

'Golden era' of UK-China ties is over Says British PM Sunak

REUTERS, London

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has said that the so-called "golden era" of relations with China was over, saying Beijing's "systemic challenge" to Britain's interests and values was growing more acute.

In his first major foreign policy speech on Monday evening, Sunak said Britain's approach to China needed to evolve and Beijing was "consciously competing for global influence using all the levers of state power".

"Let's be clear, the so-called 'golden era' is over, along with the naive idea that trade would lead to social and political reform," Sunak said in London's financial district, a reference to former finance minister George Osborne's description of Sino-British ties in 2015.

Some in Sunak's Conservative Party have been critical of Sunak, regarding him as less hawkish on China than his predecessor Liz Truss.

West Bank violence flares

At least four Palestinians killed; Israeli woman soldier wounded in car-ramming incident

AFP, Ramallah

Israeli troops shot dead three Palestinians in the occupied West Bank yesterday, Palestinian officials said, before a suspected car-ramming attacker was killed after wounding an Israeli soldier, Israeli medics and the army said.

The army confirmed its troops had fired on "rioters" who attacked soldiers in two separate clashes in the West Bank overnight.

The 20-year-old woman soldier was "moderately injured and evacuated to a hospital for medical treatment" following the suspected car-ramming north of Jerusalem, the army said. Jerusalem's Shaare Tzedek hospital confirmed the al-



leged attacker had been killed.

The West Bank has suffered spiralling violence this year, with near daily Israeli army raids leading to scores of deaths – of Palestinian fighters and also civilians – while Jewish settlers have been increasingly targeted by at times deadly Palestinian violence.

In Kafr Ein, near Ramallah, two brothers were killed by Israeli fire, the Palestinian health ministry said.

A third man died of bullet wounds to the head fired by Israeli troops in Beit Ummar, near the flashpoint city of Hebron, the ministry said.

Commenting on the Beit Ummar clash, the Israeli army said it had opened fire on "rioters" who "hurled rocks and improvised explosive devices at the soldiers" after two vehicles got stuck during an "operation patrol" in the area.

Palestinian official news agency Wafa named the dead man as Mufid Mahmud Khalil, 44, from the Beit Ummar area.

The Israeli army said "a violent riot was instigated by a number of suspects," during "routine" overnight activity in the Kafr Ein area.

ANTI-LOCKDOWN PROTESTS Chinese cities under heavy policing

AFP, Shanghai

Security services were out in force across China's major cities yesterday, which for the time being appeared to have quelled nationwide protests calling for political freedoms and an end to Covid lockdowns.

The country's leadership faced a weekend of protests not seen in decades as anger over unrelenting lockdowns fuelled deep-rooted frustration with its political system.

A deadly fire last week in Urumqi, the capital of the northwestern region of Xinjiang, was the catalyst for the outrage, with protesters taking to the streets in cities around China.

The demonstrators said Covid curbs were to blame for hampering rescue efforts, claims the government has denied as it accused "forces with ulterior motives" of linking the fire to the strict Covid controls. By yesterday evening, a heavy police presence of hundreds of officers appeared to have been drawn back from the streets of a rain-drenched Shanghai.

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি
বাংলাদেশ গুলিশ ক্যান্সন ট্রাস্টের মালিকানাধীন 'গুলিশ গ্রাভার স্কিম' আনুষ্ঠানিকভাবে জনসাধারণের জন্য সর্ব-স্টেশন ট্রান্সফর্মার, বিবিটি, এইচটি/এলটি/পিএফআই প্যানেল ইত্যাদি, জেনারেটর এবং ফায়ার ব্রেকিং সিস্টেম ক্রয় ও স্থাপন করা হবে। উক্ত কার্য সম্পাদনের জন্য আবেদন এবং যোগাযোগসম্পন্ন অভিজ্ঞ প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাবে। দরপত্র আহ্বানের শেষ তারিখ আগামী ২১/১২/২০২২ খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা। দরপত্র দলিলসহ বিজ্ঞপ্তির অন্তর্গত যোগাযোগের বাংলাদেশ গুলিশ ক্যান্সন ট্রাস্ট, ৫ম তলা, গুলিশ হেভেনস্ট্যাটস, ৬, ফনিয় রোড, ফুলবাড়িয়া, ঢাকা-১০০০। ডি ২০২

I believe the Japanese government cannot be asleep at the wheel with the North Korean missile flights over their territory.
South Korean President **Yoon Suk-yeol**

Paramount Textile PLC
House # 22 (level-2,5-7), R # 113/A, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212
Price Sensitive Information
This is for kind information to all concerned that a meeting of the Board of Directors of Paramount Textile PLC held on Tuesday, the 29th November, 2022 at 4.00 p.m. has taken the following Price Sensitive Decision:-

| Sl. No | Particulars | 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022 | 1st July 2021 to 30th September 2021 | |
|--------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|----------|
| | | | Basic | Restated |
| i | Earnings Per Share (EPS) | 1.62 | 1.53 | 1.45 |
| ii | Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) | 3.66 | 1.63 | 1.55 |
| Particulars | | As on 30th September 2022 (Un-audited) | As on 30th June 2022 (Audited) | |
| iii | Net Asset Value (NAV) | 5,079,260,954 | 4,819,727,928 | |
| iv | Net Asset Value Per Share | 31.19 | 29.60 | |

Dated: November 29, 2022
By the order of the Board
Sd/-
(Md.Robiul Islam FCS)
Company Secretary



All regions saw water extremes in 2021: UN

AFP, Geneva

All regions of the world saw water extremes last year – both floods and droughts – and billions of people had insufficient freshwater, the United Nations said yesterday.

