

## Junta must take first step to end violence

Ex-UN Chief Ban Ki Moon urges during Myanmar visit

REUTERS

Former UN chief Ban Ki-Moon yesterday called for an end to violence in Myanmar after meeting the leader of its ruling military, which he said "must take the first steps".

Ban met junta chief Min Aung Hlaing and a reformist ex-president, Thein Sein, this week in what was seen as a peacemaking mission to the strife-torn country.

Myanmar has been in crisis since the military ousted an elected government led by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi in February 2021, with the generals struggling to consolidate power and fighting on multiple fronts against ethnic minority insurgents and an armed pro-democracy movement.

"I came to Myanmar to urge the military to adopt an immediate cessation of violence, and start constructive dialogue among all parties concerned," Ban said in a statement issued by "The Elders", a group of former global leaders of which he is deputy chair.

The state-run Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper reported that Ban and Min Aung Hlaing "exchanged views on the latest progress of Myanmar and cordially discussed it with constructive attitudes".

The surprise visit on Sunday was at the invitation of the military and Ban, who is South Korean, urged the generals to act on a peace consensus agreed in 2021 with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Ban "warned that ... holding elections under current conditions risks further violence and division, and the results not being recognised by the people of Myanmar, ASEAN and the wider international community".

Min Aung Hlaing said in February that multi-party elections must be held "as the people desire", but did not provide a timeline.

Ban made multiple trips to Myanmar with the UN before a tentative transition began in 2011 after five decades of military rule, supporting political and economic reforms under retired general Thein Sein that were reversed by the coup.

There has been no sign of any let-up in violence in Myanmar.

More than 100 people were killed on April 11 in an air strike by the military on a village, according to opposition activists and media.

Suu Kyi is serving 33 years in prison for various offences that she denied and her party has been disbanded.



Fishermen work on their boats amid floating waste at Kasimedu fishing harbour during a 61-day trawling ban in Chennai yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## PAKISTAN AMMUNITION STORE BLAST Death toll rises to 16

AFP, Kabal

The death toll from a series of explosions caused by a fire in a munitions cache in a Pakistan police station rose to 16 yesterday, police said.

The explosions levelled the specialist counter-terrorism station in Kabal town of Swat Valley, in the northwestern region of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa which neighbours Afghanistan.

Swat police said a short-circuit

in a basement storing "grenades and other explosives" was the cause of the blasts.

"It was like hell let loose on me," said Abbas Khan, 21, who had parked his car near the police station.

The dead included policemen, five suspected terrorists being held for interrogation, and two brothers aged four and six who lived nearby, Akhtar Hayat Gandapur, the inspector general of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police,

told AFP.

More than 50 people are being treated in various hospitals for their wounds.

Gandapur ruled out the possibility of any terrorist activity.

"We have not yet found any material or visual evidence suggesting a suicide attack but we will look into all aspects during investigations," he said.

The intense explosion rained pieces of munition on nearby houses and streets.



**"I want everyone to trust that Guatemala will continue to be a solid diplomatic ally to the Republic of Taiwan and will continue to deepen cooperation in all areas."**

Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Office of the Director  
Chittagong Medical College Hospital.  
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Memo No: CMCH/Tender/2022-2023/Medicine/4492

Date: 25-04-2023

### Inviation For Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from experienced medicine manufacturing company to supply Medicine (Oncology Product) for CMCH in the fiscal 2022-2023. As per PPA-2006 & PPR-2008 (Including all corrigendum); Terms and conditions are as follow(s):

#### KEY INFORMATION

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|----|--|---|
| 1  | Ministry / Division                            | Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.  |
| 2  | Agency   | Chittagong Medical College Hospital, Chattogram.  |
| 3  | PE Name, Designation & Contact details         | Brigadier General Md. Shamim Ahsan; Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Telephone: +8802333360179 E-mail address: cmch@hospi.dghs.gov.bd |
| 4  | Procuring Entity Code & District               | GOB, Chattogram.  |
| 5  | Invitation for                                 | Procurement of Medicine Goods for Chittagong Medical College Hospital in the fiscal year 2022-2023.   |
| 6  | Tender Ref. No & date                          | CMCH/Tender/2022-2023/Medicine/4492 Dated: 25-04-2023.  |
| 7  | Procurement Method                             | Open Tender Method (National). Item-by-item.  |
| 8  | Budget and Source of Funds                     | GOB, Economic code: 3252105.  |
| 9  | Tender Publication Date                        | 26-04-2023.   |
| 10 | Tender Schedule Selling Starting Date and Time | 26-04-2023 During office hours.   |
| 11 | Prc-Tender Meeting                             | 04-05-2023, 11:00 A. M.   |
| 12 | Tender Last Selling Date and Time              | 09-05-2023, 12:00 P. M.   |
| 13 | Tender Dropping & Closing Date and Time        | Dropping date: 10-05-2023, Dropping time: from 09:00 AM to 12:00 PM Closing time: 12:01 P. M.   |
| 14 | Tender Opening Date and Time                   | 10-05-2023 at 01:00 P.M.  |

#### Name and address of the Office's

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| (a) Selling Tender Documents   | Cashier, Office of the Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital.<br>Cashier, Office of the Civil Surgeon, Chattogram District.        |
| (b) Receiving Tender Documents | Office of the Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital.<br>Officer In-charge, Panchlaish Model Thana, Chattogram Metropolitan Police. |
| Tender Documents Opening Place | Office of the Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital, KB Fazlul Kader Road, Chattogram-4203.  |

#### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

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| 16   | Bidders Eligibility          | Details in Tender Booklet.                                     |   |
| Description of Group, Price of Tender Document, Tender Security etc. |                              |  |   |
| 17   | Name of Group                | Price of Tender Document in BDT (Only in Cash, Non Refundable) | Tender Security in BDT (Bank Draft / Pay Order to be submitted with the tender booklet in favor of The Director, CMCH).<br><b>Bank guarantee is not acceptable.</b> |
| A  | Medicine (Oncology Product). | 2,000.00 (Two Thousand Only) Taka                              | 2,20,000.00 (Two Lakh Twenty Thousand Only) Taka  |

#### Note:

(a) Corrigendum if necessary in future will be a part of this notice. The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.

(Brigadier General Md. Shamim Ahsan)

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## 'CRIME OF REMOVING HIJAB' Iran charges 2 actresses

AFP, Tehran

Iran has charged two prominent actresses for publishing pictures of themselves flouting the country's dress code for women.

Police in Tehran have referred the case against Katayoun Riahi and Pantea Bahram to Iran's judiciary, accusing them of "the crime of removing the hijab in public and posting photos on the internet", the Tasnim news agency said late Monday.

If prosecuted, the pair could face fines or prison terms.

Earlier this month police said they would begin using "smart" technology in public places to crack down on women defying Iran's compulsory dress code.

Last week, photos of Bahram, 53, went viral after she posed without a headscarf at a film screening, while Riahi, 61, posted several photos taken in public places around Tehran in which she did not wear a headscarf.

## Japan supports industrial use of AI: Kishida

REUTERS, Tokyo

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said yesterday the country supports the development of industrial uses of generative artificial intelligence technologies such as OpenAI's ChatGPT.

Kishida met the chief executive of Microsoft MSFT-backed OpenAI in Tokyo earlier this month and reportedly said the Group of Seven summit meeting next month in Hiroshima will address "international rules" on generative AI.

Rapid advances in AI technologies are complicating governments' efforts to agree on laws governing the use of the technology, as national, international governing bodies are taking steps to regulate AI tools.

## Bangladesh Bank

Common Services Department-2  
(Mechanical Engineering Wing)  
Head Office, Dhaka-1000

### Invitation for Tender (Goods & related works)

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| 01. | Procuring entity  | Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.   |
| 02. | Procurement method  | Single stage two envelope system (Technical offer & Financial offer in separate envelope) (NCT)   |
| 03. | Invitation Ref. No. & date  | CSD-2(MES): ½ (lift)/2023-96 Date: 24/04/2023   |
| 04. | Budget & source of funds  | Bangladesh Bank's own fund.   |
| 05. | Tender package number   | Single Lot  |
| 06. | Tender package name   | Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 1350 Kg Capacity 03 (Three) Nos. passenger lift for Main Building at Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.  |
| 07. | Tender last selling date  | The tender documents may be obtained from the office of the Director (Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank (7 <sup>th</sup> floor of 30 <sup>th</sup> storied Building), Head Office, Dhaka on payment of Tk 3,000/- (Taka three thousand) only (non-refundable) per set during office hours on or before 13/06/2023.  |
| 08. | Tender closing date & time  | 14/06/2023 up to 3:00pm.  |
| 09. | Tender opening date & time  | 14/06/2023 at 3:30pm.   |
| 10. | Name & address of the office (Receiving/opening tender document(s)) | Director (Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank (7 <sup>th</sup> floor of 30 <sup>th</sup> storied Building), Head Office, Dhaka.   |
| 11. | Qualification of the tenderer                                       | (a) Tenderers shall have at least 10 (ten) years of overall business experience in the supply and installation of mechanical machineries.<br>(b) Tenderer shall have minimum specific experience as supplier in supply of Lift in any govt./semi-govt./autonomous organization in maximum 03 contracts having total value not less than 4.50 crore successfully completed within the last 05 years, each with a value of at least Tk 1.00 crore.<br>(c) Tenderers shall have agency/distributorship/authorization from Manufacturer of the proposed brand lift. Scanned Copy of original Distributor/Agencyship certificate/authorization certificate from Manufacturer shall be enclosed with the offer.<br>(d) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderer shall be Tk 4.00 crore. In case of credit facilities, Bank shall ensure that the abovementioned credit limit will be given if the said work is awarded to the contractor.<br>(e) Tenderer shall have to furnish the certificate in this respect from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent and shall meet all other criteria, terms & conditions as specified in the tender documents without which the tender will not be considered.    |
| 12. | Tender security   | Tender Security amount is BDT 13,60,000/- (Thirteen lac sixty thousand) only will be required in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee in favour of Director (Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.  |
| 13. | Time for completion of the works                                    | 12 (twelve) months from the date of signing of the Award of Contract.   |
| 14. | Name and address of official inviting tender                        | Sudhangshu Kumar Sarker, Director (Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank (7 <sup>th</sup> floor of 30 <sup>th</sup> storied Building), Head Office, Dhaka   |
| 15. | Contact details of official inviting tender                         | Phone: 88-02-9530490, Fax: +88-029530321  |
| 16. | Special instructions  | (i) Original PO/BD/BG as Tender Security has to be submitted to Director (Engineering-E/M), Common Services Department-2 within stipulated date and time of TDS.<br>(ii) Tenderer shall submit the documentary evidence etc. (attested or original whichever necessary) at the time of Tender opening or when required, failing which the tender may be considered as non-responsive.<br>(iii) Tenderer shall duly fill in the Form PG3-1/A (Technical offer) & PG3-1/B (Financial offer) (Tender Submission Letter) and Form PG3-2/G-4 (Tenderer Information Sheet) as per format given in Tender Document.<br>(iv) Form PG3-1/A form will be completed and signed by the Authorized Signatory on the letterhead pad in original during submitting tender to Director (Engineering-E/M), CSD-2 at scheduled time as per TDS.<br>(v) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents shall result in rejection of the tender and may lead to action under Rules 127 of PPR 2008.<br>(vi) All sorts of Security and Safety measures shall be carried out by the Contractor during execution of the work.<br>(vii) Bangladesh Bank reserves all right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. No claim will be entertained in this regard. |

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