

MANIPUR STATE

India's SC lashes out at govt over violence

TOL, New Delhi

India's Supreme Court yesterday came down heavily on the Manipur government as well as the police over the "complete break down of constitutional machinery" in the strife-torn state from May till July.

It also summoned the Manipur DGP to explain why "tardy probe" was carried out by the state police in cases of violence.

"The state police appears to be incapable of investigating the cases. There is no law and order left (in the state). If law and order machinery cannot protect people, where will they go for protection," a bench headed by CJI D Y Chandrachud said.

The bench was hearing a batch of petitions concerning the violence in Manipur.



Relatives gather around a bus carrying prisoners being released outside the Insein prison in Yangon, Myanmar yesterday. The pardons, announced on state media yesterday, were part of an amnesty granted to more than 7,000 prisoners to mark Buddhist Lent.

PHOTO: AFP

PANAMA'S DARIEN GAP

Migration hits all-time high

Data shows 248,901 people walked through jungle area between January and July

REUTERS, Panama City



The number of people crossing the treacherous Darien Gap linking Panama and Colombia hit an all-time high in the first seven months of the year, figures released on Monday showed, with July seeing a sharp jump despite recent efforts to curb the trend.

Official data showed 248,901 people walked through the jungle area between January and July, already surpassing the record of 248,284 recorded for the whole of 2022, with most aiming to reach the United States, according to data from Panama's Security Ministry.

Entries to Panama from Colombia through the jungle region have continued to rise despite a two-month program launched in April by the United States, Panama and Colombia to tackle undocumented immigration.

July recorded the most crossings, with 52,530 people taking part in the dangerous journey, up 77% from June, mostly from Venezuela, Haiti and Ecuador, according to the data.

The flow of migrants has skyrocketed from previous years, despite the start of the rainy season, Panama's Security Minister Juan Pino said earlier this month.

Some 20% of the people who have crossed the jungle this year are minors, 51% of whom are under five years old, migration official Maria Saravia said at a press conference where the new figures were presented.

The United Nations forecast in April the total number of crossings would surpass 400,000 this year, with the organization warning that migrants crossing through the jungle are exposed to disease, violence, sexual abuse and human trafficking.

In recent years, parts of this jungle have become the site of humanitarian catastrophe. Hundreds of thousands of migrants from across the world, including as far as Afghanistan, and parts of Africa, cross the perilous terrain en route to the US border.

Blocked by visa restrictions from entering countries closer to the United States, a quarter of a million people traversed the lawless region last year.

BRICS is growing in stature

Says Kremlin, hints at disagreements over expansion plans

REUTERS, Moscow

The Kremlin said yesterday that other countries' interest in joining the BRICS group of nations was proof of the bloc's growing authority on the world stage, but hinted at disagreements over its possible expansion ahead of a summit.

BRICS' current five members - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - are due to convene in Johannesburg on August 22-24 and a potential expansion will be high on the agenda, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

"This is a very important topic because we see that more and more countries are making statements about their intention of joining BRICS," Peskov told reporters.

"In general, such interest in the BRICS group shows the great potential of the association, its growing authority and, most importantly, the practical importance of this association."

South Africa said last month that more than 40 other nations had

expressed interest in joining the organisation, which aims to offset the perceived hegemony of the US-led West in global affairs. Of those, 22 had formally asked to join, it said.

While not publicly revealing its stance on expansion, Russia has not opposed the idea publicly. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said at a meeting of BRICS foreign ministers in June that the group's growing attractiveness to other countries was testimony to the fact that it symbolised what he called "the evolution of the multipolar world".

Pavel Knyazev, a Russian diplomat who represents Moscow's interests in BRICS, has said the criteria and methodology for admitting new members is still being discussed and consensus around the issue is needed.

Under Western sanctions because of the war in Ukraine, which Moscow calls a special military operation, Russia has boosted economic, military and other ties with China, India and various African and Latin American states to try to stave off what it calls Western attempts to

isolate it.

Peskov said there what he called "nuances" within the current five-nation group about expanding its membership.

"All these nuances will of course be discussed during the upcoming summit...and the heads of state will speak about their position," he said.

Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira struck the most cautious note on the idea of admitting new members during a news conference in June after the minister's meeting.

He spoke of the need to "take care of" what he called "a brand and an asset" which he said was responsible for 31.5 percent of the world's gross domestic product and 40 percent of its population and said discussions about its expansion were "a work in progress".

Lavrov will represent Russia at the Johannesburg summit, President Vladimir Putin will dial in by video call.

