Chinese apps

AFP, New Delhi

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but tensions persists.

by tech giant Tencent.

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India bans 47 more

India has banned 47 more Chinese apps just weeks after

blocking the highly popular video-sharing platform TikTok

and 58 others over national security and privacy concerns, an information ministry official and media reports said

Tensions between the world's two most-populous

"We have banned 47 mobile apps from China in this

"The order was issued on Friday. Most of these 47 apps are banned for the same reasons as the earlier 59, and

There has been no official statement or order released

Anti-China sentiment has soared since the deadly fight in

Several rounds of talks between the two Asian giants have

Local media yesterday said 275 other Chinese apps could also be on the chopping block over similar concerns,

made progress to disengage from military confrontation,

including the hugely popular "PUBG Mobile" game owned

From toys, cosmetics and handbags to home appliances,

pharma, auto components, and steel, China exports more

nations soared last month after a Himalayan border clash

that left 20 Indian troops dead and an unknown number

ongoing exercise which highlights the government's

seriousness about data privacy and security," the official,

many were lite versions or variants of the earlier banned

by the government about the ban but it has been widely

mid-June, which sparked street protests and calls for Chinese

products to be banned in the nation of 1.3 billion people.

who asked to remain anonymous, told AFP.

reported across major Indian media.

India's coronavirus epidemic is now growing at the fastest in the world, increasing 20 per cent over the last week to more than 1.4 million confirmed cases, according to Bloomberg's Coronavirus Tracker. Infections in the South Asian nation of 1.3 billion people have reached 1.43 million, including 32,771 deaths, India's health ministry said, with daily cases close to a record 50,000 yesterday. India is only trailing the US and Brazil now in the number of confirmed infections. India has been ramping up testing, with 515,472 samples taken on Sunday,

according to government sources. Still, India and Brazil have some of the world's lowest testing rates, with 11.8 tests and 11.93 tests per 1,000 people respectively, compared to the US with 152.98 tests per 1,000 and Russia with 184.34.

### Nearly 3,500 Afghans killed or hurt in first half of 2020

More than 1,280 Afghan civilians have been killed in the first six months of the year as fighting rages in Afghanistan despite a pact between the United States and Taliban militants, the United Nations said yesterday. The violence, mainly between Afghan government forces and the Taliban, killed 1,282 and injured 2,176 for a tally of 3,458 civilian casualties, it said in a report. The Taliban were responsible for 43% of all civilian casualties and government forces caused 23%, chiefly from air strikes and indirect fire during operations, it added.

### Young adults majority of new virus cases in Canada

Canadians under the age of 39 make up a clear majority of new cases of COVID-19 in Canada, health authorities said Sunday, warning young adults they are not "invincible" against the disease. For the week ending July 22, the incidence rate was highest among young men and women aged 20-29, followed by those aged 30-39. Canadian health authorities pointed out that, of the cases of COVID-19 reported to public health last week, 63 percent involved people under 39 years of age, of whom roughly one-third were hospitalized. According to the latest available figures, Canada has so far recorded some 113,800 cases of the new coronavirus and 8,900 deaths.

## First batch of Rafale jets

for India leaves France The first batch of five Rafale jets flew out of France yesterday and will arrive in India today when the fighter jets will officially be inducted and join the Indian Air Force fleet in Haryana's Ambala. The fighter jets, built by French aviation firm Dassault, took off from the Merignac airbase in southern France's Bordeaux. The five aircraft will be the first tranche of the 36 planes bought by India from France in a Rs 59,000-crore inter-governmental deal in 2016. Twelve IAF pilots and engineering crew members are fully trained on the Rafale fighter jets. The Rafale fighter jets are capable of carrying a range of highly effective weapons, including the Meteor air-to-air missile and Scalp cruise missile.

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This picture taken on Sunday and released from North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) yesterday shows North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attending a ceremony to confer "Paektusan" commemorative pistols on leading commanding officers of DPRK armed forces on the occasion of the 67th anniversary of the Korean War ceasefire in Pyongyang. PHOTO: AFP

Assam rolls out red carpet

for blood plasma donors

Govt says they'll get preference in jobs, housing

When doctors in a flood-ravaged Indian state urgently sought plasma of a

particular blood type for a COVID-19 patient this month, health officials sent

a boat for a marooned donor who had recovered from the disease weeks ago.

critical medicines running low, local authorities are rolling out the red

carpet for now-cured patients - all for their blood plasma believed to be rich

in virus antibody, although research on its efficacy has not been conclusive.

recovery will get preference in government jobs and housing. For example, a

donor may get extra marks if he or she is tied in any test or interview for a job.

outside the state, and has been making its frontline workers scour the state

- sometimes wading through flood waters - to bring willing participants to

two moderately ill patients, Assam Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma

said. Without timely treatment, such patients' condition can potentially

worsen, further straining the limited pool for medicines.

stage, the results are very, very good," he said.

Assam says that symptomatic patients who donate plasma four weeks after

It is also offering to cover travel and other expenses for donors from

Plasma from a previously infected person can be used to treat up to

"We have seen that if you give plasma between moderate and critical

Assam, where floods have so far killed around 100 people and affected

roughly 3 million, is predicting coronavirus infections will peak in mid-

September. It has so far reported more than 32,000 cases with 79 deaths.

With coronavirus cases surging in the northeastern state of Assam and

## **RETALIATION FOR HOUSTON CONSULATE CLOSURE BY US**

# China seizes Chengdu consulate

AFP, Chengdu

The American flag was lowered at the US consulate in Chengdu yesterday and Chinese authorities took charge of the building, as Beijing carried out a Cold War-style retaliatory closure of

Relations have deteriorated in recent weeks in an intensifying standoff between Washington and Beijing, with the Chengdu mission ordered to shut in retaliation for the forced closure of the Chinese consulate in Houston, Texas.

