

BRIEFLY

UK HC says govt acted illegally to ban protest group Palestine Action:



London: Britain's High Court ruled Friday that the government's decision to outlaw the protest group Palestine Action as a terrorist organisation was unlawful, but it kept the ban in place pending another hearing while the government prepares an appeal.

Judges Victoria Sharp, Jonathan Swift and Karen Steyn said "the nature and scale of Palestine Action's activities" did not meet the "level, scale and persistence" that would justify proscription. The judges said they were "satisfied that the decision to proscribe Palestine Action was disproportionate." The government banned Palestine Action after activists broke into a Royal Air Force base in June to protest British military support for Israel's military offensive against Hamas in Gaza, which killed tens of thousands of Palestinians.

The government declared the pro-Palestinian direct-action group a terrorist organisation alongside the likes of al-Qaida and Hamas, making membership in or support for Palestine Action a crime punishable by up to 14 years in prison.

Indian student goes missing in USA, authorities in touch with parents:

San Francisco: An Indian student named Saketh Sreenivasiah, a post-graduate at UC Berkeley from Karnataka, has gone missing and the Consulate General of India in San Francisco has expressed concern over it. The Consulate General is in touch with both the authorities and the student's parents, and is helping locate the boy. In a post on X, the Consulate General wrote, "Consulate General of India in San Francisco is deeply concerned about the disappearance of Saketh Sreenivasiah, an Indian post-graduate student of UC Berkeley, hailing from the State of Karnataka. The Consulate is in touch with the family and also is in contact with the concerned local authorities to locate the student." This, however, is not the first such incident. Indian students abroad often complained of alleged discrimination, racist attacks and negligence by authorities. In a question raised by MP Asaduddin Owaisi in the Lok Sabha about student safety abroad, the Ministry of External Affairs highlighted its efforts towards keeping Indian students safe.

Trump says Iran regime change is best thing that could happen

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US President Donald Trump said that regime change in Iran would be "the best thing that could happen," marking one of his clearest endorsements for replacing the country's clerical leadership.

Trump made the comments shortly after visiting troops at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and after he confirmed earlier in the day that he's deploying a second aircraft carrier group to the Mideast.



Trump warned that failing to secure a nuclear deal with Iran could lead to a "very traumatic" outcome, referencing past military strikes and potential consequences.

Imprisoned Iranian Nobel Peace Prize winner's health worsening:

Paris: The health of Iran's imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize laureate Narges Mohammadi is worsening, in part because of a beating she endured during her arrest two months ago, her husband told *The Associated Press*. Speaking at his home in Paris, Taghi Rahmani said he has not been able to speak with his wife since she was arrested on 12 December during a visit to the eastern Iranian city of Mashhad.

Trump said, "With Iran, we have to make a deal, otherwise it's going to be very traumatic, very traumatic. They should have made a deal the first time, and they got Midnight Hammer instead." He criticised decades of diplomacy, stating, "For 47 years, they've been talking

and talking and talking. In the meantime, we've lost a lot of lives... Legs blown off, arms blown off, faces blown off. We've been going on for a long time."

As he confirmed, sending a second aircraft carrier to the Middle East, he said, "in case we don't make a deal" with the Islamic Republic.

When asked who should take over Iran, he said "there are people," but gave no specifics.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has not yet responded to Trump's remarks.

Bangladesh: Bomb explosion, post-election clash leave three dead



AGENCIES
Dhaka, 14 February

A bomb explosion and a clash claimed three lives in Bangladesh on Friday and Saturday following the country's national parliament election on Thursday, said the police.

At least two people were killed and three others injured in an explosion that occurred early Saturday morning in Bangladesh's Chapainawabganj district, some 302 km northwest of the capital Dhaka. Md Nure Alam, a local police official, told journalists that the blast happened around 5 am local time while crude bombs, locally known as "cocktails," were being made at a village house. *Xinhua* news agency reported. The blast caused the brick walls of the house to collapse and blew off its tin roof, he said, adding that authorities were identifying the deceased and injured. The Bangladesh Nationalist

Party (BNP) is set to form the next government in Bangladesh following a decisive victory in the 13th Parliamentary election.

