

NY digs out from blizzard Death toll rises to 60

REUTERS, Buffalo

Storm-weary road crews and residents of western New York state struggled on Tuesday to dig out from a deadly weekend blizzard, with snow still falling and forecasts for rapid warming and rains that could cause flooding and turn the frozen landscape to slush.

The region in and around Buffalo, New York, downwind of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario emerged as ground zero for an Arctic deep freeze and massive winter storm that extended over most of the US last week and through the Christmas holiday as far south as the Mexican border.

Confirmed storm-related deaths in New York's Erie and Niagara counties rose to 32 on Tuesday, officials said. Nationwide, at least 60 people died in weather-related incidents in recent days, NBC News reported.

The situation was expected to change dramatically. The NWS forecast a rapid thaw later this week, with spring-like temperatures well above freezing and well above normal, accompanied by rain that could unleash flooding.



This aerial photo taken yesterday shows a multi-vehicle collision on Zhengxin Yellow River Bridge in Zhengzhou, in China's central Henan province. One person died during the highway pile-up.

PHOTO: AFP

'Seoul must respond to N Korea's provocations'

REUTERS, Seoul

South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol yesterday said that any provocation by North Korea must be met with retaliation without hesitation despite its nuclear weapons, his office said, after an intrusion by North Korean drones.

Five North Korean drones crossed into South Korea on Monday, prompting South Korea's military to scramble fighter jets and attack helicopters to try to shoot them down, in the first such intrusion since 2017.

"We must punish and retaliate against any provocation by North Korea. That is the most powerful means to deter provocations," Yoon said in a meeting with his aides, according to his press secretary Kim Eun-hye. "We must not fear or hesitate because North Korea has nuclear weapons," he said.

Monday's intrusion triggered criticism in South Korea of its air defences. Yoon chided the military, in particular its failure to bring down the drones while they flew over South Korea for hours. South Korea responded on Monday by sending drones over North Korea for three hours.



Next 40 days crucial Says India as it predicts surge in Covid cases in January

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India may see a surge in Covid-19 cases in January and the coming 40 days are going to be crucial, health ministry sources said yesterday citing the pattern of previous outbreaks.

"Previously, it has been noticed that a new wave of Covid-19 hits India around 30-35 days after it hits East Asia... This has been a trend," a ministry official said.

He, however, said the severity of the infection this time is less and even if there is a wave, deaths and hospitalisation will be very low, they said.

The Indian government is likely to make it mandatory for passengers arriving from China

and five other places to have negative RT-PCR reports from next week, the sources said.

Even if there is a wave this time around, deaths and hospitalisation will be very low, the Health Ministry sources said.

Amid a spike in Covid-19 cases in some countries, including China and South Korea, India has sounded an alert. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya have held meetings to assess the country's preparedness to deal with a fresh surge in cases.

The latest spike in cases is being driven by Omicron sub-variant BF.7. Health ministry sources said the transmissibility of this BF.7 subvariant is very

high and an infected person can infect 16 more persons.

Beijing's sudden pivot away from containing Covid-19 has caused jitters around the world, with the United States saying it may restrict travel from China following its decision to end mandatory quarantine for overseas arrivals.

China late Monday scrapped quarantine for inbound travellers from January 8 onwards, dismantling the last remaining piece of its stringent zero-Covid policy and ending some of the world's harshest border restrictions. The move was greeted with jubilation by Chinese citizens, who rushed to book international flights, triggering a surge in ticket prices.

Pak court frees rapist after deal to marry victim

AFP, Peshawar

A Pakistan court freed a rapist after he married his victim in a settlement brokered by a council of elders in the northwest of the country, his lawyer said yesterday.

The decision has outraged rights activists, who say it legitimises sexual violence against women in a country where a majority of rape goes unreported.

Dawlat Khan, 25, was sentenced in May to life imprisonment by a lower court in Buner district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province for raping a deaf woman. He was released from prison on Monday after the Peshawar High Court accepted an out-of-court settlement agreed by the rape survivor's family.

Khan was arrested after his unmarried victim delivered a baby earlier this year, and a paternity test proved he was the child's biological father.

Rape is notoriously difficult to prosecute in Pakistan, where women are often treated as second-class citizens.

In Pakistan, the conviction rate of rape cases that go to trial is lower than three percent.

"This is effectively the court's approval of rape and facilitation of rapists and rape mentality," Imaan Zainab Mazari-Hazir, a lawyer and human rights activist, said of the Peshawar court decision.

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan said it was "appalled" by the ruling.

Trump tax returns to be released tomorrow

REUTERS

Former Republican President Donald Trump's redacted tax returns will be made public tomorrow, a spokesperson for the US House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee said on Tuesday. The Democratic-controlled committee obtained the returns last month as part of an investigation into Trump's taxes, after a lengthy court battle that ended with the US Supreme Court ruling in the committee's favor. The committee released a report into its findings last week, which said the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) broke its own rules by not auditing Trump for three of the four years of his presidency. The documents to be released on Friday are expected to include Trump's tax returns filed between 2015 and 2021, the years he ran for and served as president.

