

Moscow tests nuke-capable super torpedo  
Says Putin; 9 hurt in Russian strike on Ukraine hospital

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Russian President Vladimir Putin said yesterday that Russia had tested a Poseidon nuclear-capable super torpedo and that it had been a great success.

US and Russian officials have both described Poseidon as a new category of retaliatory weapon, capable of triggering radioactive ocean swells to render coastal cities uninhabitable, reports Reuters.

Meanwhile, a Russian strike on a children's hospital in southern Ukraine wounded at least nine people, including four children, Ukrainian officials said yesterday, accusing Moscow of a "war crime".

The attack was in Kherson. It still faces regular shelling and drone strikes from Moscow's troops on the opposite side of the Dnipro river.

**BORDER CONTROL**  
China, India to use existing mechanisms for ground issues

REUTERS, Beijing

The Chinese and Indian militaries have had talks on the management of the border the countries share, and both agreed to use existing mechanisms to resolve any "ground issues", the neighbours said yesterday.

New Delhi and Beijing had reached a pact last year on lowering tensions on their Himalayan border, which escalated after a military clash in 2020 in which 20 soldiers from India were killed.

Since the pact in 2024, the countries have taken steps to improve ties, including a resumption of direct flights and enhanced trade flows.

China's defence ministry said in the latest round of talks held on the Indian side of a meeting point on Saturday, the neighbours agreed to continue their dialogue through military and diplomatic channels.



A resident slides over part of the roof of his house, damaged by Hurricane Melissa, in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, yesterday. President Miguel Diaz-Canel said Melissa had caused "extensive damage" after making landfall overnight on the southern coast.

PHOTO: AFP

## FAILED PEACE TALKS IN ISTANBUL Pakistan threatens to 'obliterate' Taliban

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan's defence minister yesterday threatened to "obliterate" the ruling Taliban in neighbouring Afghanistan, a dramatic escalation of rhetoric after the collapse of talks towards a lasting peace between the South Asian nations.

Truce negotiations concluded in Istanbul without a "workable solution", Pakistan's information minister said early yesterday, in a blow for peace in the region after this month's deadly clashes.

Pakistan reacted with fury to the failure of the talks, which sources said ended with a disagreement over militant groups allegedly using Afghanistan as a base to attack its security forces along their border.

"Pakistan does not require to employ even a fraction of its full arsenal to completely obliterate the Taliban regime and push them back to the caves for hiding," Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said in a post on X.

The Taliban and Afghanistan's defence ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment on

the remarks.

Dozens were killed this month along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan in the worst such violence since the Taliban took power in Kabul in 2021.

Both nations agreed to a ceasefire brokered in Doha on October 19, but could not find common ground in a second round of talks mediated by Turkey and Qatar in Istanbul, Afghan and Pakistani sources briefed on the issue told Reuters on Tuesday.

Each blamed the other for the failure.

"The Afghan side kept deviating from the core issue ... on which the dialogue process was initiated," Pakistan Information Minister Attaullah Tarar said yesterday, accusing it of engaging in deflection, ruses and playing a "blame game".

"The dialogue thus failed to bring about any workable solution," he added in a statement.

Afghanistan's foreign and defence ministries did not immediately respond to requests from Reuters for comment on the statement.



## 64 killed in Rio police raids ahead of climate conferences

REUTERS, Rio De Janeiro

At least 64 people died on Tuesday in Rio de Janeiro's most deadly police operation ever, which targeted a major gang days before the city hosts global events related to the United Nations climate summit known as COP30.

Police have often conducted large-scale operations against criminal groups ahead of major events in Rio, which hosted the 2016 Olympics, the 2024 G20 summit and the BRICS summit in July.

Next week, Rio hosts the C40 global summit of mayors tackling climate change and Prince William's Earthshot Prize.

**250pc tariff threat averted  
Indo-Pak clash  
Trump claims at a summit in S Korea, expects 'great meeting' with Xi**

REUTERS, New Delhi

US President Donald Trump said yesterday he prevented a war between India and Pakistan this year by threatening both nations with 250 percent tariffs, the highest he has mentioned on any country.

"If you look at India and Pakistan ... they were going at it," Trump said at the Asia Pacific summit in South Korea. "Seven planes were shot down. They were really starting to go."

Trump said he called Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan's leaders to say that Washington would halt trade and impose the massive tariffs if the fighting that briefly flared up in May continued.

"I said I was going to put 250 percent on each country, which means you'll never do business

... That's a nice way of saying we don't want to do business with you," Trump said, to applause from the audience, as he referred to trade deals with several Asian countries in a speech.

