

## SYRIA SANCTIONS RELIEF EU to tackle issue at end of month

REUTERS, Riyadh

European foreign ministers will meet at the end of January to discuss the lifting of sanctions on Syria, the EU foreign policy chief said yesterday in Riyadh ahead of a meeting of top Middle Eastern and Western diplomats and Syria's new foreign minister.

Kaja Kallas, the EU foreign policy chief, said the foreign ministers would convene in Brussels on Jan. 27 in an effort to decide how the 27-nation bloc would relax sanctions on Syria.

After 13 years of civil war, Syria's President Bashar al-Assad was ousted in a lightning offensive by insurgent forces led by the Islamist Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) a month ago. The group has since set up a caretaker government in Damascus.

Any European decision to ease sanctions would be conditional on the new Syrian administration's approach to governing, which must include "different groups" and women and "no radicalisation", Kallas said, without elaborating.

"If we see the developments going to the right direction, we are ready to do the next steps... If we see that it's not going to the right direction, then we can also move back on this."

The conference, the first such meeting of Western and regional leaders hosted by regional heavyweight Saudi Arabia since Assad's ouster, comes as Damascus urges the West to lift sanctions to help funding flow more freely.

In a press conference held after wrapping up the conference, Saudi foreign minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud said he stressed "lifting the unilateral and UN sanctions imposed on Syria as continuing... sanctions will hinder the aspirations of the Syrian people to achieve development."

The US, Britain, the European Union and others imposed tough sanctions on Syria after a crackdown by Assad on pro-democracy protests in 2011 that spiralled into civil war. But the new reality in Syria has been complicated by sanctions on HTS - and some leaders - for its days as an al Qaeda affiliate.

Germany, which is leading the EU's discussion on sanctions, on Sunday proposed allowing relief for the Syrian population, but retaining sanctions on Assad allies who "committed serious crimes" during Syria's war.

"Syrians now need a quick dividend from the transition of power, and we continue to help those in Syria who have nothing, as we have done all the years of civil war," said German foreign minister Annalena Baerbock.

The United States on Monday issued a six-month exemption of its sanctions for transactions with governing institutions in Syria to try to ease the flow of humanitarian assistance and allow some energy transactions.

British foreign minister David Lammy joined the Riyadh talks along with ministers from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, as well as the UN special envoy for Syria, Geir Pedersen.



A child feeds another a spoonful of food as they sit atop graves at a cemetery where families displaced by conflict are taking shelter in Deir el-Balah in the central Gaza Strip yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

## Top Israeli security delegation in Doha for Gaza talks

REUTERS, Jerusalem

A top-level Israeli security delegation arrived in Qatar yesterday for talks on a Gaza hostage and ceasefire deal, a spokesperson for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, in a possible sign of so far elusive agreements nearing.

Qatar and fellow mediators Egypt and the United States are making renewed efforts to reach a deal to halt the fighting in the enclave and free the remaining 98 hostages held there before President-elect Donald Trump takes office on Jan. 20.

Netanyahu's office said on Saturday that the delegation includes Mossad Head David Barnea, the head of the Shin Bet domestic security service Ronen Bar and the military's head of the hostage brief, Nitzan Alon.

Trump's Middle East envoy, Steve Witkoff, met on Saturday with Netanyahu, after having met on Friday with Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani.

Israeli and Palestinian officials have said since Thursday that some progress has been made in the indirect talks between Israel and militant group Hamas but did not elaborate. The sides have been keeping a

tight lid on the details being worked out.

It is unclear how they will bridge one of the biggest gaps that has persisted throughout previous rounds of talks: Hamas demands an end to the war while Israel says it won't end the war as long as Hamas rules Gaza and poses a threat to Israelis.

Since October 7, 2023, more than 46,000 people have been killed in Gaza, according to Palestinian health officials, with much of the enclave laid to waste and gripped by a humanitarian crisis, and most of its population displaced.

On Saturday, the Palestinian civil emergency service said eight people were killed, including two women and two children, in an Israeli airstrike on a former school sheltering displaced families in Jabalia, in the northern Gaza Strip. The Israeli military said the strike had targeted Hamas militants who were operating at the school and that it had taken measures to reduce the risk of harm to civilians.

Later on Saturday, the Gaza Civil Emergency Service said five people were killed and several others were wounded in two Israeli strikes. One of the two strikes killed three people in a house near the Daraj neighborhood in Gaza City.

## Russia claims new villages in eastern Ukraine

AFP, Moscow

Russia yesterday claimed the capture of two villages in eastern Ukraine where its forces have been steadily advancing for months.

The defence ministry said the southern group of forces had captured the village of Yantarne in the eastern Donetsk region, around 10 kilometres (six miles) southwest of Kurakhove, a key logistics hub that Moscow claimed to have seized last week.

On Saturday, Russia's army said it had also taken new territory northwest of Kurakhove.

The defence ministry said Sunday that Russian troops had also captured the village of Kalinove in the northeastern Kharkiv region.

The village is on the western bank of the Oskil River, which for a long time formed the front line between the two armies in the region.

