

TRUMP COMMENT
Russia urges
caution
in nuclear
'rhetoric'

AFP, Moscow

Russia yesterday urged caution after US President Donald Trump said he would deploy two nuclear submarines following an online row with former Russian president Dmitry Medvedev.

Trump said he had ordered the deployment in response to what he alleged were highly provocative comments by Medvedev, saying the submarines would be positioned in "appropriate regions".

Trump did not say whether he meant nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed submarines.

He also did not elaborate on the locations, which are kept secret by the US military.



"Russia is very attentive to the topic of nuclear non-proliferation. And we believe that everyone should be very, very cautious with nuclear rhetoric," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, including from AFP, yesterday.

The row between Medvedev and Trump erupted against the backdrop of the US leader's ultimatum for Russia to end its military offensive in Ukraine or face fresh economic sanctions.

Medvedev accused Trump of "playing the ultimatum game" and said that Trump "should remember" that Russia was a formidable force.



Israeli border guards stand by as excavators demolish a building in the village of Judeira, south of Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank yesterday. The structure was reportedly built without a permit in Area C—territory designated by 1995 Oslo Accords as part of occupied Palestinian lands under full Israeli control. PHOTO: AFP

World in \$1.5tn 'plastics crisis', warn experts

AFP, Paris

Plastic pollution is a "grave, growing and under-recognised danger" to health that is costing the world at least \$1.5 trillion a year, experts warned in a report yesterday.

The new review of the existing evidence, which was carried out by leading health researchers and doctors, was published one day ahead of fresh talks opening in Geneva aiming to seal the world's first treaty on plastic pollution.

"Plastics cause disease and death from infancy to old age and are responsible for health related economic losses exceeding US\$1.5 trillion annually," said the review in The Lancet medical journal.

Comparing plastic to air pollution and lead, the report said its impact on health could be mitigated by laws and policies.

The experts called for the delegates from nearly 180 nations gathering in Geneva to finally agree to a treaty

after previous failed attempts.

Philip Landrigan, a doctor and researcher at Boston College in the United States, warned that vulnerable people, particularly children, are most affected by plastic pollution.

"It is incumbent on us to act in response," he said in a statement. "To those meeting in Geneva: please take up the challenge and the opportunity of finding the common ground that will enable meaningful and effective international cooperation in response to this global crisis."

The researchers also warned about tiny pieces of plastic called microplastics, which have been found throughout nature -- and throughout human bodies.

The full effect of microplastics on health are not yet fully known, but researchers have sounded the alarm about the potential impact of this ubiquitous plastic.

The amount of plastic produced by the world has risen from two million tonnes in 1950 to 475 million tonnes in 2022, the report said.



INTERNATIONAL

Beijing issues
new storm
warning

AFP, Beijing

Beijing issued its highest alert for rainstorms yesterday, days after deadly deluges swept parts of the Chinese capital and triggered a rare apology from under-prepared officials.

The municipal weather service announced a red alert -- the highest in a four-tier system -- forecasting heavy rain from noon yesterday until this morning.

Most parts of the city are expected to see 100 millimetres of rain, but outlying areas could experience between 150mm and 200mm.

SUDAN CONFLICT
Paramilitaries kill
14 civilians fleeing
besieged city

AFP, Khartoum



Sudanese paramilitary fighters have killed at least 14 civilians trying to flee a besieged city in Darfur, a rights group said yesterday, more than 27 months into their war against the army.

The attack in a village on the outskirts of El-Fasher came just two days after the administration installed by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) had called on civilians to evacuate the besieged city and promised they would be safe.

The Emergency Lawyers, a rights group, said that 14 people had been killed in the Saturday attack, "dozens more were injured and an unknown number of civilians detained".

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

Power Grid Bangladesh is a Public Limited Company under Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, committed to effective and efficient management of national power grid for reliable and quality transmission of electricity throughout the country. Power Grid is inviting applications from Bangladeshi citizens for the post of **Executive Director (Planning & Development)**.

1. Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Leading the development and implementation of short, medium, and long-term strategic plans for the expansion, modernization, and improvement of the national power grid of transmission aligned with national energy policies of GoB
- Overall supervision and control of design and planning activities.
- Overall supervision and control of project implementation activities.
- Monitoring and supervising the financial and administrative functions related to project implementation.
- Coordinating with Power Division, Planning Commission, BPDB, BREB, BERC, and other government entities.
- Collaborating with international development partners (e.g., ADB, WB, JICA etc.) for funding and technical assistance.
- Ensuring compliance with government regulations, donor guidelines, internal policies, and industry standards.
- Contributing to the development and updating of policies on administrative and financial matters in line with the current and future needs of the company.
- Reporting to the Managing Director for day-to-day activities and collaborating with the Board of Directors.

