

VENEZUELA QUAKES

Survival chances drop after 72 hours

Aftershock hits north of Caracas; death toll nears 1,500

REUTERS, Caracas

Rescue teams raced on Sunday to find more survivors of the two powerful earthquakes that struck Venezuela this week, with signs of life bringing occasional relief to a grim quest to whittle down a list of tens of thousands missing.

The death toll from Wednesday's twin earthquakes neared 1,500 people as foreign rescue teams poured into La Guaira, the hardest-hit state of a country long mired in a deep political and economic crisis. A strong aftershock of



4.6-magnitude struck north of Caracas yesterday.

A father and his son were pulled out alive from the rubble of a collapsed building on Sunday. "There exists a window of roughly three days, 72 hours, where the probability afterwards decreases that you can save people alive," said Sebastian Eugster, the leader of the Swiss rescue team.

The 80-strong team had found multiple people alive in the rubble thanks to alerts from their eight search dogs, but had not been able to pull them out in time to save them, he added. Saturday evening marked 72 hours since the quakes.

Dozens of buildings collapsed into piles of sand and rubble in the coastal state, about 40 km (25 miles) north of Caracas.



Vehicles queue to refuel at a Lukoil petrol pump, as according to local officials some regional filling stations face gasoline shortages due to production cuts at major refineries, amid the Russia-Ukraine conflict in Rostov-on-Don, Russia yesterday. President Vladimir Putin acknowledged that the country was suffering from "a certain shortage" of fuel.

PHOTO: REUTERS

EASTERN AFGHANISTAN

Pak airstrikes kill dozens

Islamabad says it targeted militants; Afghan govt reports civilian casualties

AFP, Tsamkani

Pakistani airstrikes killed dozens of people in eastern Afghanistan, with Islamabad saying yesterday it targeted militants but the Afghan government reporting civilian casualties.

The strikes are the latest flare-up of violence between the neighbours whose relationship has been fraught since 2021, when the Taliban government took power in Kabul, and follow a weeks-long war that erupted in February.

Pakistan's information minister said the operations killed 25 militants and were aimed at a group that it blames for a deadly weekend attack in Karachi, although Afghan authorities have repeatedly denied their territory harbours militants.

The Taliban government said the airstrikes hit three eastern provinces, killing 36 civilians and

wounding 163. "When local residents gathered to conduct rescue operations, the area was bombed for a second time" in Paktia province, deputy government spokesman Hamdullah Fitrat said.

Pakistan's information minister said the offensive also included ground operations in border areas and targeted Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, a splinter group of Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

"Three targets in Paktia, Paktika and Kunar were destroyed during precision strikes," information minister Attaullah Tarar said. He said four militants were also killed in ground operations. The neighbours agreed to a ceasefire in March but there have been sporadic attacks since, with Pakistani strikes in June killing 13 people, according to Afghan officials.



DEADLY HEATWAVE

Southeastern Europe feels effects

Red alerts in Croatia; wildfire fears rise

REUTERS, Belgrade

The Balkans yesterday felt the impact of the record-breaking heatwave that has caused hundreds of excess deaths and disrupted daily life across the continent for more than a week, with growing concerns over the spread of wildfires.

There was also a warning that the heat was likely to build again from the start of next week in countries such as France and Germany that bore the brunt over the past few days.

In Croatia, the weather service issued a red alert yesterday for regions including the capital Zagreb and the tourist destinations of Split and Dubrovnik.

Dozens of firefighters, assisted by four aircraft, battled a wildfire burning pine forests on the tourist island of Vis in the Adriatic Sea, some 34 miles (55 km) southwest of Split.

In neighbouring Serbia, the State Hydrometeorological Service (RHMZ) has warned temperatures would reach 39 degrees Celsius (102 degrees Fahrenheit).

Further south, Albania contained a wildfire that has consumed many hectares of bushes and olive trees near the southern village of Klos over the weekend.

Scientists have said the heatwave, which began on June 20, was the worst recorded in Europe, and the blistering conditions have disrupted power generation, damaged infrastructure and overwhelmed healthcare systems.

France has reported 1,000 excess deaths during the heatwave. The French public health agency said most of the heat-related fatalities involved older people and warned the number was expected to rise.

