

J&K CLASHES Indian soldier, suspected rebel killed

AFP, Srinagar

Soldiers in Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir battled insurgents yesterday, with a captain and a suspected rebel killed in clashes in the territory, the army and police said.

The Indian army, in a post on social media platform X, offered its “deepest condolences” over the death of the officer.

Police said in a statement that “during the ongoing operation, one terrorist has been neutralised”, a term they use indicating a gunman has been killed.

The violence is the latest in a string of clashes in the Hindu-dominated southern Jammu region this year.

Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called a meeting with army, security, and intelligence chiefs yesterday after the latest clashes in Jammu.



People hold posters during a vigil condemning the rape and murder of a trainee medic at a government-run hospital in Kolkata, on a street in Mumbai, India, yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

POST-COUP MYANMAR Military denies junta chief detained by generals

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's military yesterday said rumours top generals had detained the embattled junta chief in a new coup were “propaganda” spread by “traitors” ahead of a visit by China's foreign minister.

Junta chief Min Aung Hlaing has faced public criticism from military supporters in recent weeks as government troops lose territory to ethnic minority armed groups and other opponents battling to overturn its 2021 coup.

On Tuesday several social media posts claimed that top generals had detained Min Aung Hlaing in the capital Naypyidaw in a bid to change the junta's top leadership.

The claims were “propaganda... with the aim of disrupting the country's peace and stability,” the junta said in a statement, accusing those sharing the news of being “traitors”.

“The head of state and authorities are fulfilling their national responsibility together,” it said. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi was due to arrive in Myanmar yesterday for talks with Min Aung Hlaing. The visit is “aimed at deepening bilateral mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields,” an unnamed Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said on Tuesday.

China is a major ally and arms supplier to the junta but analysts say it also maintains ties with ethnic armed groups. In recent weeks an alliance of ethnic armed groups has seized territory from the junta in northern Shan state, which borders China's Yunnan province.

Hamas to stay out of new Gaza truce talks

Demands adoption of Biden-backed proposal; 36 more
Palestinians killed in Israeli attacks

REUTERS, Cairo

The Palestinian group Hamas said yesterday it would not take part in a new round of Gaza ceasefire talks slated for today in Qatar, dimming hopes for a negotiated truce that Iranian sources say could hold back an Iranian attack on Israel.

The US has said it expects indirect talks to go ahead as planned in Qatar's capital Doha today, and that a ceasefire agreement was still possible. However, Axios reported that US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has postponed a trip to the Middle East that had been expected to begin on Tuesday.

Three senior Iranian officials have said that only a ceasefire deal in Gaza would hold Iran back from direct retaliation against Israel for the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh on its soil last month.

The Israeli government said it would send a delegation to today's

talks, but Hamas, the Palestinian group that controls Gaza, requested a workable plan to implement a proposal it has already accepted rather than more talks.

“Hamas is committed to the proposal presented to it on July 2,

Israel intensifies shelling on eastern areas of Khan Younis

Gaza death toll rises to 39,965

which is based on the US Security Council resolution and the Biden speech and the movement is prepared to immediately begin discussion over a mechanism to implement it,” Senior Hamas official Sami Abu Zuhri told Reuters.

There has been no let up in fighting in Gaza, where residents of the southern city of Khan Younis said Israeli forces blew up homes

in the east and intensified tank shelling on eastern areas of the city centre.

Israel said it was responding to Hamas rocket fire towards Tel Aviv on Tuesday and had struck “rocket launching pads and militants among 40 military targets over 24 hours, including in central Gaza, Khan Younis, and western Rafah in the south”.

Armed groups of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad said they had attacked Israeli forces in several areas, while Palestinian health officials said Israeli strikes had killed at least 14 people yesterday, mostly in the centre and south.

Israel's military offensive in the Gaza Strip has killed at least 39,965 Palestinians and wounded 92,294 since October 7, the Palestinian enclave's health ministry said yesterday. A total of 36 Palestinians have been killed and 54 wounded in the past 24 hours, the ministry said in a statement.

An epicentre

FROM PAGE 2

In May 1971, the Pakistan authorities put several of his family members under house arrest when they were living in House Number 26 on Road Number 18 in Dhanmondi.

DHANMONDI HOME OVER GONO BHABAN

After liberation, Sheikh Mujib chose to live in his Dhanmondi house rather than in Gono Bhaban, the official residence of prime minister.