Local media reported that at least one person was killed and 36 others injured in post-election violence across Bangladesh between Thursday night and Friday evening, amid allegations of clashes within parties, attacks by rival groups, and vandalism. During the clash between rival factions affiliated with the BNP in Sadar Upazila of Munshiganj district, a young man was beaten to death, Bangladesh's leading newspaper, *The Daily Star*, reported.

The deceased, 30-year-old Md Jasim Nayeib, a supporter of an independent candidate and expelled BNP district member secretary Md Mohiuddin, was critically injured in the violence on Friday afternoon and succumbed to his injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital in the evening.

Rubio calls for a 'New Western Century' at Munich Security Conference

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Munich, 14 February

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio (photo) on Saturday emphasised the enduring bonds between the United States and Europe and calling for a renewed Western alliance to confront global challenges.

"Today we gather as members of a historic alliance, an alliance that saved and changed the world," Rubio said, referencing the conference's origins in 1963 amid the Cold War. He recalled the Berlin Wall's early years and the Cuban Missile Crisis as moments when Europe and America faced "a new global catastrophe—one more



apocalyptic than anything before in human history."

Rubio delivered a forceful address at the Munich Security Conference as he raised the post-war reconstruction of Europe and the eventual reunification of East and West, but warned that the

optimism following the Cold War had led to strategic missteps. "We embraced a vision of free and unfettered trade, even as some nations protected their economies and subsidised their companies to systematically undercut ours," he said.

He also criticised energy policies, mass migration, and reliance on international institutions at the expense of national sovereignty.

The Secretary positioned the Trump administration as poised to restore US strength and partnership with Europe. "Under President Trump, the United States of America will once again take on the task of renewal and restoration," he said, stressing that America hopes to work with European allies "to rebuild our economies, secure our borders, and defend our shared civilisation."

Rubio highlighted the cultural and historical ties binding the US and Europe.

Diplomat overseeing Gaza ceasefire says violations threaten transitional governance

AGENCIES
Deir al-Balah, 14 February

The top diplomat overseeing the US-brokered ceasefire deal in Gaza said Friday that continued violations of the agreement pose major obstacles to the Palestinian committee expected to oversee postwar governance and reconstruction.

Nikolay Mladenov, who serves as high representative for Gaza for the US-established Board of Peace, spoke during a panel discussion at the Munich Security Conference.



The international board, established by US President Donald Trump, is set to meet next week.

The transitional committee, made up of Palestinian administrators, has met in

Egypt but has not yet entered Gaza. Mladenov said it won't be able to do its work unless Hamas, the militant group that has governed Gaza since 2007, hands over institutional control. He also called for more aid and improved security.

The agreement calls for Hamas to lay down its arms and for an international security force to be deployed, but there has been no visible progress on either. Israel has continued to carry out strikes in response to what it says are violations of the truce.

Palestinian militants have

also attacked Israeli forces. "We need to make sure that what is happening now with the violations of the ceasefire stops," Mladenov said. "We're only embarrassing the committee and ultimately making it ineffective."

Mladenov didn't lay out a specific timeline but said "all of this needs to move very fast." Palestinian Foreign Minister Varsen Aghabekian Shahin, speaking at the same panel, said the timeline is key, adding that Gaza must not be severed from the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

The return of millions of Afghans from Pak & Iran pushes Afghanistan to the brink

AGENCIES
Geneva, 14 February

The return of millions of Afghans from neighbouring Pakistan and Iran is pushing Afghanistan to the brink, the UN refugee agency said on Friday, describing an unprecedented scale of returns.

