

Israel pummels southern Gaza as UN labels strip 'hell on Earth'



Displaced Palestinians, who fled their houses due to Israeli strikes, sit in their makeshift shelter at a tent camp in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, on December 12, 2023. **REUTERS**

International Desk
Israeli tanks and warplanes pommelled southern Gaza on Tuesday as the UN called the war-torn strip "hell on Earth". In Khan Younis, southern Gaza's main city which Israel troops began storming last week, residents said tank shelling was now focused on the city center. One said tanks were operating on Tuesday morning in the street where the house of Yahya Al-Sin-

war, Hamas' leader in Gaza, is located. Further south in Rafah, which borders Egypt, health officials said 22 people including children were killed in an Israeli airstrike on houses overnight. Civil emergency workers were searching for more victims under the rubble. More than two months into the war sparked by the October 7 attack, the visiting chief of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, Philippe Lazzarini, likened Gaza

to "hell on earth". Gaza's Hamas-run Health Ministry charged Tuesday that Israeli forces were raiding Kamal Adwan hospital in Gaza City, the biggest urban center, in the north of the coastal territory. The army did not immediately comment, but Israel has repeatedly claimed that Hamas resistance group uses hospitals, schools, mosques and tunnels beneath them as military bases - the charges that Hamas has

denied. The UN humanitarian agency OCHA said earlier that "the hospital remains surrounded by Israeli troops and tanks, and fighting with armed groups has been reported in its vicinity for three consecutive days". It said two mothers were killed in a strike on the maternity ward and that about 3,000 internally displaced people were trapped in the facility amid reports of "extreme shortages of water, food and power".

Starvation
An Israeli ground assault that had been confined to the north has expanded to the southern half of the strip since a week-long truce collapsed at the start of December. Residents and aid agencies say that means no place is now safe in a territory where bombing has already rendered the vast majority of people homeless and nearly all areas are entirely cut off from food, medicine and fuel.

Hunger is worsening, with the UN World Food Programme saying half of Gaza's population is starving. The OCHA said on Tuesday limited aid distributions were taking place in the Rafah district, but "in the rest of the Gaza Strip, aid distribution has largely stopped over the past few days, due to the intensity of hostilities and restrictions of movement along the main roads". Richard Peeperkorn, World Health Organization Representative for Gaza and the West Bank, said the WHO was considering a Gaza Health Ministry request for help with a potential evacuation of patients and staff from the hospital. The WHO said on Sunday the risk of disease in Gaza had grown while the health system had been reduced to a third of its pre-conflict capacity. UN officials say at least 1.9 million people - 85% of Gaza's population - are displaced, and describe conditions in the southern areas where they have concentrated as hellish. The health ministry in Gaza Strip said Monday the death toll of the war has risen to 18,205 in the Palestinian territory.

Reuters and AFP contributed to this report.

Biden says he's Zionist while Jews protest outside



Jewish elders chain themselves to the White House gate in protest of Israel's war in Gaza on December 11, Washington, D.C., United States. **JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE**

International Desk

While US President Joe Biden openly voiced his "unshakable" support for Zionists in Israel and described himself as one, pro-ceasefire Jewish elders were arrested yards away outside the White House for saying "Not in our name". "You don't have to be a Jew to be a Zionist, and I'm a Zionist," Biden told invited guests Monday at the annual lighting of the White House menorah in the East Room, UPI reported. The president described his commitment to the security of Israel and the Jewish people as "unshakable," while stating that "were there no Israel, there wouldn't be a Jew in the world that was safe." In direct contradiction of his words, 18 Jewish elders were arrested on American soil for exercising their free speech and wearing matching T-shirts that said, "We're here to say: Not in our name. We won't stop until they stop." After being chained around their waists to the gate, the 18 women held up a sign that read: "Jewish elders to Biden: Stop the genocide. Ceasefire now." The number 18 is significant in Hebrew because it's the same word for life, according to The New Arab.

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation for one stage Bidding
Islamic Republic of Iran
FARS Six Cities Sanitation Improvement Project
Invitation for Procurement, Construction, Test and commissioning of:
Trunk Mains, Interceptors and Laterals of Lots 1 & 2 of Fasa Wastewater Project
IsDB Financing No. IRN-0107
First Announcement



آگهی تدارک خصوصی (فراخوان مناقصه یک مرحله‌ای)

جمهوری اسلامی ایران
پروژه بهسازی بهداشت ۶ شهر استان فارس
دعوت برای تهیه، ساخت، آزمایش و راه اندازی خط انتقال و خطوط اصلی و فرعی لاتهای 1 و 2 شبکه فاضلاب فسا
شماره اعتبار سرمایه بانک توسعه اسلامی: IRN-0107

The Government of Islamic Republic of Iran has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) towards the cost of the Fars Six Cities Sanitation Improvement Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the contracts for Fasa wastewater networks implementations. The Fars Water and Wastewater Company (FWWC) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Procurement, Construction, Test and commissioning of: Trunk Mains, Interceptors and Laterals of Lots 1 & 2 of Fasa Wastewater Networks as described in the following table:

No	City	Section	Description of Package
1	FASA	Lot 1	Procurement, Construction, Test and Commissioning of 4.2 km of Trunk Mains, 59 km of Interceptors and Laterals as well as 5000 house connection of Zone 9,11,13 of Fasa Wastewater Project.
2	FASA	Lot 2	Procurement, Construction, Test and Commissioning of 69 km of Interceptors and Laterals as well as 8989 house connection of Zone 5,7,10 of Fasa Wastewater Project

Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures using Post-Qualification as specified in the IsDB's Guidelines for the Procurement of Goods, Works and Related Services under IsDB Project Financing (April 2019), and is open to all eligible bidders applicants as defined in the guideline and Bidding Documents. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.18 -21 setting forth IsDB's policy on conflict of interest. Interested eligible Applicants may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents from the Fars Water & Wastewater Company (address below) during working hours. A complete set of the Bidding document in English may be purchased by interested Applicants (a) on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of 25,000,000 Iranian Rials for each package. The method of payment will be direct deposit to Account No. 1528936404, Bank Mellat, Moallem Square Branch (code 240008037112), in the name of Fars Water and Wastewater Company. Applicants can get the Bidding documents from Fars Water and Wastewater Company upon receipt of the cash deposit as indicated above. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **January 16, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on **January 16, 2024 at 11.00 a.m.**

- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security for each lot as follows:
- For Lot 1: 52,000,000,000 (Fifty - two billion Iranian Rials)
 - For Lot 2: 55,000,000,000 (Fifty - five billion Iranian Rials)

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دولت جمهوری اسلامی ایران اعتباری از بانک توسعه اسلامی (IsDB) جهت اجرای پروژه ارتقای بهداشت ۶ شهر استان فارس دریافت داشته و در نظر دارد بخشی از این اعتبار را به منظور پرداخت‌های قراردادهای احداث خطوط انتقال، جمع‌آوری و فرعی فاضلاب شهرهای مربوطه به مصرف برساند. شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان فارس هم اکنون از پیشنهادات لاک و مهر شده پیمانکاران واجد صلاحیت جهت تهیه، ساخت، آزمایش و راه‌اندازی خطوط اصلی و فرعی لاتهای ۱ و ۲ شبکه جمع‌آوری فاضلاب فسا که در جدول زیر تشریح شده است، دعوت می‌نماید.

ردیف	نام شهر	بخش	شرح کار
۱	فسا	لات ۱	اجرای ۲، ۴ کیلومتر خط انتقال، ۵۹ کیلومتر خطوط اصلی و فرعی و ۵۰۰۰ فقره انشعاب فاضلاب زونهای ۹، ۱۱ و ۱۳ شبکه فاضلاب فسا
۲	فسا	لات ۲	اجرای ۶۹ کیلومتر خطوط اصلی و فرعی و ۸۹۸۹ فقره انشعاب فاضلاب زونهای ۵، ۷ و ۱۰ شبکه فاضلاب فسا

مناقصه از طریق فرآیند مناقصه رقابتی داخلی (NCB) با استفاده از روش پس ارزیابی تعیین شده در دستورالعمل تأمین تدارک کالا، کارها و خدمات مربوطه تحت تأمین مالی بانک توسعه اسلامی و اجرای کار بانک توسعه اسلامی (ماه آوریل ۲۰۱۹) صورت می‌پذیرد. کلیه مناقصیان واجد شرایط به نحوی که در دستورالعمل بانک و اسناد مناقصه مذکور تعریف شده می‌توانند در روند مناقصه شرکت نمایند. همچنین، لطفاً به پاراگراف‌های ۱۸-۲۱، قسمت چهارم در رابطه با اولویت‌بندی در صورت تناقض‌ها مراجعه نمایید. مناقصیان علاقه‌مند واجد شرایط می‌توانند اطلاعات بیشتر و نیز اسناد مناقصه را از شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان فارس به آدرس زیر در ساعات اداری از **۸ صبح لغایت ۱۵ کسب نمایند.** مناقصیان می‌توانند مجموعه‌ای کامل از اسناد مناقصه به زبان انگلیسی را با درخواست کتبی در مقابل پرداخت به حساب شماره **۱۵۲۸۹۳۶۴۰۴ بانک ملت**، شعبه میدان معلم (کد شناسه **۲۴۰۰۰۸۰۳۷۱۱۲**) به نام شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان فارس می‌باشد. مناقصیان می‌توانند اسناد مناقصه را از شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان فارس در قبال ارائه رسید پرداخت وجه یاد شده دریافت نمایند. پاکت‌های همور پیشنهادات بایستی حداکثر تا ساعت **۱۱ صبح روز ۱۴۰۲/۱۰/۲۶** به آدرس ذیل تسلیم شوند. پاکت‌هایی که بعد از این زمان ارائه شوند رد خواهند شد. بازگشایی پاکت‌ها به صورت عمومی خواهد بود و در حضور نمایندگان پیشنهاددهندگان یا کسانی که تمایل به حضور داشته باشند، در ساعت **۱۱:۰۰ صبح روز ۱۴۰۲/۱۰/۲۶** در محلی که در پایین اشاره می‌شود بازگشایی صورت می‌پذیرد. تمام پیشنهادات بایستی حاوی تضمین شرکت در مناقصه برای هر لات به میزان زیر باشند:

- لات ۱: ۵۲،۰۰۰،۰۰۰ ریال (پنجاه و دو میلیارد ریال)
لات ۲: ۵۵،۰۰۰،۰۰۰ ریال (پنجاه و پنج میلیارد ریال)

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