

Xi's 3-day Saudi visit starts today

AFP, Riyadh

Chinese President Xi Jinping will arrive in Saudi Arabia today for a three-day visit, his first to the world's biggest crude oil exporter since 2016, Saudi state media reported yesterday.

The visit will include a bilateral summit chaired by Saudi King Salman and attended by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the kingdom's de facto ruler, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

Xi, head of the world's second biggest economy, will also attend a summit with rulers from the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council and talks convening leaders from elsewhere in the Middle East, the state news agency said.

The Chinese leader's arrival coincides with heightened tensions between Saudi Arabia and the United States over issues ranging from energy policy to regional security and human rights.



Health workers wait to test passengers for the Covid-19 coronavirus after their arrival at Hongqiao railway station in Shanghai, yesterday. Residents of China's capital were allowed into parks, supermarkets, offices and airports without a negative Covid-19 test yesterday, the latest in a mix of easing steps nationwide after unprecedented protests against a tough zero-Covid policy.

PHOTO: STAR

ABU AKLEH KILLING Al Jazeera files case at ICC

AFP, The Hague

TV network Al Jazeera submitted the case of slain journalist Shireen Abu Akleh to the International Criminal Court yesterday, saying she was killed by Israeli forces.

The Qatar-based channel said it had "unearthed new evidence" on the death of the journalist, shot while covering an Israeli army raid in Jenin on May 11.

Any person or group can file a complaint to the ICC prosecutor for investigation, but the Hague-based court is under no obligation to take on such cases.

Al Jazeera said its submission highlighted "new witness evidence and video footage (that) clearly show that Shireen and her colleagues were directly fired at by the Israeli Occupation Forces."

The ICC last year launched a probe into war crimes in the Palestinian territories, but Israel is not an ICC member and disputes the court's jurisdiction.

Israel said it would not cooperate with any external probe into Abu Akleh's death.

Polluters' policies not enough for 1.5C limit

UN summit to protect nature begins today

AFP, Paris

The climate policies of most wealthy countries and many high-emitting emerging economies are in line with global heating far beyond the safer 1.5 degree Celsius limit reaffirmed at UN climate talks last month, a new analysis found yesterday.

Even after countries raised their ambitions to cut emissions of greenhouse gases in the last 18 months, the Paris Equity Check assessment found that the United States, Canada, Australia and the EU are working off plans that could see warming between 2.1C and 3.4C.

The policies of emerging nations including China, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Turkey are even worse – implying catastrophic 5C heating by the end of the century.

In contrast, most of the world's poorest countries are on course to stay within the 1.5C limit, according to the assessment, which is based on peer reviewed methodology and looks at the ambition of countries' climate targets published up to November this year.

Countries have agreed to a goal to

limit average warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius from pre-industrial levels, which scientists say is a safer guardrail to avoid the most dangerous impacts of climate change.

Barely 1.2C of warming to date has unleashed a crescendo of deadly and costly extreme weather, from heat waves and drought to flooding and tropical storms made more destructive by rising seas.

Currently, the world is heading for around 2.5C under current commitments and plans.

Meanwhile, countries have gathered yesterday for a key UN nature conference in Montreal, aiming to broker a new global agreement to protect what's left of Earth's wildlife and natural spaces.

Negotiators hope that the two-week summit, known as COP15, yields a deal that ensures there is more "nature" – animals, plants, and healthy ecosystems – in 2030 than what exists now.

More than 1 million species are now threatened with extinction, vanishing at a rate not seen in 10 million years. As much as 40% of Earth's land surfaces are considered degraded, according to a 2022 UN assessment.



Covid-19 was man-made virus!

NDTV ONLINE

In what appears to be an astonishing revelation, a US-based scientist, who worked at a controversial research lab in China's Wuhan, has said that Covid-19 was a "man-made virus" that leaked from the facility.

Covid was leaked from Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV), a state-run and funded research facility, two years ago, the New York Post reported, quoting US-based researcher Andrew Huff's statement in the British newspaper The Sun.

According to the New York Post report, Huff is the former vice president of the EcoHealth Alliance, a non-profit organisation that studies infectious diseases.

In his latest book, "The Truth About Wuhan," epidemiologist Huff claims that the pandemic was caused by the US government's funding of coronaviruses in China.

Huff claims in his book that China's gain-of-function experiments were conducted with inadequate security, resulting in a leak at the Wuhan lab.

"China knew from day one that this was a genetically engineered agent," Huff wrote. "The US government is to blame for the transfer of dangerous biotechnology to the Chinese."

