

COUP ANNIV West slaps sanctions on Myanmar

REUTERS, Washington

The United States and its allies imposed further sanctions on Myanmar yesterday, marking the two-year anniversary of the coup with curbs on energy officials and members of the junta, among others.

Washington imposed sanctions on the Union Election Commission, mining enterprises and energy officials, among others, according to a Treasury Department statement.

It marks the first time the United States has targeted Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) officials under the current Myanmar sanctions program, a Treasury spokesperson said.

Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom also announced sanctions.

The military has pledged to hold an election in August this year. On Friday, the junta announced tough requirements for parties to contest the election, including a huge increase in their membership, a move that could sideline the military's opponents and cement its grip on power.

The NLD described this year's election as "phony" and said it would not acknowledge it.



Palestinians face 'shrinking horizon of hope': Blinken

REUTERS, Ramallah

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken shuttled from Israel to the Palestinians' West Bank yesterday, appealing for an end to resurgent violence and reaffirming Washington's backing for a two-state solution to the decades-long conflict.

Blinken is urging calm on both sides after last week's killing by a Palestinian gunman of seven people outside a Jerusalem synagogue and anger among Palestinians over actions by Israeli forces and settlers in the occupied West Bank.

He took that message into a meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah, warning all parties against any action that could threaten a two-state solution.

"We've been clear that this includes things like settlement expansion, the legalization of outposts, demolitions and evictions, disruptions to the historic status of the holy sites, and of course incitement and acquiescence to violence."

Blinken said Palestinians were facing a "shrinking horizon of hope" that needed to change.

In January alone, 35 Palestinians have been killed in clashes with Israeli troops, in the bloodiest month since 2015, while officials say attacks on Palestinian property by Israeli settlers have also increased.

Iran jails couple in viral dancing video

AFP, Paris

An Iranian court has handed jail sentences of over 10 years each to a young couple who danced in front of one of Tehran's main landmarks in a video seen as a symbol of defiance against the regime, activists said yesterday.

Astiyazh Haghighi and her fiancé Amir Mohammad Ahmadi, both in their early 20s, had been arrested in early November after a video went viral of them dancing romantically in front of the Azadi Tower in Tehran. Haghighi did not wear a headscarf in defiance of the Islamic republic's strict rules for women, while women are also not allowed to dance in public in Iran, let alone with a man.

A revolutionary court in Tehran sentenced them each to 10 years and six months in prison, as well as bans on using the Internet and leaving Iran, the US-based Human Rights Activists News Agency (said).

The couple, who already had a following in Tehran as popular Instagram bloggers, were convicted of "encouraging corruption and public prostitution" as well as "gathering with the intention of disrupting national security", it added.

Programme to nurse economy to health

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While the IMF would make \$476 million immediately available, the lender's impact would be beyond that: it would give the other multilateral agencies, such as the World Bank, to make more funds available for Bangladesh.

This along with the import curbs placed by the government will shore up the gross foreign reserves to \$30 billion by the end of the fiscal year, according to the IMF's projections.

As per the lender's balance of payments and investment position manual (BPM6), gross foreign reserves calculation does not include the various funds that the Bangladesh Bank has formed from the reserves as well as the loan guarantees provided for Biman, the currency swap with Sri Lanka, the loan to Payra Port Authority and the below-investment-grade securities. These account for about \$7.5 billion.

When these components are taken out, the IMF projection matches the government's expected foreign currency reserve position at the end of fiscal 2022-23: \$37.7 billion.

Gross reserves would increase to \$34.2 billion in fiscal 2023-24 and \$40 billion in the following year, as per IMF's projections. It would hit \$46.4 billion once the programme ends.

Other than restoring macroeconomic stability by way of the reserves, the programme would also give impetus to some long due structural reforms such as raising more tax revenues, scaling up social spending, modernising the monetary policy framework, strengthening the financial sector and building climate resilience.

"While confronting challenges resulting from the global headwinds, the authorities need to accelerate their ambitious reform agenda to achieve a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth," said Antoinette Monsoi Sayeh, the deputy managing director of IMF, in a press release.

