

STRIKES FROM UKRAINE

Putin issues nuke warning to West

REUTERS, Moscow

President Vladimir Putin warned the West on Wednesday that Russia could use nuclear weapons if it was struck with conventional missiles, and that Moscow would consider any assault on it supported by a nuclear power to be a joint attack.

The decision to change Russia's official nuclear doctrine is the Kremlin's answer to deliberations in the United States and Britain about whether or not to give Ukraine permission to fire conventional Western missiles into Russia.

Putin, opening a meeting of Russia's Security Council, said that the changes were in response to a swiftly changing global landscape which had thrown up new threats and risks for Russia.

The 71-year-old Kremlin chief said he wanted to underscore one key change in particular.

"It is proposed that aggression against Russia by any non-nuclear state, but with the participation or support of a nuclear state, be considered as their joint attack on the Russian Federation," Putin said.



Rescuers remove debris at the site of a residential area heavily damaged by a Russian air strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

2ND PHASE OF J&K POLLS

Omar Abdullah blames Centre for low turnout

THE HINDU ONLINE

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah yesterday said the low voter turnout in Srinagar district during the second phase of voting for Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls was perhaps a people's reaction to the Centre trying to project normalcy in the Union Territory.

His remarks came after the second phase of polling on Wednesday saw a voter turnout of over 56 percent while the first phase held on September 18 saw an estimated 61.38 percent voter turnout.

"To be honest, I was expecting higher turnout because there was no boycott call, there were attacks, there were no threats or intimidation of the voters. I feel the Centre is also responsible for this. They tried to present the high voter turnout as signs of normalcy and as if the people had accepted revocation of Article 370. Maybe this was a reaction from Srinagar because people of Srinagar do not want to send wrong signals," Abdullah told reporters.

Russia has secret war drones project in China

Say European intel sources; Beijing says it is not aware of such a project

REUTERS

Russia has established a weapons programme in China to develop and produce long-range attack drones for use in the war against Ukraine, according to two sources from a European intelligence agency and documents reviewed by Reuters.

IEMZ Kupol, a subsidiary of Russian state-owned arms company Almaz-Antey, has developed and flight-tested a new drone model called Garpiya 3 (G3) in China with the help of local specialists, according to one of the documents, a report that Kupol sent to the Russian defence ministry earlier this year outlining its work.

Kupol told the defence ministry in a subsequent update that it was able to produce drones including the G3 at scale at a factory in China so the weapons could be deployed in the "special military operation" in Ukraine, the term Moscow uses for the war.

Kupol, Almaz-Antey and the Russian defence ministry did not respond to requests

for comment for this article. China's foreign ministry told Reuters it was not aware of such a project, adding that Beijing had strict control measures on the export of drones, or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

Fabian Hinz, a research fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, a London-based defence think-tank, said the delivery of UAVs from China to Russia, if confirmed, would be a significant development.

"If you look at what China is known to have delivered so far, it was mostly dual-use goods - it was components, sub-components, that could be used in weapon systems," he told Reuters. "This is what has been reported so far. But what we haven't really seen, at least in the open source, are documented transfers of whole weapon systems."

Still, Samuel Bendett, an adjunct senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, a Washington-based think tank, said Beijing would be hesitant to open itself up to international sanctions for helping Moscow's war machine.

46 people drown during Hindu festival in India

AFP, Patna

At least 46 people, including 37 children, have drowned while celebrating a Hindu festival in eastern India, a local government official said yesterday.

The victims drowned in separate incidents in Bihar state while ritually bathing in rivers and ponds swollen by recent flooding, the official said.

"People ignored dangerous water levels in rivers as well as ponds while bathing to celebrate this festival," said the official.

The drownings occurred from Tuesday across 15 districts of Bihar as devotees marked the Jitiya Parv Hindu festival, observed by mothers for the well being of their children.

US PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

Trump vows to destroy Iran if it harms a candidate

AFP, Washington

Donald Trump said Wednesday Iran should be blown "to smithereens" if the Islamic Republic is involved in the harming of a US White House candidate or ex-president.

The provocative remarks come after US intelligence warned of threats from Tehran against the Republican's life.

"As you know, there have been two assassination attempts on my life that we know of, and they may or may not involve - but possibly do - Iran," Trump said at a campaign event in North Carolina.

"If I were the president, I would inform the threatening country, in this case Iran, that if you do anything to harm this person, we are going to blow your largest cities and the country itself to smithereens," he added.

Trump went on to say he and the US have been "threatened very directly by Iran" and that a firm message needed to reach Tehran that there would be the most severe consequences should it be involved in plots to kill or hurt a US president or presidential candidate. "The best way to do it is through the office of the president, that (if) you do any attacks on former presidents or candidates for president, your country gets blown to smithereens, as we say."

Harris attacks 'loser' Trump on US economy

AFP, Pittsburgh



Kamala Harris blasted Donald Trump as the "biggest loser" on the economy and a friend of billionaires Wednesday as the election rivals laid out competing plans on the top issue for many US voters.

