

Modi to visit
China for first
time in 7 years
India's security
chief visits Moscow

REUTERS, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit China for the first time in over seven years, a government source said yesterday, in a further sign of a diplomatic thaw with Beijing as tensions with the United States rise.

Modi will go to China for a summit of the multilateral Shanghai Cooperation Organisation that begins on August 31, the government source, with direct knowledge of the matter, told Reuters. India's foreign ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

His trip will come at a time when India's relationship with the US faces its most serious crisis in years after President Donald Trump imposed the highest tariffs among Asian peers on goods imported from India, and has threatened an unspecified further penalty for New Delhi's purchases of Russian oil.

Modi's visit to the Chinese city of Tianjin for the summit of SCO will be his first since June 2018. Subsequently, Sino-Indian ties deteriorated sharply after a military clash along their disputed Himalayan border in 2020.

Meanwhile, India's National Security Adviser Ajit Doval is in Russia on a scheduled visit and is expected to discuss India's purchases of Russian oil in the wake of Trump's pressure on India to stop buying Russian crude, according to another government source.



An Israeli excavator demolishes a building in the West Bank village of Judeira yesterday, citing lack of a construction permit in Area C—territory designated by the 1995 Oslo Accords as part of the occupied Palestinian lands under full Israeli control.

PHOTO: AFP

US IMPORTS OF RUSSIAN CHEMICALS, FERTILISERS 'Don't know anything about it': Trump

THE HINDU ONLINE

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday stated that he had no knowledge that the United States imports Russian Chemicals and fertilisers. The rebuttal came after India claimed that US continues to import from Russia uranium hexafluoride for its nuclear industry, fertilisers, as well as chemicals.

When asked by the ANI about US imports of Russian chemicals and fertilisers during a press conference

at the White House, Trump said, "I don't know anything about it. We will have to check." ANI has reached out to the President's press team and awaits for a response.

The comment came a day after Trump announced that the US would "substantially raise" tariffs on India over its purchase of Russian oil.

"India is not only buying massive amounts of Russian Oil, they are then, for much of the oil purchased, selling it on the open market for big

profits. They don't care how many people in Ukraine are being killed by the Russian War Machine. Because of this, I will be substantially raising the Tariff paid by India to the U.S.A. Thank you for your attention to this matter!!!" Trump had said in a post on Truth Social on Monday.

Trump's statement was rejected by India, with external affairs ministry calling the targeting of India "unjustified and unreasonable."



There is no
military
solution to
the conflict
in Gaza or
the broader
Israeli-
Palestinian
conflict.

Says Miroslav
Jenca, UN assistant
secretary-general for
Europe, Central Asia
and the Americas



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Police
Office of the Director
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Invitation for Tender

Sealed tender are hereby invited from the experience competeted construction contractor in their official pad for the Construction work on the 2nd Floor structure of the cancer unit of the 20th floor building under Central Police Hospital (CPH), Rajarbagh, Dhaka for the year of 2025-2026.

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs, Public Security Division
2.	Agency	Central Police Hospital (CPH), Rajarbagh, Dhaka
3.	Procuring entity name	Director, Bangladesh Police, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbagh, Dhaka
4.	Procuring entity code	N/A
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6.	Invitation for	Construction work on the 2nd Floor structure of the cancer unit of the 20th floor building under Central Police Hospital (CPH), Rajarbagh, Dhaka.
7.	Invitation Ref No.	C.P.H/Tender/Construction-01/2025-2026/ 3978
8.	Date	06/08/2025
9.	KEY INFORMATION	
10.	Procuring method	OTM (NCT)
11.	FUNDING INFORMATION	
12.	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (GOB)
13.	Development partner	N/A
14.	PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
15.	Tender package name	N/A
16.	Tender publication date	07/08/2025
17.	Tender last selling date	27/08/2025 At 17:00 hrs.
18.	Tender closing date and time	At 12:00pm on 28/08/2025
19.	Tender opening date and time	12:30pm on 28/08/2025
20.	Office Address Information	
21.	Selling tender document	Office of the Director, Admin Block, 1st Floor, CPH, Rajarbagh, Dhaka
22.	Receiving tender document	Office of the Director, Admin Block, 2nd Floor, CPH, Rajarbagh, Dhaka
23.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Place: Admin Block; Conference Room; Date: 14/08/2025 at 11:00am
24.	INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	

This invitation for tender is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned below:
a. The Tenderer must have min. 5 (Five) years of general experience in construction works (year counting from the date of publication of IFT)
b. The Tenderer must have min. 3 (Three) years specific experience as a prime contractor or subcontractor or management contractor in successful completion of at least 1 (one) RCC Framed structure building of similar nature of civil works with a value not less than Tk. 3.5 crore in a single contract in government/semi-government/autonomous organization of Bangladesh during last 03 (Three) years (year counting from the date of publication of IFT)
c. The tenderer must have a min. average annual construction turnover of Tk. 5.00 (five) crore over last 5 (five) (year counting from the date of publication of IFT)
d. The amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be min. 5.00 (five) crore.
e. The Tender capacity shall be min. 4.00 (four) crore.
f. The tenderer shall submit updated (i) income tax clearance certificate (must in company/firm name); (ii) VAT registration certificate (B/N Certificate); (iii) Trade licence as construction firm;
g. The tenderer shall be enlisted with PWD/LGED/HED as 1st Class Contractor License (Other terms and conditions describes in PW3 Schedule)

