

China silent on exit of Nepal ex-PM Oli

Russia closely monitoring situation, advises its citizens to observe caution

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China has yet to officially react to the fall of Nepalese prime minister K P Sharma Oli, regarded as its steadfast ally, and the prevailing violent student movement against the political class of Nepal.

China's state-run Xinhua news agency carried a brief report of Oli's resignation and news of protests breaking out in Nepal on Monday in Kathmandu and other parts of the country.

Russia is closely monitoring the situation in Nepal, its embassy in Kathmandu said yesterday as it advised its citizens to observe caution in the wake of massive anti-government protests in the Himalayan nation.

The Russian Embassy in Kathmandu said it is constantly monitoring the situation, adding that its citizens are safe, state-owned TASS news agency reported.

The embassy is geared to arrange the safety of its citizens, it said. However, there are no plans to evacuate its diplomatic staff, it added.



Smoke billows from the Supreme Court building, set ablaze by protesters in Kathmandu yesterday; protesters walk with looted items from Singha Durbar, the main administrative building of the Nepal government; and young people celebrate after the fall of the government in Nepal.



PHOTO: AFP, REUTERS

Four killed in Indian Kashmir clash

AFP, Srinagar

Two suspected rebels and as many soldiers were killed during a two-day clash in Indian-administered Kashmir, officials said yesterday.

The gun battle started Monday in forests in southern Kulgam in the disputed territory when soldiers launched a search for armed militants after receiving a tip-off.

It triggered a "fierce exchange of gunfire" over two days leading to the deaths, the army's Chinara Corps said on social media.

"#IndianArmy expresses deepest condolences and stands in solidarity with the bereaved families" of the slain soldiers, the statement added.

The identities of the militants were being investigated.

Muslim-majority Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan since their independence from British rule in 1947, and both claim the territory in full.

Rebel groups have waged an insurgency against Indian rule since 1989, demanding Kashmir's independence or its merger with Pakistan.

Russian strike kills at least 24 pensioners

Zelensky slams strike on civilians, urges allies to put more pressure on Moscow

REUTERS, Yarova

A Russian airstrike killed 24 elderly people who were collecting pensions in a village in eastern Ukraine, officials said yesterday, prompting President Volodymyr Zelensky to urge Kyiv's allies to increase pressure on Moscow to end its war.

Russian troops have pressed a grinding offensive across much of the eastern Donetsk region as diplomatic efforts to achieve peace in the 3-1/2 year-old war have largely stalled.

Zelensky said a guided bomb had struck the village of Yarova, about 15 miles (24 km) from the city of Sloviansk, a Ukrainian stronghold, and several kilometres behind the front line.

"Directly on people. Ordinary civilians. At the very moment when pensions were being disbursed," he wrote on X alongside footage showing bodies strewn across the ground.

Twenty-four people were killed and another 19 people were wounded, the State Emergency Service said. All of the dead were elderly, said regional governor Vadym Filashkin.

"The world must not remain silent," Zelensky said. "The world must not remain idle. A response is needed from the United States. A response is needed from Europe. A response is needed from the G20."

Hours after the morning attack, workers were still digging through debris and personal items littered

across a yard. A small black cell phone rang unanswered.

"Who's left here? All pensioners and old folks," said local resident Vasyly Nehodyuko, 65. "There's no one else."

He added that he saw what he described as a reconnaissance drone fly



overhead before the strike.

Russia did not immediately comment on the attack. Moscow has denied targeting civilians, but tens of thousands have died since its full-scale invasion in February 2022.

Last week, a Russian airstrike near the northern Ukrainian city of Chernihiv killed two people from a Danish-sponsored humanitarian demining mission.

"Is this what Russia means when it talks about peace? When will Russia stop killing people?" wrote European Council President Antonio Costa on X.

PHONE-TAPPING Pakistan spying on millions

Says Amnesty

REUTERS, KARACHI

Pakistan is spying on millions of its citizens using a phone-tapping system and a Chinese-built internet firewall that censors social media, in one of the most comprehensive examples of state surveillance outside China, Amnesty International said.

The rights watchdog said in a report released yesterday that Pakistan's growing monitoring network was built using both Chinese and Western technology and powered a sweeping crackdown on dissent and free speech.

Already restricted political and media freedoms in Pakistan have tightened in recent years, particularly after the military broke with then-Prime Minister Imran Khan in 2022, who was later jailed and thousands of his party activists were detained.

Pakistan's spy agencies can monitor at least 4 million mobile phones at a time through its Lawful Intercept Management System, while a firewall known as WMS 2.0 that inspects internet traffic can block 2 million active sessions at a time, Amnesty said.

SOARING TENSIONS WITH TRUMP Venezuela deploys troops to borders



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Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro said he had deployed 25,000 troops along the Caribbean coast and the border with Colombia amid soaring tensions with US President Donald Trump.

In a message Sunday night on social media Maduro said he had deployed "25,000 men and women from our glorious National Bolivarian Armed Forces" to the frontier with Colombia and the northeast coast, where the country's biggest oil refineries are situated.


The deployment aimed to ensure "the defense of national sovereignty, the security of the

country and the fight for peace," he added.

He did not expressly refer to Trump, who has cited the need to combat Venezuelan drug traffickers particularly in ordering the biggest naval buildup in the Caribbean in years, reports AFP.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth told sailors and Marines on a warship off Puerto Rico on Monday that they were not deployed to the Caribbean for training but instead sent to the "front lines" of a critical counter-narcotics mission.