But a Ukrainian official said Thursday that Russian forces had managed to establish a bridgehead on the western bank after crossing the river. Russia's army has spent months making attempts to cross the river, which also cuts through Kupiansk, a city recaptured by Ukraine.

## Myanmar junta air strike kills 15

AFP, Bangkok

A Myanmar junta air strike killed at least 15 civilians and wounded 10 others at a market in a gold-mining area in northern Kachin state, a spokesman for an ethnic rebel group that controls the area told AFP yesterday.

The junta has been accused of carrying out multiple attacks on civilian targets as it struggles to quell resistance to its 2021 coup.

The latest attack happened around 11:00 am on Saturday, Colonel Naw Bu, a spokesperson from the Kachin Independence Army (KIA), told AFP.

"All those killed were civilians including gold miners and local shopkeepers," he said.

The KIA, which can call on around 7,000 fighters, has been battling the military for decades for autonomy and control of local resources in Kachin state.



Pedestrians walk their dogs on a street covered in snow during a snowfall in Skopje, yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

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৫.	উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল)- ০১ (এক)	গ্রেড-১০, বেতনস্কেল ১৬,০০০-৩৮,৬৪০/-	৩২ বছর	
৬.	হিসাব সহকারী- ০১ (এক)	গ্রেড-১১, বেতনস্কেল ১২,৫০০-৩০,২৩০/-		
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৯.	ইলেকট্রিশিয়ান- ০১ (এক)	গ্রেড-১৬, বেতনস্কেল ৯,৩০০-২২,৪৯০/-		
১০.	অফিস সহায়ক- ০১ (এক)	গ্রেড-২০, বেতনস্কেল ৮,২৫০-২০,০১০/-		

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**Invitation for Tender**

**Invitation for Hiring of 6(Six) Minibuses including Manpower**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.			
2	Agency	Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla).			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL)			
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.			
5	Invitation For	Hiring of 6(Six) nos. Minibuses.			
6	Invitation Ref. No & Date	28.14.0000.159.01.001.25 & Date : 09-01-2025			
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>					
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method.			
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>					
8	Budget and Source of Funds	Own Fund.			
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>					
9	Division Name	General Services Division			
10	Tender Package Name	Hiring of 6(Six) nos. Minibuses (30 seated). Model 2016 or latest for 6(six) Routes.			
11	Tender Publication Date	13-01-2025.			
12	Tender Selling Date	From 16-01-2025 to 29-01-2025 (During office Hour)			
13	Tender Closing Date and Time	30-01-2025 at 12:00 PM.			
14	Tender Opening Date and Time	30-01-2025 at 3:00 PM.			
15	Name and Address of the Offices				
Selling Tender Document					
a) Fund Department (Level-9), Head Office of GTCL. Plot No.F-18/A, Sher-E- Bangla Nagor, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.					
Receiving Tender Document					
a) Committee Room (Level-3), Head Office of GTCL, Plot No.F-18/A, Sher-E-Bangla Nagor, Agargaon Dhaka-1207. b) Manager (Purchase), Level-3, Petrobangla,3, Kawran Bazar C/A Dhaka -1215. c) Local Purchase Department, Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Co.Ltd, BAPEX Bhaban (Level-4), Kawran bazar C/A Dhaka-1215.					
Opening Tender Document					
Committee Room (Level-3) of GTCL, Plot No.F-18/A, Sher-E- Bangla Nagor, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.					
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER/SERVICE PROVIDER</b>					
16	Eligibility of Tenderer/Service Provider	As per Tender Document.			
17	Brief Description of Services	Supply of 6(six) Minibuses for Commuting to GTCL Head office from different Locations of Dhaka, Narayanganj, Savar & Gazipur. <b>Type of Vehicles:</b> 6(Six) Minibuses, (30 seated) for 6 Routes. The Model of Minibuses will be 2016 or latest.			
18	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	<b>Taka: 3,000.00 (Three thousand) (in cash) Non-refundable.</b>			
<b>Tender no. Location, Tender security Amount and completion Time</b>					
	Package No	Description	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Months/ Years
	01	Vehicle Hiring	Dhaka, Narayanganj, Savar & Gazipur.	<b>Tk.3,000,000.00 (Three lac only)</b>	<b>12 Months</b>
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>					
19	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Sayed Mohibbul Alam Khaled			
20	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager (Transport Control department).			
21	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager (Transport Control Department), GTCL Plot No.F-18/A, Sher-E- Bangla Nagor, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.			
22	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone: +02-44827261(office)			
23	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.				
24	If it is not possible to accept and open the tender on the scheduled date due to unavoidable reasons, the tender will be accepted and opened at the same time and place on the next working day.				
25	This tender will be conducted as per the Public Procurement Act-2006 & Public Procurement Rules-2008.				
26	This tender notice will be available at website of GTCL ( <a href="http://www.gtcl.org.bd">www.gtcl.org.bd</a> ), Petrobangla and BPPA ( <a href="http://www.bppa.gov.bd">www.bppa.gov.bd</a> ).				

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Transport Control Department  
Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL)