

ROW OVER HOSTAGE BODY

Hamas rejects Israeli PM's 'threats'

Says it will release six hostages today; Israel to release 602 Palestinian prisoners in Gaza swap



AFP, Gaza City

Hamas yesterday rejected Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's "threats" to make the Palestinian group pay after he accused it of violating the ceasefire by not returning the hostage Shiri Bibas.

"We reject the threats issued by Benjamin Netanyahu as part of his

attempts to improve his image," Hamas said in a statement and called on Israeli authorities to return the body of a Gaza woman that the group had handed over on Thursday, claiming it was that of Bibas.

The movement affirmed its "seriousness and full commitment" to its responsibilities under the ceasefire, and said it had "no interest in failing to

comply or holding on to any bodies."

However, it admitted "the possibility of an error or mix-up of bodies," which it attributed to Israeli bombing of the area where the Bibas family was located along with other Palestinians.

Hamas said it would inform mediators of the results of its "investigation and examination" into the circumstances of the body's return.

The armed wing of Hamas also said yesterday it will release Israeli hostages Eliya Cohen, Omer Shem Tov, Tal Shoham, Omer Wenkert, Hisham al-Sayed and Avera Mengisto today.

Hisham al-Sayed and Avera Mengisto are civilians, who entered Gaza a decade ago and have been held there since.

Israel will free 602 inmates from jails today as part of a hostage-prisoner swap with Hamas under an ongoing Gaza ceasefire deal, according to the Palestinian Prisoners' Club advocacy group.

REGIONAL CONFLAGRATION

42,000 people fled eastern DRC to Burundi in two weeks: UN

AFP, Geneva

Around 42,000 people have fled the conflict raging in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and crossed into Burundi in the past two weeks, the United Nations said yesterday.

Rwandan-backed M23 fighters have made big gains in the eastern DR Congo, seizing the cities of Goma and Bukavu and stoking fears of a regional conflagration.

The UN refugee agency UNHCR had expected that the violence would send people fleeing into Burundi, making plans to help up to 58,000 people over three months, said Brigitte Mukanga-Eno, agency's



representative in Burundi.

But "just in first two weeks, we have received ... around 42,000 people already seeking asylum", she said as she addressed reporters in Geneva via a video link from Bujumbura.

She said that more than 36,000 people had crossed the Rusizi river, near Rugombo, while another 6,000 had crossed directly to a transit centre close to the largest city Bujumbura.

India's ED levies

penalty of Rs 3.44 crore on BBC India

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India's anti-money laundering agency Enforcement Directorate (ED) has imposed a penalty of more than Rs 3.44 crore on BBC World Service India for alleged contravention of foreign direct investment (FDI) regulations, PTI reported yesterday quoting the agency officials.

The ED also fined three of its directors more than Rs 1.14 crore each and issued an adjudication order against the British broadcaster under stringent Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).

The adjudication proceedings were initiated after a showcause notice was issued on August 4, 2023, to BBC World Service India, its three directors, and the finance head for various "contraventions" under the law.

SURGE IN VIOLENCE


France to deploy cops at schools for spot bag searches

AFP, Paris

French police will start random searches for knives and other weapons concealed in bags at and around schools in a bid to fight an increase in violent attacks, the education minister said yesterday.

The spot searches will begin in the spring, Elisabeth Borne told the BFMTV/RMC broadcaster.

"I want us to be able to organise, together with the prefect, the prosecutor and the representative of the education system, regular bag searches at the entrance of schools," she said.



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Tender no. SGFL/3WELLS/WO/SLICKLINE/FP3Date: 20-02-2025