Brief Description of Works:				
26.	Pakage No.	Name of project	Tender security in Taka (refundable)	Price of tender document (non-refundable)
	Lot-1.	Construction work on the 2nd Floor structure of the cancer unit of the 20th floor building under Central Police Hospital (CPH), Rajarbagh, Dhaka.	Tk. 7,90,000.00	2,000.00
27.	Brief description of related services	Details described in PW3		
28.	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Humayun Kabir		
29.	Designation of official inviting tender	Superintendent of Police (Admin & Finance)		
30.	Address of official inviting tender	Central Police Hospital (CPH), Rajarbagh, Dhaka		
31.	Contact details of official inviting the tender	Tel: 88-02-8312075 Fax: 88-02-9342297		
32.	Special instructions:			
	a) No tender will be received after the deadline for submission.			
	b) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceeding.			
	c) The procuring entity should follow the PPA, 2006 and PPR, 2008 or latest amendment.			
	d) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time & same venue.			

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INTERNATIONAL

Putin-Witkoff talks on Ukraine 'constructive'

Says Kremlin ahead of US sanctions deadline

REUTERS, Moscow

Talks between Russian President Vladimir Putin and US special envoy Steve Witkoff were "useful and constructive," Kremlin foreign policy aide Yuri Ushakov said yesterday.

Witkoff held around three hours of talks with Putin in the Kremlin, two days before the expiry of a deadline set by President Donald Trump for Russia to agree to peace in Ukraine or face new sanctions.

Ushakov told Russian news outlet Zvezda that the two sides discussed the conflict in Ukraine and the potential for improving US-Russia relations. He said Moscow had received certain "signals" from Trump and had sent messages in return.

Trump, increasingly frustrated with Putin over the lack of progress towards Ukraine peace, has threatened to impose heavy tariffs on countries that buy Russian exports.

Iran executes man convicted of spying for Israel

AFP, Tehran

Iranian authorities yesterday executed a man convicted of spying for Israel by passing on information about a nuclear scientist killed during the 12 day war with Israel in June, the judiciary said.

"Roozbeh Vadi... was executed following judicial proceedings and confirmation of his sentence by the Supreme Court," the judiciary's Mizan Online website said, adding that the man had leaked information about a "nuclear scientist who was assassinated during the Zionist regime's recent aggression." The execution was carried out by hanging, it added.



BORDER CLASHES Cambodian workers flock home from Thailand

AFP, Phnom Penh

Hundreds of thousands of Cambodian migrant workers have returned from Thailand following deadly border clashes between the two neighbours, a labour ministry official told AFP yesterday.

Cambodia and Thailand agreed on a ceasefire starting from Tuesday last week after five days of clashes killed at least 43 people on both sides when a long standing dispute over contested border temples boiled over into fighting on their 800-kilometre (500-mile) boundary.

Huge numbers of returning workers and their families streamed through the Ban Laem Daung border post between Thailand's eastern Chanthaburi province and Battambang in Cambodia yesterday.

Most were laden with belongings -- suitcases, backpacks, heavy bags, blankets and electric fans -- as they trudged on foot through the crossing.

Cambodia's labour ministry spokesman Sun Mesa said more than 750,000 Cambodians, including children, had returned since clashes broke out on July 24.

"They feel unsafe and scared in Thailand," he said, adding that there were reports that Cambodian migrants were attacked by "gangsters".

There was no separate confirmation of the total of 750,000. A Thai immigration officer told AFP the official figure was "confidential" but said "there are many crossing back".

Thai media reports quoted the head of the Thai-Cambodia Border Trade and Tourism Association of Chanthaburi as saying more than 200,000 Cambodians had crossed back.

The group said on its Facebook page that about 20,000 crossed on Tuesday and about 30,000 were expected to cross yesterday.

A total of some 1.2 million Cambodian migrants have been living and working in Thailand, Sun Mesa said.

Cambodia's defence ministry spokeswoman Maly Socheata said yesterday the situation remained calm along the Thai border and "our forces are on high alert".

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Invitation for e-Tender (Open Tender Method)

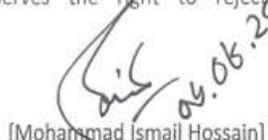
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Date: 06/08/2025

e-tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following works.

Tender ID	Name of works	Tender publication date & time	Tender last selling date & time	Tender Closing & Opening date & time
1136678	Construction of RCC drain, inspection pit with pit cover etc. of Baitul Mukarram Mosque, Dhaka.	10/08/2025 at 12.00 am	24/08/2025 at 17.00 am	25/08/2025 at 12.00 am

This is an online Tender where only enlisted contractor [Category-A/B] of Islamic Foundation and e-tender will be accepted in e-GP portal and no offline/hardcopy is accepted. To submit e-tender please register in the national e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). The fees for downloading the e-tender document from the National e-GP portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to 24/08/2025 at 11.00 am. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system and from e-GP helpdesk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd). The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all Applications.


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