Putin decided not to attend in person due to a warrant for his arrest issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC) for alleged war crimes by Russia in Ukraine, something Moscow rejects and denies. South Africa is an ICC member.



"Moscow is rapidly getting used to a full-fledged war, which, in turn, will soon finally move to the territory of the 'authors of the war' to collect all their debts ... More unidentified drones, more collapse, more civil conflicts, more #war..."



Ukrainian presidential adviser, Mykhailo Podolyak, warns of more attacks on Russian soil.



IS BOMBING

Pakistan party questions state security services

AFP, Peshawar

The leader of an influential Pakistan political party yesterday called for better state-provided security after an Islamic State suicide bomber killed 54 people - almost half of them children - at an election gathering.

Around 400 members of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-F (JUI-F) party - a key government coalition partner - were meeting Sunday when a bomber detonated a vest packed with explosives and ball bearings.

JUI-F's leader, firebrand cleric Fazl-ur-Rehman, questioned how such a "significant intelligence failure" could have occurred.

"The entire nation is turning to the state institutions responsible for its security," he said in a statement posted to Twitter.

"Where are they? When will they listen to us? When will they heal our wounds? When will they establish a system that safeguards our future generations?"

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Invitation for Enlistment

Sl. No.	Description	Detail
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
2.	Agency	Department of Immigration & Passports (DIP)
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
4.	Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh
6.	Invitation for	Enlistment of Firm for the supply of Furniture, Electronics, stationary items & goods, Stamp & Seals and related service.
7.	Invitation Ref No.	58.01.00000.601.74.001.20-1207
8.	Date	01/08/2023

KEY INFORMATION

9.	Procurement Method	Limited Tendering Method/ Request For Quotation.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10.	Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB)
11.	Development Partners	None

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12.	Office Code	N/A
13.	Office Name	Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
14.	Application Closing Date and Time	17/08/2023 at 01:00 pm (BST)
15.	Name & Address	
	Application Form Availability	MD. AZMOL KABIR, Deputy Director, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka. Room No-603. Telephone No- 02-58156425
	Receiving Application Form	MD. SHAHINUR RAHMAN, Assistant Director, Room No-303, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka. Telephone No- 02-58156425

INFORMATION FOR APPLICATION

16.	Eligibility of Application	a) Vat Registration and TIN Certificate of the Suppliers. b) Up-to-date Trade License of Local Agent from City Corporation. c) Proprietorship/Partnership/Limited Company ie. Concerned Commercial Documents (Photocopy) of the Tenders. d) Money Receipt of purchase of Tender Documents. e) Proof of Solvency. f) Must confirm that has legal Capacity to enter into a contract under the authority with valid Power of Attorney. g) At least 3 years' experience certificate for the Supply of similar goods and related service.
17.	Brief Description of Goods or Works	a) Supply of Stationary items, b) Supply of office furniture. c) Supply of AC (Air Conditioner)/ Electronics goods and miscellaneous items.

Sl. No.	Description	Detail
18.	Brief Description of Related or Physical Services	N/A
19.	Price of Application Form	2000.00 BDT

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

20.	Name of Official Inviting Application	Director
21.	Designation of Official Inviting Application	Director
22.	Address of Official Inviting Application	Director, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
23.	Contact details of Official Inviting Application	Telephone No- 02-58156425,

The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all the Tenders without assigning any reason.

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e-Tender Notice No. 1057-34/2023-2024, Date: 01/08/2023

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works under EED, Narail District as mentioned below.

SL No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Identification of package	Procurement method	Tender document last selling/ downloading date & time	Tender closing date & time
01	857832	NARAIL/597 4/MOE/2019-20/WD-08	Construction of Boundary Wall at Boramara Secondary School, Sadar, Narail.	LTM	21/08/2023 (16:00)	22/08/2023 (14:00)
02	857841	NARAIL/597 4/MOE/2021-22/WD-09	Construction of Boundary Wall at Panchopolli High School, Kalia, Narail.	LTM	21/08/2023 (16:00)	22/08/2023 (14:00)
03	857848	NARAIL/597 4/MOE/2021-22/WD-10	Construction of Boundary Wall at Jogania D N High School, Kalia, Narail.	LTM	21/08/2023 (16:00)	22/08/2023 (14:00)

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be acceptable in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender A1 & A2 renewed up to FY 2022-23 enlistment Category Contractor of Education Engineering Department under Narail District who are registered in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) will be eligible. The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to 13:00 on 22/08/2023. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd). The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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