

## CLIMATE CHANGE

### 6 youths take 32 nations to Europe court

AFP, Strasbourg

The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) yesterday began hearing a case brought by six Portuguese youths against 32 nations for not doing enough to stop global warming, the latest bid to secure climate justice through the courts.

The group, aged 11 to 24, say they are suffering from anxiety over their health and "having to live with a climate that is getting hotter and hotter" with more disasters.

The move to file a complaint with the Strasbourg-based court was sparked by the massive wildfires that struck Portugal in 2017, killing more than 100 people and charring swathes of the country.

Some plaintiffs claim allergies and breathing problems both during the fires and after, conditions at risk of persisting if the planet keeps warming.

"European governments are not managing to protect us," said Andre Oliveira, 15, one of the six involved.



Refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh region ride in a truck upon their arrival at the border village of Kornidzor, Armenia yesterday. More than a third of population has fled the enclave since Azerbaijan crushed the rebels' decades-long fight for an independent state last week.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## STADIUM ROW

### IAS officer retired by Indian govt

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New Delhi

A senior bureaucrat of the Indian government, who had reportedly ordered the emptying of an entire stadium of athletes so that her pet dog can take walks, has been compulsorily retired.

The officer Rinku Dugga, a 1994 batch officer of Indian Administrative Service, was working as principal secretary, Indigenous Affairs in the north eastern state of Arunachal Pradesh before Indian government retired her.

She and her husband Sanjeev Khirwar, who is also a 1994 batch IAS officer and is currently posted in Ladakh, were transferred out of Delhi last year following a newspaper report that they emptied a stadium of athletes to walk their dog.

Dugga has been retired compulsorily under the Fundamental Rules of Central Civil Services (CCS) Pension Rules, 1972, after an assessment of her service record, PII reported yesterday.

The government has the right to retire any government servant "if it is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to do so", added the report.

## RUSSIAN RESISTANCE IN SOUTH

### Ukraine evacuates children from towns

AFP, Kyiv

Ukrainian officials said yesterday they had evacuated all children from several towns and villages near the front line in the southern Zaporizhzhia region, a focal point of Kyiv's counteroffensive.

Kyiv launched its push to recapture territory in June but Russian forces have put up fierce resistance and Ukraine has ordered evacuations from several regions as their forces wrest back land.

"We have fulfilled the task set by the Ukrainian government... and evacuated all children and their families" from five settlements in Zaporizhzhia, the deputy head of the region Yevgen Myronenko said.

Local media cited regional officials as saying a total of 59 children had been removed from the towns.

The evacuations from the five settlements — Gulyaipole, Stepnogirsk, Preobrazhenka, Yegorivka, and Novopavlivka — were announced in August due to what officials described as a "difficult" security situation.

Ukrainian forces over recent weeks have reported limited gains in the Zaporizhzhia region where they are coming up against entrenched Russian positions.

General Oleksandr Tarnavskiy, who is leading the counteroffensive in the south, said last weekend that Ukraine's army had broken through Russian lines in Zaporizhzhia.

Kyiv last month declared a strategic victory when it recaptured the southern village of Robotyne.

Meanwhile, the Kremlin said yesterday that underwater explosions that ruptured the Nord Stream gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea were organised by the United States and Britain.

"They are involved, one way or another, in this terrorist attack," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told a regular news briefing in response to a question about the September 2022 blasts, without providing any evidence.

Poland's agriculture minister said yesterday talks with Ukraine were on track as the two countries try to resolve a dispute about a ban imposed by Warsaw on Polish grain imports.

Warsaw and Kyiv are allies, but relations have soured since Poland, Hungary and Slovakia decided to extend a ban that was introduced to protect farmers from a surge in grain and food imports from Ukraine after Russia's invasion last year.

The Polish government is also under pressure from the far right to take a tougher stance on Ukraine before an election on October 15.

"I am glad that we are talking about the future, that we are building mechanisms for the future and we are calming certain emotions that have not served us well, and this is probably a good direction," the Polish minister, Robert Telus, told a press conference after online talks with Ukrainian Agriculture Minister Mykola Soltskiy.



## NEW YORK CIVIL CASE

### Trump found liable for fraud

REUTERS, New York

A New York judge found Donald Trump and his family business fraudulently inflated the value of his properties and other assets, in a major defeat for the former US president that could severely hamper his ability to do business in the state.

The scathing decision by Justice Arthur Engoron of New York state court in Manhattan will make it easier for state Attorney General Letitia James to establish damages at a scheduled October 2 trial.

Engoron also ordered the cancellation of certificates that let some of Trump's businesses, including the Trump Organization, operate in New York, and ordered the appointment of a receiver to manage the businesses' dissolution.

The judge described how Trump, his adult sons Donald Jr and Eric, the Trump Organization and other defendants made up valuations and inflated Trump's net worth to suit their business needs. "That is a fantasy world, not the real world," Engoron wrote.

The judge also sanctioned the defendants' lawyers for making "preposterous" legal arguments and fuelling their clients' "obstreperous" conduct.

Trump and the other defendants have argued that they never committed fraud, and that the challenged transactions were profitable. They plan to appeal Engoron's decision.