In a speech on the economy and then again in her first major solo interview, the Democrat warned that Trump's plans to bring back huge tariffs on foreign imports would hurt middle class Americans in their wallets.

Republican Trump for his part doubled down on his protectionist vision - but spent as much time on threatening to blow Iran to "smithereens" after US intelligence warned of threats from Tehran against his life.

The vice president and the former president are neck-and-neck in polls and are both reaching out to undecided voters on key issues like the economy with less than six weeks until election day.



People walk on a flooded street as Tropical Storm John is on track to become a hurricane again, hurtling back towards communities across the Pacific coast, in Acapulco, Mexico on Wednesday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

BAPEX বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম এক্সপ্লোরেশন এন্ড প্রোডাকশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (বাপেক্স)
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 Foreign Purchase Department, Administration Division
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Invitation for International Re-Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division
2	Agency	Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla)
3	Company	Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Co. Ltd. (BAPEX)
4	Procuring Entity Name	General Manager (Administration)
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation Re-Tender No.	BAPEX/ADMIN/INT/TEN-1264/2024, Date: 24-09-2024.
7	Invitation for	Procurement of Spare Parts of Mud logging unit under "two appraisal cum development wells (Sundalpur-4 & Sriakal-5) and two Exploratory well (Sundalpur South-1 & Jamalpur-1) Drilling Project".
Key Information		
8	Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method (OSTETM), International Competitive Tender (ICT)
Funding Information		
9	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB and Bapex own fund.
Particular Information		
10	Indenting Division Name	Geological Division /Two Appraisal cum Development wells (Sundalpur-4 & Sriakal-5) and Two Exploratory well (Sundalpur south-1 & Jamalpur-1) Drilling Project
11	Tender Selling Date and Time	Tender document will be available from 30-09-2024 to 29-10-2024 between 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs BST on all working days.
12	Place of Tender Selling	a) Accounts & Finance Division, BAPEX Bhaban (Level-3), 4 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215 b) Accounts Division, Petrobangla, Petrocenter, 3 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215 c) Accounts Department, Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd, 105 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215
13	Last Selling Date of Tender	29-10-2024 at 15.00 Hrs. (BST)
14	Tender Closing Date & Time	30-10-2024 at 11.00 Hrs. (BST)
15	Tender Opening Date & Time	30-10-2024 at 11.30 Hrs. (BST)
16	Place of Tender Receiving & Opening	Foreign Purchase Department, BAPEX Bhaban, Level-4, 4 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215
Information for Tenderer		
17	Eligibility of Tenderer	i) Manufacturer/ Supplier must have at least 5 (five) years' experience of Mudlogging unit sale/ Mud Logging Spare Parts sale/Mud logging Service provider. ii) The manufacturer must have relevant ISO certificates. iii) If bidder is not the manufacturer himself, he has to present the Manufacturer's Authorization Letter from the manufacturer or their Genuine Distributor.
18	Brief Description of Goods	Spare Parts of Mud logging Unit (Data Acquisition Equipment, Hardware, Software and Sensors for ANAX 500 Mud logging System)
19	Price of Tender Document	BDT 5000.00 or US\$ 42 (Non-refundable)
20	Procuring Entity Details	General Manager, Administration Division, BAPEX
21	Address of the Official Inviting Tender	Administration Division, BAPEX, BAPEX Bhaban, Level-5, 4 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215
22	Special instruction	a) Mode of shipment: By Sea. b) Tender must remain valid for 120 days from the date of closing the tender. c) Time of completion of delivery: 90 days from receipt of Letter of Credit (L/C). d) Tender Evaluation will be done one stage two envelop system. e) Amount of tender security: US\$10,000.00 or BDT 12,00,000.00 or any equivalent amount of freely convertible currency in the form of Bank Guarantee or Pay Order issued by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh or from any reputable foreign bank duly endorsed by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh located in Dhaka with full obligation and liabilities. f) The tender security must remain valid for 148 (one hundred forty eight) days from the date of opening of the tender. g) If tender opening day happens to fall on any holiday or any unavoidable Circumstance such as Lock Down, Govt. holiday etc. tenders shall be opened at the same hours on the first subsequent working day. h) This tender notice will also be available at website www.petrobangla.org.bd, www.bapex.com.bd and www.cptu.gov.bd i) Suppliers/Manufacturers of the Countries which have no diplomatic relation with Bangladesh are not eligible for this Tender.
23	This tender will be conducted as per the PPR-2008 and PPA-2006.	
24	The Company reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders at any stage without assigning any reasons whatsoever.	

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Corrigendum of Tender Notice

This is for information and necessary action to all concerned that the following amendments have been made to the tender no. 03.06.2616.315.07.106.24.237 dated 23.09.2024.

SL	Header (2 nd Line)	Corrigenda or have to read
1	Ministry/Division	Chief Adviser's Office

All other Terms & Conditions of the tender no. 03.06.2616.315.07.106.24.237 dated 23.09.2024 will remain unchanged.

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