

RED SEA CRISIS

Vessel reports missile attack off Yemen's coast

AFP, Sanaa

A vessel reported coming under a missile attack off Yemen's southern coast yesterday while transiting the strategic Bab al-Mandeb strait, security agencies said.

Yemen's Houthi rebels, who have repeatedly targeted Red Sea shipping in recent months, said they had attacked a US ship with "suitable naval missiles", though it was not immediately clear they were referring to the same incident.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) agency said in an incident report that the attack occurred before 0400 local time (0100 GMT).

"The crew are reported safe and the vessel is proceeding to next port of call," UKMTO said.



A man walks with salvaged religious books as people inspect the damage in the rubble of a mosque following Israeli bombardment, in Rafah, on the southern Gaza Strip yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Qatar frees eight ex-navy personnel
Says India; they were earlier sentenced to death for spying

AFP, New Delhi

India's foreign ministry said yesterday that Qatar had freed eight ex-navy personnel it had previously arrested and sentenced to death, reportedly for spying for Israel.

The foreign ministry never gave details on the eight Indian nationals or their alleged crimes, and Qatar has not commented on the case or made the charges public.

But Indian media have reported that the men -- among them former high-ranking and decorated officers -- were arrested in Doha in August 2022.

In October, India said it was "shocked" after a Qatari court had sentenced them to death, but the sentence was reduced in December. The eight men were employees of Al Dahra, a Gulf-based company that offers "complete support solutions" to the aerospace, security and defence sectors.

WHO head concerned at attacks on Gaza's Rafah

Says only 15 out of 36 hospitals in enclave 'still partially or minimally functioning'

REUTERS, Dubai

The World Health Organization head Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus yesterday reiterated calls for a ceasefire in Gaza and expressed particular concern at Israeli attacks on Rafah where most of enclave's inhabitants fled.

Israeli airstrikes overnight killed 67 people in Rafah, local health authorities said. Ghebreyesus said only 15 out of 36 hospitals in Gaza were "still partially or minimally functioning" and that aid workers were doing their best in impossible circumstances.

Speaking at the World Government Summit in Dubai, he said the WHO, the UN's health agency, continued to call for safe access for humanitarian personnel and supplies, for Hamas to release hostages, and for a ceasefire.

"I am especially concerned by the recent attacks on Rafah where the majority of Gaza's population has fled the destruction," he said.

"So far, we have delivered 447 metric tonnes of medical supplies to Gaza, but it's a drop in the ocean



of need, which continues to grow every day," he said.

Meanwhile, Jordan's King Abdullah participated in an airdrop of humanitarian aid to Gaza, in a move highlighting his kingdom's role in pushing Israel to stop restricting efforts to help fend off illness, hunger and starvation in the war-torn enclave, officials said on Sunday.

A video released by state-owned Al Mamlaka showed the monarch in military gear on board a plane in the latest mission by the Jordanian

air force to drop urgent medical supplies to field hospitals it runs in the enclave.

It has conducted 11 airdrops, with at least two conducted with the French and Dutch air forces, to deliver medical aid.

In a separate development, a Dutch appeals court yesterday ordered the government to block all exports of F-35 fighter jet parts to Israel over concerns they were being used in violations of international law during Israel's Gaza offensive.

KILLING OF FILMMAKER

Iran's court sentences man to death

AFP, Tehran

An Iranian court has sentenced a man to death over the killing of renowned filmmaker Dariush Mehrjui and his wife months ago at their home near Tehran, the judiciary said yesterday.

Mehrjui, an 83-year-old director associated with the Iranian new wave of cinema, was stabbed to death along with his wife in October at their home in Karaj.

The convicted killer, who was arrested days after the attack, was a former employee of Mehrjui who "had a grudge against the deceased due to financial issues," the chief justice of Alborz province said previously.

Three others were charged in the case over their roles in assisting the murder, he added. Yesterday, the Judiciary's Mizan Online website said the court sentenced the killer to death in accordance with the Islamic law of retribution.

How will Pakistan form its next govt?

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan's elections last week returned a hung parliament, with no party getting enough seats in the National Assembly to form a government by itself.

Negotiations for a coalition government are taking place between former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's party, with 75 seats, and the party of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, with 54 seats, as well as other smaller parties.

Independent candidates backed by jailed former prime minister Imran Khan won the most seats - 93 - and they are also jostling for allies to form government. Candidates were vying for 264 seats out of the assembly's 336 total. There are also 70 reserved seats.

Following are some facts about the National Assembly and what is likely to play out in the house in the days ahead as Pakistan tries to form a new government:

- By law, the National Assembly, or the lower house of parliament, must be called by the President three weeks after the national election. It is usually called earlier.
- A new speaker of the house is then elected, and then they call for the election of the leader of the house, or prime minister, who must win a simple majority - 169 of the 336 seats.



