

‘Political convenience’ can’t determine response to terror

Indian FM tells UN amid Canada row

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India yesterday told the United Nations “political convenience” cannot be the basis for a response to terrorism or extremism, and called on the global community to respect the rules-based order and the UN Charter.

Addressing the UN General Assembly, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also called out nations (without naming any) that interfere with internal affairs of others.

Jaishankar’s remarks – coming amid the India-Canada diplomatic row and continuing tension along the border with Pakistan – have been interpreted as a gentle jab at both countries.

“... nor must we countenance that political convenience determines responses to terrorism, extremism and violence. Similarly, respect for territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs cannot be exercises in cherry-picking. When reality departs from the rhetoric, we must have the courage to call it out... without genuine solidarity, there can never be real trust,” he said.

Last week there were sharper words for Pakistan; India demanded Islamabad shut its “infrastructure of terrorism”



and said matters pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh were “internal affairs”.

India and Canada have been locked in a diplomatic row since Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last week claimed “agents of Delhi” were involved in the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

Nijjar – wanted by India on terrorism charges – was a Canadian citizen who was shot dead outside a gurudwara in Canada’s British Columbia in June.

India has unequivocally denied Canada’s “absurd” allegations and pointed out Trudeau’s government has yet to share evidence to back its claim.

The Indian government has also flagged “politically condoned hate crimes and criminal violence” in Canada, which is home to a large and politically influential Sikh community that is expected to play a major role in the outcome of that country’s next general election in 2025.

Hundreds of Sikh protesters rallied outside Indian diplomatic missions in Canada on Monday, trampling pictures of Prime Minister Narendra Modi after Ottawa said New Delhi had played a role in the killing of a prominent Sikh activist.



Students shout slogans during a protest against the killing of two missing students by unknown miscreants, and for the restoration of peace in India’s northeastern state of Manipur in Imphal yesterday, amid ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur.

PHOTO: AFP

UKRAINE’S ODESA Russian air strikes hit grain facilities

REUTERS, Kyiv

Russia hit Ukrainian port infrastructure and grain storage facilities in an overnight drone strike on the grain exporting district of Izmail, Ukrainian officials said yesterday.

Oleh Kiper, governor of the southern Odesa region, said a border checkpoint building, storage facilities and more than 30 trucks and cars were damaged.

The Ukrainian military said 26 of the 38 Iranian-made attack drones had been shot down.

Meanwhile, the Kremlin said yesterday that US supplies of long-range ATACMS missiles and Abrams tanks to Ukraine would not change the situation on the battlefield.

Russia’s defence ministry yesterday published images showing the commander of its Black Sea fleet, one day after Ukraine claimed it had killed the high-ranking officer in a missile strike. Admiral Viktor Sokolov, in uniform, was show via video link taking part in a meeting that was presided over by Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu.

US army chief, allies discuss Asia-Pacific in India

China’s FM warns Beijing would oppose ‘wanton expansion of military alliances’

AFP, New Delhi

Army chiefs and senior officers from 30 countries including the United States met in India yesterday to discuss threats facing the Asia-Pacific region, in the face of concern at an increasingly assertive China.

US Army chief Randy George said the region was “critically important”, speaking to reporters alongside his Indian counterpart Manoj Pande, and vowed to boost cooperation to “maintain a free and open Indo-Pacific”.

Generals from Japan and Australia, which make up the “Quad” defence cooperation forum alongside Washington and New Delhi, also took part, as did Britain and France.

As the generals met, China’s Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that Beijing would oppose the “wanton expansion of military alliances”, the latest in a string of warnings as Washington deepens security ties in the Asia-Pacific.

Beijing has long said that any effort to establish a Nato-like military alliance in



the Asia-Pacific would provoke conflict.

Nations present at the two-day conference in New Delhi included Vietnam and the Philippines, both of which have longstanding pending territorial disputes with China.

The conference, which launched in 1999, brings together army chiefs and top officers from 30 countries.

India’s Pande said the region faced challenges on both land and at sea.

“These range from territorial disputes over land masses, or in some cases, even

over artificially expanded islands to acquire real estate and establish military bases,” Pande added, in an indirect reference to China.

India has also had to balance its traditional alliance with Russia – the provider of most of its arms imports, and now a source of cut-price oil – with growing ties to Washington.

“The partnership between India and the US armies is vital for stability in the region, and the relationship between our armies is strong and growing stronger,” George said.

Speaking at a press conference in Beijing yesterday, Wang said Beijing would seek to “resolve differences and disputes among countries through dialogue and consultation”, without specifying the nations in question in either case.

Wang also declined to confirm whether President Xi Jinping would travel to the United States for a meeting with US counterpart Joe Biden.

The two leaders are expected to meet at an APEC summit in San Francisco on November 14-16.

TALKS WITH ISRAEL Saudi envoy seeks to reassure Palestinians

AFP, Ramallah

Saudi Arabia yesterday sent its first delegation in three decades to the occupied West Bank to reassure Palestinians that it will defend their cause even as it forges closer ties with Israel. In a sign of the thaw, Israel’s Tourism Minister Haim Katz visited Riyadh on the same day, for the first such high-level public mission to the oil-rich kingdom.

Washington has urged its Middle East allies Israel and Saudi Arabia to normalise diplomatic relations, following on from similar deals involving the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Morocco. The Palestinians have labelled those US-brokered agreements a betrayal of their plight and quest for statehood – but Nayef al-Sudairi, who headed the Saudi delegation, sought to reassure them that Riyadh stands by their side.

