

Options for India, China to resolve border stand-off

Says Indian army chief

REUTERS, New Delhi

Talks between Indian and Chinese diplomats have opened options for the rivals to resolve conflict on their Himalayan frontier, India's army chief said yesterday.

Ties between the neighbours have been strained since clashes between their troops on the frontier left 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers dead in 2020.

Diplomatic and military talks to end the standoff have made slow progress and hurt business relations between the world's two most populous nations with New Delhi tightening scrutiny of investments from Chinese firms and halting major projects.

"The positive signalling is coming from the diplomatic side," General Upendra Dwivedi said at a defence think tank event. "But when it comes to the execution on ground ... it's dependent on the military commanders on both the sides to take those decisions."



Displaced Palestinians douse a burning car with water after it was hit in an Israeli strike in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday. More than 41,638 Palestinians have been killed and 96,460 injured in Israel's military offensive on Gaza since October 7, the Gaza health ministry said.

PHOTO: AFP

US ELECTIONS

NYT endorses Harris as 'only patriotic choice' for president

AFP, New York

The New York Times editorial board on Monday endorsed Kamala Harris, calling the Democrat "the only patriotic choice for president" in the race against Trump.

But the paper did not even mention the vice president's name until the fourth paragraph of its written endorsement - instead focusing attention on Trump's unworthiness for the presidency, calling him morally and temperamentally "unfit."

"This unequivocal, dispiriting truth - Donald Trump is not fit to be president - should be enough for any voter who cares about the health of our country and stability of our democracy to deny him re-election."

It's an "anyone but Trump" approach that The New Yorker took one day prior, with editors at the magazine saying the Republican represents the "ongoing assault on the stability, the nerves, and the nature of the United States." The Times acknowledged Harris "may not be the perfect candidate for every voter, especially those who are frustrated and angry about our government's failures to fix what's broken."

ISRAEL'S INCURSION INTO LEBANON

US out of step as world reacts to offensive

AGENCIES

The United States appeared out of step with the rest of the globe as it pledged its support for Israel's ground incursion into Lebanon.

While voices from across the world yesterday urged a ceasefire and a step back from the brink of all-out war, Washington declared the "limited" ground offensive into southern Lebanon as "Israel's right to defend itself."

Israeli troops advanced into Lebanon overnight yesterday, in a widely anticipated move. The military said in a statement that the raids were "limited, localised and targeted" against Hezbollah.

However, the advance further raises the risk of a wider escalation in the fight with the Iran-backed armed group or even across the region, and the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Russia, Spain and Japan have all been quick to express deep concern.

US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said that

he had told Israeli counterpart Yoav Gallant that Washington agrees on the need for a ground offensive to rid Lebanon's southern border area of Hezbollah weapons and other means it can use to carry out attacks across the border.



"I made it clear that the United States supports Israel's right to defend itself," Austin said. The White House National Security Council made a similar statement yesterday, justifying Israel's "limited operations", reports Al Jazeera online.

It also added that it remains against the expansion of the ground assault and that a diplomatic solution is the only way to achieve lasting stability along Israel's border with Lebanon.

Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati warned that his country is facing "one of the most dangerous phases of its history" and urged the United Nations to provide aid for one million people displaced by Israel's attacks over recent weeks.

DOCTOR'S MURDER

Jr doctors in West Bengal resume strike

REUTERS, New Delhi

Junior doctors in India's West Bengal state resumed their full strike yesterday, complaining that the country's judiciary has not made adequate efforts to restore justice after the rape and murder of a trainee doctor in August.

Doctors from the West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front, which represents 7,000 physicians, reinstated partial services last month, citing flood situation.

The rape and murder of the 31-year-old female doctor in Kolkata set off a wave of protests by doctors demanding greater workplace safety for women and justice for their slain colleague, prompting Supreme Court to create a hospital safety task force.

The doctors, however, said they were disappointed with the court's decisions and were "compelled to return to a full ceasefire".

'I chose freedom over justice'

Says Assange in first comments after detention

REUTERS, Strasbourg

Julian Assange, the founder of whistleblower media group WikiLeaks, told European lawmakers yesterday his guilty plea to US espionage accusations was necessary because legal and political efforts to protect his freedom were not sufficient.

"I eventually chose freedom over an unrealisable justice," Assange said, in his first public comments since his release from prison, addressing a committee at the Council of Europe, the international body best known for its human rights convention.

Assange, 53, returned to his home country Australia in June after a deal was struck for his release which saw him plead guilty to violating US espionage law, ending a 14-year British legal odyssey.

"I am free today after years of incarceration because I pleaded guilty to journalism, pleaded guilty to seeking information from a source, I pleaded guilty to obtaining information from a source and I pleaded guilty to informing the public what that information was," he said.

WikiLeaks in 2010 released hundreds of thousands of classified US military documents on Washington's wars in Afghanistan and Iraq along with swaths of diplomatic cables.

School bus fire in Thailand kills 23

REUTERS, Bangkok

At least 23 people died in Thailand when a school bus carrying more than 40 students and teachers on a field trip caught fire in the outskirts of the capital Bangkok, police said yesterday.



Twenty-three bodies have been identified, Trairong Phiwan, forensic science commissioner told reporters, with an investigation on the causes underway.

