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Cyclone Fani's storm surge, which pushed waves deep inland, swamped villages in India and Pakistan. It might take months for people to rebuild their homes.

Plans for evacuation spared lives in India

By Hari Kumar, Jeffrey Gettleman and Sameer Yasir
NEW YORK TIMES

PURI, India – The road to Puri was lined with large downed trees.

Electricity poles made of cement and steel lay scattered on the ground, along with roofing tiles, pieces of billboard and crumpled iron sheeting. The walls of many buildings had collapsed, leaving countless people homeless.

But Saturday as residents of this seaside town emerged from shelters to assess the property damage unleashed by Cyclone Fani, there was a sense of relief. The storm, one of the biggest in years, had slammed into India's eastern coast Friday, roaring through towns with winds of 120 mph.

Yet so many precious lives had been spared. There were fewer than 20 reported fatalities compared with thousands killed 20 years ago, when a similar cyclone swept over the same area.

That is because authorities here had whisked more than 1 million people to safety, executing a meticulous evacuation plan they have been perfecting since that disastrous storm in 1999.

As the skies cleared Saturday, there was a widespread feeling this could have been much deadlier.

"It seems the worst is over," said Bishnupada Sethi, the state's special relief commissioner.

Over the past few days, as the cyclone barreled up the Bay of Bengal toward India, the Odisha authorities helped move people to higher ground and into cyclone shelters. In neighboring Bangladesh, which was being lashed by the weakened storm Saturday, another million people were similarly taken out of harm's way.

Indian officials transmitted millions of text messages, broadcast warnings over public address systems and sent fleets of buses to scoop up vulnerable people, bringing them to hundreds of sturdy cyclone shelters that had been stocked with water and food.

By the time Fani hit Friday morning, knocking down trees and obliterating shack houses, just about everybody was safe. Authorities said the relatively few fatalities were people who had not heeded their warnings.

Many people remained in the shelters, fearful of floods and other hazards such as downed electrical wires.

The cyclone's storm surge, which pushed waves deep inland, swamped villages. Odisha is one of India's poorest states, home to around 46 million people. Mohanty predicted it would take months for people to rebuild their homes.

Thailand's Royal Public Relation Department

After the mourning comes his crowning

Royal bearers carry King Maha Vajiralongkorn of Thailand at a Buddhist temple in Bangkok on Saturday, the first day of formal coronation ceremonies. He took the throne in 2016 after the death of his father, King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

Weapons test puts Trump's North Korea efforts at risk

By Choe Sang-Hun and Motoko Rich
NEW YORK TIMES

JEJU, South Korea – When North Korea launched a volley of projectiles off its east coast on Saturday, it sought to escalate the pressure on President Donald Trump to return to the negotiating table with a compromise on easing sanctions, analysts said, by signaling that it could scuttle his biggest diplomatic achievement with the North.

Saturday's weapons tests were the most serious by the North since the country launched its Hwasong-15 intercontinental ballistic missiles in 2017. Although North Korea has not gone so far as to renege on its moratorium on nuclear and ICBM tests, which its leader, Kim Jong Un, announced last year, the launch indicated that Kim was toying with the idea of lifting the moratorium, analysts said.

Trump has repeatedly described the moratorium as his biggest achievement on North Korea. The leaders have met twice: first in Singapore in June and again in Hanoi in February.

U.S. and South Korean authorities were analyzing flight data from the tests to identify what types of weapons were launched, the office of President Moon Jae-in of South Korea said. South Korean officials said the "short-range" projectiles flew only 42 to 124 miles off the North's east coast, ruling out the possibility that the country had resumed tests of intermediate- or intercontinental-range ballistic missiles.

South Korean officials said they were also looking into the possibility that the projectiles were short-range Scud missiles or rockets from multiple-launch tubes – or both.

The potential implications of any short-range missile tests could be far-reaching. The short-range weapons were developed mainly to target South Korea and U.S. military bases there. North Korea also tested weapons in November last year and again last month. But those weapons were largely considered tactical types with very small ranges.

