



Kamala Harris slams Trump over reproductive rights

AFP, Washington

Kamala Harris slammed her White House rival Donald Trump's "lies" over reproductive rights Sunday, as both candidates sought an edge in the final month of a deadlocked US presidential election.

Polls have the Republican and Democratic candidates neck and neck, fuelling a high-cost, high-intensity scramble for each and every wavering voter in the seven key states that are likely to decide the outcome on November 5.

In her bid to reach those voters, the vice president is taking to the airwaves in the coming week with a host of television, radio and podcast appearances.

She began her media flurry with an appearance Sunday on the podcast "Call Her Daddy" -- one of the most popular programs on Spotify -- that focuses on advice and issues affecting women.

Addressing reproductive issues and abortion -- which Democrats view as major vote winners among undecided voters -- Harris took particular exception to Trump's repeated insistence that he is a "protector" of women's rights.

"This is the same guy who said that women should be punished for having abortions," she said.

At one point Harris was asked how she felt when she heard Trump, in their presidential debate last month, say that some Democratic states allow the "execution" of babies after birth. In an impassioned reply, Harris denounced that as "a bold-faced lie," something "outrageously inaccurate" and "insulting to women."

"This guy," she added, "is full of lies."

BILATERAL TALKS IN NEW DELHI

Modi, Muizzu promise to strengthen cooperation

India, Maldives ink currency swap agreement

REUTERS, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu held talks yesterday, with New Delhi promising to strengthen strategic cooperation as the island nation recovers from an economic crisis.

India approved a \$400 million and a 30 billion rupee (\$357.35 million) currency swap agreement, Modi said, adding that India was willing to provide extensive help to the Maldives to develop infrastructure.

Concerns have grown in recent months that cash-strapped Maldives could become the first

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country to default on Islamic sovereign debt but sentiment has improved since China and India, which vie for influence in the strategically located archipelago, extended fresh support lines.

India extended emergency financial support to the Maldives last month by subscribing to its \$50 million treasury bill at the request



of Muizzu's government, days after China agreed to strengthen trade and investment in the Indian Ocean nation.

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"We will work together for stability and progress in the Indian Ocean region," Modi said after the bilateral talks concluded. Muizzu is on a five-day state visit to India.

Much of the money the Maldives owes is to China and India, which have extended \$1.37 billion and \$124 million in loans respectively, according to World Bank Data. The fear of Maldives' default follows a

turbulent few years, as Covid-19 hammered the nation's mainstay tourism industry.

Maldives-India relations were hurt after Muizzu won power in April and demanded New Delhi replace 80 defence personnel it had stationed on the Maldives with civilians as part of his "India out" campaign. But the relationship has been on the mend following diplomatic talks and meetings since.

"India is a key partner in the socio-economic and infrastructure development of the Maldives and has stood by the Maldives during our times of need," Muizzu said.

SE ASIAN CRIME GANGS

Telegram app hosts 'underground markets': UN report

REUTERS, Bangkok

Powerful criminal networks in Southeast Asia extensively use the messaging app Telegram which has enabled a fundamental change in the way organised crime can conduct large-scale illicit activity, the United Nations said in a report yesterday.

The report represents the latest allegations to be levied against the controversial encrypted app since France, using a tough new law with no international equivalent, charged its boss Pavel Durov for allowing criminal activity on the platform.

Hacked data including credit card details, passwords and browser history are openly traded on a vast scale on the app which has sprawling channels with little moderation, the report by the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC) said.

Tools used for cybercrime, including so-called deepfake software designed for fraud, and data-stealing malware are also widely sold, while unlicensed cryptocurrency exchanges offer money laundering services, according to the report.

"We move 3 million USDT stolen from overseas per day," the report quoted one ad as saying in Chinese. There is "strong evidence of underground data markets moving to Telegram and vendors actively looking to target transnational organized crime groups based in Southeast Asia," it said.

Southeast Asia has emerged as a major hub for a multibillion-dollar industry that targets victims across the world with fraudulent schemes. Many are Chinese syndicates that operate from fortified compounds staffed by trafficked workers. The industry generates between \$27.4 billion to \$36.5 billion annually, UNODC said.

Russian-born Durov was arrested in Paris in August and charged with allowing criminal activity on the platform including the spread of sexual images of children.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

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Ref No- 58.01.0000.102.55.001.20(Part-4)-

Date: 07/10/2024

Corrigendum

Subject: Amendment of DIP Tender No. 58.01.0000.102.55.001.20(Part-4)-759, Date: 03/10/2024 For Procurement of 1.5 Million Machine Readable Passport Booklets and 1.5 Million lamination Foil.

