

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

Ministers, AL leaders keep blasting it

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and interferences have never been an obstruction, and will never be.”

After a meeting with the home minister at the Secretariat, Law Minister Anisul Huq told reporters that the cases, which were filed and are being filed, are not against journalists; these are against wrongdoings.

If there is not enough information given in a case filed under the Digital Security Act and if it does not stand as a prima facie case, then it will be sent to a cell for scrutiny. After verification, a case will be registered.

“But the case that was filed under the Digital Security Act yesterday [Wednesday], if you see the clip of Ekattor Television,

you will get the information under which the case was lodged. In that case, there is no need to send it to the cell for scrutiny,” he added.

In a statement, Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said when the government is trying hard to deal with this financial situation, some identified quarters are hatching conspiracy against the government in an organised way.

“Echoing the voice of a newspaper, [BNP Secretary General] Mirza Fakhrul Alamgir has given unabashed support to a heinous act like child exploitation, which is a manifestation of hatred towards the Awami League,” Quader said.

Addressing a discussion organised by AL-led 14-party alliance, AL Joint General Secretary Mahbub ul Alam Hanif said Prothom Alo has to take the responsibility for the “false report”.

“Because this is not the first time, Prothom Alo has conspired against the Awami League several times,” he said.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said he has heard more cases are being filed over the Prothom Alo report.

“We are so far aware of two or three cases. We heard more cases are being filed ...” he said, replying to a query at the Secretariat.

Meanwhile, Jubo Mohila League, an associate body of the AL, held a rally at

Russell Square, protesting the “conspiracy” of Prothom Alo.

Prothom Alo reporter Samsuzzaman Shams was first sued under the Digital Security Act with Tejgaon Police Station early Wednesday, a couple of hours before he was picked up from his Savar home.

Later, Prothom Alo Editor and Publisher Matiur Rahman, Shams, an unnamed assistant cameraman, and some other unnamed people were sued under the DSA with Ramna Police Station on Wednesday night.

Yesterday, a Dhaka court sent Shams to jail after police showed him arrested in the case filed with Ramna Police Station and produced him before it.

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.

Family won't file case

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her death.

One of his friends witnessed Sultana being picked up around 10:00am on March 22 and told him.

Montu went to the local police station and the detective branch but failed to trace her until 1:45pm when Sultana's son called.

“A Rab man called Sultana's son using her mobile phone to inform him about her hospitalisation,” he said.

Montu went to see her at the Naogaon hospital with one of Sultana's sisters and her husband, but they left after a while.

After 5:00pm that day, Montu received several calls from a Rab personnel who used Sultana's phone to ask him to visit the hospital again.

“I told the caller that we went to the hospital but we returned home due to bad behaviour of Rab men,” Montu said.

“The caller apologised and insisted we visit the hospital.”

Montu sent Sultana's brother-in-law to the hospital after iftar and on

his arrival, Rab men took Sultana to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

The Naogaon hospital authorities earlier said they referred Sultana to a better hospital at 3:55pm on March 22, but she left the hospital for Rajshahi at 7:00pm.

Around midnight on March 22, Sultana's brother-in-law called Montu to say that Sultana was taken to the ICU of RMCH immediately on arrival.

He told Montu that doctors detected haemorrhages but wanted to observe her for 72 hours before a surgery.

Sultana was put on life support two hours before her death at 10:00am on March 24, Montu said.

He said, “During her treatment, Rab men kept family members [her sisters, a brother, a brother-in-law, and her son] in a hotel in Rajshahi city ... but kept them under watch.”

Sultana was detained based on a verbal complaint of her boss, he said, adding that she was watched over and chased like a criminal.

“It is unjust.”

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		
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: shafayet.arefin@bb.org.bd
26	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.			

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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

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