# **INTERNATIONAL**

### 600,000 children face 'catastrophe' in Rafah: Unicef

#### AFP, United Nations

Some 600,000 children packed into Gaza's Rafah city face "further catastrophe," Unicef warned yesterday, urging against their forced relocation after Israel ordered an evacuation ahead of its long-threatened ground invasion.

"Given the high concentration of children in Rafah... Unicef is warning of a further catastrophe for children, with military operations resulting in very high civilian casualties and the few remaining basic services and infrastructure they need to survive being totally destroyed," the United Nations children's agency said in a statement.

It said Gaza's youth were already "on the edge of survival," with many in Rafah -- where the agency said the population has soared to 1.2 million people, half of them children -- already displaced multiple times and with nowhere else to go.

"More than 200 days of war have taken an unimaginable toll on the lives of children," said Unicef executive director Catherine Russell.

"Rafah is now a city of children, who have nowhere safe to go in Gaza," she said, warning that a large-scale military operation would bring "chaos and panic".



Palestinians mourn next to the bodies of their relatives killed in Israeli strikes, during their funeral at Abu Yousef al-Najjar hospital in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

### Hezbollah fires rockets at Israeli base

#### AFP, Beirut

Lebanese official media said an Israeli strike yesterday wounded three people in the country's east, with Hezbollah saying it launched "dozens of Katyusha rockets" at an Israeli base in retaliation.

"Enemy warplanes launched a strike at around 1:30 am this morning on a factory in Sifri, wounding three civilians and destroying the building," Lebanon's official National News Agency said.

Sifri is in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley in the Baalbek area, a Hezbollah stronghold that Israel has repeatedly struck in recent weeks, located around 80 kilometres from the Israel-Lebanon frontier. The Israeli army said its warplanes "struck a Hezbollah military structure... deep inside Lebanon," referring to the location as "Safri".

## 'Where can we go?'

#### Rafah residents ask as Israel demands evacuation

#### AFP, Rafah

Palestinian civilians in the southern Gazan city of Rafah voiced despair vesterday as Israel dropped fliers urging them to evacuate for their intensive power against the terrorist own "safety" ahead of a "limited" military operation.

Israel's army said it was instructing Palestinian families in eastern Rafah to flee in preparation for an expected ground assault on humanitarian zone of al-Mawasi," the city which abuts Gaza's border with Egypt.

Residents of Rafah described emerging outside after a terrifying

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strikes were carried out on Rafah, to find fliers falling from the sky telling them to "evacuate immediately".

"The army is working with forces near you," read a flier circulated in eastern Rafah.

"For your safety, the IDF (Israeli military) tells you to evacuate immediately towards the expanded it said, with a map indicating the location to the north of Rafah.

Osama Al-Kahlout, of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society

night in which around a dozen air in Gaza, told AFP that the areas designated for evacuation currently shelter some 250,000 people, many of whom have already been displaced

from other areas in the Gaza Strip. "The evacuation process has begun on the ground, but in a limited manner," he said. An Israeli militark spokesman, when asked how many people should move, said: "The estimate is around 100,000 people."

About 1.2 million people are currently sheltering in Rafah, according to the World Health Organisation.

### **Delhi Lt Governor** recommends NIA probe against **Arvind Kejriwal**

#### NDTV ONLINE

In an explosive turn of events yesterday, Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena has called for an anti-terror probe into allegations Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal received political funding from the banned Sikhs For Justice group founded by wanted terrorist Gurpatwant Pannun. Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party hit back swiftly via senior leader Saurabh Bhardwaj, who dismissed the call for a probe by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) as a "conspiracy" against the party and its leader. "LG sir is an agent of the BJP... This is another big conspiracy against Chief Minister Kejriwal at the behest of the BJP," he said in a brief statement. The allegations - the latest in a long-running and fierce war between the AAP and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in power at the centre - come less than three weeks before the national capital votes in the general election. In 2019 the BJP won all Delhi's seven seats. Kejriwal is already in jail over corruption charges linked to the alleged Delhi liquor policy scam.

### **INDIA POLLS CAMPAIGN** EC warns political parties against misuse of AI tools

#### **OUR CORRESPONDENT.** New Delhi

India's Election Commission (EC) vesterday warned political parties against misuse of AI-based tools to create deep fakes that distort information or propagate misinformation in the backdrop of manipulated videos targeting top Home Minister Amit Shah and arrest of some workers of opposition party Congress. The EC has asked the parties to remove any such content within three hours of bringing it to the Commission's notice, the Commission said in a statement.