"Today's outrageous decision is completely disconnected from the facts and governing law," Christopher Kise, a lawyer for Trump, said in a statement. "President Trump and his family will seek all available appellate remedies to rectify this miscarriage of justice."

In a post on his Truth Social platform, Trump called accusations that he committed fraud "ridiculous and untrue," and blasted Engoron as a "DERANGED" judge doing the bidding of James, a Democrat.

"This is Democrat Political Lawfare, and a Witch Hunt at a level never seen before," Trump wrote. "If they can do this to me, they can do this to YOU!" Trump has repeatedly asserted without evidence that indictments he faces are "witch hunts."

## VIOLENCE IN MANIPUR

### India declares the entire state 'disturbed area'

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The government of India's northeastern state of Manipur yesterday declared the entire state a 'disturbed area' under the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) for a period of six months in the wake of the prevailing law and order situation.

However, the status will not be implemented in areas under the jurisdiction of 19 police stations including the capital Imphal, reports Hindustan Times online.

The state government, in a notification, said that the "violent activities of various extremist/insurgent groups warrant the use of Armed Forces in aid of civil administration in the entire state".

Meanwhile, the government has reimposed an internet ban on the restive state after violent protests erupted following the circulation of photographs of two dead students killed during the months-long conflict, officials said.

More than 150 people have been killed in the remote northeast state since armed clashes broke out in May between the predominantly Hindu Meitei majority and the mainly Christian Kuki community.

The far-flung state has fractured on ethnic lines with rival militia groups setting up blockades, reports AFP.

## US halts Gabon aid after coup

AFP, Washington

The United States said Tuesday it would halt assistance to Gabon after the military took charge last month. "The US government is pausing certain foreign assistance programs benefiting the government of Gabon while we evaluate the unconstitutionality of intervention by members of the country's military," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement. He said that the United States was maintaining diplomatic and consular operations in the oil-rich Central African country. The move is temporary as the State Department considers a formal determination that Gabon experienced a military coup, which under US law would snap off assistance. US officials have previously said that US assistance was minimal to Gabon, run by the Bongo family for more than half a century.

## EYE VIRUS OUTBREAK

### 56,000 Pakistan schools shut

AFP, Lahore

More than 56,000 Pakistan schools will shut for the rest of the week in a bid to curb a mass outbreak of a contagious eye virus, officials said yesterday. Millions of students will stay home from today after Punjab announced blanket closures having recorded 357,000 conjunctivitis cases since the start of the year. The fast-spreading eye infection causes redness, itchiness and discharge from the eyes and contamination can spread through hand contact, as well as coughing and sneezing. "The closure has been announced as a proactive measure to give maximum protection to students against the infection," Punjab education department spokesman Zulfiqar Ali told AFP.

### Expression of Interest (EOI) Official Drinks and Beverage Partner

Ref No: BCB/ Official Drinks and Beverage Partner /2023/648 Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Expression of Interest (EOI)**

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) hereby invites full proposal along with financial offers from reputed Companies/ Corporate Houses / Firms / Agencies for accruing the **Official Drinks and Beverage Partner Rights** of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) starting from **1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**.

**Area of Rights:**  
A detailed EOI documents has been developed incorporating all necessary EOI details and information for acquiring the **Official Drinks and Beverage Partner** of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) starting from **1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Companies related to / directly or indirectly involved in Tobacco, Alcohol (surrogated and non-surrogated), Betting, Online Betting & Online Betting Surrogate shall not be eligible to participate in the EOI process.
- Any person(s) or entities with an existing unresolved dispute or regarded as non-compliant in its previous involvement (e.g. Financial, Disciplinary etc.) 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 or to obtain EOI Document.

**EOI Submission Procedure:**

- Interested parties need to obtain a copy of the EOI Document (General Guidelines) related to EOI will be available at the BCB Management Office (Marketing & Commercial Department) and BCB's Official Website: [www.tigercricket.com.bd](http://www.tigercricket.com.bd).
- The details of the EOI process, all details of Official Drink & Beverage Partner, tentative Home Series schedule, Bank Guarantee Format, Copy of the Agreement etc. are set out in the EOI Document (General Guideline) which will be available for collection from **30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023** (Except Friday & Public Holidays in Bangladesh).

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

**The EOI needs to be accompanied by 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, Business Identification Number (BIN), 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 by issuing an addendum(s) at any time prior to the submission of the EOI.

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### Team Kits Partner Rights Expression of Interest (EOI)

Ref No: BCB/Team Kits Partner Rights / 2023/651 Date: 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Team Kits Partner Rights for the period mentioned below:

**Period: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2027 (Excluding ICC Events).**

**Area of Rights:**  
A detailed EOI document has been developed incorporating all the necessary EOI details and documents for acquiring Team Kits Partner 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:**

- 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.
- 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.

**Document Purchasing Procedure:**

- 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 : SCBLBDXX). 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](mailto:sponsorship.rights@bcb-cricket.com).
- 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 **30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023** during working hours (10.00 AM to 5.00 PM except Friday & Public Holidays in Bangladesh).

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