BAN ON SEX OUTSIDE MARRIAGE Indonesia House okays legislation

AFP, Jakarta

Indonesia's parliament yesterday approved legislation that would outlaw sex outside marriage in a move critics said was a huge setback to rights in the world's most populous Muslim country.

A revision of Indonesia's criminal code, which stretches back to the Dutch colonial era, has been debated for decades. Rights groups had protested against the amendments, denouncing a crackdown on civil liberties and political freedoms.

The new code, which still needs to be approved by president Joko Widodo, will come into force after three years. According to the text seen by AFP, sex outside of marriage will be punished with one year in prison while unmarried people living together could face six months in jail.

Afghan blast kills 7

AFP, Mazar-i-Sharif

A roadside bomb killed seven petroleum company employees aboard a bus in northern Afghanistan yesterday, a provincial police spokesman said.

"The bomb was placed in a cart by the roadside. It was detonated as the bus arrived," said Asif Waziri, of the Balkh police department in Mazar-i-Sharif. Although the Taliban claim to have improved security across the nation since storming back to power in August last year, there have been scores of bomb blasts and attacks – many claimed by the local chapter of the Islamic State group. Waziri told AFP Tuesday's blast happened around 7:00 am (0230 GMT) near Sayed Abad Square in the city. He said six people were injured in the blast.

DEATH OF JOURNO IN KENYA Pak SC to oversee probe

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan's Supreme Court yesterday set up a panel of five judges to supervise an investigation into the death of a prominent journalist who was shot and killed in Kenya, the court said. The Supreme Court said it had taken up the case voluntarily. Journalist Arshad Sharif, 50, was killed on Oct. 23 while travelling in a vehicle on the outskirts of the Kenyan capital of Nairobi. Kenyan police said it was a case of mistaken identity. Sharif had earlier fled from Pakistan citing threats to his life after the government registered a treason case against him. The case stemmed from reporting he did that led to an accusation he had spread a call from an official in a previous government, led by former cricket star Imran Khan, for members of the armed forces to mutiny. Sharif worked for many years as a prime-time television news show host for ARY News in Pakistan. Imran Khan said Sharif had been murdered for his journalistic work. He called for a judicial investigation.

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Procurement Division

Head Office, Dhaka-1000

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3.	Procuring entity district	All over Bangladesh.
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5.	Invitation Ref No.	RBL/Procurement/2022/1812
6.	Date of invitation	06.12.2022
7.	Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method:
8.	Application closing date and time	Date: 15.12.2022 Time: 4:00pm
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15.	Designation of official inviting application	General Manager.
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Signed/-
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General Manager

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1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology
2	Agency	Posts and Telecommunications Division
3	Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation Ref No.	14.39.0000.002.07.066.18.2254
7	Date	05/12/2022
KEY INFORMATION		
8	Procurement Method	Open Tender
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Company's Own Fund
11	Tender Package No.	BSCL/2022-23/PG-05
12	Tender Package Name	Supply and Installation of All in One Color Printer & Photocopier Machine
13	Tender Publication Date	07/12/2022
14	Tender Last Selling Date	26/12/2022
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date: 26/12/2022 Time: 12:00 pm
16	Tender Opening Date and Time	26/12/2022 12:15 pm
17	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address: Managing Director, Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited, SEL Rose-N-Dale, Level-07, 116 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka.
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	
	- Selling Tender Document (Others)	
	- Receiving Tender Document	
	- Opening Tender Document	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
18	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	a) Any Bangladeshi tenderer with minimum two years of supply experience. b) Specific experience as supplier in supply of goods (Computer, Printer & Photocopier) of at least one (1) contract successfully completed within the last 2 years, with a value of at least TK. 3 lakh.
19	Brief Description of Goods	Supply and Installation of All in One Color Printer & Photocopier Machine
20	Brief Description of Related Services	Transportation & Installation of the Goods
21	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	TK. 500 (Five Hundred)
22	Lot No	1
	Identifi- cation of Lot	
	Location	Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited • 116 kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue (7 th Floor), Dhaka. • SajeebWazed Station, Gazipur • SajeebWazed Station, Betbunia
	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	12,000.00 (Twelve Thousand Only)
	Completion Time in Weeks / Months	Three Weeks from the date of contract signing
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
23	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Shafiqul Islam
24	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Managing Director
25	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited SEL Rose-N-Dale, Level-07, 116 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka.
26	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	0241030091-93 <Fax No.> info@bscl.com.bd
The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings		

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(Signed)
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Managing Director
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