

Pakistan tightens Islamabad security after suicide blast India probes link between Delhi blast and J&K arrests

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Residents in the Pakistani capital Islamabad were facing tightened security checks yesterday in the wake of a suicide bombing that left top officials vowing to halt the rise in deadly attacks.

The deadly blast outside district court buildings on Tuesday was claimed by a faction of the Pakistani Taliban, a militant group that has been behind a series of attacks in other parts of the country.

In India, police are investigating if there is a link between this week's car blast in Delhi and the earlier arrest of a group of seven men from the restive Kashmir region with arms and bomb-making material, three sources familiar with the probe said yesterday.

The blast on Monday evening outside Delhi's historic Red Fort killed eight people and wounded at least 20, the first such explosion in the heavily guarded



city of more than 30 million people since 2011, reports Reuters.

Indian authorities are investigating the blast under a stringent anti-terrorism law and have said that all angles are being probed. They have not named anyone or made any arrests in connection with the explosion.

The district court in Islamabad remained closed yesterday while security was stepped up at other court buildings across the city, and long queues of vehicles formed at checkpoints.

"Our army, police, and all law enforcement agencies are alert and performing their duties. Unfortunately, the question remains: Where are these attacks coming from, and how are they happening?" said resident Fazal Satar, 58.

At least 12 people were killed and 27 wounded in the suicide bombing, the first such incident to hit the capital in nearly three years, reports AFP.

"It was a very powerful explosion," said Muhammad Imran, a 42 year-old police official who was wounded in the attack.



A Palestinian boy observes an unexploded missile at a rubbish dump in the Firas market area of Gaza City, yesterday. French President Emmanuel Macron warned on Tuesday that any Israeli plans for annexation in the West Bank would be a "red line" and would provoke a European reaction.

PHOTO: AFP

UN food agencies warn of 16 hunger hotspots

Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh among those at risk

AFP, Rome

Two UN food agencies warned yesterday that millions more people around the globe could face famine, with funding shortfalls worsening already dire conditions.

The joint report from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) said conflict and violence were driving acute food insecurity in the majority of the countries identified at risk.

The Rome-based agencies listed Haiti, Mali, Palestine, South Sudan, Sudan and Yemen as the worst, "where populations face an imminent risk of catastrophic hunger".

» Haiti, Mali, Palestine, South Sudan, Sudan, Yemen listed among worst-hit regions

» Funding for humanitarian aid "dangerously short"

Also classified as a "very high concern" were Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Nigeria, Somalia and Syria, with Burkina Faso, Chad, Kenya and the situation of the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh also making the list.

"We are on the brink of a completely preventable hunger catastrophe that threatens widespread starvation in multiple countries," said WFP Executive Director Cindy McCain, warning that a failure to act "will only drive further instability, migration, and conflict."

Funding for humanitarian relief was falling "dangerously short", the report said, pointing to only \$10.5 billion received out of a required \$29 billion to help those at risk.

WFP said that due to funding cuts, it had reduced assistance for refugees and displaced people while suspending school feeding programmes in some countries.

42 migrants feared dead in shipwreck off Libya: IOM 7 survivors rescued

AFP, Geneva

The United Nations said yesterday that 42 migrants were missing presumed dead after a rubber boat capsized off the Libyan coast last week.

It was the latest in a series of similar disasters in a stretch of the Mediterranean Sea that has claimed the lives of more than a thousand people so far this year.

Only seven survivors were rescued after six days adrift, said a statement from the UN's International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The vessel, carrying 47 men and two women, left Zuwarah, west of Tripoli, on November 3, but around six hours later, high waves caused the engine to fail, said the IOM.

The boat capsized, throwing all passengers overboard, the statement added. On Saturday, the Libyan authorities carried out a search and rescue operation near Al Buri oil field.

"After drifting at sea for six days, only seven men – four from Sudan, two from Nigeria, and one from Cameroon – were rescued," the IOM said.

FRESH BORDER CLASHES Thai troops kill one: Cambodia

AFP, Phnom Penh

Cambodia and Thailand traded accusations of fresh clashes along their border yesterday, with Phnom Penh reporting one civilian shot dead in hostilities flaring after Bangkok paused implementation of a US-backed peace deal.



Five days of combat erupted between Thailand and Cambodia this summer, killing 43 people and displacing around 300,000 before a truce backed by US President Donald Trump took effect.