Journalist ABM Musa in his book titled “Mujib Bhai” notes that it was because of Begum Mujib, who wanted to maintain her own identity beyond the role of the prime minister's wife.

In independent Bangladesh, this house hosted many international figures, including Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi, Egyptian president Anwar Sadat and Yugoslav president Josip Broz Tito.

The walls of this house have witnessed tragedy too.

On the fateful night of August 15, 1975, the house became a scene of horror as Sheikh Mujib and 16 of his family members were assassinated in a military coup.

FROM HOME TO MUSEUM

After Bangabandhu's assassination, the house was sealed off until 1981.

Meanwhile, the residence was put up for auction by the House Building Finance Corporation in June 1981.

Sheikh Hasina, Mujib's daughter, reclaimed its ownership upon her return to Bangladesh that year by paying Tk 12,000 in principal amount and interest.

Subsequently on August 14, 1994, the house was turned into a memorial museum after extensive renovation.

The museum was open to the public for the past 30 years, from August 1994 to August 5, 2024.

Following the ouster of Sheikh Hasina on August 5 in the face of an uprising against her rule, most historical records, including books and memorabilia, were destroyed in an attack by a mob who vandalised and set almost everything on fire.

“While past regime changes have seen violence and vandalism, the extent of destruction this time is unprecedented,” said eminent history professor Muntasir Mamun.

“These incidents are a stark reminder of our nation's alarming oblivion towards history. The Liberation War and Bangabandhu are the heritage of all Bangladeshis, and we will be held responsible by future generations for failing to safeguard these national symbols,” said Prof Muntasir, also president of 1971: Genocide Torture Archive and Museum.

Tuku, Palak

FROM PAGE 1

Paltan around 7:30pm on July 19. A little later, Fatema came to know from a neighbour that her husband was lying on the road, bleeding.

Fatema and her daughter went there and took Kamal to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, but the doctors pronounced him dead around 7:55pm, reads the case statement.

Fatema again went to the scene and came to know from locals that quota reforms protesters had gathered at VIP Road intersection on July 19.

“At one stage, criminals opened fire at police personnel and the cops also fired shots in the air. As the two sides chased and counter-chased each other, my husband was hit. Criminals then left the scene firing shots. My husband fell on the road after being hit by bullets,” Fatema said in the complaint.

She accused unidentified assailants of the murder.

Interestingly, Palak and Shaikat were earlier detained at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport when they were attempting to leave the country, according to reports run by different media outlets on August 6.

An airport official had told The Daily Star that some airport employees had barred Palak from going abroad, kept him confined to the airport lounge and informed the army about the incident.

On the same day, the authorities detained Shaikat along with another Chhatra League leader at the Dhaka airport, reported Prothom Alo.

According to the HSIA sources, the two BCL leaders went to the airport to depart the country, but the immigration authorities prevented them from leaving.

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সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান তালিকাভুক্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা ২০০৮ এর ৬৩ ও ৬৪ বিধি অনুসারে সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতিতে ২০২৪-২৫ অর্থ বছরে বিভিন্ন পণ্য সামগ্রী (পণ্য তালিকা) ক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে সরবরাহকারী যাচাই-বাছাই অগ্রে তালিকাভুক্তি, তালিকা হালনাগাদকরণ এবং সরবরাহকারী তালিকা সংরক্ষনের নিমিত্ত সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদন আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে:

পণ্য তালিকা: কম্পিউটার মনিটর, সিপিইউ, প্রিন্টার, ইউপিএস, স্ক্যানার, ফটোকপিয়ার মেশিন, ফ্যাক্স মেশিন, কাগজ কাটার মেশিন, কম্পিউটার ব্যবহার্য সামগ্রী, কম্পিউটার, ফটোকপিয়ার, ফ্যাক্স মেশিনের টোনার (কালি), স্টেশনারী মালামাল, কার্পেট, পাশোষ, আসবাবপত্র, ওয়াল কেবিনেট, ফাইল কেবিনেট, ওয়াল ফ্যান, ওয়াল ঘড়ি ইত্যাদি পণ্য সামগ্রী।

শর্তাবলি:

