

China warns Taiwan leader over US visit

President Tsai hits defiant note; US officials say no reason for Beijing to overreact

REUTERS, Taoyuan

External pressure will not stop Taiwan engaging with the world, President Tsai Ing-wen said yesterday as she left for the United States, hitting a defiant note after China threatened retaliation if she met US House Speaker Kevin McCarthy.

China, which claims democratically-ruled Taiwan as its own territory, has repeatedly warned US officials not to meet Tsai, viewing it as support for the island's desire to be seen as a separate country.

The United States says such transits by Taiwanese presidents are routine and that China should not use Tsai's trip to take any aggressive moves against Taiwan.

The United States sees no reason for China to overreact to planned transits of the United States this week and next month by Taiwan's president, senior US officials said ahead of Tsai's departure.

China staged war games around Taiwan last August when then-US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taipei, and Taiwan's armed forces have said they are keeping watch for any Chinese moves when Tsai is abroad.

Tsai is going to Guatemala and Belize, transiting through New York first and Los Angeles on the way back. While not officially confirmed, she is expected to meet McCarthy while in California.

"External pressure will not hinder our determination to go to the world," she said at Taiwan's main international airport at Taoyuan, in a veiled reference to China.

"We are calm and confident, will neither yield nor provoke. Taiwan will firmly walk on the road of freedom and democracy and go into the world. Although this road is rough, Taiwan is not alone," added Tsai, who was due to arrive in New York yesterday afternoon.

Speaking in Beijing shortly before Tsai left, Zhu Fenglian, spokesperson of China's Taiwan Affairs Office, said Tsai's "transits" of the United States were not just her waiting at the airport or hotel, but for her to meet US officials and lawmakers.

"If she has contact with US House Speaker McCarthy, it will be another provocation that seriously violates the one-China principle, harms China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and destroys peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait," she said.

"We firmly oppose this and will definitely take measures to resolutely fight back," Zhu added.



An anti-war activist holds up a sign "Stop war exercise, Go home" in front of a South Korean marine taking a position during a US and South Korea marine corps combined amphibious landing drill called the 'Ssangyong' exercise, in Pohang, South Korea yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Musk, Wozniak, other experts urge pause on AI

Cite potential risks to society, humanity

REUTERS

Elon Musk and a group of artificial intelligence experts and industry executives are calling for a six-month pause in developing systems more powerful than OpenAI's newly launched GPT-4, in an open letter citing potential risks to society and humanity.

The letter, issued by the non-profit Future of Life Institute and signed by more than 1,000 people including Musk, Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak called for a pause on advanced AI development until shared safety protocols for such designs were developed, implemented and audited by independent experts.

"Powerful AI systems should be developed only once we are confident

that their effects will be positive and their risks will be manageable," the letter said.

The letter detailed potential risks to society and civilization by human-competitive AI systems in the form of economic and political disruptions, and called on developers to work with policymakers on governance and regulatory authorities.

Co-signatories included Stability AI CEO Emad Mostaque, researchers at Alphabet-owned GOOGLO DeepMind, as well as AI heavyweight Yoshua Bengio. According to the EU's transparency register, the Future of Life Institute is primarily funded by the Musk Foundation, as well as London-based effective altruism group Founders Pledge, and Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

UN adopts resolution on climate justice

AFP, United Nations

The UN General Assembly yesterday adopted by consensus and to cheers a landmark resolution calling for the world body's top court to lay out nations' legal obligations in combatting climate change.

"Together, you are making history," UN chief Antonio Guterres said, emphasizing that even if non-binding, an opinion from the International Court of Justice "would assist the General Assembly, the UN and member states to take the bolder and stronger climate action that our world so desperately needs."

PAKISTAN NAT'L ASSEMBLY

Bill passed to curb top judge's suo moto powers

DAWN ONLINE

Pakistan's National Assembly yesterday passed the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Bill 2023, which aims to deprive the office of the chief justice of Pakistan (CJP) of powers to take suo moto notice in an individual capacity. The bill, presented by Federal Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar, was passed hours after the Standing Committee on Law and Justice approved the cabinet's proposed amendments. PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, while addressing the law minister, termed the initiative "too little and too late", and said that it should be called a "judges empowerment" bill. When Tarar spoke, he said, "It is being said that a constitutional amendment should be made. I want them to know there is no need for a constitutional amendment. They should go and read Article 191 of the Constitution, which empowers the Assembly to legislate. The Supreme Court also made their rules according to the Constitution and law since 1980 and it is written on the preamble as well."

NATIONAL ANTHEM CASE

Bombay HC refuses to grant relief to Mamata

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The Bombay High Court yesterday declined to grant relief to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in a complaint seeking action against her for allegedly disrespecting the national anthem at an event in Mumbai in 2022. Justice Amit Borkar dismissed the application filed by Mamata challenging a sessions court's order issued January this year and sent the matter back to the magistrate's court. A magistrate's court in Maharashtra state had in March 2022 summoned Mamata Banerjee over the complaint filed by activist Vivekanand Gupta alleging that during a public function at an auditorium at Cuffe Parade in Mumbai, she had started singing the national anthem in sitting position and later stood up and sang two verses before abruptly stopping and leaving the venue.

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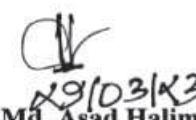
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e-Tender Notice

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	807383	Procurement of spare parts and calibration gas of CEMS.	29-Mar-2023	26-Apr-2023 15:45 PM	27-Apr-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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Recruitment Notice - 02/2023

South Asian University (SAU), an international University jointly established and funded by the eight SAARC countries having focus on post-graduate teaching and research. SAU, located in New Delhi, invites applications from outstanding, highly qualified and experienced individuals for the following positions:

Regular Non-Teaching Positions

Director (Finance) - 1 post

Deputy Director (Finance) - 1 post

The application form, job description, eligibility criteria and other necessary information are available on the University website at <http://www.sau.int>. All subsequent corrigendum relating to this advertisement will only be published in the University website.

Application Deadline: 16-05-2023 (Tuesday).


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e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for procurement of the following work described below.

1. No.	Name of work	Tender ID No.	Tender proposal opening date and time
1.	Renovation and Modernization of Conference Room and attached bathroom repair work at Sadar Hospital Munshiganj. F.Y: 2022-2023.	805493	Date: 16-04-2023 Time 12:30pm

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

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Sl. No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender ID	Tender document last selling/downloading date and time	Tender closing & opening date and time
1	CCC/WLD-01	Land development work for Kulgaon Bus-Truck Terminal at 2 No. Jalalabad Ward (Lot-1)	805738	20-Apr-2023 12:00	20-Apr-2023 14:00
2	CCC/WLD-02	Land development work for Kulgaon Bus-Truck Terminal at 2 No. Jalalabad Ward (Lot-2)	805739	20-Apr-2023 12:00	20-Apr-2023 14:00

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