



'Lord Ram is Nepali not Indian'

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Ayodhya, the ancient city believed by millions of Hindus to be the birthplace of Lord Ram, is actually a small village near Kathmandu, Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli said Monday. The PM also claimed Lord Ram was actually Nepali.

Speaking at a cultural programme at his residence, Oli then accused India of cultural oppression and encroachment, and said Nepal's contribution to science had been undervalued.

"We still believe we gave Sita to Prince Ram but we gave the prince too, from Ayodhya, not India. Ayodhya is a village a little west (of) Birgunj (a district in Nepal that is around 135 km from capital Kathmandu)," he said.

According to news agency ANI, which quoted Nepalese media sources, Oli also said: "Real Ayodhya lies in Nepal, not in Índia. Lord Ram is Nepali not Indian".

Ayodhya is a town in Uttar Pradesh, around 135 km from state capital Lucknow.

The Nepal PM's remarks come amid a row between the two countries over overlapping territorial claims. Last month the Nepal parliament voted, unanimously, to pass a constitutional amendment to update the country's map including the disputed

US rejects China's 'maritime empire'

Pompeo declares Beijing's claims in South China Sea 'unlawful'

The United States has rejected China's claims to offshore resources in most of the South China Sea, drawing criticism from China which said the US position raised tension in the region, highlighting an increasingly testy relationship.

China has offered no coherent legal basis for its ambitions in the South China Sea and for years has been using intimidation against other Southeast Asian coastal states, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement on Monday.

"We are making clear: Beijing's claims to offshore resources across most of the South China Sea are completely unlawful, as is its campaign of bullying to control them," said Pompeo, a prominent China hawk within the Trump administration.

The United States has long opposed China's expansive territorial claims on the South China Sea, sending warships regularly through the strategic waterway to demonstrate freedom of navigation there. Monday's comments reflect a harsher tone.

"The world will not allow Beijing to treat the South China Sea as its maritime empire," Pompeo said.



The US statement supports a ruling four years ago under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) that invalidated most of China's claims for maritime rights in the South China Sea.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian condemned the US rejection of China's claim.

"It intentionally stirs up controversy over maritime sovereignty claims, destroys regional peace and stability and is an irresponsible act," he said at a regular briefing.

"The US has repeatedly sent large fleets of sophisticated military planes and ships to the South China Sea ... The US is the troublemaker and destroyer of regional peace and stability."

China claims 90% of the potentially energyrich South China Sea, but Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam also lay claim to

About \$3 trillion worth of trade passes through the waterway each year. China has built bases atop atolls in the region but says its intentions are peaceful.

Analysts said it would be important to see if other countries adopted the US stance and what, if anything, Washington might do to reinforce its position and prevent Beijing from creating "facts on the water" to buttress its claims.

The relationship between the United States and China has grown increasingly tense recently over various issues including China's handling of the novel coronavirus and its tightened grip on Hong Kong.

China routinely outlines the scope of its claims in the South China Sea with reference to a so-called ninedash line on its maps that encompasses about ninetenths of the 3.5-million-square-kilometer waters.

> flying team "Patrouille de France" (PAF) performs a flying display of the French national flag over the Louvre pyramid designed by Chinese architect leoh Ming Pei, during annual **Bastille Day military** ceremony on the Place de la Concorde in Paris, yesterday. France yesterday held a reduced version of its traditional Bastille Day parade this year due to safety measures over the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic.

French elite acrobatic

Canada PM apologizes for 'mistake' amid charity uproar

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau apologized on Monday for taking part in a Cabinet decision to use a charity he and his family have worked with to administer

a \$900 million (\$663.4 million) student grant program. Trudeau, 48, is facing a third investigation for conflict of interest in a little over three years after his government tapped WE Charity Canada on June 25 to manage the program. The charity backed out about a week after the contract was announced. WE Charity disclosed last week that from 2016-2020 it paid honoraria to Trudeau's mother, Margaret, amounting to C\$250,000 for speaking at

some 28 events, while his brother, Alexandre, received about C\$32,000. Trudeau and his wife, Sophie Gregoire Trudeau, have regularly participated in WE Charity events.

