

TRUMP'S GAZA PLAN Pak military chief Munir in spotlight

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan's most powerful military chief in decades faces the toughest test of his newly amassed powers as Washington pushes Islamabad to contribute troops to the Gaza stabilisation force, a move analysts say could spark domestic backlash.

Field Marshal Asim Munir is expected to fly to Washington to meet President Donald Trump in the coming weeks for a third meeting in six months that will likely focus on the Gaza force, two sources told Reuters, one of them a key player in the general's economic diplomacy.

Many countries are wary of the mission to demilitarise Gaza's Hamas, which could drag them into the conflict and enrage their pro-Palestinian and anti-Israeli populations. But Munir has built a close relationship with the mercurial Trump to repair years of mistrust between Washington and Islamabad. In June, he was rewarded with a White House lunch - the first time a US president hosted Pakistan's army chief alone, without civilian officials.



Paramedics assist a resident during an evacuation from an apartment building hit by a Russian air strike in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, yesterday. President Vladimir Putin said that Russia would achieve its goals in Ukraine by diplomatic or military means, and would seek to expand a "security buffer zone" there.

PHOTO: REUTERS

VENEZUELA OIL TANKERS Trump orders 'blockade' of sanctioned vessels

AGENCIES

US President Donald Trump ordered on Tuesday a "blockade" of all sanctioned oil tankers entering and leaving Venezuela, in Washington's latest move to increase pressure on Nicolas Maduro's government, targeting its main source of income.

It is unclear how Trump will impose the move against the sanctioned vessels, and whether he will turn to the Coast Guard to interdict vessels like he did last week. The administration has moved thousands of troops and nearly a dozen warships - including an aircraft carrier - to the region.

The US aviation regulator issued a renewed warning on Tuesday to civilian aircraft operating in Venezuelan airspace, citing the dangers of military activity, reports AFP.

"For the theft of our Assets, and many other reasons, including Terrorism, Drug Smuggling, and Human Trafficking, the Venezuelan Regime has been designated a FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION," Trump wrote

» Caracas rejects Trump's 'grotesque threat'
» US warns air traffic over military activity around Venezuela

on Truth Social. "Therefore, today, I am ordering A TOTAL AND COMPLETE BLOCKADE OF ALL SANCTIONED OIL TANKERS going into, and out of, Venezuela."

In a statement, Venezuela's government said it rejected Trump's "grotesque threat."

Trump has also said that US land strikes on the South American country will soon start. Maduro has alleged that the US military build-up is aimed at overthrowing him and gaining control of the OPEC nation's oil resources, which are the world's largest crude reserves, reports Reuters.

Oil prices rose more than one percent in Asian trade yesterday. US crude futures climbed over one percent to \$55.96 a barrel in Asian trading after a barrel on Tuesday, the lowest close since February 2021.

American presidents have broad discretion to deploy US forces abroad, but Trump's asserted blockade marks a new test of presidential authority, said international law scholar Elena Chachko of UC Berkeley Law School.

BONDI SHOOTING Alleged killer charged with 15 murders

REUTERS, Sydney

A man who allegedly opened fire on a Jewish Hanukkah celebration on Sydney's famed Bondi Beach has been charged with 59 offences, including murder and terrorism, police said yesterday.

The alleged father-and-son perpetrators opened fire on the celebration at Sydney's famed Bondi Beach on Sunday, killing 15 in an attack that shook the nation and intensified fears of rising antisemitism and violent extremism.

Funerals of the Jewish victims of the attack began yesterday, amid anger over how the gunmen - one of whom was briefly investigated



for links to extremists - were allowed access to powerful firearms.

Sajid Akram, 50, was shot dead by police at the scene, while his 24-year-old son Naveed Akram emerged from a coma on Tuesday afternoon after also being shot by police.

Police said yesterday that a man had been charged with 59 offences, including 15 counts of murder, 40 counts of wounding with attempt to murder, as well as a terror offence and other charges.

Meanwhile, the Philippines said yesterday there was no evidence that the country was being used for terrorist training, after it was revealed the men behind shooting had spent November on a southern island.

 বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক (সেন্ট্রাল ব্যাংক অব বাংলাদেশ) প্রধান কার্যালয় মতিঝিল, ঢাকা-১০০০	
বিজ্ঞপ্তি নম্বর-১৫৭/২০২৫	তারিখঃ ৩০ অগ্রহায়ণ, ১৪৩২ ১৫ ডিসেম্বর, ২০২৫
ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটির সদস্যভুক্ত ০৫টি ব্যাংকে ২০২২ সাল ভিত্তিক সিনিয়র অফিসার (প্রকৌশলী-সিভিল)/এসিস্ট্যান্ট ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (সিভিল)/সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল) (৯ম ছেত, Job ID: 10211) এর ২৯টি শূল্য পদে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে অনুষ্ঠিত MCQ Test ও লিখিত পরীক্ষার সময়সূচি, প্রশ্নপত্রের Content ও নথর বিভাজন সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি	
ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটির সদস্যভুক্ত ০৫টি ব্যাংকে ২০২২ সাল ভিত্তিক সিনিয়র অফিসার (প্রকৌশলী-সিভিল)/এসিস্ট্যান্ট ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (সিভিল)/সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল) (৯ম ছেত, Job ID: 10211) এর ২৯টি শূল্য পদে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে এ সচিবালয়ের বিগত ০৫/১২/২০২৪ তারিখের বিজ্ঞপ্তি নম্বরঃ ১১/২০২৪ মোতাবেক আবেদনকারী প্রার্থীদের মধ্যে যোগ্য বিবেচিত প্রার্থীদের MCQ Test (১ ঘণ্টাব্যাপী) এবং লিখিত পরীক্ষা (২ ঘণ্টাব্যাপী) এক সেশনে আগামী ১০/০১/২০২৬ তারিখ, শনিবার (সকাল ১০টা-দুরু একটা পর্বত্তি; মোট ৩ ঘণ্টা) অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। উক্ত MCQ Test ও লিখিত পরীক্ষার প্রশ্নপত্রের Content ও নথর বিভাজন সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি ওয়েবসাইট (https://erecruitment.bb.org.bd) এ আপলোড করা হয়েছে।	
ডিসিপ্লিঃ ৪৮/২০২৫-৩০৬৬ তারিখঃ ১৭/১2/২০২৫ স্বাক্ষরিত/- মিজানুর রহমান আকান পরিচালক (বিএসসি-এস) ও সদস্য-সচিব, বিএসসি বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক প্রধান কার্যালয়, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা-১০০০ বিজ্ঞপ্তি নম্বর-১৫৭/২০২৫ তারিখঃ ৩০ অগ্রহায়ণ, ১৪৩২ প্রকৌশলী-সিভিল/এসিস্ট্যান্ট ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (সিভিল)/সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল) (৯ম ছেত, Job ID: 10211) এর ২৯টি শূল্য পদে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে অনুষ্ঠিত MCQ Test ও লিখিত পরীক্ষার Content ও নথর বিভাজন সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি ওয়েবসাইট (https://erecruitment.bb.org.bd) এ আপলোড করা হয়েছে।	
ডিসিপ্লিঃ ৪৮/২০২৫-৩০৬৬ তারিখঃ ১৭/১2/২০২৫ স্বাক্ষরিত/- মিজানুর রহমান আকান পরিচালক (বিএসসি-এস) ও সদস্য-সচিব, বিএসসি বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক প্রধান কার্যালয়, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা-১০০০ বিজ্ঞপ্তি নম্বর-১৫৭/২০২৫ তারিখঃ ৩০ অগ্রহায়ণ, ১৪৩২ প্রকৌশলী-সিভিল/এসিস্ট্যান্ট ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (সিভিল)/সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল) (৯ম ছেত, Job ID: 10211) এর ২৯টি শূল্য পদে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে অনুষ্ঠিত MCQ Test ও লিখিত পরীক্ষার Content ও নথর বিভাজন সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি ওয়েবসাইট (https://erecruitment.bb.org.bd) এ আপলোড করা হয়েছে।	

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Public Administration
National Academy for Development Administration
Rupnagar, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216
www.nada.gov.bd

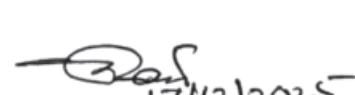
e-Tender Notice (OTM)

Memo No. 05.07.0000.000.034.07.0036.25-127 Date: 17 December, 2025

This is to notify all concerned that the following e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of goods as follows:

Tender ID No.	Name of work	Publishing date & time	Last selling date & time	Closing date & time
1196698	Procurement of Computer Accessories (Printer, Photocopier, Scanner, Portable Hard Disk etc.) for National Academy for Development Administration (NADA)	18.12.2025; 12:00	29.12.2025; 10:00	29.12.2025; 14:00

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and in the e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).


17/12/2025

Mir Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman
Director
(Finance & Public Procurement)
National Academy for Development Administration

GD-2766

Romanian journos back outlet behind graft protests

AFP, Bucharest

Dozens of Romanian journalists and several NGOs signed an open letter yesterday backing an under pressure media outlet whose investigation sparked nationwide anti-corruption protests.

The Recorder outlet's two-hour documentary into corruption in the court system touched a nerve in the eastern European country, which ranks as one of the most graft-ridden in the EU, according to Transparency International's corruption perception index.

Thousands have taken to the streets in rolling protests over the past week, but senior judicial officials have hit back and accused the outlet of being part of a "campaign to destabilise the judiciary".

The open letter published yesterday condemned "repeated and aggressive attacks" on the work done by Recorder, especially coming from within the judiciary.

Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS)

67, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

Date: 17-12-2025

Schedule of FCPS Part-I, FCPS (Final), Preliminary FCPS, FCPS Mid-Term and MCPS Written Examinations - January, 2026.

FCPS (Final), Preliminary FCPS and MCPS Examinations.

Subject	Paper	Date & Day	Time	Venue
All Subjects	Paper - I	01.01.2026 (Thursday)	9.00 A.M. to 10.40 A.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	03.01.2026 (Saturday)	12.00 Noon	

FCPS Mid-Term Examination

Subject	Paper	Date & Day	Time	Venue
1. Anaesthesiology 2. Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics 3. Dermatology & Venereology 4. Haematology 5. Medicine & Allied 6. Obstetrics & Gynaecology & Allied 7. Ophthalmology & Allied 8. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 9. Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopaedics 10. Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery 11. Paediatrics & Allied 12. Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation 13. Prosthodontics 14. Psychiatry & Allied 15. Radiology & Imaging 16. Radiotherapy 17. Surgery & Allied	Paper - I	01.01.2026 (Thursday)	9.00 A.M. to 10.40 A.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	03.01.2026 (Saturday)	12.00 Noon	

FCPS Part-I Examination

Subject	Date & Day	Time	Venue
1. Medicine & Allied	04.01.2026 (Sunday)	9.00 A.M. to 01.00 P.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
1. Anaesthesiology 2. Biochemistry 3. Dental Surgery (Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopaedics and Prosthodontics) 4. Dermatology & Venereology 5. Forensic Medicine 6. Microbiology 7. Obstetrics & Gynaecology & Allied 8. Psychiatry & Allied 9. Radiology & Imaging	05.01.2026		