Trump has previously made similar assertions about warning both countries of a halt in trade during the military strikes assertions that India has dismissed. India and Pakistan's foreign ministries did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Trump's remarks.

Trump said both sides initially resisted his call for a ceasefire, but later backed down.

"They both said, 'No, no, no, you should let us fight.' After literally two days, they called up and said, 'We understand', and they stopped fighting," he said. The US president also voiced optimism for advancing toward major trade deals with Beijing and Seoul, on the eve of crucial talks in South Korea with Chinese leader Xi Jinping.

He told reporters that "a lot of problems are going to be solved" at the "great meeting" today.

"We are willing to work together with the US side to ensure that this meeting yields positive outcomes, provides new guidance, and injects new momentum into the stable development of China-US relations," China's foreign ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun said.



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## BBA ADMISSION TEST

34th Batch | Session: 2025-2026

BBA Admission Test (Session 2025-26) of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka will be held on Friday, 28 November 2025 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. For Applicants Who Have Passed SSC and HSC or Equivalent Exams:

Candidates who have passed their HSC or equivalent exam held in 2025 are eligible to apply for the 2025-2026 academic session. They must have a minimum 8.0 as total of SSC & HSC GPA (including the 4th subject) and secure at least 3.5 GPA in both the exams.

2. For Applicants Who Have Passed IGCSE/O-Level and IAL/GCE A-Level or Equivalent Exams:

Candidates who have passed the IGCSE/O-level exam with at least 5 subjects (including Mathematics) and IAL/GCE A-Level exam in at least 2 subjects (final result of at least one subject of IAL/GCE A-Level must have been published in 2025) are eligible to apply. Out of the 7 subjects in IGCSE/O-Level and IAL/GCE A-Level, candidates should get minimum 2 A grades. Students must obtain minimum average grade point of 3.5 (out of 5.0) in both IGCSE/O-Level and IAL/GCE A-Level. The grade point equivalence is as follows: A=5.0, B=4.0, C=3.5, and D=0.0.

Candidates from O-level, A-level, or from any other board outside the country have to obtain "Equivalence Certificate" from DU at the beginning of their application process. To get equivalence certificate, please visit the DU admission website (<https://admission.eis.du.ac.bd>). If an applicant faces any difficulty in obtaining "Equivalence Certificate" from DU, s/he is advised to contact "IBA Helpdesk" immediately.

3. No candidate is eligible to sit for this year's admission test if s/he previously appeared in any admission test of the University of Dhaka, including IBA, in 2025 or before.

### SELECTION PROCEDURE

The test has two components: Written and Communication. The components of the Written Test evaluate applicant's aptitude in English Language, Mathematics, and Analytical Ability. In order to pass the Written Test, an applicant must obtain a minimum qualifying score in all sections. Applicants will be selected for the Communication Test on the basis of their performance in the Written Test.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application must be submitted online (<https://admission.eis.du.ac.bd>) by Sunday, 16 November 2025 (till 11:59 PM).

Application fee of Tk. 1500 is to be paid by Sunday, 16 November 2025 (till 11:59 PM). The admit card can be downloaded from Monday, 24 November 2025 to Friday, 28 November 2025 (till 9:00 AM).

For detailed application procedure, visit the IBA website (<https://www.iba-du.edu>) or the DU admission website (<https://admission.eis.du.ac.bd>).

For further information, contact the IBA Helpdesk at 01772563303 or 01871130956 between 9:00 AM-4:00 PM on any working day or email at [bba-admission@iba-du.edu](mailto:bba-admission@iba-du.edu).

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## Local Press Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from Genuine Importers/ related Suppliers for Supply of following items for Male Latex Condom of Khulna Essential Latex Plant (KELP) on urgent basis:

S.L No.	Tender No. Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
01.	EDCL(KELP)/PUR/RM/LT/2025/397 Dt. 29/10/2025	Raw Materials & Compounding Chemicals for producing Male Latex Condom: 01.Trisodium Phosphate 2.Magnesium Carbonate 03.Magnesium Oxide 04.Silicone Emulsion 05.Sulphur Powder 06.Zinc Dibutyl Dithiocarbamate (ZDBC) 07. Zinc Diethyl Dithiocarbamate (ZDEC) 08. Zinc Oxide 09. Wingstay L (Kumanox) 10. Potassium Hydroxide (KOH) 11. Tamol NN 12. Bentonite Clay 13.Oleic Acid (Details as per Tender Schedule)	Tk. 1500.00/set Non-refundable	Closing : 16/11/2025 at 3.00 PM Opening : 16/11/2025 at 3.15PM

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

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