The heatwave would have been "virtually impossible" without human-caused climate change, which has made this week's soaring night-time temperatures 100 times more likely than they would have been just two decades ago, according to scientists.

3 Palestinians killed in Israeli drone strike

Say Gaza officials; Palestinian teen shot dead in West Bank

AFP, Gaza City

Gaza health officials said an Israeli drone strike killed three civilians and injured several others yesterday, the latest violence to hit the Palestinian territory despite a ceasefire.

Israel and Hamas trade near-daily accusations of truce violations and the Gaza Strip remains gripped by bloodshed as progress stalls on permanently ending their war.

"Three people were killed and several injured when an Israeli drone struck a group of civilians," Al-Aqsa hospital said in a statement.

Gaza's civil defence agency said the strike hit an area in Deir el-Balah in central Gaza.

An Israeli military source confirmed the attack. "The IDF did carry out a strike targeting jihadi terrorists. The results of the strike are still being assessed," the source told AFP.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces killed a 15-year-old Palestinian teenager in a raid in the occupied West Bank yesterday, according to the Palestinian health ministry.



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e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of:

Tender ID	Description of Goods	Closing Date and Time	Publishing Date and Time
1304743	Procurement of ICT Equipment for SPMT office & laboratory	15-Jul-2026 12:00:00	29-Jun-2026 20:00:00
1304341	Supply and installation of Microbiological and aquaculture Instrument	15-Jul-2026 12:00:00	29-Jun-2026 20:00:00
1304647	Supply and installation of biochemistry and molecular biological Instrument	15-Jul-2026 12:00:00	29-Jun-2026 20:00:00

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Request for Application (RFA) for Selection of Individual Consultants (National)

1.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	
2.	Agency	:	Department of Environment	
3.	Procuring Entity Name	:	Project Director, Implementing Ecosystem-based Management in Ecologically Critical Areas in Bangladesh Project	
4.	Procuring Entity District	:	Dhaka	
5.	RFA of	:	1. National Consultant- Public Private Partnership Expert 2. National Consultant (Gender)	
6.	RFA Ref No	:	1. National Consultant- Public Private Partnership Expert: 22.02.0000.065.14.019.26-612 2. National Consultant (Gender):22.02.0000.065.14.020.26-613	
7.	Date	:	29 June 2026	
Key Information				
8.	Procuring Method	:	Selection of Individual Consultant (SIC)	
Funding Information				
9.	Budget and Source of Funds	:	GEF through UNDP	
10.	Development Partners	:	UNDP	
Particular Information				
11.	Project Code	:	223053500	
12.	Project Name	:	Implementing Ecosystem-based Management in Ecologically Critical Areas in Bangladesh Project	
13.	RFA Closing Date and Time	:	28 July 2026, 02:00 pm	
14. Information for Applicants:				
Package No.	Name of Positions	Number of Positions	Duration	Terms of References (ToR)* including Educational Qualification *
SD-3	National Consultant- Public Private Partnership Expert	01 (One)	4 months (Split over 12 months)	Educational Qualification: Master's degree in economics, Business Administration, Finance, Environmental Economics, Development Studies, or related field from a reputed university. Experience: Minimum 8-10 years of professional experience in PPP, investment planning, or private sector engagement. Experience in environmental/natural resource management projects is highly desirable
SD-4	National Consultant (Gender)	01 (One)	05 Months (Split over 18 months)	Educational Qualification: Master's degree in Gender Studies, Development Studies, Social Sciences, or related field from a reputed university. Experience: Minimum 5-7 years of relevant experience in gender mainstreaming in development or environmental projects. Experience in gender analysis, gender responsive M&E systems and reporting will be given preference
Procuring Entity Details				
15.	Name of Official Inviting RFA	:	Farhana Mustari	
16.	Designation of Official Inviting RFA	:	Project Director, Implementing Ecosystem-based Management in Ecologically Critical Areas in Bangladesh	
17.	Address of Official Inviting RFA	:	Department of Environment 8 th Floor, Room: 903, Poribesh Bhaba E/16 Agargaon Administrative Area Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207	
18.	Contact details of Official Inviting RFA	:	Phone: +880-2222218305, Email: fmumunni@yahoo.com	
19.	Place of submission of RFA	:	Project Director, Implementing Ecosystem-based Management in Ecologically Critical Areas in Bangladesh 8 th Floor, Room: 903, Poribesh Bhaba E/16 Agargaon Administrative Area Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207	
20.	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all RFAs.			