Thanks to the reforms ushered in by the programme, Bangladesh's tax revenue would increase from

7.8 percent of GDP this fiscal year to 8.3 percent next year and then 8.8 percent.

At the end of the programme, it would be 9.4 percent of GDP, as per the IMF's projections.

The programme would insist on cutting back on subsidies, which would free up more resources for social and development spending.

"Not all subsidies are helping the poor and vulnerable. In Bangladesh where gas and electricity are being subsidised, the rich drive more cars and use more air conditioning," Anand said.

Rationalisation of untargeted subsidies will free fiscal resources to strengthen social safety nets and increase development spending.

Substantial investment in human capital and infrastructure will be needed to achieve Bangladesh's aspiration to reach upper-middle income status by 2031 and meet the Sustainable Development Goals.

By the end of the programme, the size of the annual development programme would increase from the existing 5.2 percent of GDP to 6.5 percent, as per the IMF's projections.

Public investment would increase from 8.8 percent of GDP this fiscal year to 11.2 percent of GDP in fiscal 2025-26, when the programme ends.

Subsequently, Bangladesh's real GDP growth would be back to 7 percent by fiscal 2024-25.

This fiscal year, the growth would be 5.5 percent, as the IMF's projections, which is in line with other multilateral lenders' forecasts.

Earlier last month, the WB pared back Bangladesh's growth forecast for this fiscal year by 1.5 percent to 5.2 percent. In December last year, the government revised down the growth forecast from 7.2 percent to 6.5 percent.

The IMF will disclose the specifics of the loan programme in the coming days.

The mandatory conditions would be a minimum level of net international reserves and domestic revenue collection and a ceiling on

the government's budget deficit. The Daily Star has learnt from people involved in the negotiations with the IMF staff mission to thrash out the terms for the loan.

Implementing the income tax law, setting up an asset management company to dispose of soured loans, bringing down the banking sector's default loans to within 10 percent and raising the capital adequacy ratio to the BASEL 3 requirement of 12.5 percent, are among the reforms agreed upon.

Periodically adjusting the fuel price through a formula and increasing remittance receipts through formal channels are also on the task list.

A social spending floor and better targeted social safety net programmes, market-based exchange rate interest rate, developing the capital and bond market, expanding and diversifying exports and modernising the monetary policy framework and reporting on net foreign reserves are the other agreed reforms.

The interest rate on the loan would be about 2.2 percent. Of the \$4.7 billion, \$1.4 billion can be repaid over a 20-year horizon with a grace period of ten years. The remaining amount must be paid back within ten years; the grace period for a portion of the sum is 3.5 years and for another portion 5.5 years.

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been assigned to monitor the three departments.

Rahman will be monitoring 14 departments of the central bank including human resources department 1, human resources department 2, financial integrity and customer services department, and the debt management department.

The central bank has around 50 departments that are monitored by four deputy governors. And it usually reshuffles the responsibilities of the departments from time to time.

Rahman did not respond to The Daily Star's request for comment.



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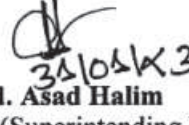
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e-Tender Notice


The following e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd):

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Brief Description of Tender	Publication Date	Last Selling Date & Time	Opening Date
1	773030	Supply of cooling tower dosing chemical.	31-Jan-2023	15-Feb-2023 15:00 PM	16-Feb-2023

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 (www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP Help Desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).


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বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান মেরিটাইম ইউনিভার্সিটি, বাংলাদেশ
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তারিখ: ২৫/০১/২০২৩

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Career Opportunity

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■ **General Manager (GM)**

Educational Requirements: B.Sc/ B.E/ B.Tech in Metallurgy and Materials Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering

Experience and other Requirements: Minimum 15 years of experience in top rated steel industries out of which at least 8 years in leadership positions, with appropriate exposures on Operations and Maintenance of Electric Arc Furnace (EAF), Charge Preparation, Refractory Management, Power Optimization, Production Planning, Procurement Planning, Scrap Yard Handling, Furnace Hearth Maintenance, Ladle & Tundish Management. Skills and knowledge on Cost control, Multi-tasking, Project Management, Certification on Manufacturing Process, Effective Leadership, Risk Analysis and Safety Management.

