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Fuel tanker explosion in Nigeria kills at least 59

AFP, Lagos

A fuel tanker exploded after colliding with a truck carrying passengers and cattle in northern Nigeria, killing at least 59 people, a rescue agency said yesterday.

Photographs released by the Niger State Emergency Management Agency or SEMA showed workers burying more than a dozen blackened and charred bodies of victims from Sunday's early morning incident.

Images showed burnedout shells of the vehicles, one still billowing with smoke and flames after the incident in Niger's Agaie local government district.

Ibrahim Husseini, spokesman for the Niger SEMA, told AFP the number of fatalities had risen to 59 yesterday from an initial toll of 52, when more victims were discovered in the wreckage and one of the injured died.

On Sunday, most of the victims were given a mass burial.

"It is possible that more dead bodies could be discovered," Husseini said in a text message.

The explosion happened after a petrol tanker loaded with PMS (fuel) collided with a trailer truck loaded with travellers and cattle, according to SEMA.

Two other vehicles, a crane and a pickup truck, were also involved, it added, while more than 50 cattle were burnt alive.

Fuel tanker explosions are common in Africa's most populous nation, where roads can be poorly maintained, and residents often look to siphon off fuel following accidents.

According to the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), more than 5,000 people died in road accidents in Nigeria in 2023, compared to nearly 6,500 the previous year.

Procuring Entity Name



People stand on their balcony above a flooded street in Trang Dinh district, Lang Son province yesterday, after Typhoon Yagi swept through

Iran sent missiles to Russia

Says EU citing 'credible information' as war rages in Ukraine

AFP, Brussels

The European Union yesterday said its allies had shared "credible" intelligence Iran had supplied Russia with ballistic missiles, a claim rejected by Tehran but not explicitly denied by the Kremlin.

US media outlets reported last week that Washington believed Iran had transferred the weapons to Russia for use in Ukraine, citing anonymous sources.

"We are aware of the credible information provided by allies on the delivery of Iranian ballistic missiles to Russia," EU spokesman Peter Stano said.

"We are looking further into it with our member states and if confirmed, this delivery would represent a substantive material escalation in Iran's support for Russia's illegal war of aggression against Ukraine."

Stano added that "the EU leaders' unanimous position has always been clear. The European Union will respond swiftly and in coordination with international partners, including with new and significant restrictive measures against Iran".

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Iran's foreign ministry vehemently rejected the accusations.

The West has been warning Tehran against sending Russia missiles for months, and the EU has already repeatedly hit Iran with sanctions for supplying drones to Moscow for the war in Ukraine.

"We strongly reject the claims on Iran's role in exporting arms to one side of the war," Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani said during a weekly press conference.

The Kremlin did not issue a denial on Monday when asked specifically about the Wall Street Journal report that Iran had sent missiles.

"We have seen this report, it is not every time that this kind of information is true," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

"Iran is our important partner, we are developing our trade and economic relations, we are developing our cooperation and dialogue in all possible areas, including the most sensitive areas."

The United States has said any deliveries would invoke a "severe" response and damage Tehran's efforts to improve relations with the West following the election of reformist Masoud Pezeshkian as president.

Faced with punishing Western sanctions, Moscow has turned to Iran and North Korea for weapons supplies to keep its war machine going in Ukraine.

Ukraine says it has been attacked with Iranian-designed Shahed drones on an almost daily basis from Russia, and has found fragments of North Korean missiles on its

The reported delivery of missiles to Russia comes as the Kremlin has once again stepped up its bombing campaign against Ukraine's key infrastructure ahead of winter.

Vietnam death toll from Yagi jumps to 59

AFP, Hanoi

The death toll in Vietnam from Typhoon Yagi jumped to 59, state media reported yesterday, as business leaders said the storm had been a "disaster" for the country's vital manufacturing

Yagi, according to meteorologists the most

powerful typhoon to hit northern Vietnam in 30 years, downed bridges, tore roofs off buildings and damaged factories after making landfall on Saturday carrying winds in excess of 149 kilometres (92 miles) per hour.