2. Educational Qualification & Requirements

- At least graduate in Mechanical/Electrical/Electrical & Electronics Engineering from reputed universities recognized by Govt. & UGC;
- Candidates passed in the grading system must possess at least CGPA 3.5 on a scale of 5.0 and CGPA 2.5 on a scale of 4.0. Candidates passed in the conventional system (Class/Division) must possess at least 2nd class/division. No third Division/Class at any stage of the academic career shall be acceptable;
- In case of public sector (GoB/SOE's/Autonomous Bodies), the candidate should have at least 20 years of experience of which at least 3 years in a senior management position (National Pay Scales substantive grade 4 & above) in power sector;
- In case of State-owned Companies (SOCs) of the power sector, the candidate should have at least 20 years of experience, of which at least 3 years in a senior management position (Superintending Engineer or equivalent & above) in power sector,
- At least 5 years of work experience of planning or project management in power Transmission/Generation/ Distribution utilities;
- Must demonstrate skill in the preparation of project documents.
- Must be able to demonstrate knowledge about relevant Govt. rules and regulations; Public Procurement Acts 2006 and Public Procurement Rules 2008 etc.
- Must be able to demonstrate knowledge in Company Law, Labor Law, Total Quality Management (TQM), Total Productive Management (TPM), Corporate Governance, Strategic Management, etc.;
- Must demonstrate strong participatory leadership ability and possess adequate knowledge in Corporate Management.
- Must have strong communication skill in Bengali & English (written & spoken) including working experience using computer;
- Strong business acumen with a deep understanding of Financial Management, Procurement, Strategic Planning, and Operational Management.
- Excellent Negotiation skills with government agencies, development partners and private investors will be an advantage.

3. Age

The maximum age limit will be 60 (sixty) years. Age would be calculated as on 03/08/2025.

4. Tenure of Appointment

The initial contract will be for 3 years subject to the maximum age limit of 62 years. It can be extended for two more terms of 3 years subject to the maximum age limit of 65 years in case of competent candidate.

5. Salary and Allowances

Basic pay Tk. 1,45,000/- (One lac forty-five thousand) only per month plus house rent at 50% of basic pay, 2 (two) festival bonus, Boishakhi allowance (20% of basic) per year, gratuity, contributory provident fund, group insurance, leave encashment, reimbursement of medical expenses and other fringe benefits will be admissible as per provisions of the company. He/She will also be entitled to a full-time transport with fuel and driver. Income tax shall be paid by the incumbent.

6. Terms & Conditions for Submission of Application

- Interested candidates are requested to send applications accompanying Curriculum Vitae (CV), three passport size photographs, attested copies of all educational and experience certificates issued by the concerned authority, NID, citizenship certificate and pay order of Tk. 200/- (Two Hundred only) in favor of Power Grid Bangladesh PLC. Applications should be reached to the Executive Director (HRM) at the above address on or before 24/08/2025.
- Candidates still serving in Government/State-owned Enterprises/Autonomous Bodies/State-owned Companies have to apply through proper channel.
- Candidates who have earned any educational degree from foreign university(s)/institute(s) will have to submit equivalence certificate from competent authority of Bangladesh.
- Only short-listed candidates will be called for selection test.
- No TA/DA will be given for participating in the selection test.
- The authority of Power Grid reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason whatsoever and also reserves the right to amend, postpone, cancel, or make any decision regarding this recruitment.

Deputy General Manager (HRM)
Power Grid Bangladesh PLC



ATTACKS ON NUKE SITES US accountability part of any future talks: Iran

AFP, Tehran

Iran said yesterday it would hold the United States accountable for attacks on its nuclear sites in any future negotiations, while ruling out direct talks with Washington.

The United States struck key Iranian nuclear facilities on June 22, briefly joining a war launched by Israel that had derailed talks on Tehran's atomic programme.

"In any potential negotiation... the issue of holding the United States accountable and demanding compensation for committing military aggression against Iran's peaceful nuclear facilities will be one of the topics on the agenda," foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei told a press briefing yesterday.

Australia lifts foreign student cap to 295,000 Prioritises Southeast Asia

REUTERS, Sydney

Australia will raise its cap on foreign students by 9 percent to 295,000 next year and prioritise applicants from Southeast Asia, the government said yesterday.

Limits on places were announced last year as a way to rein in record migration that had contributed to a surge in housing prices, with 270,000 places made available for 2025.

An additional 25,000 places were being granted in 2026 as the policy was successfully bringing down "out of control" international student numbers, the government said. "This is about making sure international education grows in a way that supports students, universities and the national interest," Education Minister Jason Clare said.

Australia granted nearly 600,000 student visas in 2023, as international students returned to the country in record numbers following Covid-19.



চট্টগ্রাম প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

চট্টগ্রাম-৪৩০৯, বাংলাদেশ

তারিখ: ৩১/০৭/২০২৫ প্রিস্টার্ড

প্যানেল আইনজীবী তালিকাভুক্তির বিষয়ে

চট্টগ্রাম প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (চট্টগ্রাম) এর প্যানেল আইনজীবী তালিকাভুক্তির নিম্নরূপ সংহিতাটি আইনজীবীগণের নিকট প্রদান কীৰ্তনবৃত্তান্তসহ দুর্বলতার আহ্বান কৰা যাচ্ছে।

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শর্তব্যালী

- আবেদনকারী আইনজীবীকে বাংলাদেশের ছান্না নাগরিক এবং ইউরিজিসি অনুমোদিত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে আইন বিধয়ে মূলতম স্নাতক ডিগ্রিধারী হতে হবে।
- প্যানেল আইনজীবী হিসেবে নিয়োগ প্রাপ্ত হলে চুরোটের বিপক্ষে কোন মামলায় প্রতিষ্ঠিত্বা করাতে পারবেন না।
- নিয়োজিত মামলার অঞ্চলিক হাইকোর্টে বিভাগে মামলা পরিচালনার কাজে মূলতম ০৩ (সত্ত্বাশ্বসন) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা। সরকারি/বাধ্যত্বসূচিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে প্যানেল আইনজীবী হিসেবে কাজ করার অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্নদের অঞ্চলিকার দেওয়া যেতে পারে।
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