Large areas of the planet recorded drier than normal conditions in 2021, the UN's World Meteorological Organization said in its first annual State of Global Water Resources report.

The report assesses the effects of changes in the climate, environment and society on the Earth's freshwater resources – limited supplies that are under growing demand – so they can be managed better.

"The impacts of climate change are often felt through water – more intense and frequent droughts, more extreme flooding, more erratic seasonal rainfall and accelerated melting of glaciers – with cascading effects on economies, ecosystems and all aspects of our daily lives," said WMO head Petteri Taalas.

"And yet there is insufficient understanding of changes in the distribution, quantity and quality of freshwater resources."

Some 3.6 billion people face inadequate access to freshwater at least one month per year. That is forecast to rise to more than five billion by 2050, the report said.

Between 2001 and 2018, 74 percent of all natural disasters were water-related, according to UN studies.

In 2021, all regions saw devastating water extremes, the report said.

There were record-breaking floods in western Europe and the Amazon, while water levels in rivers in Paraguay and southern Brazil dropped to an all-time low.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
e-Zone
Servicing Change Managers
E-Zone HRM Limited is a management consulting group providing one-stop HR solutions. E-Zone HRM Limited has a formal agreement with one of the United Nations agencies to provide outsourcing services under a third party contract.
E-Zone HRM Limited is now seeking applications for a UN Organization from Bangladesh Nationals for the following vacancies under third party outsourcing contract modality. For detailed Job Description, please visit the following website link to apply for the post.
Title: National Consultant at NOC level
Duty Station: Dhaka,
Contract Duration: 145 working days spread over 11 Months.
Number of Vacancies: 1 (One), Contract Type: Contract with E-Zone.
Last Date of Application: **06 December, 2022**
<https://hotjobs.bdjobs.com/jobs/ezone/un143.html>

Invitation for Tenders
AFCONS-KPTL JV, Matur Rahman Road, Vill: East Anichpur, P.O: Monnu Nagar, P.S: Tongi, Dist: Gazipur, Pin: 1710, Bangladesh would like to invite seal bids from all eligible manufacturers/suppliers of Bangladesh having valid trade license for the below mentioned items for executing project of Bangladesh Railway

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|----|---|--|-----|-----------|
| 1 | Procuring entity name | AFCONS-KPTL JV | | |
| 2 | Procuring entity code | N/A | | |
| 3 | Procuring entity district | Gazipur | | |
| 4 | Invitation for | Procurement of Deformed bars/Re-bars for execution of Bangladesh Railway Project: WD-1 Construction of 3rd & 4th Dual gauge Railway Tracks in Dhaka-Tongi section and Doubling of Dual Gauge Track between Tongi-Joydebpur section excluding signaling works, Bangladesh Railway. | | |
| 5 | Invitation Ref No. & date | PD/DTJL/PWD/1/Part-2/03, 6th Feb 2022 | | |
| 6 | Procurement method | Open Tendering Method | | |
| 7 | Budget and source of funds | Indian LOC | | |
| 8 | Development partners (if applicable) | EXIM BANK INDIA | | |
| 9 | Project/programme code (if applicable) | N/A | | |
| 10 | Project/programme name (if applicable) | Package WD1: Construction of railway track, embankment, Bridge & Culverts, Station Buildings, Platforms and Sheds and Level Crossings along with associated works in Dhaka-Tongi-Joydebpur Section including supply of all labour, material, equipment etc., in connection with construction of 3rd and 4th Dual Gauge tracks in Dhaka-Tongi Section and Doubling of Dual Gauge Track in Tongi-Joydebpur Section as per Drawings and Specifications under "construction of 3rd & 4th Dual gauge Railway Tracks in Dhaka-Tongi section and Doubling of Dual Gauge Track between Tongi-Joydebpur section excluding signaling works, Bangladesh Railway, PD/DTJL/PWD/1/Part-2 | | |
| 11 | Tender Package No. | PD/DTJL/PWD/1/Part-2 | | |
| 12 | Tender package name | Please refer point-10 | | |
| 13 | Tender publication date | 30-Nov-22 | | |
| 14 | Tender last selling date | 7-Dec-22 11:00am | | |
| 15 | Tender submission date and time | 7-Dec-22 1:00pm | | |
| 16 | Tender opening date and time | 7-Dec-22 3:00pm | | |
| 17 | Name & address of the office(s) | Address: AFCONS-KPTL JV, Matur Rahman Road, Vill: East Anichpur, P.O: Monnu Nagar, P.S: Tongi, Dist: Gazipur, Pin: 1710, Bangladesh | | |
| 18 | Pre-tender meeting (optional) | Date: Time | | |
| 19 | Eligibility of tenderer | Renowned Manufacturers of Deformed Bar having valid trade license and approved by Bangladesh Railway in any project awarded in 2018 and thereafter. | | |
| 20 | Brief description of goods or works | 2,000 MT Deformed/Reinforcement Bar (8-32 mm), Grade: 60, 72.5 & 80 for execution of Bangladesh Railway Project as mentioned in point-10 | | |
| 21 | Brief description of related services | N/A | | |
| 22 | Price of tender document (Tk) | 1,000.00 | | |
| 23 | Lot No. | Identification of lot Location Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in weeks/months | | |
| 1 | WD-1 Construction of 3rd & 4th Dual gauge Railway Tracks in Dhaka-Tongi section and Doubling of Dual Gauge Track between Tongi-Joydebpur section excluding signaling works, Bangladesh Railway. | AFCONS-KPTL JV site location at BR-42, Boubazar, Tongi | N/A | 18 months |