A total of 5.4 million people have returned to Afghanistan since October 2023, mostly from the two neighbouring countries, UNHCR's Afghanistan representative Arafat Jamal said, speaking to a UN briefing in Geneva via video link from Kabul, the Afghan capital.

"This is massive, and the speed and scale of these returns has pushed Afghanistan nearly to the brink," Jamal said.

Pakistan launched a sweeping crackdown in October 2023 to expel migrants without documents, urging those in the country to leave of their own accord to avoid arrest and forcible deportation and forcibly expelling others. Iran also began a crackdown on migrants at around the same time.

Since then, millions have streamed across the border into Afghanistan, including people who were born in Pakistan decades ago and had built lives and created businesses there.

Last year alone, 2.9 million people returned to Afghanistan, Jamal said, noting it was "the largest number of returns that we have witnessed to any single country."

Afghanistan's Taliban rulers have criticised the mass expulsions. Afghanistan was already struggling with a dire humanitarian situation and a poor human rights record, particularly relating to women and girls, and the massive influx of people amounting to 12 per cent of the population has put the country under severe strain, Jamal said.

Already in just the month and a half since the start of this year, about 150,000 people had returned to Afghanistan, he added.

Afghan authorities provide care packages for those returning that include some food aid, cash, a telephone SIM card and transportation to parts of the country where

they might have family. But the returns have strained resources in a country that was already struggling to cope with a weak economy and the effects of a severe drought and two devastating earthquakes.

In November, the UN development programme said nine out of 10 families in areas of Afghanistan with high rates of return were resorting to what are known as negative coping mechanisms - either skipping meals, falling into debt or selling their belongings to survive.

"We are deeply concerned about the sustainability of these returns," Jamal said, noting that while 5 per cent of those who return say they will leave Afghanistan again, more than 10 per cent say they know of someone who has already left.

"These decisions, I would underscore, to undertake dangerous journeys, are not driven by a lack of a desire to remain in the country, on the contrary, but the reality that many are unable to rebuild their viable and dignified lives," he said.

TENDER

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34001/90/2526
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No. CCE, R and B, PLB_20 of 2025_26
No. 304, Dated: 10-02-2026

- The Chief Construction Engineer, Phulbani (R&B) Circle, Phulbani, on behalf of the Government of Odisha, invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE for construction of the Building work as detailed in the table below from eligible contractors.
- Nature of work : Building work.
- No. of tenders : One No.
- Tender cost : Rs. 10,000 (through online) only.
- Class of Contractor : Specialized agency having MOU with Electrical Contractor having valid Electrical License from ELBO (MV/HT/above).
- Date & time of sale & receipt of bids : 10.00 A.M. of 19.02.2026 to 5.00 P.M. of 05.03.2026.
- Date of opening of bid : 11.00 A.M. of 06.03.2026.
- The bidders shall have to participate in online bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tendersodisha.gov.in / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any/all bids without assigning any reason.

Chief Construction Engineer
Phulbani (R&B) Circle, Phulbani
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TPWODL
TP WESTERN ODISHA DISTRIBUTION LIMITED
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Corporate Office : Burla, Dist.-Sambalpur (Odisha)-768017

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited, invites tender quotations (in 2 part bidding) from eligible vendors for the following packages:

- TPWODL/HS/O/SER/25000011133: Customer Care Centers Operations across TPWODL, Odisha.
- TPWODL/HS/O/SER/25000011136: Hospitality Services at Various Guest Houses and Offices across TPWODL, Odisha.
- TPWODL/HS/O/SER/25000011135: RC for Providing Security Services across TPWODL, Odisha.

Interested bidders are to submit Tender Participation Fee and Authorization Letter through email on or before 21st Feb. 2026, 15:00Hrs (for Sri No.-1 & 2) and 24th Feb. 2026, 15:00Hrs, (for Sri No.-3) respectively, after which link from e-Tender system shall be shared with them.

For detailed tender documents of the above-mentioned tender, please visit Tender section of www.tpwesternodisha.com. All details for participating in tender is given in the tender document.

