

Beijing slams US after ‘close encounters’ in space

Musk comes under fire on Chinese social media

BEIJING, AFP



Elon Musk's Starlink, a division of SpaceX, operates a constellation of close to 2,000 satellites that aims to provide internet access to most parts of Earth. REUTERS FILE

Beijing on Tuesday accused the US of irresponsible and unsafe conduct in space over two “close encounters” between the Chinese space station and satellites operated by Elon Musk’s SpaceX.

Tiangong, China’s new space station, had to manoeuvre to avoid colliding with one Starlink satellite in July and with another in October, according to a note submitted by Beijing to the UN space agency this month.

The note said the incidents “constituted dangers to the life or health of astronauts aboard the China Space Station”. “The US... ignores its obligations under international treaties, posing a serious threat to the lives and safety of astronauts,” Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said at a routine briefing on Tuesday.

Starlink, a division of SpaceX, operates a constellation of close to 2,000 satellites that aims to provide internet access to most parts of Earth.

SpaceX is a private American company, independent of the US military and civilian space agency Nasa. But China said in its note to the UN that members of the Outer Space Treaty are also responsible for actions by their non-government entities.

The core model of China’s station Tiangong — meaning “heavenly palace” — entered orbit earlier this year, and it is expected to become fully operational next year. SpaceX has not responded to a request for comment.

Evasive manoeuvres to reduce the risk of collisions in space are becoming more frequent as more objects enter Earth’s orbit, said Jonathan McDowell of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

Beijing’s complaint about Starlink prompted criticism on Chinese social media of SpaceX’s founder Musk, who is widely admired in China. One hashtag about the topic on Weibo platform racked up 90 million views on Tuesday.

“How ironic that Chinese people buy Tesla, contributing large sums of money so Musk can launch Starlink, and then he (nearly) crashes into China’s space station,” one user said.

Musk’s electric car maker Tesla sells tens of thousands of vehicles in China each month.

“Prepare to boycott Tesla,” said another Weibo user, echoing a common response in China to foreign brands perceived to be acting contrary to national interests.

China expands lockdowns as Covid cases rise

Spain sets pandemic record for new daily cases with 2,14,619 infections

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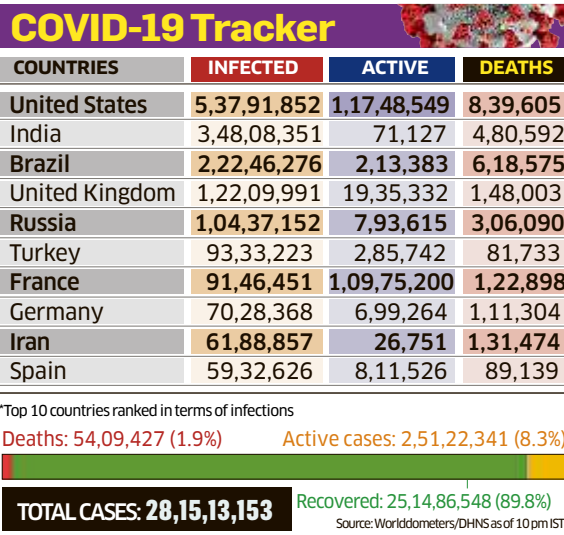
A woman tapes the word “Omicron” to a doll depicting the Covid-19 variant in Managua, Nicaragua, on Monday. The dolls will be set on fire at midnight on December 31. AFP

Hundreds of thousands more people were confined to their homes in northern China on Tuesday as the country battled its worst Covid surge in 21 months and locked-down residents took to social media to complain about food shortages.

China — where the virus emerged two years ago — has followed a “zero-Covid” strategy of tight border restrictions, lengthy quarantines and targeted lockdowns as Beijing prepares to welcome thousands of overseas visitors to February’s Winter Olympics.

But authorities have faced a resurgent virus in recent weeks, reporting 209 infections on Tuesday — the highest single-day tally since March last year, when the pandemic raged through the central city of Wuhan. The surge — while low in comparison to rampant cases in Europe and the US — has prompted authorities to impose what they have called the “strictest” possible curbs in the northern city of Xi’an, whose 13 million residents are entering a sixth day of home confinement.

As well as having undergone several rounds of testing, households are limited to sending out one person every three days to buy groceries.



