

## FLOOD, LANDSLIDE Tropical storm death toll tops 600 in Southeast Asia Over 4m people affected

REUTERS, Jakarta

The death toll mounted to over 600 from floods and landslides caused by torrential rains across three countries in Southeast Asia, officials said yesterday, as relief efforts for tens of thousands of displaced people continued over the weekend.

Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand faced large-scale devastation after a rare tropical storm formed in the Malacca Strait fueling heavy rains and wind gusts for a week. There were 435 dead in Indonesia, 170 in Thailand, and three deaths reported in Malaysia.

Rescue and relief officials in the Southeast Asian countries were still trying to get access to many flood-affected areas yesterday even as flood waters receded and tens of thousands of people were evacuated across the three



People with their belongings wade through a flooded street after heavy rainfall in Wellampitiya on the outskirts of Colombo yesterday. Sri Lankan authorities battled rising floodwaters in parts of the capital after the powerful Cyclone Ditwah left a trail of destruction, killing at least 334 people across the country. PHOTO: AFP



countries. Over 4 million people have been affected - nearly 3 million in southern Thailand and 1.1 million in western Indonesia, according to official statistics.

Separately, across the Bay of Bengal, another 153 people were killed by a cyclone in the island nation of Sri Lanka, authorities said, with 191 others missing and more than half a million affected nationwide.

The death toll surged in Indonesia to 435 yesterday, up from 303 on Saturday, official data uploaded on a government website showed, as officials compiled reports of casualties and damage pouring in from the western island of Sumatra, where three provinces had been devastated by landslides and floods after the rains.

Many areas were cut off due to blocked roads, while damage to telecommunications infrastructure has hampered communication. Relief and rescue teams used helicopters to deliver aid to people in areas that could not be reached by road.

From a navy chopper flying over the isolated town of Palembayan in West Sumatra, a Reuters photographer saw large tracts of land and homes swept away by floodwaters. As the helicopter landed in a soccer field, dozens of people were already standing close by waiting for food.

## Israeli fighter jets pound east of Rafah

4 Palestinians, holed up in Gaza tunnels, killed

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Israeli fighter jets yesterday carried out strikes east of Rafah in Gaza, while forces demolished structures east of Khan Younis.

The army said it had killed four Palestinians coming out of the tunnels in Rafah. Dozens of Hamas fighters are holed up in southern Gaza's tunnels, underneath areas controlled by the Israeli military, reports AFP.

Israeli naval vessels fired shells towards the city's coastline, local sources and witnesses told the Anadolu news agency. Israeli artillery shelled eastern Khan Younis, while helicopters fired on buildings amid demolitions in the area.

An air raid hit east of the Bureij refugee camp in Deir el-Balah, central Gaza.

➤ Israeli naval vessels fire shells towards Gaza's coastline

➤ Qatar say Israel must not block 2nd phase of truce

The ceasefire remains fragile, with Israel and Hamas accusing each other of violating the terms, while the Gaza Strip remains in a deep humanitarian crisis.

Israel should not be allowed to obstruct the implementation of the Gaza agreement and the transition to its second phase, Qatar's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Majed al-Ansari has said.

## Venezuela blasts Trump airspace threat

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Caracas on Saturday slammed US President Donald Trump's warning that Venezuelan airspace should be considered closed, calling it a "colonialist threat."

"Venezuela denounces and condemns the colonialist threat that seeks to affect the sovereignty of its airspace, constituting yet another extravagant, illegal and unjustified aggression against the Venezuelan people," the Foreign Ministry said.

Trump administration is piling pressure on Venezuela, with a military deployment in the Caribbean that includes largest aircraft carrier.

## Pakistan rejects UN warning on military chief immunity

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan yesterday dismissed a warning by the UN rights chief of potential "far-reaching consequences" for the rule of law in granting the head of the all-powerful military legal immunity.

The foreign ministry said Pakistan was "fully committed to protecting... basic freedoms and the rule of law as enshrined in the constitution", responding to criticism from UN rights chief Volker Turk.