Power blackouts caused major disruptions to factories in northern Vietnam, which is a major production hub for global tech firms such as Samsung and Foxconn.

The north was also battling serious flooding yesterday, with several communities partially underwater.

The storm killed 59 people in Vietnam, state media reported, 44 of them in landslides and flash floods. The death toll had earlier been put at 21.

At least 24 others were killed as Yagi tore through southern China and the Philippines before hitting Vietnam.

Some 1.5 million people were still without electricity in Vietnam yesterday and a major bridge across the swollen and fast-moving Red River collapsed in northern Phu Tho province.

AFGHANISTAN 'VICE' LAW UN rights chief voices 'abhorrence'

AFP, Geneva

The UN rights chief yesterday slammed Afghanistan's latest laws curtailing women's rights, decrying the "outrageous" and "unparalleled" repression of half the country's population.

Speaking before the United Nations Human Rights Council, Volker Turk made clear his "abhorrence of these latest measures".

The Taliban government in Afghanistan published a widely criticised law in August further tightening restrictions on women's lives.

The new "vice and virtue" law dictates that a woman's voice should not be raised outside the home, and that women should not sing or read poetry aloud. It requires them to cover their entire body and face if they need to leave their homes, which they should only do "out of necessity".

These measures, Turk pointed out, come on top of previous measures that included "forbidding girls from attending secondary school and women from attending university: denying women's rights to freedom of peaceful assembly, opinion, expression and freedom of movement; and severely curtailing women's rights to seek employment".

