

## South Africa warns of Gaza expulsion: FM

AFP, Johannesburg

The arrival in South Africa of 153 Palestinians on a plane last week was "suspicious" and indicated "a clear agenda to cleanse Palestinians out of Gaza and the West Bank," the foreign minister said yesterday.

The group landed in Johannesburg on a chartered flight on Thursday without departure stamps from Israel on their passports.

"We are suspicious as the South African government about the circumstances surrounding the arrival of the plane," Foreign Minister Ronald Lamola told reporters.

South Africa border police kept the group on the plane for 12 hours before President Cyril Ramaphosa allowed them entry on a standard 90-day visa exemption.

It emerged later that a first plane carrying 176 Palestinians had arrived on October 28, according to the Gift of the Givers charity which is assisting the Palestinians.

Reports said a shadowy organisation named Al-Majd was involved in the departure from Gaza of both groups.

## ASYLUM POLICY

### Britain reviews human rights laws

REUTERS, London

Britain will overhaul its approach to human rights laws to make it easier to deport migrants who arrive in the country illegally as part of a major shake-up of asylum policy to be set out yesterday.

Interior minister Shabana Mahmood will outline changes to how the European Convention on Human Rights will be interpreted by courts, the government said.

"These reforms will block endless appeals, stop last minute claims and scale up removals of those with no right to be here," PM Keir Starmer said. In what the government claims to be the most sweeping asylum policy overhaul of modern times, Mahmood will also announce plans to make refugee status temporary and to quadruple the length of time refugees will have to wait for permanent settlement in Britain.



Indigenous people attend a protest to call for climate justice and territorial protection during the UN Climate Change Conference (COP30), in Belem, Brazil, yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## US escalates military presence near Venezuela

Trump signals possible talks with Maduro; Pentagon says it struck another suspected drug boat in Pacific

AFP, Washington

Donald Trump suggested Sunday that future talks with Venezuelan counterpart Nicolas Maduro could be on the table, as a regional US military buildup has whipped up tensions between the nations.

The US president spoke after Washington further upped the ante by announcing plans to designate as a terrorist group a cartel that it claims Maduro runs.

"We may be having some discussions with Maduro, and we'll see how that turns out," Trump told reporters in Florida, adding: "They would like to talk."

Pressed for more details, he replied: "Venezuela would like to talk. What does it mean? You tell me, I don't know... I'd talk to anybody."



Earlier Sunday, the US State Department said it would classify Cartel de los Soles (Cartel of the Suns) -- which it claims is headed by Maduro -- as a foreign terrorist organization (FTO).

"Cartel de los Soles by and with other designated FTOs, including Tren de Aragua and the Sinaloa Cartel

are responsible for terrorist violence throughout our hemisphere as well as for trafficking drugs into the United States and Europe," Secretary of State Marco Rubio said in a statement.

The designation, effective from November 24, follows a huge US military mobilization in the Caribbean which Washington states is necessary to prevent drug smuggling into the United States.

The US conducted another attack on an alleged drug trafficking boat in the eastern Pacific on Saturday, killing three people aboard, the Pentagon said on Sunday. "Intelligence confirmed that the vessel was involved in illicit narcotics smuggling, transiting along a known narco-trafficking route, and carrying narcotics," the US Southern Command announced in a post on social media.

## Trump reverses stance on Epstein files

### Urges Republicans to vote for releasing them

REUTERS, Washington

US President Donald Trump on Sunday urged his fellow Republicans in Congress to vote for the release of files related to the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, reversing his earlier resistance to such a move.

Trump's post on his Truth Social came after House Speaker Mike Johnson said earlier that he believed a vote on releasing Justice Department documents in the Epstein case should help put to rest allegations that Trump had any connection to Epstein's abuse and trafficking of underage girls.

"House Republicans should vote to release the Epstein files, because we have nothing to hide," Trump wrote on Sunday night.

Although Trump and Epstein were photographed together decades ago, the president has said the two men fell out before Epstein's convictions. Emails released last week by a House committee showed the disgraced financier believed Trump "knew about the girls," though it was not clear what that phrase meant. Trump has since instructed the Department of Justice to investigate prominent Democrats' ties to Epstein.

## 45 pilgrims killed in Saudi bus crash: India police

AGENCIES



Indian police said yesterday that an overnight bus accident in Saudi Arabia killed 45 Muslim pilgrims.

"The tragic bus accident involving Indian pilgrims in Saudi Arabia is deeply distressing," V C Sajjanar, police commissioner for the city of Hyderabad, where many of the Indian citizens were reported to have come from, told reporters.

"According to preliminary information, 46 people were travelling in the bus at the time of the incident, and heartbreakingly, only one person survived."

The group was reportedly returning from Makkah after completing their rituals and was en route to Medina at the time of the accident.

According to a Gulf News report, many passengers were reportedly asleep at the time, leaving them little chance to escape when the bus burst into flames after the collision with the diesel tanker.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation (HEAT) Project  
Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education  
Bangladesh Copyright Bhaban, Level-10, Plot-F,  
Administrative Area, 20/B west Agargaon, Dhaka-1207

