

Russia reports more gains in east Ukraine

‘Don’t want to be sandwiched’

Kremlin says forcing Russia into peace would be ‘fatal mistake’

AFP, Moscow

Russia's army said yesterday it had captured two more villages in eastern Ukraine, the latest gains for its advancing troops.

Moscow's soldiers have claimed a series of territorial gains in the area over the course of 2024, pressing on even as Kyiv mounts its own cross-border offensive into Russian territory.

The defence ministry in Moscow said its troops had “liberated the settlements” of Gostre and Grigorivka in the Donetsk region, in a statement posted on Telegram.

Gostre is a small village located 30 kilometres (18 miles) west of Donetsk city, the capital of a region Moscow claims to have annexed. Grigorivka lies close to the hilltop town of Chasiv Yar, another key Russian target.

Military correspondents have also reported that Ukraine faces a precarious situation in Vugledar, a former coal mining town further south in the Donetsk region where heavy fighting is underway.

Meanwhile, the Kremlin said yesterday that “forcing” Russia into peace would be a “fatal mistake,” rejecting comments made by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky at the United Nations.

Zelensky said Tuesday that Russia can only be forced into a peace settlement and vowed not to negotiate on Moscow's terms to end the conflict.

Says Sri Lanka’s new president on India-China plans

NDTV ONLINE

Anura Kumara Disسانayake - Sri Lanka's new Marxist president - has said he wants to avoid being “sandwiched” between India and China but recognises each as a “valued partner”, as he tries to resolve a financial crisis that has roiled his country since 2019 and led to a sovereign default in April 2022.

The former grassroots leader made it clear he intends to steer clear of geopolitical rumblings in South Asia or the Indian Ocean region. He acknowledged that each can provide much-needed financial aid but said he also wanted closer ties with the West, the Middle East, and even Africa.

The remarks were made in an interview with The Monocle, a global affairs and lifestyle magazine, in early September (before his election win was confirmed), in which he spoke about his foreign policy.

“There are many power camps within a multipolar system... but we won't be part of that geopolitical fight, nor will we be aligned with any party. We also don't want to be sandwiched, especially between China and India. Both are valued friends and we expect them to become closer partners.”

Disسانayake, 55, a previously fringe Left leader, was catapulted into the limelight after winning the presidential election; he pulled over 42 percent of the votes.

Rumoured close ties to China raised eyebrows, particularly in Delhi, which expressed

concerns over Beijing's growing influence on Sri Lanka, which sits on key shipping lanes in the Indian Ocean. Added to that, the South China Morning Post claimed Beijing expects Disسانayake will seek “maximum support” via foreign direct investment.

That report cited an economics professor from the University of Colombo as saying it is “highly probable” Disسانayake would prefer to work with Beijing over Delhi.


However, Disسانayake has, publicly at least, sought to reassure both Delhi and the United States, which too is wary of China's growing influence.

Speaking to an Indian publication on voting day (on Saturday), Disسانayake said India is “crucial” to his country's hopes for economic stability and regional security.

“We will consider how our economic measures impact our country (while) recognising the importance of India's support in our development efforts,” he told The Week.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken to Disسانayake, stating he looks forward to working closely with him to further strengthen the Indo-Lanka multifaceted cooperation. Modi's post on X also contained a reference to Colombo's “special place” in Delhi's Neighbourhood First policy.

Late Tuesday, Disسانayake dismissed the 225-member legislature in which his once-marginal party had just three seats and scheduled an early election for November 14, nearly a year ahead of schedule, according to a notice in the official government gazette.



এসেনসিয়াল ড্রাগস্ কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

৩৯৫-৩৯৭, তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা

ঢাকা- ১২০৮।

স্থানীয় দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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সকল কার্যদিসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে উপরোক্ত কার্যালয় হতে শর্ত ও নিয়মাবলীসহ দরপত্র শিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাবে।

উল্লেখ্য যে, যাদের ভ্যাকু রেজিস্ট্রেশন নাই তাদের দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করার প্রয়োজন নাই।

দরপত্র খোলার দিনে কোন দরপত্র শিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হবে না।

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প্রকিউরমেন্ট (চলতি দায়িত্ব)

পক্ষে ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক।

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E/M DIVISION-4, KURMITOLA, DHAKA.