Hagia Sophia's 'Christian icons

aren't obstacles to prayers' Turkey's Hagia Sophia could open to visitors outside prayer times and its Christian icons will remain, religious officials said yesterday, after a court ruling paved the way for it to become a mosque. The sixth-century Istanbul landmark's museum status -- in place since 1934 -- was revoked on Friday and control was handed to the religious authority, Diyanet. Hagia Sophia spent almost 1,000 years as a cathedral before being converted into a mosque in 1453 and later a museum. Diyanet said in a statement on Tuesday that Christian icons in Hagia Sophia were "not an obstacle to the validity of the prayers". "The icons should be curtained and shaded through appropriate means during prayer times," it said.

Weinstein accusers call \$18.9m NY settlement a 'cruel hoax'

Six women who claim they were sexually abused by Harvey Weinstein urged a US judge on Monday to reject an \$18.9 million settlement with the disgraced movie producer, the board of his former studio and other accusers. The settlement announced on June 30 would end litigation by New York Attorney General Letitia James and separate class-action litigation, and permit accusers to claim \$7,500 to \$750,000 each. But in a Manhattan federal court filing, the six women said accusers would receive just \$11.2 million after deducting legal fees and costs, with typical awards of just \$10,000 to \$20,000, while shielding the defendants' insurers from big payouts. Weinstein, 68, is serving a 23-year prison term following his Feb 24 conviction for sexually assaulting a former production assistant and raping a onetime aspiring actress. He is appealing, and still faces rape and sexual assault charges in Los Angeles.

'There is a Trump effect' UN expert accuses White House of mounting 'onslaught' against global press freedom

REUTERS, Geneva

The UN special rapporteur on freedom of expression on Monday accused the White House of mounting an "onslaught" against the media and referred to a negative "Trump effect" on global press freedom. In his last official press

briefing before his six-year tenure ends later this month, David Kaye said in a series of forthright comments that he hoped "attacks" on US journalists would end when President Donald Trump leaves

"Clearly the signature issue over the past four years now has been the way in which this particular president addresses the media: The way he denigrates the media, denigrates freedom of expression," he told journalists in Geneva. Kaye specified that the so-called onslaught consisted



of criticism of reporters and "disinformation,' spreading as well as partnerships with conservative media organisations.

When Kaye was asked about the impact of that on press freedom around the world, the special rapporteur said: "There clearly is a Trump effect, a very negative one," adding that the Trump

administration has created a global culture of

Kaye also raised broad concerns about government crackdowns that has worsened with the COVID-19 pandemic in a trend he described as "very disturbing" and contributing to the spread of the disease.

'Unfortunately often under the guise of trying to restrict disinformation, governments have resorted to old tools of clamping down on the free flow of information," he said, without naming specific countries.

TRUMP'S NEW STUDENT VISA RULE

US tech giants join Harvard lawsuit

THE STATESMAN/ANN

Google, Facebook, Microsoft and more than a dozen top technology companies of United States (US), on Monday joined a lawsuit filed by the Harvard University and the MIT against the Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) latest rule that bars international students from staying in America unless they attend at least one in-person course.

Seeking a temporary restraining order and a preliminary njunction, these companies, along with the US Chamber of Commerce and other IT advocacy groups asserted that the July 6 ICE directive will disrupt their recruiting plans, making it impossible to bring on board international students that businesses, had planned to hire, and disturb the recruiting process on which the firms have relied on to identify and train their future employees.

According to the IT companies, international students residing in the US make a substantial contribution to the country's GDP. Reducing by half or more the number of international students residing in the United States — even for a single school year — will hurt the economy, amplifying the adverse economic effects of the ongoing pandemic.

Covid 'killed 3,000 health workers'

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More than 3,000 healthcare workers are known to have died of the new coronavirus, according to Amnesty International, as it raises concerns about unsafe working conditions, low pay, long hours and violence against medical workers in some countries.

In a new report published on Monday, the United Kingdom-based rights group said Russia at 545 had the highest numbers of healthcare worker deaths from COVID-19.

Russia was followed closely by the UK (540, including 262 social care workers), and the United States (507).

But the global toll was much likely higher, Amnesty added, because of underreporting.

"With the COVID-19 pandemic still accelerating around the world, we are urging governments to start taking health and essential workers' lives seriously," said Sanhita Ambast, Amnesty's researcher and adviser on economic, social and cultural rights, in a statement.

