

Taiwan jails 4 soldiers for spying for China

AFP, Taipei

Four Taiwanese soldiers, including three from a unit in charge of security for the president's office, have been sentenced to prison for photographing and leaking confidential information to China, a court said.

The number of people prosecuted for spying for Beijing has risen sharply in recent years, with retired and serving members of Taiwan's military the main targets of Chinese infiltration efforts, official figures show.

It comes after President Lai Ching-te announced this month plans to reinstate military judges to hear Chinese espionage cases and other offences involving Taiwanese service members.

Three members of a military unit in charge of security for the Presidential Office, and a soldier in the defence ministry's information and telecommunications command were convicted for violating national security law, the Taipei district court said on Wednesday.

"Their acts betrayed the country and endangered national security," the court said in a statement.

The four received jail terms ranging from five years and 10 months to seven years for passing "internal military information that should be kept confidential to Chinese intelligence agents for several months", the court said.



A firefighter uses a water cannon from atop a fire engine to extinguish the remaining flames after a wildfire at a synthetic wood factory in Andong, South Korea, yesterday. Wildfires in South Korea are now the largest and deadliest on record, burning more forest and claiming more lives than any previous blaze. Officials have confirmed the death toll has reached 27.

PHOTO: AFP

14m children face hunger, malnutrition

Unicef warns as major donors like US slash aid budgets

AFP, United Nations

At least 14 million children face hunger and a heightened risk of malnutrition or death this year, Unicef warned Wednesday, as major international donors like the United States slash aid budgets.

The United Nations children's agency urged governments and philanthropic institutions to contribute to its Child Nutrition Fund to head off a wave of starvation.

Unicef executive director Catherine Russell said great progress had been made in eradicating child hunger since the start of the century, but these gains could quickly be lost.

"Good nutrition is the foundation of child survival and development, with impressive returns on investment," she said,

in a Unicef statement.

"Dividends will be measured in stronger families, societies and countries, and a more stable world," Russell said.

Since US President Donald Trump returned to office two months ago, his billionaire advisor Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has gutted the USAID agency.



US drops bounties on top Taliban officials

AFP, Kabul

The United States has removed multimillion-dollar bounties on leaders of Afghanistan's feared Haqqani militant network, including the current Taliban interior minister, the State Department and Taliban government said.

The Haqqani network was responsible for some of the deadliest attacks during the decades-long war in Afghanistan.

A Taliban spokesman said Washington had "cancelled rewards" for Sirajuddin Haqqani -- who also heads the Haqqani network -- as well as other key leaders, Abdul Aziz Haqqani and Yahya Haqqani.

EGYPT'S COAST 6 killed as tourist submarine carrying Russians sinks

REUTERS, Cairo

Six foreigners were killed yesterday when a tourist submarine sank off Egypt's Red Sea resort city of Hurghada, the local governor's office told Reuters, without confirming the nationalities of the victims.

The Russian consulate in Hurghada said the submarine, named "SINDBAD", had 45 Russian tourists on board in addition to crew members.

The consulate said four people had died, but did not specify if they were Russian.

According to initial data, most of those on board were rescued and taken to their hotels and hospitals in Hurghada," the consulate said.

The fate of several tourists was still being clarified, the consulate added. Local media reported that rescue teams had saved 29 of the 45 passengers aboard the submarine.

The Red Sea, renowned for its coral reefs and marine life, is a major hub for Egypt's tourism industry, which plays a critical role in the country's economy.

In November, a tourist boat capsized off Egypt's Red Sea coast, killing four people.



PHOTO: AFP
Protesters clash with anti-riot Argentine Federal Police (PFA) on Wednesday in front of the National Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The demonstration demanded an increase in pensions and expressed opposition to the government of President Javier Milei.

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AMENDMENTS OF TENDER

Tender No: SGFL/3WELLS/WO/SLICKLINE/FP3 Date: 20-02-2025

Tender for procurement of Slickline Operation Services for Workover of Well no Kailashilla-1, Rashidpur-3 & Beanibazar-2, Bangladesh.

The following amendments in the tender schedule are hereby made in connection with the submission of tender:

1. Tender last selling date will be 21-04-2025 instead of 07-04-2025.
2. Tender closing/Receiving date will be 22-04-2025 instead of 08-04-2025.
3. Tender opening date will be will be 22-04-2025 instead of 08-04-2025.

All other information, terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

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Tender No: SGFL/3WELLS/WO/LOGGING/FP1 Date: 20-02-2025.

Tender for procurement of Wireline Logging Services for Workover of Well no Kailashilla-1, Rashidpur-3 & Beanibazar-2, Bangladesh.

The following amendments in the tender schedule are hereby made in connection with the submission of tender:

1. Tender last selling date will be 21-04-2025 instead of 06-04-2025.
2. Tender closing/Receiving date will be 22-04-2025 instead of 07-04-2025.
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e-Tenders are invited in e-GP system Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by the Executive Engineer, RHD, Jamalpur Road Division, Jamalpur for the procurement of below mentioned work :

Tender ID	Package No.	Name of works	Tender Security Submission Date and Time	Last Selling Time	Tender Closing Time
1092304	53-e-GP/JRD/2024-2025	Repair of Damaged Pavement by providing Earth filling, repair of potholes, Aggregate base type-II, carpeting & Single Bituminous Surface Treatment (SBST) at 8th km,10th (p) km and 11th(p) km of Bakshigonj-Shanandabari-Char Razibpur Road (Z-4615) under Road Division Jamalpur during the year 2024-2025.	16-04-2025 11.30	15-04-2025 17.00	16-04-2025 12.00
1092385	54-e-GP/JRD/2024-2025	Repair of Damaged Pavement by providing Earth filling, repair of potholes, Aggregate base type-II, carpeting & Single Bituminous Surface Treatment (SBST) at 11th(p) km,12th km, 13th km and 14th(P) km of Bakshigonj-Shanandabari-Char Razibpur Road (Z-4615) under Road Division Jamalpur during the year 2024-2025.	16-04-2025 11.30	15-04-2025 17.00	16-04-2025 12.00
1093396	55-e-GP/JRD/2024-2025	Repair of Damaged Pavement by providing Earth filling, repair of potholes, Aggregate base type-II carpeting & Single Bituminous Surface Treatment (SBST) at 14th(p),15th(p) & 19th(p) km of Bakshigonj-Shanandabari-Char Razibpur Road (Z-4615) under Road Division Jamalpur during the year 2024-2025.	16-04-2025 11.30	15-04-2025 17.00	16-04-2025 12.00

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1094672	Supply of Sports Materials	16/04/25, 16:00	17/4/2025, 16:00
1091163	Supply of Raw Materials and Spare parts for EEE dept. and other Dep.	16/04/25, 16:00	17/4/2025, 14:00
1091162	Supply of Computer Consumable	16/04/25, 16:00	17/4/2025, 13:40
1091158	Supply of Raw materials and Spare parts for CSE Dept. and Others Dep	16/04/25, 16:00	17/4/2025, 13:20
1091152	Supply of Teaching & Teaching learning	16/04/25, 16:00	17/4/2025, 13:00

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