

CHINA-EU TIES  
Ukraine ‘determining factor’: EU chief

AFP, Brussels

EU chief Ursula von der Leyen yesterday warned Beijing that its stance on Russia's war in Ukraine would determine Chinese-EU ties but said Europe was not looking to “decouple” from China.

The head of the European Commission will accompany French President Emmanuel Macron to Beijing next week as EU leaders reach out to China's Xi Jinping.

The visit -- and another by Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez starting yesterday -- comes after Xi staged a show of solidarity with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow last week.

“Far from being put off by the atrocious and illegal invasion of Ukraine, President Xi is maintaining his ‘no limits friendship’ with Putin’s Russia,” von der Leyen said in a major policy address.

China has tried to position itself as a neutral mediator and pitched what it describes as a plan to help end the fighting.

But it has refused to condemn Moscow's war and there have been warnings from the West against any potential moves to send Russia arms.

Von der Leyen said any “viable” peace plan needed to be on Ukraine's terms and should not consolidate the Kremlin's grip over territories it has seized.

Asia must avoid chaos, conflicts  
Warns Chinese premier

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Asia must avoid “chaos and conflicts” or the region's future will be lost, Chinese Premier Li Qiang has said.

Speaking to an international audience of political and business leaders yesterday, Li said China can be an “anchor for world peace” and stability, and will continue undertaking reforms and opening up.

“In this uncertain world, the certainty China offers is an anchor for world peace and development,” Li told the annual Boao Forum for Asia on China's Hainan Island. “This is the case in the past and will remain so in the future.”

Dozens of business leaders, including Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook, HSBC Chief Executive Noel Quinn, and Blackstone founder Stephen Schwarzman, are attending the forum, which comes as China faces heated competition with the United States as well as the task of reviving the world's second-largest economy after nearly three years of isolation under a tough “zero-Covid” policy, reports Al Jazeera online.



Israeli Arabs hold Palestinian flags as they take part in a “Land Day” rally, an annual commemoration of the killing of six Arab citizens by Israeli security forces in 1976 during protests against land confiscations, in Sakhnin, northern Israel yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

MELTING ANTARCTIC  
Deep ocean currents heading for ‘collapse’

AFP, Sydney

Rapidly melting Antarctic ice threatens to dramatically slow deep-water currents in the world's oceans, scientists say, impacting the spread of fresh water, oxygen and life-sustaining nutrients for centuries.

New modelling points to faster Antarctic ice melts driving a “substantial slowdown” of water circulation in the ocean depths if global carbon emissions remain high, researchers said in a study published in “Nature” on Wednesday.

The “overturning circulation” of waters in the deepest reaches of the oceans would slow by 40 percent by 2050 in a high-emissions scenario,

according to the study, which warned of impacts that would last “for centuries to come”.

If the model holds true, the deep ocean current will be “on a trajectory that looks headed towards collapse”, said University of New South Wales (UNSW) climate professor Matthew England, who coordinated the study.

Trillions of tonnes of cold, highly salty and oxygen-rich water sink around Antarctica each year, sending a deep-water current northwards to the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic oceans, scientists say.

The greater volumes of melting ice make the Antarctic waters less dense and salty, however, slowing the deep-water circulation with

consequences for climate, sea level and marine ecosystems.

“If the oceans had lungs, this would be one of them,” England said.

And if the oceans become stagnant below 4,000 metres, “this would trap nutrients in the deep ocean, reducing the nutrients available to support marine life near the ocean surface,” he added.

UNSW emeritus professor John Church said there were many uncertainties about the impact of a declining deep ocean circulation.

“But it seems almost certain that continuing on a high greenhouse gas emission pathway will lead to even more profound effects on the ocean and the climate system,” Church said.

Twitter blocks Pak govt’s account for viewing in India

REUTERS



Twitter has blocked the Pakistan government's account from being viewed in India in response to a legal demand, according to a notice on the social media platform yesterday.

The company's guidelines compel it to withhold entire accounts in response to a valid legal demand, such as a court order. The account, @GovtofPakistan, remained available for viewing and interaction from countries such as the United States and Canada, Reuters checks showed.

Twitter as well as India and Pakistan's IT ministries did not immediately respond to Reuters requests for comment. Last year, Twitter in India banned official accounts of Pakistan Embassies in the UN, Turkey, Iran, and Egypt. Additionally, in August, India blocked eight YouTube-based news channels, including one based in Pakistan, as well as a Facebook account that was disseminating “fake, anti-India content” online.

According to a statement from information ministry, the emergency powers under Information Technology Rules, 2021, were used to take this action.