The Department of Environment (DoE) is implementing a project titled **"Implementing Ecosystem-based Management in Ecologically Critical Areas in Bangladesh"**. The project objective is to apply an ecosystem-based framework for managing Morjati Baor Ecologically Critical Areas (ECAs) in Jhenaidah and proposed Biodiversity Heritage Haldia river in Chittagong in Bangladesh to enhance the conservation of globally significant biodiversity and support local livelihoods.

The Project period is from July 2024 to June 2029. Project Director of the Implementing Ecosystem-based Management in Ecologically Critical Areas in Bangladesh Project invites eligible applicants to express their interest in providing the services. Applicants are advised to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services in completed Curriculum Vitae (CV) and proven documents with a cover letter. **Request for Application Form with detailed Terms of References (ToR) are available in the website of the Department of Environment (www.doe.gov.bd).**

One original and two copies of EoI must be submitted in the Project office on or before 28 July 2026, 02:00 pm in sealed envelope and be clearly marked the position for Expression of Interest.

The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all EoI. Persons who are in service should submit EoI through the proper channel, otherwise EoI will be rejected.

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Request for Expression of Interest (EoI) for Selection of Consultant Firm/ Organization (National)

1.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
2.	Agency	:	Department of Environment (DoE)
3.	Procuring Entity Name	:	Project Director
4.	Procuring Entity District	:	Dhaka
5.	Expression of Interest for	:	Consultant Firm (National)
6.	Title of Service	:	Development of outreach materials with communication strategy & action (TVC, documentary, etc.) including ECA & biodiversity conservation training manual
7.	EoI Ref No	:	22.02.0000.045.14.021.25-606
8.	Date	:	29 June 2026
Key Information			
9.	Procuring Method	:	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
Funding Information			
10.	Budget and Source of Funds	:	Global Environment Facility (GEF)
11.	Development Partners	:	GEF-UNDP
Particular Information			
12.	Project Code	:	223053500
13.	Project Name	:	Implementing Ecosystem-based Management in Ecologically Critical Areas in Bangladesh Project
14.	EoI Closing Date and Time	:	26 July 2026, 02:00 pm
Information for Applicants:			
15. Eligibility of the Consulting firm/organization:			
I. The consulting firm/organization must have minimum 10 years of proven experience in communication strategy development, awareness campaigns, and production of audio-visual materials.			
II. Preference will be given to consulting firms or organizations with experience in environmental conservation and biodiversity projects.			
III. The consulting firm/organization having a strong capacity for producing social media reels, social media campaigns, documentaries, and training manuals for development projects will be given preference.			
IV. Submission of latest (2023-24) Annual audit reports of the firm that should be at least BDT 02 core net turnover from competent authority or firm.			
V. Successfully completion at least two (2) similar assignments in the last 15 years with the evidence of Job completion certificate/ Work Order/ Purchase order/ Any Professional contract from competent authority will be given preference.			
VI. Submission of bank solvency certificate along with last three months' bank statement (Income statement and balance sheet to indicate its financial stability, liquidity, credit standing, and market reputation, etc.)			
VII. Submission of VAT and Tax Registration Certificate and evidence of payment issued by competent authority evidencing that the Bidder is updated with its tax payment obligations, or Certificate of Tax exemption, if any such privilege is enjoyed by the Bidder.			
VIII. Certificate of Registration of the business, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document if Bidder is not a corporation or valid trade license or registered as Joint Stock Company.			
16. Other Details (if applicable): The Terms of References (ToR) for the services including the scope of works, deliverables, team composition with educational qualifications, and experiences are available on the DoE's official website (www.doe.gov.bd). Applicants are advised to provide all the necessary information and proven documents with a cover letter. One original and two copies of the EoI must be submitted in a sealed envelope and be clearly marked the title of service for the EoI.			
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