However, Thailand on Monday paused implementation of a follow-on deal to wind down hostilities, claiming a blast from a newly laid landmine had wounded four of its soldiers. Just two days later, officials on both sides have reported gunfire across the border.

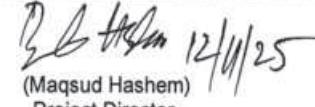
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Structure plan and Action Plan for "Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District Project"

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2 Agency	Urban Development Directorate (UDD)
3 Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Preparation of Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District
4 Procuring Entity Code	1320401
5 Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6 Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting Firm Assignment based
7 EoI Ref No	25.45.00000.000.002.14.0006.25 Note 15.0
8 Date	12 November 25
KEY INFORMATION	
9 Procurement Method	Selection under a Fixed Budget (SFB)
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10 Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget GoB
11 Development Partners	N/A
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
12 Project/Program Code	222020300
13 Project/Program Name	Preparation of Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District
14 EoI Closing Date and Time	27 November, 2025; Time: 1:00 PM
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT	
16 Brief Description of Assignment	Structure plan and Action Plan for "Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District Project": (1) Spatial Development Strategies, (2) Structure Plan, (3) Action Plan: Town center revitalization plan, Highway corridor land use planning, Growth center planning, TOD, Public Space Planning, Wetland restoration, Urban and rural amenities planning; along with (4) Image interpretation including Ground verification for Urban, Rural, Agriculture, wetland forest including ecological survey, (5) Mauza Map Digitization, (6) Social Survey including Public Space Study, (7) Traffic and Transport Studies
17 Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	a. Firms with specific experience of 5 years. b. Required hardware (RTK GPS) and licensed software [Survey data processing (GPS data Processing Software, etc.), GIS (Arc GIS) and Photogrammetric (Photogrammetric stereo Image processing Software) and other related original software]. c. Related Experience (Photogrammetric mapping by using 3D work station etc.) d. Resources (office space, financial and managerial strength, computer and other logistics) e. Related professionals (Team Coordinator, Spatial development strategy Analyst, Public space policy analyst, Public Space Designer, Landscape Designer, Transport Planner, GIS/RS Specialist, Archaeologist, Project Analyst, Junior Public Space Designer, Junior and Architect, Junior Engineer, Office Manager) and 3D GIS and spatial planning support staffs.
18 Other Details	Interested consulting Firms are hereby invited to submit EoI containing printed brochures (showing organizational identity and background), legal documents showing managerial and financial standing (according to PPA 2006 and PPR 2025), Staffing and inventory of resources and logistics confirming the firm's capabilities to provide the required services.
19 Association with foreign firms is	Not Encouraged
20 Ref No	Phasing of Services
25.45.00000.000.002.1	Not phased
4.0006.25 Note 15.0	Munshiganj District
	February, 2026
	February, 2028
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
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24 Contact details of Official Inviting EoI	Phone no: 01711937013
25 The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all EoI's	


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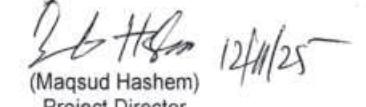
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Request for Expression of Interest (EoI) for Services of
"Geological and Hydrogeological Study for Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District" Project"

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13 Project/Programme Name	Preparation of Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District
14 EoI Closing Date and Time	27 November 25; Time: 11:00 AM
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT	
16 Brief Description of Assignment	Geological and Hydrogeological study for Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District Project: (1) Sub-surface lithological 3D model development and relevant interpretation, (2) 3D finite difference Ground water model, Rainfall-runoff model, flash flood risk (inundation model) etc.
17 Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	a. Firms with specific experience of 5 years. b. Required hardware, licensed software and other related original software. c. Related Experience (Grain Size Analysis, Atterberg Limits Determination, Specific Gravity Determination, Direct Shear Test, Unconfined Compression Strength Determination etc. 3D finite difference Ground water model characterizing existing groundwater system and making predictions for future groundwater development and risk characterization, Rainfall-runoff model to determine groundwater recharge potential, inundation model, surface water potential for water supply etc.) d. Resources (office space, financial and managerial strength, computer and other logistics) e. Related professionals (Geologist, Hydro geologist, Associate Geologist, Associate Hydro-Geologist, and Geological Survey Technician etc.) and staffs.
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