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

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| 24 | Name of official inviting tender | AFCONS-KPTL JV |
| 25 | Designation of official inviting tender | Project Manager |
| 26 | Address of official inviting tender | Matur Rahman Road, Vill: East Anichpur, P.O: Monnu Nagar, P.S: Tongi, Dist: Gazipur, Pin: 1710, Bangladesh |
| 27 | Contact details of official inviting tender | +8801704123180 saumen.d@afcons.com |
| 28 | The procuring entity reserves the right to --- deleted --- reject all tenders. | |

Authorized Person of AFCONS-KPTL JV
Matur Rahman Road, Vill: East Anichpur, P.O: Monnu Nagar
P.S Tongi, Dist: Gazipur, Pin: 1710, Bangladesh

USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
Request for Information (RFI)
USAID has issued a request for information to all interested partners—especially local entities and locally-established partners—who have the ability to implement a \$10 to \$50 million activity in the Cox's Bazar and Bandarban districts. The objective of the activity is to mitigate the direct and indirect socioeconomic and environmental impacts of hosting Rohingya refugees. Partners interested in responding to the request can find additional information on sam.gov and grants.gov. Please note that the release of this RFI in no way obligates USAID or constitutes an award commitment on the part of USAID nor does it commit USAID to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation of responses to the RFI.
USAID has issued a request for information to all interested partners—especially local entities and locally-established partners—who have the ability to implement a \$20-40 million project focused on increasing access to finance for agricultural, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), as well as vulnerable and marginalized populations. The objective of this activity is to incentivize financial institutions and non-traditional lenders to provide loans to agricultural MSMEs using blended finance. Partners interested in responding to the request can find additional information on sam.gov and grants.gov. Please note that the release of this RFI in no way obligates USAID or constitutes an award commitment on the part of USAID nor does it commit USAID to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation of responses to the RFI.
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বাংলাদেশ সিকিউরিটিজ অ্যান্ড এক্সচেঞ্জ কমিশন
আবেদন আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে
স্বাধীনতা সুবর্ণ জয়ন্তী পুরস্কার, ২০২২
বাংলাদেশের সার্বিক অর্থনৈতিক উন্নয়ন তথা দেশের পুঁজিবাজারের উন্নয়ন ও অগ্রযাত্রায় অবদান রাখার স্বীকৃতি প্রদানের লক্ষ্যে পুঁজিবাজারে নিবন্ধিত বাজার মধ্যস্থতাকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান সমূহকে Performance এর ভিত্তিতে বাংলাদেশ সিকিউরিটিজ অ্যান্ড এক্সচেঞ্জ কমিশন "স্বাধীনতা সুবর্ণ জয়ন্তী পুরস্কার- ২০২২" প্রদানের উদ্যোগ গ্রহণ করেছে।

| ক্রমিক নং | আবেদনকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের ধরণ | পুরস্কারের সংখ্যা |
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| ০১। | স্টক ব্রোকার ও স্টক ডিলার ক্যাটাগরি | ৩ টি (১ম, ২য় ও ৩য় পুরস্কার) |
| ০২। | মার্চেন্ট ব্যাংক ক্যাটাগরি | ৩ টি (১ম, ২য় ও ৩য় পুরস্কার) |
| ০৩। | সম্পদ ব্যবস্থাপক কোম্পানী ক্যাটাগরি | ৩ টি (১ম, ২য় ও ৩য় পুরস্কার) |

আবেদনের শেষ তারিখ ১০ জানুয়ারি, ২০২৩

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27.11.22
(মোঃ নিজাম উদ্দিন)
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e-Tender Notice No. 02/2022-23 (OTM)
e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the Procurement of following work details are given below:

| Sl. No. | Package No. | Name of work | Last date & time of selling | Tender closing (date & time) | Tender ID |
|---------|--|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 01. | e-Tender/PRDP4/NTR/SAD/2022-23/W14-01767 | Construction of Boundary wall including Gate at BORO HORISHPUR GPS under Natore Sadar Upazila Dist: Natore. | 15-12-2022 12:00 | 15-12-2022 13:00 | 757043 |

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 e-Tender document from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to 15-12-2022 at time 13.00pm. Future 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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