

SOUTH LEBANON

Israeli troops to remain at five positions

Says minister; Beirut says army ready to assume duties on Israel border

AFP, Jerusalem

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz yesterday confirmed that troops remain at five positions in southern Lebanon past a pullout deadline, vowing action against any truce violation by militant group Hezbollah.

The Israeli military "will remain in a buffer zone in Lebanon with five control positions, and will continue to act forcefully and uncompromisingly against any Hezbollah violation," said Katz in a statement shortly after an extended deadline expired for Israel to withdraw from Lebanon under the November 27

Deadline for Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon expires

truce deal.

Israel had announced hours before the pullout deadline that it would keep troops in "five strategic points" near the border.

A Lebanese security source earlier confirmed that "the Israeli army has withdrawn from all border villages except for five points."

Lebanon said the army is ready to assume duties on Israel border. UN said the delay in Israel's Lebanon withdrawal is 'violation' of resolution on ending war.

The ceasefire between Israel and the militant group has been in effect since late November, following more than a year of hostilities.

Katz said the decision to remain inside Lebanese territory was made "in accordance with the decision of political echelon... to ensure the protection of all Israeli communities".



An Israeli army excavator demolishes a residential building in the Tulkarem camp for Palestinian refugees during an ongoing Israeli military operation in the occupied West Bank yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

US senators dismiss Trump's Gaza plan

Expect Arab states to put forward a workable alternative; Hamas to free 6 Israeli hostages this week

REUTERS, Tel Aviv

US Republican Senator Lindsey Graham dismissed on Monday President Donald Trump's proposal to seize Gaza and force out the Palestinians, while Democrat Senator Richard Blumenthal said he expects Arab states to put forward a workable alternative.

The prominent lawmakers were among a bipartisan group of US senators who earlier met in Tel Aviv with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who on Sunday repeated his backing for Trump's controversial vision for Gaza.

Israeli officials have latched onto Trump's proposal, with Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz instructing the military to prepare a plan that would allow for Palestinians in Gaza to leave voluntarily.



But Graham, a longtime ally of Trump and a key Republican in Congress with influence on foreign policy and national security matters, told reporters there was little appetite in the Senate "for America to take over Gaza in any way, shape or form."

Blumenthal simply said the plan was a "non-starter."

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said yesterday that Israel will begin indirect negotiations

with Hamas on the second phase of the Gaza ceasefire deal this week and it demands a complete demilitarisation of the enclave.

An extraordinary Arab League meeting on Gaza, initially set for next week, has been postponed to March 4, host Egypt said yesterday.

Trump's proposal has been widely denounced by Arab officials, while some critics have said it equates to ethnic cleansing. Netanyahu as recently as Monday said that the Palestinians in Gaza should be given the choice to leave.

Katz said on Monday that he would establish a directorate within the ministry for the voluntary departure of Palestinians from Gaza.

Meanwhile, Hamas's top negotiator said yesterday the group will release this week six living Israeli hostages held in Gaza.

Meta plans globe-spanning sub-sea internet cable

AFP, Paris

Facebook and Instagram parent company Meta has said it will lay an undersea cable stretching across five continents to carry data, including for developing artificial intelligence.

The cable will run for more than 50,000 kilometres (31,000 miles) between the US, South Africa, India, Brazil and "other regions", Meta wrote in a blog on Friday.

Global digital communication relies on a vast network of undersea conduits, with roughly 1.2 million kilometres of cable already installed, according to a 2024 report by the US-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

Digital giants like Meta have recently muscled in to the world of subsea cables, long dominated by specialist companies like America's SubCom, France's ASN, Japan's NEC and China's HNM.

Intercontinental data flows underpin swathes of global economic activity, but suffer regular accidental damage from incidents like underwater landslides, tsunamis or dragging ship anchors.

They can also be targets for deliberate sabotage and spying. Nato in January launched dedicated patrols of the Baltic Sea after suspected attacks on telecoms and power cables that experts and politicians have blamed on Russia.

Dubbed "Project Waterworth", Meta's plan aims to "strengthen the scale and reliability of the world's digital highways... with the abundant, high speed connectivity needed to drive AI innovation".