Nearby cities have also logged cases linked to the flare-up, with Yan’an — about 300 km from Xi’an — on Tuesday shuttering businesses and ordering hundreds of thousands of people in one district to stay indoors. The Xi’an lockdown is the most sweeping in China since the similarly-sized Wuhan was sealed off.

Meanwhile, Spain is dealing with the highest ever number of coronavirus infections, with some regions considering further curbs on social life ahead of the end of the year.

Updating pandemic figures for the first time in four days, health authorities reported 2,14,619 new cases late on Monday, bringing the 14-day national caseload to a pandemic record level of 1,206 new infections per 1,00,000 residents.

US, Russia to hold security, Ukraine talks next month

MOSCOW, AFP: The US and Russia are set to hold much-anticipated talks in January on European security and the Ukraine conflict after Moscow listed demands including to end Nato’s expansion.

A spokesperson for the US National Security Council said that the talks with Russia will take place on January 10. The Kremlin has grown increasingly insistent that the West and Nato are encroaching dangerously close to Russia’s borders.

Moscow earlier this month presented the West with sweeping security demands, saying Nato must not admit new members and seeking to bar the US from establishing new bases in former Soviet republics. “The US looks forward to engaging with Russia,” the National Security Council spokesperson said.

Russian court shuts rights group

MOSCOW, AP/PTI: Russia’s Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that one of the country’s oldest and most prominent human rights organisations should be shut down, a move that stirred up much public outrage and is the latest step in a months-long crackdown on rights activists, independent media and opposition supporters.

The Prosecutor General’s Office last month petitioned the Supreme Court to revoke the legal status of Memorial — an international human rights group that rose to prominence for its studies of political repression in the Soviet Union and currently encompasses more than 50 smaller groups in Russia and abroad.

WORLD AT A GLANCE



Syrian firefighters try to douse a blaze at Latakia port after an Israeli air strike early on Tuesday. The strike on the port is the second such attack on the key facility this month, according to Syrian state media. AFP

Edward Wilson, dubbed the ‘modern-day Darwin’, dies

► Edward O Wilson, the trailblazing US scientist, professor and author whose study of insects and clarion call to protect Earth earned him the nickname “Darwin’s natural heir,” has died at the age of 92, AFP reports from Washington.

Wilson, whose death was announced on Monday by his foundation, was an award-winning biologist and longtime Harvard University research professor; considered the world’s leading authority on ants and their behaviour. While an entomologist early in his career, he broadened his scope immensely, studying not just insects but the social interactions of birds, mam-



Wilson.

mals and humans, and he effectively — and controversially — established a new field of science called sociobiology. He was the author of hundreds of scientific papers and more than 30 books, two of which won him Pulitzer Prizes for nonfiction: 1978’s *On Human Nature*, and *The Ants* in 1990. “Ed’s holy grail was the sheer delight of the pursuit of knowledge,” said Paula Ehrlich, president of the E O Wilson Biodiversity Foundation.

Riot Games ends suit with \$100 m

► Riot Games, maker of the popular “League of Legends,” announced on Monday it had agreed to pay \$100 million to settle a gender discrimination lawsuit, AFP reports from Los Angeles.

The lawsuit was originally filed by two now-former employees in 2018 who alleged gender discrimination, sexual harassment and mis-

conduct at the US-based company. Riot is the latest games developer to face a reckoning, with companies grappling with a slew of gender-based discrimination and harassment complaints in recent years. It will pay \$80 million to members of the 2018 class-action suit, including hundreds of current and former California employees.

British Airways' plane windscreen cracked by block of ice at 35,000 ft

LONDON, PTI

A British Airways aircraft carrying around 200 holiday travellers from London survived a mid-air scare after a lump of ice from a jet 1,000 feet above it smashed into the plane at 35,000 feet that left its windscreen cracked, according to media reports.

The Boeing 777 aircraft cruising at 35,000 feet was making the journey from London Gatwick to San Jose

in Costa Rica on Christmas Day when the freak accident took place.

The block of ice fell from another plane that was flying 1,000 feet above the jet while it was cruising at 35,000 feet. It completely cracked up the two-inch-thick windscreen, which is built to withstand extreme force and is similar to bulletproof glass.

