

RIGHTS ISSUES IN INDIA US report lists 'significant' abuses

REUTERS, Washington

The annual US report on human rights practices released on Monday listed "significant human rights issues" and abuses in India, including reported targeting of religious minorities, dissidents and journalists, the US State Department said.

The findings come nearly a year after Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the US was monitoring what he described as a rise in human rights abuses in India by some government, police and prison officials.

Significant human rights issues in India have included credible reports of the government or its agents conducting extrajudicial killings; torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment by police and prison officials; political prisoners or detainees; and unjustified arrests or prosecutions of journalists, the US report added.

Advocacy groups raised concerns over what they see as a deteriorating human rights situation in India in recent years under Bharatiya Janata Party of PM Narendra Modi.



A man stands outside a burning house after shelling in the town of Chasiv Yar, near Bakhmut, yesterday, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

PHOTO: AFP

London police force racist: report

AFP, London

London's Metropolitan Police is institutionally racist, sexist and homophobic and could still be employing rapists and murderers, a scathing independent review of Britain's largest force concluded yesterday.

The report, written by government official Louise Casey, was commissioned after the kidnap, rape and murder two years ago of a London woman, Sarah Everard, by serving Metropolitan Police officer Wayne Couzens.

Since then another officer, David Carrick, was also jailed for life for dozens of rapes. Casey found those shocking crimes were perpetrated in a pervasive culture of "deep-seated homophobia" and predatory behaviour.

US, Russia, China argue at UN

Washington accuses Moscow, Beijing of 'encouraging' North Korea missile launches

REUTERS, United Nations

The United States, China and Russia argued during a United Nations Security Council meeting on Monday over who was to blame for spurring North Korea's dozens of ballistic missile launches and development of a nuclear weapons programme.

The 15-member council met over what Pyongyang said was the launch on Thursday of its largest Hwasong-17

intercontinental ballistic missile. North Korea has been under UN sanctions for its missile and nuclear programmes since 2006.

China and Russia blamed joint military drills by the United States and South Korea for provoking Pyongyang, while Washington accuses Beijing and Moscow of emboldening North Korea by shielding it from more sanctions.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres "remains deeply

concerned over the divisions that have prevented the international community from acting on this matter," a senior UN official said at the meeting.

Russia's deputy UN Ambassador Anna Evstigneeva described the US and South Korean military activity as "unprecedented," while China's deputy UN Ambassador Geng Shuang questioned whether they were defensive drills and blamed them for heightening tensions.

"Many Allies have announced significant defence spending increases since Russia's invasion. Now these pledges must turn into real cash, contracts, and concrete equipment, because defence spending underpins everything we do."

Nato chief **Jens Stoltenberg** on Russia's invasion of Ukraine



Dhaka South City Corporation

Engineering Department
Electrical Circle

Tender Notice

Memo No. 46.207.007.09.22.013.2023

Tender Notice is invited through by Executive Engineer, Electrical Circle, Dhaka South City Corporation for the procurement of following packages:

Ministry:	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives	Division:	Local Government Division
Organization:	Dhaka South City Corporation	Procuring entity name:	Office of the Executive Engineer (Electrical)
Procurement nature:	Goods	Procuring entity district:	Dhaka
Event Type	2 STAGE-TSTM	Procurement Type:	NCT
Invitation Reference No.	46.207.014.09.22.215.2023	Invitation for:	Tender- Single Lot

KEY INFORMATION and FUNDING INFORMATION

Procurement method:	Two Stage Tendering Method (TSTM)	Budget Type:	Revenue
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Source of funds:

Government

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

Tender/Proposal Package No. and Description	dsoc/electrical/division/22-23/017 Design, Drawing, BOQ Preparation & Implementation of Facade Lighting on Nagar Bhaban under DSCC.
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Category:	Electricity distribution and control apparatus; Power distribution cables; Coaxial cable; Insulated cable accessories; Electric conductors for data and control purposes; Electric lamps; Lamps and light fittings; Parts of lamps and lighting equipment; Electrical equipment for engines and vehicles; Sound or visual signaling apparatus; Magnets; Machines and apparatus with individual functions; Insulating fittings; Carbon electrodes; Electrical parts of machinery or apparatus; Electrical supplies and accessories; Electronic equipment; Electromechanical equipment; Electrotechnical equipment.
1 STAGE-TSTM PUBLICATION DATE AND TIME:	23 March-2023
Closing date and time	10 May-2023 and 12:00am

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER/CONSULTANT

Eligibility of tenderer:	Criteria: Sub-criteria	Points
(i) Specific experience of the Tenderer relevant to the assignment (Normally, sub-criteria are not provided, however, the Client may decide depending on the type of assignment)		10
(ii) Adequacy of the proposed methodology and work plan.		
(a) Technical approach and methodology		2
(b) Work plan		3
(c) Organization and staffing		5
Sub-Total points for criterion (ii):		10
(iii) Professional staff qualifications and competence for the assignment		
(a) Team leader Sr. Electrical Engineer/Sr. Architect		15
(b) Electrical Engineer		10
(c) Civil Engineer		5
(d) Architect		5
(e) Lighting Professional		5
Sub-Total points for criterion (iii):		40
iv) Drawing, Design with Presentation		40
Total Points		100
The minimum Technical Score St required to pass is: 70 points.		