By gradually increasing the ranges of weapons tests in recent weeks, Kim appeared to be carefully calibrating his options with Trump. Firing short-range weapons may be an attempt to force a breakthrough in the stalled negotiations with Washington while not provoking Trump too far, analysts said.

The Hanoi meeting in February abruptly ended when Trump rejected Kim's suggestion that Washington lift the most painful of sanctions imposed against his country since 2016 in return for a partial dismantlement of its nuclear weapons program.

After returning home without badly needed relief from sanctions, Kim said he would give Trump until the end of the year to offer a new proposal.

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The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) invites bids to "**Install Fire Alarm System**" at the **Ferguson Unit** located in **Midway, Texas**. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 11:00 A.M. on **May 8, 2019** at the project site. Please contact the Contract Specialist Christina Bodin-Turner, CTCD at (936) 437-7055 or Christina.Bodin-Turner@tdcj.texas.gov.

Bid Documents can be purchased at a cost of $60.00 (Sixty Dollars, non-refundable) per set, inclusive of mailing/delivery costs, or they may be viewed at various plan rooms. Payment checks for documents should be made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc.:

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc.
Attn: Isaac Aguilar
4222 85th Street
Lubbock, Texas 79423
Phone: (806) 473-2200
Email: IAguilar@team-psc.com

Request for Proposals
(RFP) #19-03
Commercial Real Estate Services
The Harris County Housing Authority ("**HCHA**") is requesting proposal submissions from interested and qualified State of Texas licensed Commercial Real Estate Brokers and their designated agent(s) to provide commercial real estate brokerage services including but not limited to the purchase and/or sale of real property located in Harris County, Texas. **Proposals Due**: May 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM. **Proposal Submission – Sealed submissions shall be submitted to**: Harris County Housing Authority, 8933 Interchange Drive, Houston, TX 77054. Attn: Affordable Housing Department. RFP #19-03 will be posted on and can be downloaded from HCHA's website www.hchatexas.org on April 30, 2019.

Gamma Construction invites you to propose on the Alvin Independent School District New High School Campus # 4. The proposals are due on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.. Please have your proposal emailed (phaynes@gammaconst.com), hand delivered or called in (713-963-0086) by 2:00 p.m. to Gamma Construction attention Pam Haynes. There will be a pre-proposal meeting Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 1:00 at Alvin ISD's West Transportation Center, 4411 County Road 64, Iowa Colony, TX 77583. This is not mandatory but highly encouraged. All plans will be available Tuesday, April 30 at Houston AGC, ABC, Dodge, ISQFT and Gamma's FTP site

INVITATION FOR BID - Project No. CFMO19-ENG (C)-14; Sealed bids must be received by the Texas Military Department not later than 2:00 PM Central Time, Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Camp Mabry, Building 37, Austin, Texas 78703 for the La Marque Readiness Center Indoor Firing Range Lead Abatement Project, located at 3006 Gulf Freeway, La Marque, TX 77568. A Pre-Bid site visit will be held at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at La Marque Readiness Center, 3006 Gulf Freeway, La Marque, TX 77568. Required bid documents are available at: http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us

INVITATION FOR BID - Project No. CFMO19-ENG (C)-13; Sealed bids must be received by the Texas Military Department not later than 3:00 PM Central Time, Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Camp Mabry, Building 37, Austin, Texas 78703 for the Rosenberg Readiness Center Indoor Firing Range Lead Abatement Project, located at 2020 Wallace Wehring Road, Rosenberg, TX 77471. A Pre-Bid site visit will be held at 9:00 AM, Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the Rosenberg Readiness Center, 2020 Wallace Wehring Road, Rosenberg, TX 77471. Required bid documents are available at: http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us

INVITATION FOR BID - Project No. CFMO19-ENG (C)-12; Sealed bids must be received by the Texas Military Department not later than 1:00 PM Central Time, Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Camp Mabry, Building 37, Austin, Texas 78703 for the Ellington Field Readiness Center Indoor Firing Range Lead Abatement Project, located at 10901 Brantley Avenue, Building 1182, Houston, TX 77034. A Pre-Bid site visit will be held at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the Ellington Field Readiness Center, 10901 Brantley Avenue, Building 1182, Houston, TX 77034. Required bid documents are available at: http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us

