

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."



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

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শুক্রিয়ক বিষয়ক মন্ত্রালয়াধীন বাংলাদেশ মুক্তিযোৱা কল্যাণ ফ্রাণ্ট-এর আধীন পাবলিক প্রক্রিউরমেন্ট বিধিমাল-২০০৮ এর আলোকে সীমিত দরপত্র পক্ষতির আওতায় অভ্যর্থনী কার্য ক্রয় ও পণ্য সরবরাহের লক্ষ্যে ২০২৫-২০২৬ অর্থস্থলের জন্য টিকাদার/সরবরাহকারীদের সালিকাভুক্ত করা হবে। সিপিটিইউ কর্তৃত নির্ধারিত আবেদন ফর্ম ট্রান্স্টের অর্থ বিভাগ (৪৭ তাৰ্কা) হতে আগস্টী ০৭/০৮/২০২৫ থি. হতে ২০/০৮/২০২৫ থি. পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সরবরাহ করা হবে। মানি রিসিপ্টের মাধ্যমে ১০০০/- টাকা ট্রান্স্টের অর্থ বিভাগে পরিবেশ্বর প্রক্রিয়া নির্ধারিত আবেদনপত্র (ডকুমেন্ট) সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। নির্ধারিত আবেদনপত্র স্বত্ত্বালিক ক্ষেত্রে পুনৰ্পূর্বক প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্রসহ (বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, টিআইএন এবং ভ্যাটি নিবন্ধন সার্টিফিকেট), ২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থ বছরের আবেদন প্রদানের প্রমাণক, সংশ্লিষ্ট বাস্তির এনআইডি এবং পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ০৩ কাপ ছবি, হানানগাদ বাক সলভেলি সার্টিফিকেট) আগস্টী ১১/০৮/২০২৫ থি. তারিখ বিকাল ৪.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে ট্রান্স্টের প্রকোশল শাখা (২য় তলা) জমা প্রদান করতে হবে। বাছাই করে তালিকাভুক্ত টিকাদার/সরবরাহকারীকে তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য ৫০০০/- টাকা ও নির্ধারিত হারে ভ্যাটি প্রদান করতে হবে। পিপিআর-২০০৮ এর সংশ্লিষ্ট বিষি অনুসরণযোগ্য হবে। এ তালিকাভুক্তি কাজ প্রদানের নিশ্চয়তা বিধিন করেন না এবং কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকে আবেদনসমূহ গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার সম্পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা ট্রান্স্ট কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষ করেন।

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Hasina labelled protesters "descendants of Rajakars", sparking outrage on university campuses across the country. Activists of Chhatra League, pro-Awami league student body, attacked students nationwide that night.

On July 15, BRU students announced a protest rally near the university's gate-1. Chhatra League called a counter- rally, led by their leaders Pome Barua, Shamim, and Babul, with many wielding machetes, sticks, rods, and locally made weapons. They attacked a student procession, leaving several injured, said Rina, who was injured during the mass uprising.

The following day, around 5,000-6,000 students from different educational institutions in Rangpur gathered again at the now-renamed Shaheed Abu Sayed Gate. Police, Chhatra League men, and university officials were already there. As students tried to enter the campus, police charged truncheons and fired teargas shells to disperse them.

"That's not true," Rina replied. Tribunal member Justice Md Shofiqul Alam Mahmood addressed the defence at one point: "You'll try your best to save your clients from the gallows," Amir responded. "I'm trying, but not sure if I'm doing enough."

Later, Sayed stood by the central reservation with both of his arms raised. Two policemen -- Amir Ali and Sujan Chandra -- opened fire from the gate targeting him and he collapsed.

Protester Ayan and others carried Sayed towards Park Mor. "Later, I heard he died around 3:30pm that day," said Rina, who was a front-line demonstrator.

"It was one of many brutal killings," she said. She also held accountable top police officials, Hasina, the two

policemen, the university authorities, Rangpur Metropolitan Police, police personnel on duty, and Chhatra League activists for the killings.

During cross examination, Amir Hossain, state appointed defence lawyer for Hasina and Kamal, claimed that the government supported the protesters.

He argued that the High Court reinstated the quota system following a writ petition filed by an individual after the Hasina-led government revoked the system. The then government again appealed against the HC order, meaning the government was with the protesting students.

Rina said it was not true. The lawyer further said the government during the movement called the demonstrators for a discussion when Rina said yes, but it was after the government failed to tackle the situation.

"You're not telling the truth. Hasina stood by the protesters and she is not responsible for the incident," the lawyer insisted.

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"You appear before the court fully prepared," said Tribunal Chair Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder.

During cross examination of journalist Moinul, the defence lawyer said the video clip, which was telecast live and submitted to the tribunal, was AI-generated.

Moinul said it was not true.

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Invitation for e-Tender (Open Tender Method)

Memo No : 16.01.0000.000.001.32.001.22.421

Date: 06/08/2025

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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

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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.

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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, Bangladesh.
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	
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