Sixteen students and three teachers were sent to a hospital, Transport Minister Suriya Juangroongruangkit said. Images posted on grey smoke pouring out of the bus, parts of which were still on fire. The blaze was later extinguished.

A Reuters photographer saw fire trucks, police and rescue vehicles parked around the blackened vehicle, with a cluster of firefighters at the entrance. "Teachers told us that the fire ignited very quickly," police chief Kittirat Phanphet said. "From speaking to witnesses, we believe the explosion was caused by a spark from the tyre that lit the gas cylinder that was powering the vehicle," he said, adding that some students escaped through the window.

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Recruitment Notice

Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Finance
Agency	:	Finance Division
Program Name	:	Skills for Industry Competitiveness and Innovation Program (SICIP)
Scheme Name	:	Expansion of Skills for Employment and Socially Inclusive Training for Priority and Emerging Sectors.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
Position	No.	Minimum Qualification and Experience
Program Implementation Unit (PIU) for SICIP-BGMEA Program		
Chief Coordinator	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masters in any discipline or Bachelor of Science in Engineering. At least 15 years' working experience in relevant field. Experience in skills development fields will be preferred. Working experience as the head of the training institute/project implementation unit of any project will be an added advantage. Strong communication, interpersonal and computer skills.
Coordinator (Training, Assessment and Monitoring)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masters in any discipline or Bachelor of Science in Engineering. At least 10 years' working experience in relevant field. Experience in skills development fields will be preferred. Strong communication, interpersonal and computer skills.
Coordinator (Finance & Procurement)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's in accounting/finance or MBA majoring in Finance or Accounting. At least 10 years' working experience in relevant field. Experience in skills development fields will be preferred. Strong communication, interpersonal and computer skills.
Coordinator (Job placement & Database)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masters in any discipline or Bachelor of Science in Engineering. At least 10 years' working experience in relevant field. Experience in skills development fields will be preferred. Strong communication, interpersonal and computer skills.
Application Closing Date and Time	:	Applications shall be submitted to the office of the Executive Program Director on or before 4.00 pm by 17 October 2024 in sealed envelope clearly marked "Application for the Selection of [Name of Position], SICIP-BGMEA Program". Contact address with email and mobile number of the applicant should be written on the left side of the A4 Size Envelope. Necessary documents in support of educational qualifications, experiences and skills have to be submitted.
Name & Designation of Official Inviting Recruitment	:	Mohammed Walid Hossain Executive Program Director Skills for Industry Competitiveness and Innovation Program (SICIP)
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Vacancy Announcement

Projahmo Research Foundation (PRF), a Bangladeshi NGO, in association with Johns Hopkins University, USA, has a long and illustrious history of conducting research in Bangladesh. PRF is seeking qualified and motivated applicants from Bangladeshi nationals for the position of Director Research.

Name of the Position	Education and experience	Responsibilities	Duty Station
Director Research	Bachelor's in medical science (MBBS) with master's in public health. Candidates with PhD will be given preference. At least ten years of professional experience with at least five years in a senior position, including project/research management experience. Experience in research program management and administration, financial management, award compliance, and tracking activity performance and costs. Strong in written and verbal English and Bangla communications. Excellent computer skill in MS Office and Excel and experience in archiving will be preferred. Must have a track record of performance, possibly some publications.	The Director Research will be responsible for the overall management of all ongoing research projects. As a member of the Senior Management Team, the Director Research, under the direction of the project PI and PRF Executive Director (ED) will be responsible for planning, execution, and study-related communications with the study managers/focal persons and the PI and other investigators (the team of investigators). S/he will assist in preparing and reviewing study reports, identifying gaps and potential solutions, and communicating with PI. S/he will be also responsible for administrative management of staff and the team of investigators. S/he will have to ensure effective and efficient use of the project's resources and materials. The Director Research will be reportable to the PIs on technical matters and to the PRF ED on administrative matters.	Dhaka

The appointment will be made on a fixed term basis. Projahmo Research Foundation (PRF) is an equal opportunity employer and particularly welcomes applications from women candidates. Any persuasion will disqualify the candidature. Only short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview. To learn more about PRF, please visit www.prfd.org and job responsibilities of this position, please visit: <https://jobs.prfd.org/jobs/103>.

Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements should submit the electronic application in <http://jobs.prfd.org/> and send a hard copy application which includes cover letter, updated CV, current and expected salary, copies of all certificates, and two copies photograph to the HR Officer, Projahmo Research Foundation, Level 7, House 97A, Road 25, Block A, Banani, Dhaka 1213, Bangladesh with name of the position over the top of the envelop by 10 October 2024.

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Office of the Mirkadim Paurashava

District: Munshiganj

Memo No. MIR/PAURO/ENGR-10-110/24/484

Date: 29/09/2024

e-Re-Tender Notice (OTM) No. 04/2024-25

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of:

Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of the work	Closing and opening date & time
1	1021884	IUGIP/MIRK/UT-DR/01/2023	Construction/Improvement of Roads 2671.00m in 7 location, RCC Drains 1285.00m in 4 locations, RCC Cross Drain One (01) number, Palisading Work 1042.00m & installation of Street Light 80 Nos. at Mirkadim Paurashava, Munshiganj District.	23.10.2024 Time: 13.00

This is 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 to the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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