

POST-COUP MYANMAR

Ex-general slain in attack claimed by anti-coup fighters

AFP, Yangon

A retired Myanmar general who formerly served as ambassador to Cambodia was shot dead yesterday, two military sources said, in an attack claimed by anti-coup fighters.

Myanmar's military seized power in a 2021 coup, sparking a civil war pitching it against pro-democracy guerrillas and resurgent ethnic armed groups that have long been active in the Southeast Asian country's fringes.

Most combat is confined to the countryside and smaller settlements, although sporadic grenade and gun attacks on police and junta-affiliated targets are regularly reported in the largest city Yangon.

A source close to the military said former general and Cambodia ambassador Cho Tun Aung "was shot and killed" outside his Yangon home around 8:30 am as he gave alms to monks collecting donations.

"He used to donate meals every morning," the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "The shooters used this opportunity to assassinate him." A military officer confirmed Cho Tun Aung had been shot and killed without providing further details.

Pakistan won't get water over which India has rights

Says India's Modi

REUTERS, New Delhi

Pakistan will not get water from rivers over which India has rights, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said yesterday, a month after a deadly attack in Indian Kashmir led New Delhi to suspend a key river water-sharing treaty between the neighbours.

The suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, negotiated by the World Bank in 1960, was among a slew of measures announced by India against Pakistan last month after the April 22 attack that killed 26 men.

New Delhi had said the attack was backed by Pakistan – an accusation Islamabad denied – and the nuclear-armed neighbours were involved in their worst military fighting in nearly three decades before agreeing to a ceasefire on May 10.

"Pakistan will have to pay a heavy price for every terrorist attack... Pakistan's army will pay it, Pakistan's economy will pay it," Modi said at a public event in the northwestern state of Rajasthan.

The Indus treaty provides water for 80 percent of Pakistan's farms from three rivers that flow from India but Pakistan's finance minister said this month that its suspension was not going to have "any immediate impact".

The ceasefire between the countries has largely held, with Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar saying that there is no exchange of fire currently and "there has been some repositioning of forces accordingly".



Palestinians inspect the destruction caused by Israeli strikes in Jabalia's Saftawi neighborhood in northern Gaza yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Russia downs 105 Ukrainian drones, fires Iskander missile

Flights at Moscow airports briefly halted

REUTERS, Moscow

Russia said yesterday it had shot down 105 Ukrainian drones over Russian regions, including dozens heading towards Moscow, as the war in Ukraine heats up even as major powers talk about ways to end Europe's deadliest conflict since World War Two.

US President Donald Trump is pressuring Russia and Ukraine to end the more than three-year war but the two sides remain far apart. But while leaders talk of the prospects for peace, the war is intensifying: swarms of drones are being launched by both sides while fierce fighting is underway along key parts of the front.

Russia's defence ministry said 105 drones had been shot down over Russian regions between midnight and the early morning yesterday, including 35 over the Moscow



region. The previous day, Russia said it shot down well over 300 Ukrainian drones.

Sergei Sobyanin, Moscow's mayor, said multiple drones had been shot down heading towards the capital, which along with the surrounding region has a population of 21

million people. Moscow's Domodedovo and Zhukovsky airports briefly halted flights.

Separately, Russia said yesterday it had fired an Iskander-M missile at part of the city of Pokrov, formerly known as Ordzhonikidze, in Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk region, destroying two Patriot missile launchers and an AN/MPQ 65 radar set.

Ukraine's air force reported damage in the Dnipropetrovsk region after an attack but did not specify the type of weapon.

Russia's defence ministry said its forces were advancing at key points along the front, and pro-Russian war bloggers said Russia had pierced Ukrainian lines between Pokrovsk and Kostiantynivka in the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in his nightly video address that the heaviest frontline battles were around Pokrovsk.

Thai court orders ex-PM to pay for rice scheme

AFP, Bangkok

A top Thai court yesterday ruled that former prime minister Yingluck Shinawatra must pay more than \$300 million compensation over a controversial rice subsidy scheme during her time in office.



(nearly \$1.1 billion) in compensation. The Central Administrative Court then revoked the order, but the ministry appealed, leading to yesterday's ruling by the higher court.

The court said yesterday that Yingluck had failed to respond to warnings by anti-graft bodies pointing to corruption in the rice scheme.

Her negligence caused losses to the finance ministry and she should pay damages of 10,028 billion baht (\$300 million), the court said. Norawit Lalaeng, Yingluck's lawyer, said

they will discuss whether to request a new hearing.

Yingluck fled Thailand shortly before her jail sentence in 2017 and has lived in exile since. She said yesterday that the order to pay 10 billion baht was excessive. "Even if I repaid it my entire life, it would never be enough," she said on social media. "I will continue to demand and fight for justice."