1.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources division.
2.	Agency	:	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (A company of Petrobangla).
3.	Procuring Entity Name	:	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (SGFL)
4.	Procuring Entity District	:	Sylhet.
5.	Invitation for	:	Tender for procurement of Slickline Operation Services for Workover of Well no Kailashtilla-1, Rashidpur-3 & Beanibazar-2, Bangladesh
6.	Invitation Ref No	:	SGFL/3WELLS/WO/SLICKLINE/FP3
7.	Date	:	20-02-2025
KEY INFORMATION			
8.	Procurement method	:	Open Tendering Method Single Stage Two Envelope System.
FUNDING INFORMATION			
9.	Budget and Source of Funds	:	Company's own fund.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
10.	Project Name	:	Workover of Well no Kailashtilla-1, Rashidpur-3 & Beanibazar-2
11.	Tender Publication Date	:	20-02-2025
12.	Tender Last Selling Date	:	07-04-2025
13.	Tender Closing/Receiving Date & Time	:	08-04-2025 and 12:00 hrs (BST)
14.	Tender Opening Date & Time	:	08-04-2025 and 12:15 hrs (BST)
15.	Name and Address of the Office(s)	:	
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	:	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, Petrocentre (13 th Floor), 3 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.
16.	- Receiving of Tender Document	:	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited Head Office, PO Chiknagool, Sylhet, Bangladesh.
	- Opening of Tender Document	:	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited Head Office, PO Chiknagool, Sylhet, Bangladesh.
17.	Date & Time of Selling of Tender Document.	:	The Tender document will be available for sale from 24-02-2025 to 07-04-2025 during office hours on all working days.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
18.	Eligibility of Tenderer	:	The Contractors from all countries except the countries those have no diplomatic relationship with Bangladesh are eligible to submit tender. A Contractor or a Subcontractor that is a national of, or registered in, the following countries are not eligible: Countries which have no business relations with the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Materials, Equipment, Plants and Supplies shall not have their origin in the following countries: Countries which have no business relations with the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
19.	Brief Description of Works	:	To provide Slickline Operation Services for Workover of Well no Kailashtilla-1, Rashidpur-3 & Beanibazar-2.
20.	Brief Description of Physical Services	:	Slickline Operation Services providing professional experts/operators.
21.	Price of Tender document	:	Taka 4,000.00 or USD 33.00 (non-refundable).
22.	Name of the Official Inviting Tender	:	Engr. Md. Abdul Jalil Pramanik
23.	Designation of the Official Inviting Tender	:	Managing Director Sylhet Gas Fields Limited
24.	Address of the Official Inviting Tender	:	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, Petrocentre (13 th Floor), 3 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. Attention: Deputy General Manager (Procurement)
25.	Contact Details of the Official Inviting Tender	:	Telephone no. +88002996641481 Email: md@sgfl.org.bd
26.	Special Instruction	:	a) Tender must remain valid for one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of closing of the Tender. b) Tenderer shall furnish with the Tender (Technical Tender) an acceptable Tender Security in the form of Demand Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh or in the form of an Bank Guarantee (as per format provided in the Tender Document) issued by a scheduled bank of Bangladesh or by any reputed foreign bank duly endorsed with full obligation and liability by a scheduled bank of Bangladesh in the amount as under: BDT 2,00,000.00 or USD 1,640.00 c) The Tender Security must remain valid for one hundred and forty eight (148) days from the date of closing of the tender. d) Tender(s) submitted after the deadline for receiving of tenders will be rejected and returned unopened to the Tenderer. e) The Tender must not be submitted by fax or email. f) Exceptions (Technical or Commercial or of other nature) proposed by Tenderer (if any) shall be clearly expressed in a separate section of their technical offer. No exception will be accepted in the price bid. g) This tender notice will also be available at Petrobangla website: www.petrobangla.org.bd and SGFL website: www.sgfl.org.bd and CPTU website: www.cptu.gov.bd
27.	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.		

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20/02/2025

Deputy General Manager (Procurement)

BUS CRASH

12 university students dead in Brazil

AFP, Brasilia

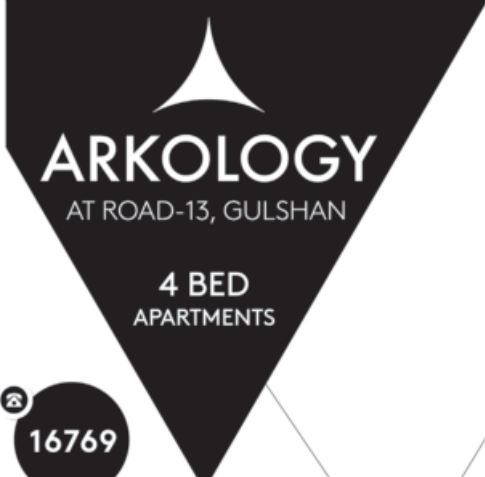
Twelve university students died and 21 were injured in a collision between a bus and a truck in Brazil's southeastern state of Sao Paulo, officials said yesterday.

"We wake up to the sad news of this tragedy that killed 12 students in a terrible accident involving a bus and a truck," State Governor Tarcisio Freitas wrote on X.

Sao Paulo civil defense authorities said 21 injured people were taken to hospital after the crash late Thursday.

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e-Tenders are invited in e-GP system portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) by Brigadier General Md. Golam Ferdous, Director, Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, Mymensingh for the Procurement of;

Tender Id	Name of Goods	Tender/Proposal Publication Date & Time	Tender/Proposal Closing/Opening Date & Time
1057013	Procurement of Office Stationary & Others for the F.Y 2024-2025.	20-Feb-2025 12:00	09-Mar-2025 12:30
1057014	Procurement of Electrical Items for the F.Y 2024-2025.	20-Feb-2025 12:00	09-Mar-2025 12:30

e-Tender details can be downloaded on e-GP system portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for pursuer.

e-Tender will be accepted only as stated in above list; accepted tenders will be opened online immediately as stated in above list.



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