

No final decision yet on grain deal

Says Russia; UN ‘worried’; Moscow claims one killed, 41 hurt in east Ukraine attack

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Russia said yesterday that it has not taken a final decision about whether to extend the Ukraine grain deal which is due to expire on July 17.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters that no official decision had been announced yet on whether to renew the deal, which allows for the safe export of grain from Ukraine.

“We have not yet officially announced the decision, we will announce it in a timely manner,” Peskov said. Russia has consistently said it sees no grounds to renew the agreement beyond July 17 because of obstacles to its own exports of grain and fertiliser. But Peskov said there was still time for the West to address those issues.

“There is still time to fulfil that part of the agreements that concerns our country. Until now, this part has not been completed, and, accordingly, at the moment, unfortunately, there are no particular grounds for extending this deal,” he said.

Under the deal, Russia guaranteed the safety of grain ships heading to and from Ukrainian ports through waters it controls.

The United Nations said yesterday that it was “worried” about the survival of the grain exports deal for Ukraine, reports AFP.



the east Ukraine town of Makiivka, controlled by Russian forces.

Donetsk region has been partially occupied by Kremlin-backed separatists and its complete capture is Russia’s primarily military objective in Ukraine. But the territory is also the focus of Ukrainian counter-offensive launched several weeks ago.

“Forty-one people have been injured due to shelling, including two children. One person has died from their wounds,” Vladislav Klyucharov, Russian-appointed head of the city’s administration, said.



South Korean protesters hold a banner reading “We oppose the dumping of Japan’s contaminated water into the sea” during a protest against Japan’s plan to release treated Fukushima water, on a road near the Japanese embassy in Seoul yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Iran maintains crackdowns Says UN probe over Mahsa Amini protests

AFP, Geneva

Iran is still meting out harsh punishments on people suspected of involvement in mass protests, including “chilling” executions, a United Nations fact-finding mission said yesterday.

Iran was rocked by demonstrations sparked by the September 16 death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian Kurd who had been arrested for allegedly violating the strict dress rule for women based on Islamic sharia law.

At a special session in November, the UN Human Rights Council voted to create a high-level investigation into the deadly crackdown.

Reporting to the council, Sara Hossain, chair of the independent international fact-finding mission, said that 10 months on, the Amini family’s “right to truth and justice remains unfulfilled”.

“The lack of transparency around the investigations into her death is further evidenced by the arrest and continued detention of the two women journalists, Nilufar Hamed and Elahe Mohammadi, who first reported on the event,” she added.

Iran has said that 22,000 people have been pardoned in connection with the protests -- which “suggests that many more were detained or charged”, Hossain said.

Myanmar SC hears Suu Kyi’s appeals to cut jail term

REUTERS

Myanmar’s Supreme Court yesterday heard the latest in a series of appeals by former leader Aung San Suu Kyi against a slew of convictions, a source familiar with the case said, as she seeks to reduce her 33 years of jail time. The 78-year-old Nobel peace laureate has been convicted of offences ranging from incitement and election fraud to corruption since the military arrested her during a February 2021 coup against her elected government. Representatives of Suu Kyi, who was not herself present, made arguments in court yesterday about her conviction for a breach of the official secrets act and electoral fraud, said a source who sought anonymity as the matter is sensitive. The court is expected to take up to two months to deliver its ruling.

Rain kills 15 in southwest China

REUTERS, Beijing

Torrential rain has killed 15 people in the southwestern Chinese city of Chongqing, media reported yesterday, as President Xi Jinping called for greater efforts to protect the public from extreme weather. Heavy downpours have unleashed devastating floods and deadly mudslides in recent weeks, while hail storms and unusually high temperatures, which many people suspect is the result of global warming, have brought misery to many parts of the country. In the city of Chongqing, floods have forced thousands from their homes, bridges have been destroyed, and homes and cars washed away.



Britain’s Prince William, Catherine, Princess of Wales, King Charles III and Queen Camilla look at the Crown of Scotland during the National Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication for King Charles III and Queen Camilla, and the presentation of the Honours of Scotland, at St Giles’ Cathedral, Edinburgh yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Migration ‘only option’ for many in LatAm

Says WFP regional chief

AFP, Brussels

Many people in Latin America see migration as “the only option they have” after enduring successive crises of climate change, Covid and spiking food prices, the World Food Programme’s head for the region told AFP.

“It’s a hemispheric migration,” the official for the United Nations organisation, Lola Castro, said in an interview in Brussels.

“People are transiting everywhere in the continent... all the way to the border with the US and Mexico, everywhere is affected by migration, and the governments are telling us ‘What do we do with all these masses of people transiting?’”

The pressures, particularly food insecurity, prompted Castro to plead that Latin America “not be forgotten” when its leaders get together with EU counterparts in a joint summit in Brussels July 17-18. Haiti is of particular concern for the World Food Programme, mainly because of unchecked gangs, Castro said.