Hegseth's remarks came during a surprise visit along with the top US general to Puerto Rico amid escalating tensions with Venezuela.



CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY, BANGLADESH

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

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Sl. No.	Name of Tender	Tender ID	Tender Package No.	Last date & Time of selling	Last date & Time of closing
01	Procurement of different Capacity Energy Saving Bulb, LED Flood Light, 100 Watt Street Light, Ceiling Fan etc i/c other necessary E/M Works at SMA Rajshahi.	1148415	GR- 01 Code-3258107-SMA RAJSHAHI	23-Sep-2025 16:00	24-Sep-2025 12:00
02	O & M of E/M works at Barishal Airport. During the year 2024-2025 (S,H: Rewiring & fitting /Fixture, light, Fan, switch, Socket, MDB, SDB etc of Rest house, H-Type Building, New Ansa brack, New Fire at Barishal Airport.).	1132522	30.31.0000.000.40 1.31.0194.25.1032	23-Sep-2025 16:00	24-Sep-2025 12:00
03	Providing, fitting/fixing 5 Ton Air Conditon Machine (Departmentel supply) Departure Laung at Barishal Airport.	1130420	30.31.0000.000.40 1.31.0094.25.562	23-Sep-2025 16:00	24-Sep-2025 12:00
04	O & M of E/M works services at Barishal Airport, Barishal. During the year 2024-2025 (S,H: Carefully checking, testing, repair & maintenance works for 2 x 150 KVA Engine Generator set at Barishal Airport.)	1130771	30.31.0000.000.40 1.31.0193.25.1020	23-Sep-2025 16:00	24-Sep-2025 12:00
05	O & M of E/M works services at Ishurdi airport During the year 2024-2025 (S,H: Providing & Replacement of LT panel & Laying of cable for T/B & R/A in/c other works at Ishurdi Airport)	1123087	30.31.0000.401.31 .0159.25.760	23-Sep-2025 16:00	24-Sep-2025 12:30

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Jalalabad Gas Transmission & Distribution System Ltd.

(A Company of Petrobangla)
(Gas Bhaban, Mendibag, Sylhet-3100)

গ্যাস ব্যবহারে সশ্রমী হোন এবং সময়মত গ্যাস বিল পরিশোধ করন

স্বচ্ছচার চর্চা করি সমৃদ্ধ সোনার বাংলা গড়ি

বিনা কারণে গ্যাসের চুলা জ্বালিয়ে রাখা আর বিপদকে ডাকা একই বিষয়

Ref. No. 28.16.9100.098.07.013.25/104 Date: 09/09/2025

Invitation for International Tender

01. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources /EMRD
02. Agency	: Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (PETROBANGLA)
03. Purchaser name & district	: Jalalabad Gas Transmission & Distribution System Ltd. (JGTDSL), Sylhet.
04. Invitation for	: Procurement of Diaphragm Meter & Rotary Meter.
05. Invitation Ref. No. & date	: 28.16.9100.098.07.013.25/104; Date: 09/09/2025
06. Procurement method	: Open Tendering Method [ICT]
07. Budget & source of fund	: JGTDSL's own fund
08. Tender publication date	: 10/09/2025
09. Tender selling start date	: 11/09/2025
10. Tender selling last date	: 26/10/2025 (During office hours on all working days.)
11. Tender closing date & time	: 27/10/2025, 11-00am (BST)
12. Tender opening date & time	: 27/10/2025, 11-10am (BST)
13. Name & address of the offices	
(i) Selling tender document	: i) Liaison Office, Jalalabad Gas Transmission & Distribution System Ltd, Petrobangla, Petrocenter (13th Floor), 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. ii) Cash Counter, Gas Bhaban (1st Floor), JGTDSL, Mendibag, Sylhet, Bangladesh.
(ii) Receiving tender	: Committee Room, Gas Bhaban (4th Floor), JGTDSL, Mendibag, Sylhet, Bangladesh.
(iii) Opening tender	: Committee Room, Gas Bhaban (4th Floor), JGTDSL, Mendibag, Sylhet, Bangladesh.
14. Eligibility of tenderer	: (i) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall experience in the supply of gas pipeline materials. (ii) The minimum specific experience as Supplier in supply of gas meter of at least 01 (One) contract successfully completed within the last 05 (Five) years with a value of at least Euro 1,00,000.00 (Euro one lac) or equivalent currency. (iii) The valid ISO 9001:2015 certificate regarding manufacturing of meter in favour of the manufacturer. (iv) Type Approval certificate of the meters in favour of manufacturer as per OIML guideline from the International Legal Metrological Institute/authority. (v) All other detailed Terms & Conditions are given in the Tender Document.
15. Brief description of goods	: Diaphragm Meter (3/4" and 1" dia): 615 Nos. Rotary Meter (2" dia): 75 Nos.
16. Price of tender document	: BDT 2,000 (non-refundable)
17. Location	Sylhet, Bangladesh
Tender security amount	BDT 4,80,000.00 (Taka four lac eighty thousand) or USD 3950.00 (US Dollar three thousand nine hundred fifty) or EURO 3400.00 (EURO three thousand four hundred) or equivalent currency.
Delivery period	90 (ninety) days from the date of L/C opening to hand over the materials to shipping agent at the port of loading.
18. Name, designation & address of the official inviting tender	: Engr. Mohammad Sarwar Jahan Mahmud, General Manager (Planning & ICT Division), Gas Bhaban (4th Floor), Mendibag, Sylhet, Bangladesh. E-mail: gm_planning_ict@jgtdsl.gov.bd , Tel. No. 02997700612

The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.

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