its forces from Kherson city.

“The systematic damage to our energy system from strikes by the Russian terrorists is so considerable that all our people and businesses should be mindful and redistribute their consumption throughout the day,” Zelensky said in his nightly video address.

GLOBAL DEATHS IN 2019

Bacterial infections second leading cause

AFP, Paris

Bacterial infections are the second leading cause of death worldwide, accounting for one in eight of all deaths in 2019, the first global estimate of their lethality revealed yesterday. The massive new study, published in the Lancet journal, looked at deaths from 33 common bacterial pathogens and 11 types of infection across 204 countries and territories. The pathogens were associated with 7.7 million deaths — 13.6 percent of the global total — in 2019, the year before the Covid-19 pandemic took off. That made them the second-leading cause of death after ischaemic heart disease, which includes heart attacks, the study said. Just five of the 33 bacteria were responsible for half of those deaths: Staphylococcus aureus, Escherichia coli, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Klebsiella pneumoniae and Pseudomonas aeruginosa. S. aureus is a bacterium common in human skin and nostrils but behind a range of illnesses, while E. coli commonly causes food poisoning. The study was conducted under the framework of the Global Burden of Disease, a vast research programme funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation involving thousands of researchers.

38 people killed in central China fire

AFP, Beijing

Thirty-eight people were killed and two were injured in a fire at a factory in central China, state media said yesterday, with authorities blaming workers for illegal welding. The fire broke out at a plant in Anyang city in Henan province on Monday afternoon, news agency Xinhua reported. Rescue services first received reports of a fire at 4:22 pm (0822 GMT) at Anyang Kaixinda Trading Co., Ltd, according to state media. “After receiving the alarm, the municipal fire rescue detachment immediately dispatched forces to the scene,” state broadcaster CCTV said. It added that the fire was extinguished by around 11 pm local time. Footage from the scene shared by CCTV showed thick plumes of black smoke from the fire, with at least two trucks in position to battle the flames. In addition to the dead, two were sent to hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening. Authorities said “criminal suspects” had been taken into custody in connection with the fire.

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Iran enriching uranium to 60pc purity at Fordo

Says its nuke chief; UN denounces ‘hardening’ of Tehran’s response to protests

AFP, Tehran

Iran said yesterday it had begun producing uranium enriched to 60 percent at its Fordo plant, an underground facility that reopened three years ago amid the breakdown of its nuclear deal with major powers.

The move was part of Iran’s response to the UN nuclear watchdog’s adoption last week of a censure motion drafted by Western governments accusing it of non-cooperation.

“Iran has started producing uranium enriched to 60 percent at the Fordo plant for the first time,” Iran’s ISNA news agency reported, a development then confirmed by Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran chief Mohammad Eslami.

An atomic bomb requires uranium enriched to 90 percent, so 60 percent is a significant step towards weapons-grade enrichment.

Iran has always denied any ambition to develop an atomic bomb, insisting its nuclear activities are for civilian purposes only.

Under a landmark deal struck in 2015, Iran agreed to mothball the Fordo plant and limit its enrichment of uranium to 3.67 percent, sufficient for most civilian uses, as part of a package of restrictions on its nuclear activities aimed at preventing it covertly developing a nuclear weapon.

In return, major powers agreed to relax sanctions they had imposed over Iran’s nuclear programme. Meanwhile, the United Nations yesterday denounced Iran’s increasingly harsh and deadly crackdown on mass protests that have been rocking the country for more than two months.

“UN Human Rights Chief Volker Turk says the rising number of deaths from protests in Iran, including those of two children at the weekend, and the hardening of the response by security forces, underline the critical situation in the country,” spokesman Jeremy Laurence told reporters in Geneva.

“We urge the authorities to address people’s demands for equality, dignity and rights, instead of using unnecessary or disproportionate force to suppress the protests,” he said.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ
কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল (সিপিএইচ)
রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা

পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট রেগুলেশন/০৮ (সর্বশেষ সংশোধনী) মোতাবেক চলতি ২০২২-২০২৩ অর্থ বৎসরে কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল (সিপিএইচ), রাজারবাগ, ঢাকায় Pathology Re-agent ক্রয় করার নিমিত্ত অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ঠিকাদার/ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত বামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

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| ১. | মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ | স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়। |
| ২. | সংস্থা | বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ। |
| ৩. | দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান | পুলিশ সুপার, কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল (সিপিএইচ), রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা। |
| ৪. | সংগ্রহ স্বাক্ষর জেলা | ঢাকা। |
| ৫. | দরপত্রের বিষয় | ২০২২-২০২৩ অর্থ বছরে সিপিএইচ, ঢাকায় Pathology Re-agent ক্রয়। |
| ৬. | দরপত্রের সূত্র নম্বর | স্মারক নং-৯৩৭৫, তারিখঃ ২১/১১/২০২২খ্রিঃ। |
| ৭. | দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি | খোলা দরপত্র পদ্ধতি। |
| ৮. | বরাদ্দকৃত অর্থ | রাজস্ব (গণ্ড)। |
| ৯. | দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ | তারিখঃ ২২/১১/২০২২খ্রিঃ এবং ২৩/১১/২০২২খ্রিঃ। |
| ১০. | দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির সর্বশেষ তারিখ | তারিখঃ ০৬/১২/২০২২খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত। |
| ১১. | দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় | তারিখঃ ০৭/১২/২০২২খ্রিঃ, সময় ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। |
| ১২. | দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় | তারিখঃ ০৭/১২/২০২২খ্রিঃ, সময় ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা। দরপত্রদাতার বা মনোনীত প্রতিনিধিদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি থাকে)। |
| ১৩. | দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর অফিস ও ঠিকানা | পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, সিপিএইচ, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা। |
| ১৪. | দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির স্থান | পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, সিপিএইচ, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা। |
| ১৫. | দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান | পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, সিপিএইচ, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা। |
| ১৬. | দরপত্র খোলার স্থান | পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, সিপিএইচ, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা। |
| ১৭. | দরপত্রের সহিত যে সকল কাগজপত্র জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে | সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ কাজ বাস্তবায়ন সংক্রান্ত ঠিকাদারী লাইসেন্স, হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, হালনাগাদ আয়কর সার্টিফিকেট, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট এবং দরপত্রের চাহিত অন্যান্য কাগজপত্র অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হবে। |
| ১৮. | কাজের বিবরণঃ | সিডিউল মূল্য |
| | ১ সিপিএইচ, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকায় Pathology Re-agent ক্রয়। | ১০০০/- |
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ক. ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বত্বাধিকারীর স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক ১৪ কর্মিকে বর্ণিত স্থান হইতে অফিস চলাকালীন পর্যন্ত সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে।

খ. দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলী দরপত্র সংগ্রহকালে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয় হইতে জানা যাইবে।

গ. অনুমোদিত বরাদ্দের আলোকে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হইবে।

ঘ. দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত বরাদ্দের মধ্যে কার্য সম্পাদন করিতে হইবে।

ঙ. দরপত্র জমা ও খোলার তারিখ সরকারী ছুটি থাকিলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে জমা ও খোলা হইবে।

চ. দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন সময় কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ, বাতিল ও সমুদয় দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা রাখেন।

ছ. দরপত্রের যাবতীয় কার্যক্রম পিপিআর ২০০৬ (সংশোধনী-২০০৮) মোতাবেক পরিচালিত হবে।

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