Document available: Up to 09-May-2023

Document fees: 3000

Mode of payment: Payment through Bank (Mayor, Dhaka South City Corporation)

Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tentative start date	Tentative completion date
1	Design, Drawing, BOQ Preparation & Implementation of Facade Lighting on Nagar Bhaban under DSCC	Nagar Bhaban at DSCC	N/A	N/A

Name of official Inviting:	Nur Mohammad	Designation of official inviting:	Executive Engineer
Address of official inviting:	Address : Nagar Bhaban Dhaka City : Dhaka Thana : Shahbag District : Dhaka-1000 Country : Bangladesh	Contact details of official inviting:	Phone No. : 02-9556009 Fax No. :

* The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Tenders/Proposals
This is offline tender, where tender will be accepted in the Electrical Circle and a Pre-Tender Meeting will be held on 03-Apr-2023 office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Circle, Room-226, Nagar Bhaban, Fulbaria, Dhaka.
Further information and guidelines are available in the Electrical Circle, Dhaka South City Corporation; If necessary, information please contact to the PE's Support Desk (02-223386009).

Nur Mohammad
Executive Engineer
Electrical Circle
Dhaka South City Corporation
Phone: 02-223386009

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CRISIS OVER EX-PM IMRAN Pak parliament summoned

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan's parliament is set to meet in a special joint session today to "take important decisions" to enforce the state's authority, media reported, in the midst of prolonged anti-government defiance by former Prime Minister Imran Khan. Former cricket star Khan was prime minister from 2018 until 2022, when he was ousted from office in a parliamentary vote. Since then, he has been demanding a new election and holding protests across the country to press his case. His supporters have clashed with police several times over recent days as authorities try to force him to appear in court in connection with various cases brought against him. The office of the speaker of parliament, in calling today's joint session, did not give a reason but the state-run Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) said the ruling coalition had called for parliament to "take important decisions" to ensure the writ of the state was enforced.

TERROR FUNDING CHARGES India arrests Kashmiri journo

AFP, Srinagar

Anti-terrorism officers have arrested a journalist and rights group worker from Indian-administered Kashmir over accusations he was involved in "funding terror activities", authorities said yesterday. Irfan Mehraj, a freelance journalist and magazine editor, was summoned on Monday to a police facility in the main city of Srinagar where members of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) took him into custody, the agency said in a statement.



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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Local Government Engineering Department
Office of the Executive Engineer

District: Thakurgaon

www.lged.gov.bd

Date: 12.03.2023

Specific Procurement Notice

Country: Bangladesh

Name of Project: "Rangpur Division Agriculture and Rural Development Project" in Bangladesh
Procurement of Works

Sector: Agriculture and Rural Development

Mode of Financing: Loan

Financing No: IBD-0185

Contract Title: "Package W-15(Lot-3): Improvement of Markets in Thakurgaon District"

NCB Reference No. 01/2022-2023

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) towards the cost of **Rangpur Division Agriculture and Rural Development Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract as mentioned in table below.
2. The Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), District: Thakurgaon, Bangladesh now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following works under the above project.

Sl. No.	Contract No.	Description of works	Price of bidding documents (in BDT)	Amount of bid security in BDT	Contract completion time (days)
1	LGED/RADARP/Thakurgaon W-15(Lot-3)	1) Improvement of Baksa Hat at Ranishankail Upazila, 2) Improvement of Dhamer Hat (Ratore UP) at Ranishankail Upazila & 3) Improvement of Chowesta Bazar (Kashipur UP) at Ranishankail Upazila under Upazila-Ranishankail, District- Thakurgaon.	2000.00	1,55,000.00	270 days
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Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures as specified in The IsDB's Guidelines for Procurement of Goods and Works under Islamic Development Bank Financing (Current Edition), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.18-21 setting forth IsDB's policy on conflict of interest.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents during the office hours 09:00 to 15:30 hours on all working days upto 16 April 2023 to Md. Shaharul Alam Mondol, XEN, Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Gobindonagar, Thakurgaon.

A complete set of bidding documents (in English) may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Thakurgaon, Bangladesh, Telephone: 0561-52042, Email: xen.thakurgaon@lged.gov.bd and upon payment of a non-refundable fee as mentioned in table above only during office hours on all working days until 11:00 hours on 16 April 2023. The method of payment will be in the form of Cash, Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh, drawn in favor of Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Thakurgaon. The document may be sent by air mail or courier or may be collected through authorized representatives of the bidders.

Bid must be delivered to the address below on or before 11:30 hours on 17 April 2023. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened at 11:30 hours on 17 April 2023 in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid security of amount BDT. 1,55,000.00.

Address referred to the above is: Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Gobindonagar, Thakurgaon.