Musk has no authority to make decisions

Says White House in a court filing

REUTERS, Washington

Billionaire Elon Musk's role in the Trump administration is as a White House employee and senior adviser to the president, and is not an employee of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and has no decision-making authority, the White House said in a court filing on Monday.

According to a filing signed by Joshua Fisher, director of the Office of Administration at the White House, Musk can only advise the president and communicate the president's directives.

"Like other senior White House advisors, Mr Musk has no actual or formal authority to make government decisions himself," it said.

Fisher's filing, made in a case brought against Musk by the State of New Mexico, said that Musk was not an employee of the US DOGE Service, or the US DOGE

Service Temporary Organization, and added: "Mr Musk is not the US DOGE Service Administrator."

DOGE has swept through federal agencies since Donald Trump began his second term as president last month and put Musk, the chief executive of carmaker Tesla, in charge of rooting out wasteful spending as part a dramatic overhaul of government that has included thousands of job cuts.

Meanwhile, a US judge temporarily refused on Monday to block Musk's government efficiency team from accessing Education Department student data, in a minor legal victory for the world's richest man in his blitz on public spending.

The University of California Student Association had sought to block DOGE from accessing students' data including social security numbers, loans and tax information.



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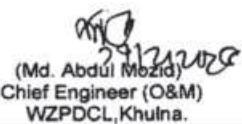
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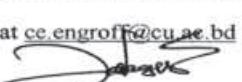
Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)

1. Ministry/Division : Ministry of Education
2. Agency : University of Chittagong
3. Procuring Entity Name : Chief Engineer, Engineering Office, University of Chittagong
4. Procuring Entity Code : N/A
5. Procuring Entity District : Chittagong
6. EOI for selection of : Engineering & Architectural Consulting Firm
7. Procuring Method : Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
8. Budget and Source of funds : GoB
9. Project Name : Consultant for Architectural and Engineering Design of Acoustic Staging & Gallery Works in the Auditorium for Faculty of 2nd Arts & Humanities Building at the University of Chittagong.
10. Brief description of Assignment : Providing consultancy services for the Preparation of Architectural and Engineering Design of Acoustic Staging & Gallery Works in the Auditorium for Faculty of 2nd Arts & Humanities Building at the University of Chittagong.
11. Submission of Proposal : Up to 12:00 p.m. on 03/03/2025. Technical offer shall be submitted at the Engineering Office at C.U. (Please seal envelope, duly marking it as the technical offer and bearing the Name & Address of the Consultant).
12. Proposal opening date & time : Technical offer will be opened at the Office of the Chief Engineer at University of Chittagong on the same day at 2:00p.m. in presence of the consultant or his representative if there are any.
13. Eligibility of the Consultant :
a) Trade License (Updated)
b) VAT, TIN and TAX Assessment Certificate (Updated)
c) Last 05 (Five) years Audit report (Only summary part)
d) Average Annual turnover: The consulting firm must have at least an average annual turnover of BDT 1,50,00,000.00 (One Crore and Fifty Lakh) for at least 02 (Two) years within the last 05 (Five) years.
The consulting firm shall meet the following minimum qualification criteria.
1. The consulting firm shall have a minimum of 10 (Ten) years' experience in the field of providing architectural and engineering design.
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3. The consulting firm should have specific experience in both architectural and engineering design of at least 02 (two) similar types of projects (academic and/or institutional), each having minimum total floor area of 1200 square meter in each project in the last 05 years.
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15. Scope of Works :
a) The design should be prepared considering sustainability, durability, eco-friendliness and aesthetics.
b) Three-dimensional visualization shall be presented.
c) Preparation of detail Architectural Design, MEP, Fire fighting system, Bill of quantities (BOQ).
d) The plan should fulfill requirements considering present & future demand of the University.
16. Name, Designation of official inviting EOI : Engr. Syed Zahangir Fazal
Chief Engineer
17. Address, Contact details of official inviting EOI : Engineering Office, University of Chittagong, PABX- 02-34460789, Extn: 4213, Mobile No: 01863-521561

18. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any part of all proposals without assigning any reason whatsoever.

19. If it is not possible to receive/open the Proposal on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue.

20. For any kind of query please contact with the related person or email us at ce_engroff@cu.ac.bd


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