“The situation has deteriorated enormously,” she said, adding that “there are 200 gangs and they have taken over the city of Port-au-Prince,” Haiti’s capital.

The danger they pose is preventing Haitians going to work or school or taking food to market, she said.

It “is really like a population taken hostage,” she said.

Global temperature breaks record for second day: NOAA

AFP, Paris

Global average temperature leaped to a record high for the second day in a row yesterday, according to preliminary readings by US meteorologists.

The average daily air temperature on the Earth’s surface reached 17.18 degrees Celsius (62.92 Fahrenheit), according to data compiled by an organisation attached to the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) yesterday.

That far outstripped even the previous day’s record measurement, a fresh sign of the impact of climate change driven by the burning of fossil fuels.

The global average temperature reached 17 degrees Celsius for the first time on Monday, according to data from NOAA’s National Centers for Environmental Prediction, whose records go back to 1979.

That topped the previous daily record of 16.92 Celsius dating to July 24, 2022.

For comparison, the world’s average air temperature, which fluctuates between 12 Celsius and just under 17 Celsius on any given day over the year, averaged 16.2



degrees at the beginning of July from 1979 to 2000.

This reported record has yet to be corroborated by other measurements, but could be broken again as the northern hemisphere’s summer begins.

The EU climate monitoring unit Copernicus confirmed in a statement to AFP yesterday that Monday had been the hottest day in its dataset going back to 1940.

It could not yet confirm the data for Tuesday.

The average global temperature typically continues to rise until the end of July or early August.

Even last month, average global temperatures were the warmest Copernicus had ever recorded for the start of June.

Temperatures are likely to rise even further above historical averages over the next year with the onset of an El Nino weather phenomenon in the Pacific Ocean, which the World Meteorological Organization confirmed on Monday is now underway.

In addition, human activity -- mainly the burning of fossil fuels -- is continuing to emit roughly 40 billion tonnes of planet-warming CO2 into the atmosphere every year.



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Bangladesh Police
Police Headquarters, Dhaka

Invitation for Local Tender

Date: 05 July, 2023

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the qualified tenderer in their official letterhead pad for purchase of the following items for Bangladesh Police. Tenderer must read and fill up the tender documents cautiously, so that the offered package complies with the tender documents. Conditional or alternative offer shall not be evaluated.

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs/Bangladesh Police.
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
3.	Head of procuring entity name	Inspector General, Bangladesh Police.
4.	Invitation for	Tender for Procurement of Service (Vehicle Repair and Maintenance work).
5.	Invitation Ref. No. & date	44.01.0000.431.26.002.2023/03 (2023-2024) FY Date-05 July, 2023.

KEY INFORMATION

6.	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

7.	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget of 2023-2024, GOB.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

8.	Tender package name & No.	Vehicle Repair and Maintenance Works.
9.	Tender publication date	06 July, 2023.
10.	Tender last selling date	19 July, 2023.
11.	Tender closing date and time	20 July, 2023 at 12.00pm.
12.	Tender opening date and time	20 July, 2023 at 12.30pm.
13.	Name & address of the office(s) selling, receiving and opening tender document	Police Headquarters, 6, Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.
	Selling tender document	MT & Workshop Section, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
	Receiving tender document	AIG (MT & Workshop), 4th Floor, NCCOM Building, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
	Opening tender document	AIG (MT & Workshop), 4th Floor, NCCOM Building, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
14.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	17 July, 2023 at 15.00pm, 4th Floor, NCCOM Building, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15.	Eligibility of tenderer	(i) Up-to-date trade license (ii) Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate (iii) Up-to-date VAT registration certificate (iv) Other documents described in the tender document (must be submitted).
16.	Brief description of service or works	Vehicle Repair and Maintenance.

17.	Package No.	Description of service	Price of tender document	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time
	01	Jeep, Car, Microbus & Pickup Repair and Maintenance	1000.00	100000.00	For the financial year 2023-2024 & till next tenderer is selected as per tender contracts
	02	Bus, Minibus, Truck (1.5 to 5 ton) Repair and Maintenance	1000.00	100000.00	
	03	APC, Water Cannon, Crowd Control Vehicle, Wrecker, Fork Lift, Water/Fuel Tanker Repair and Maintenance	1000.00	100000.00	
	04	Motor cycle Repair and Maintenance	1000.00	100000.00	

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

18.	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Abu Hasan, BPM-Sheba.			
19.	Designation of official inviting tender	AIG (MT & Workshop), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.			
20.	Address of official inviting tender	AIG (MT & Workshop), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.			
21.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 02-55101708, Email: aigmt_w@police.gov.bd			
22.	(1) Suppliers will be selected on the basis of item wise (unit price) evaluation. (2) Selected tenderer will supply the service under a Frame Work Contract for required quantities. (3) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. (4) Other conditions are mentioned at Tender Document. (5) The procurement will be done according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 & Public Procurement Regulation-2008.				



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