Sealed Bid Solicitation #FS12-19
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Cooperative Purchasing Program
Fire Service Apparatus (All Types)
Pre-Bid Conference: 6/5/19 @ 9am
Response Deadline: 7/24/19 @ 1pm
Public Opening: 7/24/19 @ 2pm
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX.
Per ADA, reasonable accommodation provided with 24 hour prior notice.
713-993-2466 or www.hgacbuy.org for info.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR TEXAS CITY PARK & RIDE – ADMINISTRATION FACILITY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE GULF COAST CENTER
Public Notice is hereby given that the Gulf Coast Center of Texas City, Texas, is soliciting responses for construction of a Park & Ride facility including parking lot, terminal facility, administration building and a Texas City Emergency Operations Center. The Gulf Coast Center will hold a non-mandatory Pre--Proposal Meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019, 1:00 PM CDT, at the City of Texas City, City Hall Annex, 928 5th Avenue North, Texas City, TX 77590.
This RFP is available in electronic form at the following link: https://gulfcoastcenter.org/news/connect-transit-news/
Interested vendors shall submit the proposals to the Gulf Coast Center no later than 10:00 AM CDT on Monday, June 3, 2019. The proposals may be delivered by Courier, Express Delivery, Certified or Registered U.S. Mail, or by hand to:
Luis Diaz
Director of Fixed Assets and Purchasing
Gulf Coast Center
4352 E.F. Lowry Expressway
Texas City, Texas 77591
Respondent bears the risk of late delivery.
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The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO) is planning to issue the procurement documents listed in this advertisement.
RFP No. 4019000071: for Banking Services. Solicitation will be available on or about 05/06/2019.
IFB No. 4019000103: for Repair and Maintenance of METRO's Submersible Lift Pumps. Solicitation will be available on or about 05/07/2019.
Prospective bidders/proposers can view and download these solicitations by visiting METRO's website at https://www.ridemetroapp.org/procurement/
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KIPP Texas, Inc. is seeking Job Order Contract (JOC) in Austin, Dallas , Houston, and San Antonio for 1)Electrical; 2)Plumbing; 3) Site Utilities and Earthwork; 4) Mechanical; 5) Fire Alarm; **and** 1) Request for Qualifications for Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) Services Two Step Process in Houston and Austin. JOC proposals (electronic) to CAbdul@KIPPHouston.Org **and** CMAR Statement of Qualifications (3-hard copies) to Gensler, Attention: Robert Bradford, 711 Louisiana Street, Suite 300, Houston, TX 77002 are due on May 21, 2019 on or before 11:00 AM CT. CMAR Interviews/Proposals are due on May 29 - May 30, 2019. All bid documents will be available at www.KIPPHouston.org/CurrentBids. Late proposals will not be evaluated. KIPP reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or waive any or all irregularities.

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR HURRICANE HARVEY GRANTS MAY 24

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has launched its Hurricane Harvey Disaster Assistance Program to help historic resources impacted by Harvey, one of the worst weather disasters in U.S. history. The State of Texas was recently awarded more than $12.3 million in federal grants from the National Parks Service's Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund (HIM ESHPF).

Owners of historic resources in Texas damaged by the 2017 hurricane can apply for grant funding to supplement costs for projects involving recovery and repair of historic properties; survey and inventory of historic properties to determine National Register eligibility and degree of damage; or disaster readiness, including planning and historic preservation education.

"Preserving its historic resources has always been a top priority for Texas," said Mark Wolfe, executive director of the Texas Historical Commission. "We look forward to helping restore treasured properties and places across the state that were impacted by Harvey."

The THC is accepting grant applications now until 5 p.m., Friday, May 24. Applications will be considered at the THC's July 26 quarterly meeting in Paris, Texas.

Properties receiving grants must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, or be eligible for listing and have a nomination accepted by the THC before final project costs are reimbursed. A cash match is not required.

The emergency grant program application guide is available on the THC's website at thc.texas.gov/harvey.