The aircraft landed safely at San Jose.

The incident has been de-

scribed as a ‘one-in-a-million’ chance and left some 200 passengers stranded over Christmas instead of being able to make it back to London.

“My husband is part-Icelandic and his family who live in Edinburgh celebrate Christmas on 24 December. We were desperately trying to find a connecting flight at this point that would get us there in time to not miss his family Christmas,” Jo Mitchell told The Independent newspaper.


Mitchell and Geir Olafsson had been on honeymoon in Costa Rica, and set off from their Pacific coast resort expecting to return via Gatwick to Edinburgh in time for a family Christmas.

Despite the mid-air accident, all the passengers were safe but were stranded at an airport for several hours after their plane made an emergency landing. British Airways issued an apology with full refund of fares.




A Palestinian woman is comforted by her neighbours as an Israeli machinery demolishes her under-construction house in Hebron on Tuesday. REUTERS

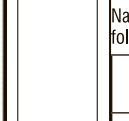
METRIK INFRAPROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED Form G - INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST	
(Under Regulation 36A (1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016	
Relevant Particulars	
1. Name of the corporate debtor	Metrik Infraprojects Private Limited
2. Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	November 22, 2010
3. Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	Registrar of Companies - Bangalore
4. Corporate Identity Number / limited liability identification number of corporate debtor	U45202KA2010PTC055953
5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	No 2, "SOLUS", 11 th Floor, 1 st Cross, J C Road, Bangalore – 560 027
6. Insolvency commencement date of the corporate debtor	April 16, 2021 (Order received by the IRP on April 23, 2021)
7. Date of invitation of expression of interest	December 29, 2021 (First Extension) December 4, 2021 (Original)
8. Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at:	https://www.vkca.com/metrik-infraprojects-pvt-ltd/
9. Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at:	https://www.vkca.com/metrik-infraprojects-pvt-ltd/
10. Last date for receipt of expression of interest	January 28, 2022 (First Extension) December 19, 2021 (Original)
11. Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	February 7, 2022 (First Extension) December 29, 2021 (Original)
12. Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	February 12, 2022 (First Extension) January 3, 2022 (Original)
13. Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	February 22, 2022 (First Extension) January 13, 2022 (Original)
14. Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	February 12, 2022 (First Extension) January 3, 2022 (Original)
15. Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan, evaluation matrix, information memorandum and further information	The FRFP, Evaluation Matrix, Information Memorandum and any further information shall be provided to the qualified and eligible resolution applicants after entering confidentiality Agreement and obtaining Undertaking as provided under Regulation 36 A from such applicant.
16. Last date for submission of resolution plans	March 14, 2022 (First Extension) February 2, 2022 (Original)
17. Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	The Resolution Applicants may refer the FRFP for the manner of submission of resolution plan
18. Estimated date for submission of resolution plan to the Adjudicating Authority for approval	March 19, 2022 (Last Date of CIRP as per the present timelines) (First Extension) (Subject to NCLT approval on seeking extension of CIRP process) March 4, 2022 (Original)
19. Name and registration number of the resolution professional	Vinay Mruthyunjaya IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P02052/2020-2021/13173
20. Name, Address and email of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Vinay Mruthyunjaya Address: No.8, VK Commerce, Off WOC Road, 3 rd Main Road, Rajajinagar Industrial Estate, Bangalore - 560 010 Email id: vinay@vkca.com
21. Address and email to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional	Address: No.8, VK Commerce, Off WOC Road, 3 rd Main Road, Rajajinagar Industrial Estate, Bangalore - 560 010 Email id: rp.metrk@gmail.com
22. Further Details are available at or with	Vinay Mruthyunjaya Address: No.8, VK Commerce, Off WOC Road, 3 rd Main Road, Rajajinagar Industrial Estate, Bangalore-560 010 Email id: rp.metrk@gmail.com Website: https://www.vkca.com/metrik-infraprojects-pvt-ltd/
23. Date of publication of Form G	December 29, 2021 (First Extension) December 4, 2021 (Original)
Notes: 1. The COC shall have the discretion to change the criteria for submission of EOI at any point of time. 2. The RP at the directions of the COC, reserves a right to cancel or modify the process / application for EOI without assigning any reason and without any liability whatsoever.	
Sd/- Vinay Mruthyunjaya Resolution Professional IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P02052/2020-2021/13173 Address: No.8, VK Commerce, Off WOC Road, 3 rd Main Road Rajajinagar Industrial Estate, Bangalore - 560 010 Email id: vinay@vkca.com	