■ **Deputy/ Assistant General Manager (DGM/AGM)**

Educational Requirements: B.Sc/ B.E/ B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering

Experience and other Requirements: Minimum 12 years of practical experience in large European standard steel manufacturing industries with strong capabilities on Operations and Maintenance of modern Electric Arc Furnace (EAF), Melt shop/ APC/ FTP, MHS, EOT cranes, Pumps & Compressors, Preventive Maintenance, HVAC, Workshop Management. Skills and Knowledge on Team Management, Mechanical Design (Auto CAD), Data Analysis & Strong Communication Skills.

■ **General Manager (GM)**

Educational Requirements: B.Sc/ B.E/ B.Tech in Metallurgy and Materials Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering

Experience and other Requirements: Minimum 15 years of practical experience in top rated steel industries out of which at least 8 years in leadership positions, with appropriate exposures on Operations and Maintenance, Roll Shop Management, Rolling Mill operations, Multi-Slit Rolling, Production Planning, Procurement Planning, Roll & Guide Management. Skills and Knowledge on Cost Control, Multi-tasking, Project Management, Certification on Manufacturing Process, Effective Leadership, Risk Analysis and Safety Management.

■ **Deputy/ Assistant General Manager (DGM/AGM)**

Educational Requirements: B.Sc/ B.E/ B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering

Experience and other Requirements: Minimum 12 years of practical experience in Operations and Maintenance of Hydraulics, EOT Cranes, Pumps & Compressors, Lubrication, Heavy Duty Roller Bearings and Lube Systems, Preventive Maintenance, HVAC and Workshop Management. Skills and Knowledge on Safety Management, Mechanical Design (Auto CAD), Team Management and Management Reporting.

Compensation & Benefits: Negotiable

If you meet the required criteria on qualification, experience & confident to take the challenge, please send your resume mentioning the position name in the subject line to Human Resources Department, Meghna Group of Industries, Head Office, Fresh Villa, House No-15, Road No-34, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh or Email: career@mgi.org by March 2, 2023.

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SL No	Tender ID	Name of Work & Package No	Last selling Date & Time	Closing Date & Time	Opening Date & Time
1	783174	a) Maintenance of Residential Building (Tin Shade) at Raingkhoyong Mukh Forest Check Station Forest Guard Quarter Under Chittagong Hill Tracts South Forest Division, Rangamati. b) Maintenance of Residential Building at Ghagra Forest Check Station Forest Guard Quarter Under Chittagong Hill Tracts South Forest Division, Rangamati. c) Maintenance of Head Assistant Residential Quarter Under Chittagong Hill Tracts South Forest Division, Rangamati.	19-Feb-2023 16:00	20-Feb-2023 15:00	20-Feb-2023 15:00
2	784270	a) Maintenance of Non Residential Building at Karnafully Range Office Bhaban's Tiles Fitting Under Chittagong Hill Tracts South Forest Division, Rangamati. b) Maintenance of Non Residential Building at Chandraghona Forest Check Station Office By Industrial Iron Sheet and angle Under Chittagong Hill Tracts South Forest Division, Rangamati.	19-Feb-2023 16:00	20-Feb-2023 15:00	20-Feb-2023 15:00
3	784296	01) Purchase of Uniforms For Office and Field Level Employees of CHT South Forest Department Rangamati. 02) Purchase of Shoes / Sneakers For Office and Field Level Employees of CHT South Forest Department Rangamati. 03) Purchase of Winter Clothes For Forest Workers Working in Field and Office Level of Chittagong South Forest Department Rangamati. 04) Purchase of Winter Clothes For Field Level Employees of CHT South Forest Department Rangamati.	19-Feb-2023 16:00	20-Feb-2023 15:00	20-Feb-2023 15:00

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