

PRO-GAZA PROTEST Protesters occupy univ buildings in Dutch cities

REUTERS, Amsterdam

Pro-Palestinian protesters yesterday occupied university buildings in the Dutch cities of Amsterdam, Groningen and Eindhoven, condemning Israel's offensive in Gaza, the Dutch protest group behind the action said in a statement.

A spokesperson for the University of Amsterdam (UvA) confirmed the occupation and said it advised people who are not affiliated with the protest to leave the building.

The Eindhoven University of Technology confirmed that there were "dozens of students peacefully protesting outside next to ten to 15 tents". Students in the Netherlands have been protesting against Israel's offensive in Gaza since last Monday and Dutch riot police previously clashed with protesters at the University of Amsterdam.



Men, women, and children queue to receive food rations from a public kitchen in Deir el-Balah in the central Gaza Strip yesterday. Israeli operations in Rafah, which borders Egypt, have closed a main crossing point for aid, which humanitarian groups say is worsening an already dire situation. PHOTO: AFP

LEBANON'S SOUTH Hezbollah claims strikes that hurt Israeli soldiers

AFP, Beirut

Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah group yesterday claimed responsibility for a strike that Israel said wounded four soldiers in the country's north, the latest cross-border fire in more than seven months of clashes.

Israel and Hamas ally Hezbollah have exchanged near-daily fire following the Israel's offensive in Gaza since October 7.

Hezbollah fighters fired "a guided missile" at an Israeli Merkava tank across the border yesterday morning, destroying it "after closely monitoring the enemy's movements," the group said in a statement.

The Israeli army said "two anti-tank missiles" crossed from Lebanon into the area of Yiftah, a kibbutz community less than two kilometres (1.2 miles) from the border.

The missiles wounded four Israeli soldiers, the army said, one of them moderately and the rest lightly. Earlier yesterday, Hezbollah said it launched "a swarm of explosive drones" targeting tents and "sleeping quarters" for an Israeli artillery battalion.

1,000 Hamas members hospitalised in Turkey

Claims Turkey's Erdogan, says US, Europe not doing enough to pressure Israel into Gaza truce

REUTERS, Ankara

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said yesterday that more than 1,000 members of the Palestinian group Hamas were being treated in hospitals across Turkey, reiterating his stance that Hamas was a "resistance movement".

Speaking at a press conference after talks with Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis in Ankara, Erdogan also said he was saddened by the Greek view that deems Hamas a terrorist organisation.

On Sunday evening, Erdogan said that the United States and European countries were not doing enough to pressure Israel to agree a ceasefire in Gaza, after Palestinian group Hamas' move to accept a truce proposal.

Turkey has denounced Israel's attacks on Gaza, called for an immediate ceasefire, and criticised what it calls unconditional support for Israel by the West.

Ankara has halted all trade with Israel and said it had decided to join South Africa's initiative to have Israel tried for genocide at the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

Speaking to Muslim scholars in Istanbul, Erdogan said on Sunday evening that Hamas had accepted a ceasefire proposal by Qatar and Egypt in a "step in the path toward a lasting ceasefire", but Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government did not want the offensive to end.

"The response of the Netanyahu government was to attack the innocent people in Rafah," he said, referring to the Gaza city that Israel is targeting. "It has become clear who sides with peace and dialogue, and who wants clashes continuing and more bloodshed."

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"And did Netanyahu see any serious reaction for his spoiled behaviour? No. Neither Europe nor America showed a reaction that would force Israel into a ceasefire."

Erdogan's intelligence chief Ibrahim Kalin met with Hamas leaders in Doha on Sunday to discuss ceasefire talks and the access of humanitarian aid into Gaza, a Turkish security source said.

Israel's military conduct in Gaza has come under increasing scrutiny in recent weeks, as the civilian death toll and devastation in the enclave mount.

India, Iran sign deal to develop port project

AFP, Tehran

India and Iran yesterday signed a 10-year contract to develop and equip the strategic Chabahar port in Iran as India seeks to grow trade in west and central Asia.

The agreement will give India 10-year access to use the port, located close to Iran's southeastern border with Pakistan, according to Iran's Ministry of Roads and Urban Development.

The contract will in turn see India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) invest \$370 million into "providing strategic equipment" and "developing the transport infrastructure of the port". Iran's urban development minister Mehrdad Bazrpash and India's ports and shipping minister Sarbananda Sonowal signed contract in the town of Chabahar.

India in 2016 agreed to finance the development of the Iranian port as a trading hub for central Asia as Prime Minister Narendra Modi sought to revive economic ties with Tehran.

Modi and former Iranian president Hassan Rouhani oversaw the signing of a memorandum of understanding for the provision of a line of credit from India's EXIM Bank to develop the port.

The development of the port however stalled, despite waivers to sanctions that the United States began re-imposing in 2018 after withdrawing from a landmark 2015 nuclear deal with Iran.