Ethnic fighting kills 56 in South Sudan

REUTERS, Juba

Clashes have killed 56 people during four days of fighting in South Sudan's eastern Jonglei state, after youth from the Nuer community attacked another ethnic group, a local official said, with the Nuer making up most of the casualties. The territory of South Sudan, which gained independence from Sudan in 2011, has been plagued by blood feuds and clashes over cattle and land for decades. Armed Nuer youth began attacking the Murle community on Dec. 24 in Gumuruk County and Likuangle County, said a government official. He said 51 of those killed were Nuer attackers, with only five Murle defenders killed.

"The infection surge in China is on expected lines. If you have a susceptible population that is not exposed to the virus, cases will rise. Nothing has changed for the rest of the world, including India."

Dr Chandrakant Lahariya, an epidemiologist and health systems specialist.



Taliban must revoke bans on women Says UNSC

REUTERS, United Nations

The UN Security Council has called for the full, equal and meaningful participation of women and girls in Afghanistan, denouncing a ban by the Taliban-led government on women attending universities or working for humanitarian aid groups.

In a statement agreed by consensus, the 15-member council on Friday said the ban on women and girls attending high school and universities in Afghanistan "represents an increasing erosion for the respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms."

The university ban on women was announced as the Security Council in New York met on Afghanistan last week. Girls have been banned from high school since March.

The council said a ban on female humanitarian workers, announced on Saturday, "would have a significant and immediate impact for humanitarian operations in country," including those of the United Nations.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Inspector General
Bangladesh Police
Police Headquarters, Dhaka.

Invitation for Local Tender (OTM) (National)

Memo No-ICT/44.01.0000.438.07.032.22/16 Date : 28/12/2022

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from well-reputed and experienced firms in their official pad for the Purchase for Upgradation of Vmware License along with Veloud Suit 2019 Advanced with NSX-T enterprise for 8 core Processor in FY 2022-2023.

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs
2	Agency	Bangladesh Police
3	Procuring Entity Name	AIG (ICT), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
4	Invitation for	Purchase for Upgradation of Vmware License along with Veloud Suit 2019 Advanced with NSX-T enterprise for 8 core Processor.
5	Invitation Ref. No.	ICT/44.01.0000.438.07.032.22/16 (2022-2023)
6	Date	28 December 2022

KEY INFORMATION

7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

8	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (GOB)-4113301-Computer Software
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9	Tender Publication date	29 December 2022
10	Tender last selling date	14 January 2023
11	Tender closing date and time	15 January 2023 at 15:00 hrs
12	Tender opening date and time	15 January 2023 at 15:30 hrs

NAME & ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE

13	Name & address of the office	Police Headquarters, 6 Phoenix Road, Fullbaria, Dhaka 1000
	Selling tender document	AIG (ICT), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka
	Receiving tender document	AIG (ICT), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka
	Opening tender document	NCCOM Building (3 rd Floor) Police Headquarters, 6 Phoenix Road, Fullbaria, Dhaka 1000
14	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	9 January 2023, at 11:30 hrs. NCCOM Building (3 rd Floor) Hall of Harmony Conference Room, Police Headquarters, 6 Phoenix Road, Fullbaria, Dhaka

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15	Eligibility of tender	The bidder shall have 1) Valid trade license 2) Current income tax certificate, 3) VAT registration and 4) Shall be Financially solvent. 5) Shall have the legal capacity to enter into the contract 6) Must not be blacklisted and bankrupted 7) Other requirements described in the standard tender document (PG-3).
16	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF Service	

Item No	Identification of Software	Quantity	Price of tender document (Non-refundable)	Tender security in Taka	Tender Completion Time
1.	Purchase for Upgradation of Vmware License along with Veloud Suit 2019 Advanced with NSX-T enterprise for 8 core Processor.	01(One) Unit	3000/- (Three Thousand) Taka	5,50,000/- (Five Lac Fifty Thousand) taka	60 (Sixty) days

Procuring Entity Details:

17	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Zannatul Hasan,BPM(Bar)
18	Designation of the official inviting tender	AIG (ICT), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka
19	Address of official inviting tender	NCCOM Building (3 rd Floor) Police Headquarters, 6 Phoenix Road, Fullbaria, Dhaka 1000
20	Contact details of official inviting the tender	Tel: 02-223355312 E-mail: aigict@police.gov.bd

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- No tender will be received after the deadline of submission time & date.
- The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender process without assigning any reason.
- The Procuring entity also reserves the right to omit, increase and/or decrease the quantity of any item(s) from the tender.
- If not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstance, the same tender will be received/ opened on the next working date at the same time & same venue.
- Evaluation will be on the basis of total price.
- The Procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Rules 2008.

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