

## UKRAINE WAR Russia building new explosives facility

REUTERS, New York

Russia is undertaking a major factory expansion in remote Siberia to ramp up production of a powerful explosive used in artillery shells and other munitions in the war in Ukraine, a Reuters review of publicly available state documents has found.

Moscow's ability to muster more shells than Ukraine has played an important part in Russia's battlefield successes during the conflict.

The additional explosive anticipated from the project, which has not previously been reported, could help increase Moscow's firepower significantly at a time when Ukraine and its Western allies have been stepping up production of ordnance needed to thwart Russian advances, three defence analysts said.



A woman stands outside a house that was destroyed by Pakistani artillery shelling in the village of Salamabad, Uri, approximately 110 km from Srinagar, India, yesterday. Inset, residents living along the Line of Control (LoC) take shelter inside a degree college in Uri.

PHOTO: AFP



## ISRAEL'S BLOCKADE First responders in Gaza run out of supplies

REUTERS, Gaza

Dozens of community kitchens in Gaza shut their doors yesterday due to a lack of supplies, closing off a lifeline used by hundreds of thousands of people in a further blow to efforts to combat growing hunger in the enclave.

The move followed hours after the US based World Central Kitchen (WCK) charity announced that it had run out of the ingredients necessary to provide much-needed free meals and had been prevented by Israel from bringing in aid.

Amjad al Shawa, director of the Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations Network (PNGO) in Gaza, told Reuters that most of the enclave's 170 community kitchens had shut down after running out of stock due to Israel's continued blockade on Gaza.

- Most of 170 community kitchens shut due to blockade
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Shawa said the decision by the WCK, announced late on Wednesday, and the closure of community kitchens yesterday would cause a drop of between 400,000 to 500,000 free meals per day for the 2.3 million population.

"Everyone in Gaza today is hungry. The world must act now to save the people here," said Shawa, speaking to Reuters by phone from Gaza.

"The remaining kitchens will be closing soon. The hunger catastrophe is beyond words. People are losing their lone source of food," Shawa added.

Those Gazans trying to cook independently meanwhile complain that flour still available on the market is contaminated.

"The flour is full of mites and sand... We sieve it three, four times, instead of once, so we can bake it," said Mohammad Abu Ayes, a displaced father of nine from northern Gaza.

"We don't want to eat from it, but we feed the children, for the children. You can't tolerate its smell, cattle and animals would not eat it, we are forced to eat it against our will, we are helpless," he told Reuters.

Meanwhile, the United States and Israel have discussed the possibility of Washington leading a temporary post-war administration of Gaza, according to five people familiar with the matter.



## Israel mounts heavy strikes in south Lebanon

REUTERS, Beirut

Israel launched dozens of airstrikes in south Lebanon yesterday, in one of its heaviest bombardments of the region since a ceasefire ended last year's war with the Iran-backed Hezbollah.

The Israeli military said it had hit a Hezbollah infrastructure site in the south. There was no immediate comment from Hezbollah, which has previously said that it withdrew all its forces from the south in line with the US brokered truce.

Lebanon's Health Ministry said at least one person was killed and another eight wounded in the strikes. Thick columns of smoke rose from the hilltops hit in the attacks in the Nabatieh region, some 12 km from the border.

Israel has been carrying out airstrikes in south Lebanon on a regular basis since the ceasefire.

## INDIA-PAKISTAN CLASHES Why Trump isn't leading an effort to ease crisis

CNN ONLINE

The violent crisis between India and Pakistan is exactly the kind of international emergency that would once have prompted a full-on US diplomatic drive to cool tempers and head off a wider war.

But this latest fighting over and beyond Kashmir, the disputed Muslim-majority region, may become a test of the Trump administration's bandwidth and limited aspirations for global convening — and for the world without American leadership.

President Donald Trump on Tuesday offered a passive initial response to the fighting, set off by a terror attack on Indian tourists that New Delhi blames on Pakistan-backed militants. "It's a shame," Trump said. "I just hope it ends quickly." On Wednesday, he went a little further, offering his good offices without showing much enthusiasm for becoming involved. "I get along with both, I know both very well, and I want to see them work it out," Trump said. Secretary of State Marco Rubio has been in touch with top officials from India and Pakistan. But there's no indication so far of a broadening US effort to coordinate international mediation or crisis management.