Supporters of Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan's party, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), block a road to protest against the results of the general election, at Baleli, on the outskirts of Quetta, Pakistan yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

- There can be multiple candidates for prime minister. If no candidate secures a majority in the first round, a second vote is held between the top two candidates. Voting will continue till one person is able to secure a majority.
- Once a prime minister is elected, they take an oath and announce the cabinet. The caretaker set up that has been in place to oversee the elections then hands over power to the new government.
- Parties are allocated 70 reserved seats - 60 for women, 10 for non-Muslims - in proportion to the number of seats won. Independents are not eligible for reserved seats.
- If the independents want to gain reserved seats, they must join another party to form a bloc. The independents are running as such because Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was barred from these polls for breaching electoral laws.

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সেতুর ইজারা কোটেশন আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি

০১	ইজারা কোটেশন নং	: ০১(এক)/২০২৩-২০২৪/নিঃপ্রঃ, সওজ, সিলেট (৩য় আহবান)।
০২	ইজারার বিবরণ	: ২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থ বছর ও পরবর্তী ০২ (দুই) অর্থ বছরের (২০২৫-২০২৬ এবং ২০২৬-২০২৭) জন্য সিলেট সড়ক বিভাগীয় সিলেট-সুনামগঞ্জ সড়কের ১৫তম কিমি-এ রিয়ার এডমিরাল এম.এ খান (সামাকালী) সেতুর টোল আদায়ের ইজারা কোটেশন।
০৩	ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ	: ০৩ (তিন) অর্থ বছরের (১০৯৫ দিন)।
০৪	ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিউল মূল্য	: টাঃ ৫০০০.০০ (পাঁচ হাজার টাকা মাত্র)।
০৫	বায়নার টাকার পরিমাণ	: উক্ত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে।
০৬	ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	: ০৫/০৩/২০২৪ খ্রীষ্টাব্দ তারিখ বিকাল ৪.০০ পর্যন্ত।
০৭	মুখবন্দ অবস্থায় ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	: ০৬/০৩/২০২৪ খ্রীষ্টাব্দ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ পর্যন্ত।
০৮	ইজারা ডাকে অংশগ্রহণের যোগ্যতা	: ভাট ও আয়কর সনদধারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ন্যায়িক/সরকারী/বেসরকারী/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকাদার।
০৯	যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন ক্রয়ের জন্য পাওয়া যাবে	: বিভাগীয় কমিশনার সিলেট/জেলা প্রশাসক, সিলেট/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সড়ক বিভাগ, সিলেট/উপ-বিঃপ্রঃ সড়ক উপ-বিঃপ্রঃ, সিলেট/গোলাপগঞ্জ/বিখনাথ ও যাব্বিক উপ-বিঃপ্রঃ, সিলেট।
১০	যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন মুখবন্দ অবস্থায় গ্রহণ করা হবে	: নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সড়ক বিভাগ, সিলেট/তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সিলেট সড়ক সার্কেল, সিলেট/অতিরিক্ত প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, সিলেট সড়ক জোন, সিলেট/বিভাগীয় কমিশনার সিলেট/জেলা প্রশাসক, সিলেট।
১১	ইজারা কোটেশন খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	: স্থানঃ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তর, সড়ক বিভাগ, সিলেট। তারিখঃ ০৬/০৩/২০২৪ খ্রীষ্টাব্দ। সময়ঃ বিকাল ০৪.০০ ঘটিকা।
১২	ইজারা আহবানকারী যে কোন সময়	: যে কোন কোটেশন/সকল কোটেশন বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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Large fire breaks out at park in Sweden
12 injured

AFP, Stockholm

A large fire broke out at Sweden's largest amusement park in Gothenburg yesterday, engulfing a newly built water park in flames, authorities said, with a dozen people sustaining minor injuries.

Police evacuated a hotel and offices connected to the Liseberg Amusement Park in central Gothenburg, and warned households in the area to remain indoors due to smoke.

According to police, 12 people sought treatment at a nearby hospital for minor injuries.

Images from the scene showed exploding fireballs, as flames and several blasts tore up a water slide and a pall of black smoke rose over the city.

"The fire originated at one of the water attractions" located outside the main building housing the water park "and then spread throughout the building", Liseberg said in a statement.

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Invitation for e-Tender Notice (OTM)

FY-2023-2024 e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following goods given below:

SL No.	Tender ID	Description and name of the package	Tender publishing (date & time)	Tender closing (date & time)
01	925905	Procurement or Non EDCL Medicine	13-Feb-2024 10:00:00	03-Mar-2024 12:00:00
02	925906	Procurement of Surgical Instrument for UHC Naria-2	13-Feb-2024 10:00:00	03-Mar-2024 12:00:00
03	925907	Procurement of Gauze Bandage and Cotton for UHC Naria-3	13-Feb-2024 10:00:00	03-Mar-2024 12:00:00
04	925908	Lilen Items 23-24 for UHC Naria-4	13-Feb-2024 10:00:00	03-Mar-2024 12:00:00
05	925909	Chemical Re-Agent for UHC Naria-5	13-Feb-2024 10:00:00	03-Mar-2024 12:00:00
06	925910	Hospital Furniture for UHC Naria-6	13-Feb-2024 10:00:00	03-Mar-2024 12:00:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any branch of any registered bank within the date mentioned in the tender notice.

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