'We will make Pakistan wear bangles'

Modi tells polls rally

TNN, New Delhi

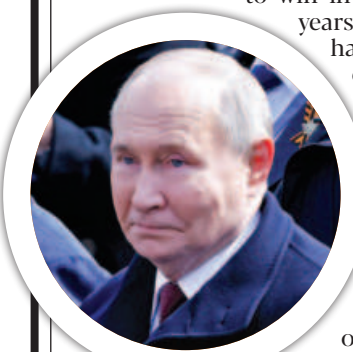
Mining no words, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday attacked the opposition INDIA bloc, calling its leaders "cowards" who were "scared of Pakistan's nuclear power". During an election rally in Bihar's Muzaffarpur, Modi made a veiled reference to a remark recently made by National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah, without mentioning him by name. "The INDIA bloc seems to have leaders who are scared of Pakistan and have nightmares of its nuclear power," he said. The remarks come in the backdrop of comments by Abdullah about Pakistan having atom bombs and not wearing bangles. "If Pakistan does not wear bangles, we will make the country wear these. I knew they did not have floodgrains. Now, I come to know they do not even have adequate supply of bangles," he said. "But, we must look carefully at the opposition which seems to be full of cowards and timid people, who give a clean chit to Pakistan on terrorism, raise doubts on surgical strikes... their Left allies even want our nuclear arsenal to be dismantled," he said. In an earlier rally, Modi highlighted the significant increase in funds recovered by Enforcement Directorate during his tenure. He emphasised that the money belonged to the poor and reiterated his commitment to preventing the opposition from giving away reservations to Muslims for vote bank politics.

Vladimir Putin taps economist to run defence

Replaces Shoigu in unexpected move

REUTERS, Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin tapped a civilian economist as his surprise new defence minister on Sunday in an attempt to gird Russia for economic war by trying to better utilise the defence budget and harness greater innovation to win in Ukraine. More than two years into the conflict, which has cost both sides heavy casualties, Putin proposed Andrei Belousov, a 65-year-old former deputy prime minister who specialises in economics, to replace his long-term ally, Sergei Shoigu, 68, as defence minister. Putin wants Shoigu, in charge of defence since 2012 and a long-standing friend and ally, to become the secretary of Russia's powerful Security Council, replacing incumbent Nikolai Patrushev, and to also have responsibilities for the military-industrial complex, the Kremlin said. The changes are the most significant Putin has made to the military command since sending tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine in February 2022.



"Our country stands at a crossroads."

Says UK PM Rishi Sunak citing Russia's war in Europe, Iran's firing of missiles in the ME.

AFGHAN FLOODS

Survivors hunt for the missing

WHO warns of rising cases of water-borne diseases

AFP, Fulo

Survivors of flash floods in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan province were still searching for the missing yesterday, days after torrents of water ripped through villages, killing hundreds.

Heavy rains sparked flash flooding in multiple Afghan provinces on Friday, killing more than 300 people in Baghlan alone, UN agencies and Taliban officials said.

Rescue workers and aid have been struggling to reach some of the worst affected areas with World Health Organization echoing Taliban government and non-profit organisations warnings that the death toll could rise significantly. Samiullah Omari found the bodies of seven of his relatives.

"We have been searching but we haven't found them," the 24-year-old day labourer told AFP in his village of Fulo.



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INVITATION FOR TENDER

1. Procuring Entity	Chittagong Dry Dock Ltd
2. Invitation for	Tender Documents For Mobile Hydraulic Crane (Capacity 30-35 Tons)-01 nos (Detail Technical Specifications Mentioned in Tender Document)
3. Reference No	23.02.1565.341.53.006.24.1021 Date: 12 May 2024
4. Tender Closing	10 July 2024 at 12.15 PM
5. Tender Opening	10 July 2024 at 12.30 PM

N.B. All other relevant terms and conditions are available at CDDL website (www.cddl.gov.bd)

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Invitation for e-tender notice

1. Ministry/Division	Local Government Division
2. Implementing Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering
3. Project/Program Name	Revenue Budget
4. e-Tender IDs and Package no:	984644 and Package no. : MBT1509
5. Description of works	Installation of 40 Nos. Shallow Tubewell with #6 pump at the house built for the landless and homeless families for Mujib Borsho (4th Phase) at different Upazillas in Sirajganj District under Revenue Budget of DPHE during the FY 2023-2024.
6. Name, designation & Address of official Inviting Tender	Name: Md. Rokonujjaman Executive Engineer Sirajganj District, Sirajganj Tel. No. : 02-588831838, E-mail: ee.sirajganj@dphe.gov.bd
7. Information	This is online tender, where only e-tenders will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/ hard copies will be accepted. Interested persons/firms can see details in the website : www.eprocure.gov.bd.


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01.	EDCL(Dhaka)/Pur./Press Ten/2024/198 Date: 13/05/2024	158 (One hundred fifty eight) Pcs CC Camera. For Store Deptt. & Nasrin Tower at EDCL, Dhaka Plant. (Details as per Tender Schedule)	Tk. 1,250.00/set (Non-refundable)

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The Tenders may drop their offer in tender box kept at the Procurement Department, EDCL, Dhaka office till 12.00 noon on 27/05/2024 which will be opened on 27/05/2024 at 12.30 PM in Presence at the tenderers/Their representatives (if any).

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money @ 2.5% through of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Company Limited" without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

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