"It is especially disturbing to see that some governments are punishing workers who voice their concerns about working conditions that may threaten their lives."

Brazil, which has emerged as the country with the second-highest number of coronavirus cases and deaths after the US, has so far reported 351 healthcare worker deaths, while Mexico, another Latin American hotspot, has 248.

Amnesty said there was a shortage of PPE in nearly all of the 63 countries it surveyed.

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ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটির তল্পাবধানে বাংলাদেশ হাউজ বিভিং ভাইনাল কর্পোরেশন-এ ভিলেমব/২০১৮ ভিত্তিক 'আইন অফিসার' পদে নিয়োগের নিমিত্তে আইন বিষয়ের উপর লিখিত পরীক্ষা গ্রহণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান নির্বাচনের জন্য ই-টেভার বিজ্ঞজি।

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8	অংশগ্রহণ কার্যক্রম	উনুক্ত দনপত্র পদ্ধতিতে ই-টেভারিং-এ অংশগ্রহণে অগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে বাংলাদেশ বাংকের ব্যৱসাইটে (www.bb.org.bd) রেজিস্টোপন সম্পদ্ধকরতঃ নিজ নিজ ক্ষেত্র প্রবেশ করে আর্থিক প্রয়াবের নির্ধারিক ফান্ম প্রণপূর্বক যোগাতা, অভিজ্ঞতা ও সংখ্রিই যাবতীয় কাগজপত্রাদির সত্যাধিত কপি আপলোভ করতে হবে। দরপত্র সংখ্রিই প্রয়াপক যাবতীয় কাগজপত্রাদি ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটি সচিবালারে রক্ষিত নির্দিষ্ট টেভার বল্পে দাখিল করতে হবে।
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UK to purge Huawei from 5G by 2027

REUTERS, London

Prime Minister Boris Johnson ordered Huawei equipment to be purged completely from Britain's 5G network by 2027, risking the ire of China by signalling that the world's biggest telecoms equipment maker is no longer welcome in the West.

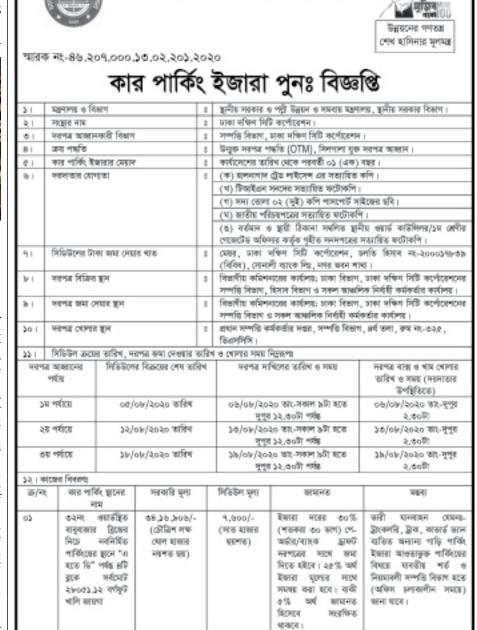
The seven-year lag will please British telecoms operators such as BT, Vodafone and Three, which had feared they would be forced to spend billions of pounds to rip out Huawei equipment much faster.

From the end of the year, it will be illegal for operators to buy any 5G equipment from Huawei, Britain's Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Secretary Oliver Dowden told parliament. He said the decision would mean a delay to the roll-out of 5G by two to three years, and add costs of up to 2 billion pounds (\$2.5 billion).

The United States had long pushed Johnson to reverse a decision he made in January to grant Huawei a limited role in 5G. London has also been dismayed by a crackdown in Hong Kong and the perception China did not tell the whole truth over the coronavirus.

Telecoms companies will also be told to stop using Huawei in fixed-line fibre broadband within the next two years. Huawei said the decision was a political one.

In what some have compared to the Cold War antagonism with the Soviet Union, the United States is worried that 5G dominance could lead towards Chinese technological supremacy that could define the geopolitics of the 21st century. With faster data and increased capacity, 5G will become the nervous system of the future economy - carrying data on everything from global financial flows to critical infrastructure such as energy, defence and transport.



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