A constitutional amendment approved by parliament earlier this month, shielding Field Marshal Asim Munir and other top officials from prosecution for life, has raised alarm among rights group. The change also created a new Federal Constitutional Court, stripping the Supreme Court of some of its powers and tightening oversight of judges.

"These changes, taken together, risk subjugating the judiciary to political interference and executive control," Turk said on Friday.

## NATIONAL HERALD CASE Rahul and Sonia Gandhi face conspiracy charges

NDTV ONLINE

Senior Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi have been charged with criminal conspiracy in the National Herald money laundering case.



The charges are part of a fresh First Information Report (FIR) filed against six people, including Gandhis by the Economic Offences Wing of the Delhi Police.

The FIR also names Sam Pitroda, Suman Dubey, Sunil Bhandari and an unknown individual, along with three

companies - Associated Journals Limited (AJL), Young Indian, and Dotex Merchandise Pvt Ltd. It alleges a criminal conspiracy to "fraudulently take over the (AJL)", the parent company of the now-defunct National Herald newspaper.



Protesters take part in an anti-corruption rally along Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (EDSA) in Quezon City, Metro Manila, yesterday. Thousands gathered in the Philippine capital demanding accountability over a multi-billion-dollar infrastructure scandal that has implicated officials, lawmakers, and construction firm owners. PHOTO: AFP

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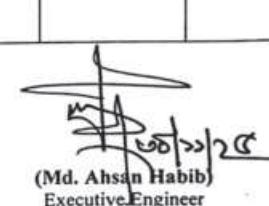
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### Invitation of Tenders

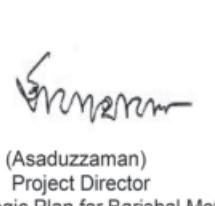
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works (MoHPW).			
2	Agency	Urban Development Directorate (UDD)			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, "Preparation of Strategic Plan for Barishal Metropolitan Area" Project			
4	Procuring Entity Code	1320401			
5	Procuring Entity District	Barishal			
6	Invitation for	Hiring of Vehicle			
7	Invitation Ref No	25.45.1000.000.104.07.0003.25.820			
8	Date	30, November 25			
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement Method	Time Based			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget (GOB) GoB			
11	Development Partners (If Applicable)	N/A			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project/Program Code	222020600			
13	Project/Program Name	Preparation of Strategic Plan for Barishal Metropolitan Area			
14	Tender Package No.	Vehicle-01			
15	Tender Package Name	Hiring of Vehicle for the Project Work			
16	Tender Publication Date	01, December, 25			
17	Tender last Selling Date	11, December, 25			
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	14, December 25; Time: 10:30 AM			
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	14, December 25; Time: 11:30 AM			
20	Name & Address of the Office(s)	Office of the Senior Planner, Urban Development Directorate, Barishal Regional Office, 834 Police Line Road, Barishal			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
21	Eligibility of Tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract under the Applicable Law.</li> <li>Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organisations registered in Bangladesh.</li> <li>Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh.</li> </ul>			
22	Brief Description of Services	Hiring of vehicle (One nos) as monthly contractual basis with fuel, toll, parking, maintenance etc.			
23	Price of Tender Document (TK)	1500 TK			
20	Package No	Identification of Package	Location	Tender Security Amount (TK)	Completion Time in Weeks/Months
	Vehicle-01	-	Barishal Metropolitan Area	60000.00Tk	20 Months
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
21	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Asaduzzaman			
22	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Senior Planner Urban Development Directorate, Barishal Regional Office			
23	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Office of the Senior Planner, Urban Development Directorate, Barishal Regional Office, 834 Police Line Road, Barishal			
24	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone no: 01732122258			
25	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings				

Sl. No.	Tender ID & Package No.	Name of works	Publishing Date & Time	Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Opening Date & Time
1.	1179006 WR03/WMD/Beautification /FY2025-26	Renovation works with Preservation, Beautification and health awareness Graffiti/Art works on the footpath adjacent to the road in front of Dhaka Medical College & Hospital under Dhaka South City Corporation.	30.11.2025 22:00	11.12.2025 13.00	11.12.2025 17:00

  
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