Ref: HEAT/NCS-02/140/2025-1518

Date: 17 November 2025

#### Invitation for Tenders (Re-Tender)

Framework Agreement for Non-Consulting Service

(Selection of Event Management Firm for conducting workshop/seminar/national and international conference)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education		
2	Agency	University Grants Commission of Bangladesh		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation (HEAT) Project		
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
5	Invitation for	Framework Agreement(s) for Non-Consulting Service		
6	Procurement Method	OTM (National) (Framework Agreement)		
7	Source of Funds & Development Partner	Development Budget, IDA		
8	Project Code	224386600		
9	Project Name	Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation (HEAT) Project		
10	Tender Package No.	NCS-2 (Re-tender)		
11	Tender Package Name	Selection of Event Management Firm for conducting workshop/seminar/national and international conference		
12	Tender Publication Date	18 November 2025		
13	Tender Last Selling Date	02 December 2025 5.00 PM		
14	Tender Closing Date and Time	03 December 2025 12.30 PM		
15	Tender Opening Date and Time	03 December 2025 2.00 PM		
16	Name & Address of the office	Tender Selling. Primary place of receiving & Opening place Address is: Project Director, HEAT Project Bangladesh Copyright Bhaban, Level-10, Plot-F, Administrative Area, 20/B west Agargaon, Dhaka-1207		
17	Qualification Criteria of Tenderer:	1) ITT 11.1(a)-The minimum number of years of general experience of the Tenderer in contracting industries in public sector as Prime Contractor/Sub Contractor/Management Contract or shall be 3 (Three) years. 2) ITT 11.1(b)-Specific Experience: With public sector one Contract of Event Management of similar nature and complexity completed within the last Five (5) year with a value of at least of BDT 2,00,00,000.00 (Two Crore Taka). 3) ITT 12.1(a)-The required average annual turnover of the Tenderer shall be at least of the amount of Tk 60,00,000.00 (Sixty Lac Taka) over the last three years (Certified payment with the public sector) (Year 1: 2022-2023, Year 2: 2023-2024 & Year 3: 2024-2025). 4) ITT 12.1(b)-The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderer shall be Tk 80,00,000.00 (Eighty Lac Taka). 5) ITT 13.1- A contract supervisor with post-graduation having 8 years specific experience. (Others requirements have been mentioned in the Tender Documents)		
18	Brief Description of Services: Non-consulting services related to Two International Events & Four National Events			
19	Pre-tender meeting shall be held. Place / Date / Time of Pre-tender meeting:	Office of the Project Director, HEAT Project (address stated above) Date: 24 November 2025 at 11.00 AM		
20	Price of Tender Document BDT 4,000.00 (Four Thousand Taka)			
21	Package No	Identification of Package	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time
	Package: NCS-2 (Re-Tender)	Selection of Event Management Firm for conducting workshop/seminar/national and international conference	BDT 10,00,000.00 (Ten Lac Taka)	30 Months
22	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Prof Dr. Asaduzzaman,		
23	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director		
24	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Copyright Bhaban, Level-10, Plot-F, Administrative Area, 20/B west Agargaon, Dhaka-1207		
25	Contact details of concerned official	E-mail address: pdheat@ucg.gov.bd Phone: 09666368508		

Note: Provision of Non-consulting service under Framework agreement with e-GP is not available and therefore, Offline Tendering process is adopted. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings. The adopted Procurement Framework is PPR 2025 & World bank Procurement Regulations 2025.

(Prof Dr. Asaduzzaman,  
Project Director  
Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation Project

### DHAKA BUS RAPID TRANSIT PLC

#### Road Transport And Highways Division

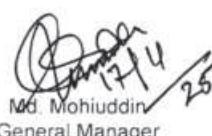
House# 04, Road# 21, Sector# 04, Uttara, Dhaka – 1230

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#### Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Road Transport And Highways Division
2	Agency	Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit PLC
3	Procuring Entity Name	Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit PLC represented by General Manager
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Hiring of six (06) vehicles for Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit PLC
7	Invitation Ref No	APP ID : 219318
8	Date	16/11/2025
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
9	Procurement Method	NCT OTM
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Own Fund
11	Development Partner (if applicable)	N/A
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
12	Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A
13	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A
14	Tender Package No.	DBRT/2025-26/Vehicle/02
15	Tender Package Name	Hiring of six (06) vehicles for Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit PLC
16	Tender Publication Date	18/11/2025
17	Tender Last Selling Date & Time	02/12/2025 4:30 PM
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date Time 03/12/2025 12.00 PM 03/12/2025 12.10 PM
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	Address(s)
20	Name & Address of the Office(s)	Manager (Admin), DBRTPLC, House No.-04, Road No.-21, Sector No.-04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230 N/A
	-Selling Tender Document(Principal)	Manager (Admin), DBRTPLC, House No.-04, Road No.-21, Sector No.-04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230
	-Selling Tender Document(Others)	Manager (Admin), DBRTPLC, House No.-04, Road No.-21, Sector No.-04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230
	-Receiving Tender Document	Manager (Admin), DBRTPLC, House No.-04, Road No.-21, Sector No.-04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230
	-Opening Tender Document	Conference Room, DBRTPLC, House No.-04, Road No.-21, Sector No.-04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Name/Address Date Time Conference Room, DBRTPLC, House No-04, Road No.-21, Sector No.-04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230 24/12/2025 11:00 AM
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	As per Tender Data Sheet
23	Brief Description of Physical Services	i) 4WD Jeep (SUV), not less than 2477 CC-01 No; ii) Sedan Car, not less than 1490 CC-03 Nos; iii) 7-seat Microbus, not less than 1797 CC-01 No; iv) 10-seat Commuter Microbus, not less than 2000 CC-01 No
24	Brief Description of Related Services	NA
25	Tender Document Price in Taka	1500.00
Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location Tender Security Amount in Taka Completion Time in months
26	1	DHAKA BRT COMPANY LIMITED 200,000.00 12
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
30	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Mohiuddin
31	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	General Manager
32	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit PLC
33	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	House No.-04, Road No.-21, Sector No.-04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230 dbrtcl3@gmail.com
34	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders	

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Md. Mohiuddin  
General Manager  
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