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INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

EDCL invite an International Press Tender for Importation of following Machine for Khulna Essential Latex Plant (KELP) on C&F© Chittagong by Sea basis:-

S.L No.	Tender No. Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
01.	IMP/Machine/KELP/04 /2024-2025 Dated 22/05/2025	Oil Injected Variable Speed Drive Rotary Type Screw Air Compressor with Air Dryer. (Details as per Tender Schedule)	Tk. 1250.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 11.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 25/06/2025 At 11.00 AM Opening : 25/06/2025 at 11.30 AM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The Tender will be accompanied by a amount of Earnest Money mentioned above in the form of Bank Draft/Pay order from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of " Essential Drugs Company Ltd" without which the Tender will be considered as non-responsive.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever

N.B: This Information is also available at our Website: www.edcl.gov.bd

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General Manager (CC).
Procurement Deptt.
For: Managing Director

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Chief Adviser's Office
Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority
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(www.bepza.gov.bd)

Date: 20th May 2025

Re-Tender Notice
No.04/2024-2025

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the eligible sellers/suppliers/contractors for the following Goods as per terms & conditions stated below:

1 Ministry/Division	Chief Adviser's Office			
2 Agency	Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA)			
3 Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA)			
4 Procuring Entity District	BEPZA Complex, House No.19/D, Road No. 06, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205			
5 Invitation for	Tender for Supply of Goods at BEPZA Complex, House No.19/D, Road No. 06, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205			
6 Invitation Ref. no and Date	04/2024-2025, Date: 20th May 2025			
KEY INFORMATION				
7 Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
FUNDING INFORMATION				
8 Budget and Source of Funds	Self-Finance of BEPZA			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
9 Tender Publication Date	On or before 26th May 2025			
10 Tender Last Selling Date	02nd June 2025 During office hour			
11 Tender Closing Date & Time	03rd June 2025 at 12:00 Noon			
12 Tender Opening Date & Time	03rd June 2025 at 12:30 PM			
13 Selling of Tender Document	Accounts Section BEPZA, BEPZA Complex, House No.19/D, Road No. 06, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205			
14 Receiving of Tender Document	Additional Executive Director (Common Service), BEPZA Complex, House No.19/D, Road No. 06, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205			
15 Opening of Tender Document	Additional Executive Director (Common Service), BEPZA Complex, House No.19/D, Road No. 06, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
16 Eligibility of Tenderer	The Invitation for Tender is open to all eligible Tenderers who satisfy the following: a) The minimum of year of general experience of the Tenderer as Supplier shall be 03 (three) Years. b) Other Criteria mentioned in TDS separately in Tender Documents. c) The minimum specific experience in supply of goods of at least 01 (One) similar nature of contract successfully completed within the last 05 (five) years with a value of at least Tk. 8.00 lac in Govt./Semi-Govt./Autonomous Bodies only. The work completion certificate is to be issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent Officer of concerned Department/Organization. d) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e working capital or credit line(s) of the Tender shall be Tk.12.00 lac. e) Up-date trade license, Income Tax Clearance Certificate, Vat Registration certificate shall be submitted.			
17 Brief description of goods	Supply of Goods as specified in TDS;			
18 Price of Each Tender Documents	Tk. 1000.00 (Taka One Thousand)			
19 Lot No.	Name of Tender	Location	Tender Security Amount (in favour of BEPZA)	Completion Time
Single Lot	Supply of Camera to BEPZA Executive Office and Governed EPZs	BEPZA Complex, House No.19/D, Road No. 06, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205	Tk.40,000.00 (Forty Thousand) by Pay Order.	90 Days from the date of signing contract
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
20 Name of Official Inviting Tender	Rabeyan Nahar			
21 Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Additional Executive Director (Common Service)			
22 Address of official Inviting Tender	BEPZA Complex, House No.19/D, Road No. 06, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205			
23 Contract details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone: +880241060176, E-mail: aed.cs@bepza.gov.bd			
24 Special Instruction:	a) Eligible Firms/Authorized Representative/Dealers may purchase the Tender Documents from the Office mentioned in Sl no-13 on submitting written request in their Letter Head Pad. b) Any false, forged, fabricated and misleading documents furnished by Tenderer shall result in rejection of the Tender. c) In case of any confusion arises due to printing mistakes or other reason the Public Procurement Rules-2008 will be governed. d) Tender should be submitted in original copy. e) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender Proceedings.			
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Israeli military intercepts Houthi fired missile

AFP, Jerusalem

Air raid sirens sounded in Jerusalem, where AFP journalists reported loud booms overhead, as the Israeli military announced it had intercepted a missile launched from Yemen yesterday for the second time in less than 12 hours.

"Following the sirens that sounded a short while ago in several areas in Israel, a missile launched from Yemen was intercepted," the army said in a statement just before noon (0900 GMT).

Early yesterday morning, the military also said it had downed a missile fired from Yemen, whose Houthi rebels have launched repeated attacks they say are in response to Israel's Gaza offensive.

Israel's Magen David Adom emergency service said there were no casualties from either launch, though one man was hurt while seeking shelter from the first.

The Houthis claimed a missile attack targeting Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport, though it was unclear to which launch they were referring.

They also said they had launched drones at targets in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

VISA RULE CHANGES

UK net migration halves in 2024

REUTERS, London

Long-term net migration to Britain fell by 50 percent in 2024, official data showed yesterday, as fewer people arrived on work and study visas following rule changes to cut the number of arrivals.

Net migration – an estimate of the number of people migrating to Britain minus those leaving – dropped to 431,000 from 860,000 in 2023, the Office for National Statistics said.

The data will offer some relief to Labour Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who earlier in May promised to reduce migration significantly over the next four years, under pressure from Nigel Farage's right-wing, anti-immigration Reform UK party.

Starmer became prime minister in July 2024. The Conservative Party, in government prior to Starmer's election, said the decrease reflected changes to visa rules they brought in.

The government welcomed the drop and said changes announced earlier this month would drive net migration even lower.