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### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয় বন্যপ্রাণী ব্যবস্থাপনা ও প্রকৃতি সংরক্ষণ বিভাগ, চট্টগ্রাম।

#### দরপত্র বিজ্ঞন্তিঃ ২০২৩-২০২৪

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### Ukraine war

Macron presses

China's Xi to halt

#### AFP. Paris

French President Emmanuel Macron and EU Commission president Ursula von der Leyen pressed Xi Jinping at a summit in Paris yesterday to use Beijing's influence to halt the Russian war against Ukraine, also telling the Chinese leader to accept fair global trade rules.

Xi's two-day state visit to France is his first visit to Europe since 2019 on a trip that will also see him hold talks in Serbia and Hungary. He has said he wants to find peace in Ukraine.

Opening an initial trilateral meeting attended by von der Leyen, Macron said coordination with Beijing on "major crises" including Ukraine was "absolutely decisive" and urged "fair rules for all" in Europe-China trade. "The future of our continent will very clearly depend on our ability to continue to develop relations with China in a balanced manner," Macron said.

### **POST-COUP MYANMAR** Armed group captures hundreds of junta personnel

#### AFP, Bangkok

A Myanmar ethnic armed group said yesterday it had captured a military command and taken hundreds of junta personnel prisoner in western Rakhine state, the latest blow to the military.

Clashes have rocked Rakhine since the Arakan Army (AA) attacked security forces in November, ending a ceasefire that had largely held since the junta's 2021 coup.

The military still holds the state capital Sittwe but AA fighters have seized territory in surrounding districts, including bases on the border with India and Bangladesh.

A video released by the AA's media channel said the group had captured "Military Operations Command 15" near the town of Buthidaung, around 90 kilometres (55 miles) north of Sittwe.

The video did not say when its fighters had captured the site but local media have reported regular clashes around Buthidaung in recent days.

"The video record of the deputy commander of MOC 15 after a certain period of siege," read a message published in Burmese, Chinese and English.

#### Scope of Task/Service:

The consultant should be responsible for the following activities but not limited to:

- Contribute, follow and utilize all relevant survey (primary/secondary) data.
- Conduct relevant transport modeling for the proposal preparation
- Establish appropriate connectivity in the internal CBD area as well as with the main city area through proposals ensuring appropriate justification
- Preparation of traffic impact analysis (TIA), parking demand analysis, environmental impact analysis, and the overall feasibility study report of the project to establish linkage for preparing the master plan.
- Preparation of traffic circulation strategies with appropriate methodology (one-way two-way) roads. modal share, connectivity through MRT or public transport, parking, etc.).
- Preparation of "Demand Analysis" for on and off-street parking.
- Preparation of a Traffic Management Plan for the proposed project.
- Develop relevant strategies and phase-wise proposals for infrastructure and management-based transport plans.
- integrate the whole transport plan regarding road, rail, and water-based transport modes with projection and analysis
- Integration of all modes of transport by specifying motorized and non-motorized vehicles.
- Besides any other task related to the transport plan and traffic-related study.

#### 3. Qualification and Experience:

- \* At least a master's degree in the relevant fields (urban planning/transport planning/traffic engineering) (Preferably a Ph.D. in relevant field).
- Minimum 10 years' experience in the relevant field (experience working in government) projects/organizations as a transport planner/expert would be given preference).
- Relevant conducted research, relevant trainings, computer skills and other relevant certificates shall be submitted with application for evaluation.
- 4. DSCC invites eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Applicants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (complete CV with Expected monthly remuneration).
- 5. Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) will be available upon request from the address provided below either through e-mail or in person.
- 6. The consultant's work will be full-time at the Urban Planning Department in DSCC. There will be no TA/DA/ festival allowance, except fixed monthly remuneration.
- The consultant will be selected using the selection of an Individual Consultant following the PPA-2006 and PPR-2008 relevant clauses.
- 8. The services will be commenced immediately after selection in Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka, Bangladesh for six months.
- 9. Expressions of interest shall be submitted by 21/05/2024 at 4.00 pm in a sealed envelope clearly marked as the Expression of Interest for Consultancy to Provide Transport-related services on
  - DSCC Issues (Individual-National) to the Urban Planning Department in DSCC\*.
- 10 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.



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