“The Palestinian matter is a fundamental pillar,” Sudairi, the new ambassador to the Palestinians, said after meeting top Palestinian diplomat Riyad al-Maliki in Ramallah for talks and to present his credentials. “And it’s certain that the Arab initiative, which was presented by the kingdom in 2002, is a cornerstone of any upcoming deal.”

The 2002 initiative proposed Arab relations with Israel in exchange for its withdrawal from the West Bank, east Jerusalem, Gaza and the Golan Heights, and a just resolution for the Palestinians.

National Team Sponsorship Rights
Expression of Interest (EOI)

Bangladesh Cricket Board

Ref No: BCB/National Team Sponsorship Rights / 2023/647

Date: 27th September 2023

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) along with financial offers from the reputed Companies/ Corporate Houses/ Firms / Agencies for acquiring the following National Team Sponsorship Rights starting from 1st January, 2024 to 31st July, 2027 (including ICC & ACC Events).

01. Category A (Existing National Team Sponsorship Rights).
02. Category B (Additional National Team Sponsorship Rights).

Area of Rights:

A detailed EOI document has been developed incorporating all the necessary EOI details for acquiring National Team Sponsorship Rights of Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men’s & Women’s), “A” Team (Men’s & Women’s) and Bangladesh Under- 19 Team (Men’s & Women’s).

Eligibility Criteria:

a) Companies related to Tobacco, Alcohol (surrogated and non-surrogated), Betting, Online Betting & Online Betting Surrogate shall not be eligible to participate in the EOI process.

b) Any person(s) or entities with an existing unresolved dispute (i.e. Financial, Disciplinary and any other) with BCB or ICC on a point of law or fact shall be ineligible to acquire the aforementioned rights or to participate in the EOI Process.

EOI Document Purchasing Procedure:

a) Interested parties need to obtain a copy of the EOI Document from BCB Management Office (Marketing & Commercial Department) on payment of the Non-Refundable fees of BDT 50,000 (Fifty Thousand Taka Only) in the form of Pay-Order/ Bank Draft/ Cash or for the Overseas participants USD 500 (Five hundred US Dollar only) to be remitted to BCB (Account No. 01-7537131-01, Account Name : Bangladesh Cricket Board, Bank : Standard Chartered Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh, SWIFT : SCBLBDDX). Please send your request for the EOI Document (Soft copy or printed version) along with the evidence of Bank Transfer /Payment receipt referred to above at the following email address: sponsorship.rights@bcb-cricket.com.

b) The details of the EOI process, Tentative Itinerary, Bank Guarantee Format etc. are set out in the EOI Document. EOI document will be available from 30th September 2023 to 12th October 2023 during working hours (10.00 AM to 5.00 PM except Friday & Public Holidays in Bangladesh).

EOI Submission Procedure:

The EOI along with financial offer (prepared in accordance with the EOI Document) must be submitted at the BCB Management Office at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh by 16th October 2023 during office hours (between BST 1000 to BST 1700) and should be in a sealed envelope to be addressed to: **Chief Executive Officer**, Bangladesh Cricket Board.

The EOI needs to be accompanied with the following documents:

- Company Profile and Individual Directors’ / Owners’ Profile.
- Updated auditor’s report on financial statements (In case of consortium, each party’s auditor’s report needs to be submitted individually).
- Bank Solvency Certificate along with bank Statement.
- Certified copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association along with certificate of Incorporation or similar constitutional documents.
- Updated VAT Registration Certificate, Trade License and Tax Identification Number (TIN) Certificate or similar documents.
- In case of Consortium, notarized Consortium Agreement.

The BCB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers at its sole discretion without assigning any reason. The BCB also reserves the right to cancel the entire EOI process and / or modify, add or alter the terms of the document and/ or the conditions for EOI process by issuing an addendum(s) at any time prior to the submission of the EOI.

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Home Series-Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men)
Title Sponsorship & Ground Branding Rights

Bangladesh Cricket Board

Ref No: BCB/Title Sponsorship & Ground Branding Rights / Home Series/ 2023/652

Date: 27th September 2023

Expression of Interest (EOI)

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) hereby invites Expression of Interest (EOI) along with financial offers from the reputed Business Houses/ Companies/ Parties/ Agencies / Consortiums for acquiring the **Title Sponsorship & Ground Branding Rights** of Home Series involving Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men) from 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2027.

Area of Rights:

A detailed EOI document has been developed incorporating all necessary EOI details for acquiring the above-mentioned Title Sponsorship & Ground Branding Rights of Home Series involving Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men).

Eligibility Criteria:

a) Companies related to Tobacco, Alcohol (surrogated and non-surrogated), Betting, Online Betting and Online Betting Surrogate shall not be eligible to participate in the EOI process.

b) Any person(s) or entities with an existing unresolved dispute (i.e. Financial, Disciplinary and any other) with BCB or ICC on a point of law or fact shall be ineligible to acquire the aforementioned rights or to participate in the EOI Process.

c) Reputed Business Houses/ Companies/ Parties/ Agencies / Consortiums must have at least 02 years of experience in marketing / selling international standard cricket events for the aforesaid rights will get preference in the EOI process.

EOI Document Purchasing Procedure:

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