১। আবেদনের জন্য নির্ধারিত 'ফরম' আগামী ১৫/০৮/২০২৪ হতে ০১/০৯/২০২৪ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন প্রশাসন-২ অধিশাখা, কৃষি মন্ত্রণালয় (কক্ষ নং- ৪৩৪, ভবন নং- ৪, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়), বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা এবং বিভাগীয় কমিশনার অফিস, ঢাকা বিভাগ, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা থেকে প্রতি সেট ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা মূল্যমানের (পে অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পোস্টাল অর্ডার অফেরতযোগ্য) মাধ্যমে ক্রয় করা যাবে। আগামী ০১/০৯/২০২৪ তারিখের পর কোনো 'ফরম' বিক্রয় করা হবে না।

২। আবেদনের সাথে নিম্নবর্ণিত হালনাগাদ তথ্যাদিসহ সত্যায়িত কপি দাখিল করতে হবে;

ক) দুই কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি।

খ) Affidavit of the Fram.

গ) উপসচিব (প্রশাসন- ২ অধিশাখা) এর অনুকূলে ৫০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকা নতুন করে তালিকাভুক্ত এবং ২০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকা পূর্বের তালিকাভুক্ত হালনাগাদকরণের জন্য (পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/ডিমাল্ড ড্রাফট) জমা দিতে হবে (অফেরতযোগ্য)।

ঘ) ২০২৪- ২৫ পর্যন্ত বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স থাকতে হবে;

ঙ) ২০২৩-২৪ পর্যন্ত আয়কর প্রদানের সার্টিফিকেট থাকতে হবে;

চ) ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট থাকতে হবে;

ছ) ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সার্টিফিকেট থাকতে হবে;

জ) পণ্য সরবরাহ কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা:- বিগত তিন বছরে সর্বোচ্চ ২টি চুক্তির আওতায় ২০ লক্ষ টাকার বিভিন্ন ধরনের পণ্য সরবরাহের কাজের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতার সার্টিফিকেট থাকতে হবে (সরবরাহ কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ সরকারি/আধাসরকারি/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের উপযুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষের স্বাক্ষরিত হতে হবে)।

৩। আবেদনপত্রসমূহ যাচাই-বাছাই পূর্বক যোগ্য প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকা প্রস্তুত করে প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে তালিকাভুক্ত/তালিকা হালনাগাদ করা হবে।

৪। তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য মনোনীত করার পূর্বে প্রয়োজনে সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠান সরেজমিন পরিদর্শন করা হবে।

৫। চাহিদাকৃত সকল কাগজপত্রসহ নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদন আগামী ০১/০৯/২০২৪ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন প্রশাসন-২ অধিশাখা, কৃষি মন্ত্রণালয় (কক্ষ নং-৪৩৪, ভবন নং-৪), বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকায় রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাজে অথবা বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়ের দর্শনাধী পেইন্টে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাজে গ্রহণ করা হবে। এ ছাড়া ডাকযোগে উপসচিব, প্রশাসন-২ অধিশাখা, কক্ষ নং-৪৩৪, ভবন নং-৪, কৃষি মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা প্রিকানায় প্রেরণ করা যাবে; তবে তা ০১/০৯/২০২৪ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে অবশ্যই পৌছাতে হবে। বিলম্বে প্রাপ্তি কোন আবেদন মূল্যায়ন করা হবে না।

৬। কোনোরূপ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোনো অথবা সকল আবেদনপত্র বাতিল অথবা গ্রহণ করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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15.	Qualification & Experience	Package No-SD 1: Masters in Biological Sciences, Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources Management or pertinent disciplines of Biodiversity. At least 15 years of proven experiences on Implementation of CBD and its protocols with practical experiences on the developments of CBD and KM-CBP thereof. Experiences in development of Biodiversity and Biosafety related Act, Rules and policies and strategies. Package No-SD 2: Masters in Environment Economics having specialization on Valuing Biodiversity and Nature's contribution to People. At least 10 years experiences on economic valuation of ecosystem goods and services. Practical experiences on valuing various ecosystems of Bangladesh and the Nature's Contribution to People. Package No-SD 4: Masters in Natural and Social Science having specialization on Integration of Gender Studies in environmental management. At least 10 years experiences on Gender Integration in the context of the environmental management, biodiversity conservation and Others qualification criteria as per ToR.
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