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Date: 24-09-2024

e-Tender Notice

e-tender is invited in the national e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>)For the procurement of following goods:

Sl. No.	Name of Tender	Tender ID	Tender Package No.	Last date & Time of selling	Last date & Time of closing
1	2	3	4	5	6
01	Providing & Laying of Power cable, Obstruction Light, LED Flood Light, SDB, Switch-Socket etc for different places at SMA, Rajshahi.	1008035	WD- /E.Code No-100/2023-2024/ Rajshahi Airport.	08-Oct-2024 16:00	09-Oct-2024 12:00
02	Emergency/Repair/Maintenance/Supply work at Jashore Airport during the year 2023-2024(S.H: Replacement & fitting/fixing of Emergency panel, cable light fittings i/c related works for 2x25KVA single phase Transformer & Office room of DVOR at Jashore Airport.	1008960	WD-6/E.Code No-3258105/ 2023-2024/ Jashore Airport.	08-Oct-2024 16:00	09-Oct-2024 15:00
03	Replacement & fitting/fixing of beacon light with base including others related E/M works at Jashore Airport.	986542	WD-29/B-29/Code No-128/2023-2024/ Jashore Airport.	06-Oct-2024 16:00	07-Oct-2024 12:00
04	Providing, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Manual Bypass switching system for Mains and Automatic Diesel Engine Generating set at Jashore Airport.	984788	WD-13/E.Code No-130/2023-2024/ Jashore Airport.	08-Oct-2024 16:00	09-Oct-2024 12:00
05	Providing & fitting/fixing of garden light, globe light, street pole i/c other related works for new VIP car park, shimultola gate & new sub station area at Jashore Airport.	987095	WD-23-24/100/ Jashore Airport.	08-Oct-2024 15:00	09-Oct-2024 12:00

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 is required. The fees, for downloading the e-tender document from the national e-GP system portal, have to `be deposited online through any registered Bank`s branches. Further information and guidelines are available in national e-GP system portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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তারিখ: ২৪/০৯/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ

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“Recently I received yet another alarming report from our intelligence. Now Putin does seem to be planning attacks on our nuclear power plants... aiming to disconnect the plants from the power grid.”


Ukrainian President VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY tells the UN General Assembly



EASTERN REFINERY LIMITED

(A subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)

North Patenga, Chattogram



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SELECTION OF CONSULTING FIRM (INTERNATIONAL) FOR SETTING UP AN ISO/IEC 17025 (LATEST VERSION) ACCREDITED LABORATORY FOR TESTING AT ERL

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/ Energy and Mineral Resources Division					
2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)					
3	Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) Executing Agency: Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL)					
4	Procuring Entity District	Chattogram					
5	Expression of interest for selection of	Consulting firm (International) to provide Consultancy services for setting up an ISO/IEC 17025 (latest version) accredited Laboratory for Testing at ERL					
6	EOI Ref. No.	ERL/JOCLABORATORY/2024					
7	Date	26/09/2024					
KEY INFORMATION							
8	Procurement Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)					
FUNDING INFORMATION							
9	Budget and Source of Funds	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)					
PARTICULAR INFORMATION							
10	EOI Closing Date, Time & Place	06 November, 2024 at 14:00 Hrs (BST), Place: General Manager (Planning & Development), Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC), BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chattogram-4100.					
11	EOI Opening Date, Time & Place	06 November, 2024 at 14:30 Hrs (BST), Place: General Manager (Planning & Development), Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC), BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chattogram-4100.					
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT							
12	Brief Description of Assignment/Services	Eastern Refinery Ltd. (ERL), a Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) under the administrative control of Energy and Mineral Resources Division of the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh. ERL is engaged in producing petroleum products through processing of Crude Oil. ERL intends to appoint a Consulting Firm (International) to provide Consultancy Services for setting up an ISO/IEC 17025 (latest version) accredited laboratory for Testing at ERL. The objectives of the consultancy services are included but not limited to the following: a) Feasibility study including cost estimation for the laboratory based on the information mentioned in the Terms of Reference (ToR).The ToR will be available in BPC's (www.bpc.gov.bd) and ERL's website (www.erl.gov.bd). b) Preparation of design and drawings for construction of the laboratory building with ancillaries based on ToR. c) Preparation of a guideline for ensuring ISO/IEC 17025 (latest version) accreditation for testing mentioning conditions and requirements (general, structural, resource, process, management system, metrological traceability etc. related). d) Preparation of tender document in congruence with PPA 2006 and PPR 2008 for invitation of tender for construction of the laboratory building with ancillaries conforming design and drawings as well as considering requirements for accreditation. e) Evaluation of tenders (technical & financial) submitted by the bidders based on the requirements and conditions mentioned in the tender document for selection of a competent contractor. f) Perform contract management as per contract between the successful bidder and ERL till issuance of completion certificate of the laboratory building constructed for ISO/IEC 17025 (latest version) accreditation. g) Provide necessary assistance to get ISO/IEC 17025 (latest version) accreditation of the laboratory for testing.					
13	Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	The Applicant(s) shall meet the following eligibility criteria and shall furnish the documentary evidence in support of their eligibility criteria: a) The minimum number of years of general experience in consultancy service as Prime Consultant shall be 15 years; years counting backward from the date of publication of EOI. b) The consulting firm(s) as Prime Consultant shall have experience in consultancy service to set up minimum 2 (two) ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory for testing during the last 10 years; years counting backward from the date of publication of EOI. c) At least 01 (one) key professional must have the ISO/IEC 17025 Understanding and relevant Assessor course certification. d) Submit a summary of consultancy services of similar nature completed in last 10 (ten) years. Completion certificate of the same shall be submitted. e) All Certificates of consultancy services shall be in client's letter head pad having address, telephone & fax numbers and e-mail of the clients and shall include name, location, description and duration of services as well as contract amount. f) Applicant(s) shall have updated Trade License, VAT registration certificate, Income Tax certificate, Trade and organizational enrollment/certificate of incorporation and legal capacity to perform the service. g) The consulting firm(s) shall have requisite number of appropriate and experienced key professionals as mentioned in the ToR. A list of key professionals and their signed CV's with photograph & copy of all relevant certificates shall be submitted. h) The consulting firm(s) shall submit Audit Report for last 3 (three) years. i) The consulting firm(s) shall submit a Bank Solvency Certificate. j) Others as detailed in ToR.					
14	Other Details	Other information are as follows: a) The applicant of EOI shall submit the letter of application, basic data sheet, key professional staff and general & specific experience in prescribed format attached with ToR. b) The firm(s) may form Joint venture or association. Total number of firms including their associates will be maximum 2 (two). c) In case of Joint Venture (JV), an appropriate Declaration of Intent to work as a JV in the event of award of contract, signed by all JV partners mentioning the name of the lead partner and the name of authorized signatory. d) The EOI shall be submitted in 2 sets (one original & one copy) on or before the specified date, time and place. The applications will be opened on the specified date, time and place in presence of the representatives of the EOI applicants (if any). e) The EOI shall be submitted in sealed envelope and clearly marked with name of the assignment to the office of the inviting official. f) Information about consulting firm including brochure shall be submitted. g) Short list of consulting firm(s) will be made based on evaluation of application of EOI(s) submitted. Request for Proposal (RFP) will be sent to those short-listed firm(s) and proposal(s) will be evaluated on Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method. h) Interested applicants may obtain further information from the official inviting tender.					
15	Association with foreign firm is	Encouraged.					
16	Phasing of Services	Location Indicative Start Date Indicative Completion Date					
01	Feasibility study including cost estimation, submission of design and drawing and preparation of tender document.	ERL, North Patenga, Chattogram.	Within 7 (seven) days of signing contract.	Within 270 (two hundred seventy) days from signing of contract.			
	Evaluation of tenders (technical & financial) and recommendation to the purchaser for selection of a competent contractor.	Do	Within 7 (seven) days after submission of tender.	Within 60 (sixty) days from submission of tender.			
	Contract management for construction of ISO/IEC 17025 (latest version) accredited laboratory.	Do	After handover of construction site.	Within 720 (seven hundred twenty) days from the start date.			
02	Assistance for ISO/IEC 17025 (latest version) accreditation for testing.	Do	After issuance of completion certificate of the laboratory building construction.	Within 720 (seven hundred twenty) days from the start date.			
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS							
17	Name of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest.	Mohammad Shamiul Islam					
18	Designation of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	Assistant General Manager (Quality Control)					
19	Address of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh.					
20	Contact Details of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	Telephone No.: +88-02-3333-01261-70, Ext-280. Fax: +88-02-3333-01269. Mobile No.: +88-01321149028. E-mail: agmq@erl.com.bd , md-office@erl.com.bd					
21	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI(s) without assigning any reason. If any false declaration, incorrect or forged certificates/papers are found with an EOI, the EOI shall be declared non-responsive.						
22	If EOI(s) can't be received/opened on the date of schedule due to any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and same place.						