This may be partly because the time is not yet ripe for diplomacy, since everybody expects several steps up an escalatory ladder by both sides.

The US response will be closely watched in the coming days because the second Trump administration has thrown away the US foreign policy playbook, leaving a vacuum where US multinational leadership once operated.

Trump has little interest in building international coalitions and activating US alliances in pursuit of common goals. He's keener to flex US economic



and military power to manipulate smaller nations to America's advantage and sees little difference between allies and adversaries in his narrow win-loss worldview. In any case, it would be rather incongruous to see a president who has expansionist designs on Greenland, Canada and Panama mediating one of the world's most nettlesome territorial disputes.

While Trump has made peacemaking a cornerstone of his new term, his efforts in defusing global hotspots as wars rage in Ukraine and Gaza have shown little progress.

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**Invitation for Tender (National)**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs						
2	Agency	Bangladesh Police, CID, Dhaka						
3	Procuring entity name	Additional Inspector General, Bangladesh Police, CID, Dhaka						
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka						
5	Invitation for	Supply of Computer Parts and Software Expansion/ Maintenance, Upgradation for CID, Bangladesh Police						
6	Invitation Ref. No.	CID/Logistics/Procurement/43-2025/497 Date: 08/05/2025						
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>								
7	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (Framework Contract)						
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>								
8	Budget & source of fund	Revenue Budget (GOB)						
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>								
9	Tender package name	Supply of Computer Parts and Software Expansion/Maintenance, Upgradation for CID, Bangladesh Police						
10	Tender publication date	Before 10.05.2025						
11	Tender last selling date	22.05.2025						
12	Tender submission date & time	25.05.2025 time 12.00 hrs						
13	Tender opening date & time	25.05.2025 time 12:30 hrs.						
14	Name & address of the office	CID Headquarters, Malibagh, Dhaka.						
15	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Situation Center 10th Floor, CID, Dhaka / 18-05-2025 / At 11:30am						
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>								
16	Eligibility of tenderers	Up-to-date copies of valid trade license, bank solvency certificate, income tax certificate, VAT registration certificate, minimum 03 years' experience in similar nature of goods supply & other requirements described the tender document (PG-3A)						
17	Brief description of goods	Mentioned in Tender document.						
18	Brief description of related services	As per tender document.						
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF GOODS</b>								
SL. No.	Package No.	Description of goods	Unit	Quantity	Price of tender document (BDT not refundable)	Location	Tender security (Tk)	Completion time
1	435	Magent Axiom Maintenance/Upgradation	Pcs	As Required	3000.00	CID, Malibagh, Dhaka	10,00,000/-	FY 2024-2025
2	436	MD NEXT RED Maintenance/Upgradation	Pcs	As Required			1,00,000/-	
3	437	MD NEXT RED CLOUD Maintenance/Upgradation	Pcs	As Required			60,000/-	
4	439	Magent Axiom Cyber Maintenance/Upgradation	Pcs	As Required			60,000/-	
5	441	Oxygen Forensic Detective	Pcs	As Required			50,000/-	
6	443	Magent Witness (DVR Examiner) Maintenance/Upgradation	Pcs	As Required			1,50,000/-	
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>								
20	Name of official inviting tender	Mafuza Begum						
21	Designation of official inviting tender	Special Superintendent of Police (Logistics)						
22	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Police, CID, Dhaka						
23	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 02 44070011						
<b>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS</b>								
24	a	No tender will be received after the deadline of Submission time & date						
	b	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender process without assigning any reason						
	c	The supplier shall select in per item rate but shall supply required amount of goods as per requirement						
	d	If nor possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstance, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time & same venue						
	e	Evaluation will be on "Item by Item basis"						
	f	The procuring entity also reserves the right to omit, increase or decrease the quantity of any item(s) from the tender.						
	g	The procurement will be performed according to the PPA-2006 and PPR, 2008						