For more information, contact the THC's Architecture Division at 512-463-6094.

www.thc.texas.gov/harvey

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE EXCLUSION
OF CERTAIN LANDS FROM
KATY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Notice is hereby given that Katy Management District No. 1 (the "District") will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., at the offices of the City of Katy, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, outside the boundaries of the District, for the following purpose:

CONDUCT HEARING ON EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN LANDS FROM KATY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

All interested property owners have the right to present petitions for exclusion of land or other property and offer evidence in support of the petitions and the right to contest the proposed exclusion based on either a petition or the board's own conclusion and to offer evidence in support of the contest.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/Donald P. Cox
President, Board of Directors

/s/Doyle Callender
Asst. Secretary, Board of Directors

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY PROCUREMENT SERVICES, PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING, 111 EAST LOOP NORTH, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77029 UNTIL 11:00 A.M., ON MAY 22, 2019, FOR THE FOLLOWING:
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SUPPORTING THE NON-CONTAINERIZED (GENERAL) CARGO MARKET FORECAST & COMPETITIVENESS ASSESSMENT
A PRELIMINARY MEETING WILL BE HELD FOR THIS PROCUREMENT AT EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING 3RD FLOOR SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM, 111 E. LOOP NORTH, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77029 ON MAY 13, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M. SO THAT PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS MAY ASK QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE PROCUREMENT.
FIRMS INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING PROPOSALS FOR THIS PURCHASE MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE RFP FROM THE PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE, http://buyspeed.poha.com/bso , WHERE VENDOR REGISTRATION AND "PROCUREMENT PACKAGE" DOWNLOAD INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE.

The Houston Housing Authority (HHA), is soliciting sealed bids with the intent to establish a fixed price contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to perform all the necessary construction-related work needed to rehabilitate the exterior of Oxford Place Apartments, in accordance with the requirements and terms and conditions specified in IFB 19-20 Exterior Repairs of Fulton Village Apartments.

Interested parties are highly encouraged (but not required), to attend a pre-bid conference scheduled for 10 A.M. CDT May 17, 2019, at Fulton Village Apartments, 3300 Eiser Street, Houston, Texas 77057.

Interested parties who wish to respond to this solicitation must submit the required documents in a sealed envelope by 4 P.M. CDT, June 5, 2019 Houston Housing Authority (HHA) Attn: Kevin M. Coleman, MS, C.P.M., Subject: IFB 19-20 Exterior Repairs of Fulton Village Apartments DO NOT OPEN 2640 Fountain View Drive Houston, Texas 77057.

IFB 19-20 can be obtained by going to the doing business with HHA section of HHA's website at www.housingforhouston.com, or by sending an e-mail to HHA's Procurement Dept. at Purchasing@housingforhouston.com with IFB 19-20 in the subject line.

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Interested parties are highly encouraged (but not required), to attend a pre-bid conference scheduled for 10 A.M. CDT May 15, 2019, at Oxford Place Apartments, 605 Berry Road, Houston, Texas 77022.

Interested parties who wish to respond to this solicitation must submit the required documents in a sealed envelope by 4 P.M. CDT, June 5, 2019 Houston Housing Authority (HHA) Attn: Kevin M. Coleman, MS, C.P.M., Subject: IFB 19-19 Exterior Repairs of Oxford Place Apartments DO NOT OPEN 2640 Fountain View Drive Houston, Texas 77057.

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"PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR FLOODWAY AND FLOODPLAIN REVISION – BIG GULCH IN IN THE VICINITY OF US 90"

Harris County, Texas, in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b)(1), hereby gives notice of intent to revise the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) along a half-mile reach of BIG GULCH (P107-00-00) in the vicinity of US 90. Specifically, the Base (1% annual chance) Flood Elevation (BFE) will increase a maximum of 0.01 ft from immediately downstream of the US 90 eastbound frontage road to approximately 700 ft upstream of the US 90 westbound frontage road. This change is the result of improved mapping/modeling methods, specifically a revision to the effective hydraulic model for BIG GULCH.
Maps and detailed analysis of the revisions can be reviewed at the Harris County Permit Office at 10555 Northwest Freeway, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77092. Interested persons may call the Harris County Permit Office at (713) 274-3939 for additional information.

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