All future correspondence regarding the tender, bid submission, date extension etc. will take place with the participating bidders only through E-Tender system.

Sd/- Head-Contracts and Procurement

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SR. GEN. MGR. (ELECTRICAL) BUREAU, OHP & HEC, Vaidhathal, Odisha, Bhubaneswar-751022
NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO. UHP/EP-25/2025-26 DATED 13.02.2026

Sealed tenders are invited in two part I. (i) Technical Commercial Bid & (ii) Price Bid in separate sealed envelopes from the Reputed Manufacturers or its Chartered Partners / Authorized dealers for supply of the following materials/providing services as mentioned below:

Description of work	Cost of tender paper (Non-refundable) in Rs.	EMD in shape of DD/Banker's Cheque only (Refundable) in Rs.	Period of submission of tender document	Last date & time of receipt of tender	Time & place of opening of Technical-Commercial Bid
Supply of 03 Nos. of 220 KV single phase Potential Transformers (PT) for 220 KV line at Muckhiguda	7,000 (inclusive of GST)	13,517	From 21.02.2026 to 06.03.2026 up to 12.00 hrs.	06.03.2026 at 16:30 hrs.	06.03.2026 at 16:30 hrs.

For details of the tender documents, terms and conditions please visit our website www.opclod.com
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Bid Identification No. EE/RW/ELECT/SBP/42/2025-26

- Name of the work : 1. "PROVISION OF LIFT MACHINE AT NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CCE OFFICE RW CIRCLE OFFICE KEONJHAR FOR THE YEAR 2025-26"
- Estimated Cost : 1. Rs. 16,62,694.
2. Rs. 8,05,024.
- Availability of bid document in the website : 11:30 hours of 17.02.2026 to 17:00 hours of 27.02.2026.
- Date of opening of tenders : 11-30 hours on 02-03-2026.

Further details and any corrigendum/addendum/cancellation of tender can be seen from the Website: www.tendersodisha.gov.in only.

Executive Engineer
R.W. Electrical Division
Sambalpur
OIPR-34001/34175/1/25-26/0001

EAST COAST RAILWAY
e-Tender Notice No. ETELCONBBST-373ER, Dated: 05.02.2026

NAME OF WORK: DESIGN, SUPPLY, ERECTION, MODIFICATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF 1X25 KV OHE FOR NEW FLY OVER LINE FROM BRUNDAMAL TO JHARSUGUDA ASSOCIATED OHE MODIFICATION WORK OF BRUNDAMAL YARD IN CONNECTION WITH IB TO BRUNDAMAL (EAST COAST RAILWAY PORTION) AND EXTENSION OF R/S DEAD END AT SARALA UPTO SAMBALPUR CITY, ALONG WITH AUGMENTATION WORK OF EXISTING SECTIONING & PARALLELING POST (SP) AT JHARSUGUDA ROAD AND SUB-SECTIONING & PARALLELING POST (SSP) AT SAMBALPUR CITY WITH ASSOCIATED PSI WORKS IN SAMBALPUR DIVISION UNDER EAST COAST RAILWAY.

Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹ 1308.62 Lakhs, EMD : ₹ 8,04,300/-, Completion Period of the Work : 12 Months.
Tender Closing Date & Time : At 1200 hrs. of 06.03.2026.

No manual offers sent by Post / Courier / Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website: www.ireps.gov.in

Note : The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website 15 (Fifteen) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes / corrigenda issued for this tender. The tenderers/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate and must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/ bidder can participate on e-tendering.

The tenderer should read all instructions to the tenderers carefully and ensure compliance of all instructions including check lists, para 3.1 (check-list) of Tender form (Second sheet), Annexure-1 of chapter-2 of Tender documents, submission of Annexure-B, G & H duly verified and signed by Chartered Accountant.

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Con-IV)
PR-263/CI/25-26
Bhubaneswar