TEMPLE FLOOR COLLAPSE  
12 dead after falling into Indore well

NDTV ONLINE

Twelve people have died after more than 30 people fell into a stepwell at an Indore temple yesterday morning. The roof of the well, which housed the shrine, had collapsed due to heavy footfall on the occasion of Ram Navami.

Seventeen people have been rescued and many of them hospitalised as rescue work at India's Beleshwar Mahadev temple continues. The incident at Beleshwar Mahadev temple took place amid a rush of devotees on Ram Navami.

Visuals from the spot indicate that the floor of the temple caved in owing to heavy footfall, throwing people into the well. The videos showed devotees being brought out using ropes and ladders.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan earlier said all efforts are being made to rescue those who fell into the well. “It is an unfortunate incident but the rescue operation is underway,” he said earlier.

The rescue operation ended late afternoon.

Bolsonaro returns to Brazil

AFP, Brasilia

Three months after leaving for the United States in the final hours of his term, Brazil's ex-president Jair Bolsonaro returned home yesterday to re-enter politics -- complicating life for his successor and nemesis, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

The far-right ex-army captain, who skipped town two days before Lula's inauguration on January 1, arrived back in Brasilia on a commercial flight from Orlando, Florida.

Scores of supporters waving the Brazilian flag -- one of Bolsonaro's symbols -- were at the airport arrival

area to welcome him, shouting and singing the national anthem, despite authorities' moves to block a planned welcome rally.

“We've been waiting for this moment for a long time. We've been looking forward to it since January 1,” Eva Melgaco, a 46-year-old beautician, told AFP.

However, Bolsonaro left discreetly through another exit. Flashing a thumbs-up to TV cameras, he entered a motorcade that headed for the headquarters of his Liberal Party (PL), flanked by police cars. The homecoming is a high-stakes bet for Bolsonaro, who faces legal trouble on various fronts in Brazil.



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**Invitation for Re-Tenders**

Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka

1	Ministry/Division	Not applicable		
2	Agency	Not applicable		
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Bank		
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present		
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka		
6	Invitation for	The Procurement of 55 (Fifty-Five) Pcs. Tablet PC for Bangladesh Bank, Head Office.		
7	Invitation Ref. No.	CSD (EQUIPMENT) 69(6)/2023-117		
8	Date	30/03/2023		

**KEY INFORMATION**

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method		
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

10	Budget and source of funds	Own source		
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable		

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12	Tender publication date			
13	Tender last selling date	Not applicable		
		Date	Time	
14	Tender closing date and time	13/04/2023	03:00pm	
15	Tender opening date and time	13/04/2023	03:15pm	
16	Name & address of the office(s)	Address: Common Services Department-1, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.		
	-Receiving tender document	BB website and hard copy of Tender Security		
	-Opening tender document	Common Services Department-1, 6th Floor, Annex-2 Building, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.		
17	Pre-tender meeting	Yes		
		Yes	Date	Time
			06/04/2023	11:30am

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

18	Brief eligibility of tenderer	Tenderers having 5 years overall business experience and minimum specific experience as Supplier in supply of similar Goods of at least Two (2) contract(s) of similar nature successfully completed within the last Three (3) years.		
19	Brief description of goods or works	Supply, Installation, Commissioning of Fifty-Five (55) Pcs. Tablet PC for Bangladesh Bank, Head Office.		
20	Brief description of Related services	N/A		
21	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
	1	Laptop	CSD-1	50,000/- (Pay Order only)
				Completion time in weeks/months from the date of contract signing
				8 weeks

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

22	Name of official inviting tender	Shafayet Arefin		
23	Designation of official inviting tender	Director		
24	Address of official inviting tender	Common Services Department-1, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.		
25	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 9530148	Fax: 9530441	E-mail: <a href="mailto:shafayet.arefin@bb.org.bd">shafayet.arefin@bb.org.bd</a>
26	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.			

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e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the Packages given below individually.

Sl No.	Tender ID	Name of the works/ package	Tender security (Taka in lakh)	Online tender notice publication date	Tender documents last selling date & time	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
01	808817	Construction of 8-Storeyed Foundation with 2-Storeyed Superstructure (Ground & First Floor) Including Civil with Finishing, Internal & External Plumbing and Internal Electrical Works with other related works for Institute of Business Administration (IBA-JU), Jahangirnagar University, Academic Building at Savar, Dhaka-1342, Bangladesh (Partial).	24.00	30-03-2023	27-04-2023 17:00	30-04-2023 13:00:00	30-04-2023 13:00:00

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.

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The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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