Tender No. & Date

Description

Existing

Amended As

No- 58.01.0000.102.55.001.20 (Part-4)-759, Date: 03/10/2024	21. Place/ Date/ Time of Pre-tender Meeting .	Date- 15.10.2024	Date- 17.10.2024
	22. Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer.	i) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 02 (Five) years of specific experience in the manufacture and/or supplyof Passport booklets and manufacture of supply of Laminates for personalization of Machine Readable Passports (MRP) as per International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standard.	i) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 05 (Five) years of specific experience in the manufacture and/or supplyof Passport booklets and manufacture of supply of Laminates for personalization of Machine Readable Passports (MRP) as per International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standard.
	24. Price of Tender Document (TK)	BDT 10000.00	BDT 10000.00 Payable with Treasury A-Chalan (Code No: 1610501-133252-1422328)

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

09.10.2024
(Md Al Amin Mrida)
Deputy Director (Procurement)
For Director General

GD- 650

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Directorate General of Food
Ministry of Food
16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka
Website: www.dgfood.gov.bd

Date: 07/10/2024

International Tender Notice to Import Milling Wheat (Package-01/2024-2025)

International tenders in sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders to supply 50,000 (Fifty thousand) (+5%) Metric Ton of Milling Wheat. The particulars and terms & conditions are given below:

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh					
1 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Food				
2 Agency	Not applicable				
3 Procuring entity name	Director, Procurement				
4 Procuring entity code	Not applicable				
5 Procuring entity district	Dhaka				
6 Invitation for	Procurement of 50,000 MT (+5%) Milling Wheat				
7 Invitation Ref. No. and date	13.01.0000.093.46.001.24-307 date: 07/10/2024				
KEY INFORMATION					
8 Procuring method	International Open Tender Method				
FUNDING INFORMATION					
9 Budget and source of fund	GoB				
10 Development partners	Not applicable				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
11 Project/ programme / code	Not applicable				
12 Project/ programme name	Not applicable				
13 Package No.	Package-01				
14 Package name	Procurement of 50,000 MT (+5%) Milling Wheat				
15 Notice publication date	08/10/2024				
16 Document selling date	08/10/2024 to 21/10/2024 Time 4.30pm (BST)				
17 Closing date and time of submission of tender	22/10/2024, Up to 1:00pm (BST)				
18 Tender opening date and time	22/10/2024, Time: 2:30pm (BST)				
19 Name and address of the office(s): Selling tender documents	Office of the Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.				
Receiving place of Tender	1) Office of the Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. 2) Office of the Joint Secretary, Room No. 114 (1st floor), Building No. 04, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.				
Opening place of tender	Office of the Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.				
20 Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
21 Eligibility of tenderer	Necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the tender document.				
22 Brief description of goods or works	50,000 (-5%) (Fifty thousand) MT of Milling Wheat at Chatogram (60%) and Mongla (40%) port on CIF Liner Out term. Cost of the Cargo, Insurance and Freight including Stevedoring, Overseide Handling and Lightening are on seller's account. Single price per MT is to be quoted in US\$.				
23 Brief description of related services	Not applicable				
24 (i) Price of tender document (Tk.)	Tk 5,000 (five thousand) or USD 100 (One hundred) non-refundable by Pay Order/Bank Draft drawn in favour of Director General, Directorate General of Food.				
(ii) Mode of payment	Through Letter of Credit (L/C).				
(iii) Crop year	2024 or latest				
(iv) Tender validity	Up to BST 17.00pm, 05/11/2024				
25. Quality & Specification					
A)	Quality Parameters Specification Rejection				
i) Test weight (minimum)	76 Kg/ht	below 76 Kg/ht			
ii) Damaged kernels (maximum)	3%	above 3%			
iii) Foreign material (maximum)	0.7%	above 0.7%			
iv) Shrunken & broken kernels (maximum)	4%	above 4%			
v) Wheat of other classes	4% (including maximum 2% contrasting classes)	above 4% (including maximum 2% contrasting classes)			
vi) Protein content (minimum)	11.5% (at Dry Matter Basis)	below 11.5% (at Dry Matter Basis)			
vii) Moisture content (maximum)	13.5%	above 13.5%			
viii) Dockage (maximum)	1% (All dockage shall be deductible from the value)	above 1%			
ix) Radioactivity (maximum)	50 Bq / Kg of ¹³⁷ Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC & South-East Asian Countries.)	above 50 Bq / Kg of ¹³⁷ Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC & South-East Asian Countries.)			
B) Organoleptic properties: Bright, clear appearance, natural smell and color.					
Pack No.	Identification of Shipment	Country of origin	Location	Tender security amount (US\$.)	Shipment period
01	50,000 MT (+5%) Milling Wheat on CIF Liner out term	Any country of the world except Israel	Chatogram Port -60% and Mongla port-40%	US\$ 3,00,000 in favour of Director General of Food for 50,000 MT Milling Wheat (+5%) in the form of a Bank Draft/Pay-Order. (No Bank Guarantee is allowed)	40 (forty) days from the date of opening of the L/C.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
26	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Moniruzzaman			
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Director (Procurement)			
28	Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.			
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: +88-02-41050178 E-mail: dproc@dgfood.gov.bd			
30	(i) Incomplete, conditional tender and alternate offer shall not be considered. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason. (ii) Tenderer who has been awarded two NOAs (Notification of Award) awaiting signing the contract or has signed two contracts but shipment under any of the contracts has not yet set sail for destination, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender; (iii) Tenderer who had been awarded NOAs (Notification of Award) earlier but could not execute contract by submitting PG (Performance Guarantee) on time, shall not be eligible to participate in the next two tenders; (iv) Tenderer whose bid-bonds had been forfeited twice for not submitting PG or signing contract on time, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from the bid-bonds so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not; (v) Tenderer whose whole PG (Performance Guarantee) had been forfeited for non-supply of the contracted quantity, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from PG so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not.				

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