

PARIS AID CONFERENCE
\$1b raised for Lebanon

AFP, Paris

A Paris conference on aid for conflict-stricken Lebanon raised around \$1 billion yesterday but saw little diplomatic progress as fighting continues between Israel and Hezbollah.

"In total, we have jointly gathered \$800 million in humanitarian aid," French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot told participants as the conference closed.

He added that there was a further "\$200 million for the security forces," bringing the total to "almost a billion, even more than a billion... with the latest contributions".

The total far outstrips both France's target of 500 million euros and the 400 million originally requested by the UN for Lebanon, where Barrot said over 2,500 people had been killed and "almost one million" displaced in fighting since late September.

Israel launched a ground offensive against Iran-backed Hezbollah in southern Lebanon after a year of exchanging fire over the border following Hamas' October 7, 2023 attack.

But while there were repeated calls for a

ceasefire, diplomatic progress in Paris was limited by the absence of key players Israel and Iran, while America was represented only by a deputy to Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

"We have risen to the occasion" with financial support, Barrot told participants, with major pledges including 100 million euros (\$108 million) from France, 95 million from Germany and at least 15 million pounds (\$20 million) from Britain.

Nevertheless, "we cannot limit ourselves to a humanitarian and security response... we have to bring about a diplomatic solution," he added.

BACK TO 2006?

France, which has historic ties to Lebanon and hosts a large Lebanese diaspora, is pushing alongside the US for a 21 day ceasefire to give space to find a more lasting truce.

Paris wants a return to UN Security Council Resolution 1701, which sealed the end of the last Israel-Hezbollah war in 2006. "The war must end as soon as possible, there must be a ceasefire in Lebanon," President Emmanuel Macron said sitting alongside the country's Prime Minister Najib Mikati.



A man stands on the rubble of a building that was destroyed during an overnight Israeli airstrike that targeted the Mreijeh neighbourhood in Beirut's southern suburbs yesterday, amid the ongoing war between Israel and Hezbollah.

PHOTO: AFP

Overnight raids rock Beirut

3 Lebanese troops killed; residential complex levelled: Hezbollah fires rockets at north Israel

AFP, Beirut

Israel conducted at least 17 raids overnight that levelled six buildings, according to Lebanon's official National News Agency, sending a huge ball of fire enveloped in a tower of smoke soaring into the night sky.

The Lebanese army said yesterday that three of its soldiers were killed by Israeli fire while carrying out a rescue operation in the south where Israel is fighting Hezbollah.

"The Israeli enemy targeted Lebanese army personnel in the vicinity of Yater village, in the Bint Jbeil area of the south, while carrying out an operation to evacuate wounded, which led to the deaths of three martyrs, including an officer," an army statement said.

Lebanon's official National News Agency (NNA) reported an unspecified number of dead in a strike "on a house in Yater". It said paramedics were wounded when the Israeli air force struck a second time as they tried "to rescue the

casualties".

The NNA also reported "a new wave of Israeli attacks on villages" in the southern districts of Tyre and Bint Jbeil overnight.

The Israeli military said yesterday it hit Hezbollah weapons production facilities in the group's south Beirut bastion.

In south Lebanon, also a stronghold of Hezbollah, the group said its fighters were clashing at close range with Israeli troops in a border village.

What would BNP do

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Jagrata Bangladesh organised the discussion titled "The responsibilities of the interim government and political parties in the current context of the country".

Gayeshwar questioned how so many Awami League leaders crossed the border and went abroad. "Who encouraged and assisted them in escaping? Who will answer for this? Who gave the criminals the opportunity to escape without facing justice? What will be the

government's answer to this question?"

The BNP leader called upon the party leaders and activists to remain vigilant to prevent a constitutional crisis in the country.

The interim government on Wednesday night banned Pro-Awami League student body Chhatra League.

The home ministry issued a gazette notification in this regard, stating that the government invoked the Anti-Terrorism Act-2009 to ban Chhatra League.

Invitation of Tender 703 Medium Workshop EME Dhaka Cantonment

1. Fin yr 2024-2025 sealed quotations are invited from bonafide reputed and enlisted (Logistic area) firms of Bangladesh Army who all are renewed (2024-2025) of local repair of vehs as below:

Ser	Tender No. & date	Description of work	Date of selling tender schedule	Opening date of tender
1	2	3	4	5
a	Tender No-01 dt 09 Oct 2024	BA No-038134 & 038135 Toyota Prado GX Model LJ-120R GKMEC Necessary Spare Parts/ Equipment (As per schedule).	According to PPR 2008 rule 61 (4) the schedule will be sold upto 14 days from the date of publication of the newspaper.	Tenders will be opened on the 15th day of the schedule sale.

2. The terms & conditions with technical specification spare available in local purchase office of 703 Medium Workshop EME, Dhaka Cantonment during office time. Two percent (2%) earnest money of the total tendered amount have to be deposited in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order along with the tender in favour of CO, 703 Medium Workshop EME, Dhaka Cantonment, Dhaka. Interested firm has to purchase tender schedule from LP office of 703 Medium Workshop EME, up to 1400 hours in every working day till last date of selling as mentioned in columns 4. On the opening date (mentioned in column 5) at 1230 hours tender box will be opened in presence of intending bidders or their representatives (if any).

3. Participating firms must have past experience in doing the similar nature of work and experience certificate to be attached in tender

4. In the current financial year, if authority decides to do the same repair/rebuild work again the supplying firm will be bound to do with same price.

5. Lowest quoted package price will be considered as the lowest bidding price of the firms.

6. Authority reserves all the rights to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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703 Medium Workshop EME
Dhaka Cantonment

Office of the Swarupkathi Pourashava

District: Pirojpur

Date: 23-10-2024

e-GP Tender Notice: 01/2024-2025 (OTM)

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

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of the goods/works	Last selling date & time	Closing and opening date & time	Last date & time for tender security submission
1026286	LGCRRP/Swarupkathi/2024-25-W-06	Upgrading of RCC road from RHD road Polli Biddut Station to Dockyard at Ward No. 07, under Swarupkathi Pourashava Ch.00-210.00m. (a) Construction of Plasidng work near Rovernment pond to late Mayor Honorable Freedom Fighter Delower Hossain Faruk Bari Ward No. 09 (Ch 00m-210m). (b) Construction of Plasidng work at Bridge to Sumsudin Akcher Bari Ward No. 09 (Ch 00m-200m). (c) Construction of Plasidng work RHD to end Pourashava Ward No. 02 (Ch 00m-150m).	18-Nov-2024 16:00pm	19-Nov-2024 14:00pm	19-Nov-2024 13:00pm

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 (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) 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 branches.

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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