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PRESS NOTICE

BIHARSHARIF SMART CITY LIMITED

National competitive bidding invitation NITRe-tender No.-07/BSSCL/2021-22

1.Designation and Address of Advertiser :Chief Executive Officer, Bihar Sharif Smart City Limited
First Floor, Administrative Building, Bihar Sharif
Municipal Corporation, Bihar Sharif, Nalanda-803101 (Bihar)

2.Last Date and time of submission of RFP/Tender

Document : 18.01.2022 upto 3.00 p.m.
: <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>

3.Place of sale of RFP : 03.01.2022 upto 3.00 p.m on
<https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/gcrao-biharsharif@bihar.gov.in>

4.Submission of queries only on :08.01.2022 at
<https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/byp Chief Executive Office>

5.Reply to queries on : 05.01.2022 at 12.30 p.m. at
Conference Hall, Bihar Sharif Municipal Corporation,
Bihar Sharif, Nalanda-803101 (Bihar)

6.Date, Time& Place of Pre-Bid meeting, if required

7.Last date & place of submission of EMD, Tender Fees & RFP documents : 20.01.2022 upto 3.00 p.m. at Bihar Sharif Smart City Limited, Bihar Sharif Municipal Corporation, Bihar Sharif, Nalanda-803101 (Bihar)

8. Date& Time of opening of Technical Bid :20.01.2022 at 5.00 p.m.

9.Details of Works :


Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount of Earnest money In (Rs.)	Cost of RFP (non-refundable) (Rs.)	Bid Processing fee of eproc2.bihar.gov.in	Time of completion of work (in month)
1.	Design, Construction & Rejuvenation of 3 Ponds consisting 1. Singaarhaat Pond 2. Haur E Babbar Pond 3. Mahalpar Pondat Bihar Sharif including Five years of comprehensive maintenance on EPC mode in Bihar Sharif under Smart City Mission.	82.58 Lakh (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh and Fifty Eight Thousand only)	50000.00 (Rupees Fifty Thousand only)	As applicable	15 months (Fifteen months)

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Chief Executive Officer
Bihar Sharif Smart City Limited

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Ministry of Rural Development
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S. No	Name of Post	Mode of Recruitment	Number of Post	Expected date of vacancy
1.	Director (Finance and Administration)	On Deputation	01	June, 2022
2.	Joint Director (Project/Technical)	On Deputation/Contract basis	01	March, 2022
3.	Dy. Director (Finance and Administration)	On Deputation	01	April, 2022
4.	Dy. Director (Project/Technical)	On Deputation/Contract basis	01	Vacant
5.	Assistant Director (Project/Technical) / Young Civil Engineer	On Deputation/Contract basis	03	Vacant
6.	Sr. Consultant (Technical) / Young Civil Engineer	On Contract basis	02	Vacant

Applicants applying on Contract for vacancies should submit their applications only through email at nridavacancies@gmail.com. Applications for the post of on deputation basis should be submitted through proper channel and accompanied with (i) Cadre clearance, (ii) Vigilance clearance and (iii) certified copies of APARs for the last five years. The last date of receipt of application in NRIDA is 31st January 2022.

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In accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of The Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and Rule 15 of The Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Rules, 2014, claims are invited afresh from the Central Government, State Government and local authorities for dues from the prior allottee in relation to the Schedule I Coal Mines as on 01.04.2015 (in respect of Schedule-II coal mines) and 24.09.2014 (for remaining Schedule-I coal mines) and having become due and payable within twelve months immediately before that date.

Detailed notice regarding submission of claims can be downloaded from the website of Ministry of Coal (<http://www.coal.nic.in>).

Last date and time for submission of claims is 5.00 P.M. of 19.01.2022 Claims lodged by Central Government, State Government & Local Authorities against earlier advertisements in respect of Schedule I coal mines are also required to be lodged afresh. For any query/clarification kindly contact the Nominated Authority at contact details mentioned above in the Advertisement.

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