Lone local Tenderer/ Local Lead Firm JV Tenderer must have successfully

RE-INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDER (RE-IFI

1	Procuring Entity Name	IsDB-BISEW		
2	Invitation for	Procurement of Central Air Conditioning System		
3	Invitation Ref. No.	IsDB-BISEW/Tender-IDB Bhaban-2/TP-02		
4	Publication Date	10 September 2024		
KE	Y INFORMATION			
5	Procurement Method	Competitive Tendering among eligible Tenderers: One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method (OSTETM) under Least Cost Basis (LCB).		
FU	INDING INFORMATION			
6	Source of Funds	IsDB-BISEW and Government of Bangladesh		
PA	RTICULAR INFORMATION			
7	Project Name	Construction of IDB Bhaban-2 comprising of Multi-Storied Twin Tower and 4-Storied Multi-Purpose Business Center with Common 3-Level Basement at Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.		
8	Tender Package No.	Tender-IDB Bhaban-2/TP-02	04	-
9	Tender Package Name	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Central Air Conditioning System.	21	F
10	Last Date of Issuing Tender Documents	24 September 2024 upto 3:00PM		
11	Date &Time of Pre-bid Meeting	06 October 2024 at 11:00AM		
12	Place of Pre-bid Meeting	Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.		
13	Last Date & Time of Tender Submission	28 October 2024 upto 12:00 Noon		
14	Opening of Technical Offer of Tender (Date, Time & Place)	28 October 2024 at 12:30 Noon at the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh. Intending Tenderers or their Authorized Representatives may remain present during opening of Technical Offer.		
15	Name and Address of the Office Selling Tender Documents	Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.		
16	Name and Address of the Office for Receiving Tender	Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.		
17	Brief Description of Works	Supply, Installation Testing and Commissioning of Central Air-conditioning and Ventilation System comprising e.g Supply & Installation of Chillers, Fan Coil Unit (FCU), Air Handling Units (AHU), Pump, Cooling Tower, Ventilation Fan, Ducting and Piping and Air Terminal etc.	22	0
		i. Tenderers intending to obtain Tender Documents shall have to apply along with a		
		Non-refundable Pay Order/ Bank Draft for an amount of BDT 100,000 (One Lac) or		Α
18	Price of Re-Tender Document & Issuance of Re-Tender Documents	equivalent in USD in favour of IsDB-BISEW (IDB Bhaban-2). ii. Tenderers who purchased Tender Documents against earlier Advertisement dated 10 March 2024, may obtain Tender Documents free of cost upon submission of Copy of the Money Receipt of previously purchased Tender Documents along with	23	re
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		the Application.		
19	Tender Security Amount	Lump Sum BDT 8 (eight) Million or in equivalent USD in the form of Pay Order/Irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of IsDB-BISEW (IDB Bhaban-2). The Tender Security furnished by a foreign Bank must be Counter Guaranteed by a Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh.	24	
20	Experience Criteria of Tenderer	a) General Experience: i. Lone Local Tenderer/Foreign/Local Lead Firm of Joint Venture (JV) Tenderer must be a bonafide Contractor having minimum 15 (fifteen) years of experience in Air-conditioning Works. ii) The Joint Venture Partner (Limited to 1 number only) must be a Bangladeshi Firm having minimum 10 (ten) years of experience in Air-conditioning System.	*	DB
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completed Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Central Air-conditioning System Works of combined capacity 2000 RT in Building projects in last 10 (ten) years prior to the date of Publication of IFIT in Newspapers/Website. Foreign Lead Firm of the JV Tenderer must have completed Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Central Air-conditioning System Works of combined capacity 4000 RT Air-conditioning System Works in Building projects in last 7 (seven) years prior to the date of Publication of IFIT in Newspapers/Website. The other Partner of the JV (Limited to 1 number only) must be a Bangladeshi Firm having successfully completed Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Central Air-conditioning System Works of combined capacity 1000 RT in Building projects in last 10 (ten) years prior to the date of Publication of IFIT in Newspapers/Website. Joint Venture (JV) may be formed between 2(two) Firms only of which the Lead Firm may be Foreign Firm/ Bangladeshi Firm and the JV Partner must be a Bangladeshi Firm. Financial Criteria of Tenderer a) Minimum Average Annual Turnover: Lone Local Tenderer/Local Lead Firm of the JV Tenderer must have minimum Average Annual Turnover only for Central Air-conditioning works of BDT 200 (two hundred) Million or Equivalent USD in last 5 (five) years. Foreign Lead Firm of the JV Tenderer must have minimum Average Annual Turnover only for Central Air-conditioning works of USD 5 (five) Million in The JV Partner of a JV Tenderer must be a Bangladeshi Firm having minimum Average Annual Turnover only for Central Air-conditioning works of BDT 50 (fifty) Million in last 5 (five) years. b) Liquid Asset/ Working Capital/ Credit Limit: Lone Local Tenderer/Foreign/Local Lead Firm of the JV Tenderer must submit original letter from Foreign Bank/ a Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh (as applicable) confirming a Liquid Asset/Working Capital/Credit Limit for an amount of BDT 50 (fifty) Million or Equivalent USD for this particular The Local JV Partner of a JV Tenderer must submit original letter of credit from a scheduled Bank of Bangladesh confirming Liquid Asset/Working Capital/ Credit Limit for an amount of BDT 50 (fifty) Million for this particular project. Neaz Khan Chief Executive Officer Name, Designation, Address & Contact IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani Details of Official Inviting Tender Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Telephone No. +880 2 9183006: Fax No. +880 2 9183001-2. e-mail: tender@isdb-bisew.org Website: www.isdb-bisew.org Shall be available in the official Website of IsDB-BISEW (www.isdb-bisew.org) in the Any further changes/up-date/modifications form of Corrigendum and Addendum. regarding this Tender Link for Tender information: www.isdb-bisew.org/tender Special Instructions and Conditions:

b) Specific Experience:



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c) This Invitation for Re-Tender can be seen in the Website of IsDB-BISEW.

Website: www.isdb-bisew.org, Email: tender@isdb-bisew.org

opened at the same time on the next working day.

without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever.

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a) If the Government declares holiday on the opening day of Tender, Tender shall be received and Technical Offer shall be

b) Applicants without having the requisite experience and qualification need not apply for issuance of Tender Document.

d) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Tenders or any Tender or annul the Tender proceedings