Beijing confirmed that the consulate had closed at 10:00am. "Afterwards, Chinese authorities entered through the front entrance and took it over," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

Both consulates closed 72 hours after the respective orders were made.

A State Department spokesman told AFP the mission's diplomats and their dependents would leave China by August 27.

Video footage published later



yesterday by the US embassy on Chinese social media platform Weibo showed US Marines in dress uniform lowering and folding the Stars and Stripes from the front of the consulate, before handing it to consul general Iim Mullinax

Both US and China have alleged that the respective consulates were engaged in activities against national security.

"Today, we bid farewell to the US consulate in Chengdu. We will miss vou forever," the US embassy in Beijing posted on Weibo.

In a separate statement the consul general posted that his mission had

provided services to more than 200 million people in southwest China and Tibet, and had given "thousands" of visas every day to Chinese students and tourists.

The Chengdu consulate covered southwest China, including Tibet. Many Tibetans accuse the central government of religious repression and eroding their culture.

Tensions have soared between the world's two biggest economic powers on a range of fronts including trade, China's handling of the novel coronavirus and a tough new security law imposed on Hong Kong, with US officials warning of a "new tyranny" rom China

Nationalistic tabloid the Global Times warned in an editorial Monday that if Washington was "determined to push China-US ties in the worst direction... the 21st century will be darker and even more explosive than the Cold War era".

It said the rising tensions could lead to "unprecedented catastrophe".



REUTERS, Guwahati

plasma donation centres

A wildfire burns in Vale da Cuba near Isna village, Castelo Branco, on Sunday night. More than 850 firefighters brought the huge wildfire sweeping across part of central Portugal under control yesterday as the country entered a state of alert due to the high risk of further outbreaks. PHOTO: REUTERS

# 26 Rohingyas found alive on Malaysian islet

REUTERS, Kuala Lumpur

Twenty-six Rohingya refugees, who had been feared drowned while trying to swim ashore on the Malaysian resort island of Langkawi, were found alive hiding in the bushes on a nearby islet, a senior coastguard official said yesterday.

Malaysia does not recognise refugee status, but the Muslim-majority country is a favoured destination for Rohingvas seeking a better life after escaping a 2017 military crackdown in Myanmar and, more recently, refugee camps in Bangladesh.

Late on Saturday, one Rohingya swam ashore from a small boat off Langkawi's west coast. Officials had feared that the rest of the group had drowned while trying to reach the beach, but they were later discovered on an islet just off the coast.

Authorities have detained the refugees Two more Rohingya migrants have also been arrested for suspected trafficking in

connection with the people found. The refugees were believed to have transferred to a small boat to sneak into Malaysia, having travelled on a "motherboat" carrying hundreds of Rohingya from Bangladesh, the official said.

# Eat less to reduce Covid-19 death risk

UK unveils plans to tackle 'obesity time bomb'

British people should eat less to lose weight as being obese increases the risk of dying from the novel coronavirus, junior health minister Helen Whately said as UK yesterday unveiled a plan to tackle obesity problem in the country. Restaurants will have to display calories on menus under plans announced by the British government.

Other measures outlined include bans on "buy one get one free" deals on unhealthy items, junk food television adverts being aired before 9pm and a "consultation" on placing calorie labels on alcohol. Another potential measure announced on Monday was a proposal to ban the placing of sweets and chocolate bars at supermarket checkouts.

It is not the first time a British government has attempted to do something about the country's bulging waistlines, but this latest attempt has been prompted by the pandemic. Analyses show that nearly eight percent of critically-ill patients in

intensive care units with the virus were categorised as morbidly obese, compared with less than three percent of the general population. A Public Health England study published on Saturday found that obesity increased the risk of death from coronavirus by 40 percent.

Two-thirds of UK adults are above a healthy weight, with 36 percent overweight and 28 percent obese, according to government data. "Losing weight is hard but with some small changes we can all feel fitter and healthier," Prime Minister Boris Johnson said. Johnson required

intensive care treatment in April after catching the virus. The British premier has previously criticised government attempts to spur weight control but said the latest initiative would not be enforced "in an excessively bossy or nannying way".

## I was duped by Mahathir

Says Anwar Ibrahim

THE STAR/ANN

Malaysia's Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) president Anwar Ibrahim has now realised that he was duped by Dr Mahathir Mohamad when the latter promised to pass on the country's top job to him, Sin Chew Daily reported.

In an exclusive interview with the newspaper, the Pakatan Harapan leader said he had believed that Dr Mahathir would fulfil his promise of handing over the baton to him after two years in office.

However, Dr Mahathir kept changing the date before finally saying he would vacate the post after the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) meeting this November.

On Feb 24, he resigned as prime minister without informing Pakatan party leaders, leading to the collapse of the Pakatan-led government and voiding



the succession promise. If Mahathir did not resign, Pakatan would still be the government now, he said, adding that all internal issues could have been dealt with. Anwar denied that

Mahathir's resignation was due to pressure from PKR.

"Why was there pressure? Because he (Dr Mahathir) did not seem to be leaving. One year, two years, three years, election...," said Mr Anwar, who added that while he could still communicate with Dr Mahathir, he would never endorse him as prime minister again.

"Dr Mahathir is unable to garner support (to rule) from the majority of MPs, said Anwar.

## বাংলাদেশ শিপিং কর্পোরেশন

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মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় সব ধরনের সনদপত্রের মূলকপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবেঃ

প্রার্থীদেরকে দিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অপ্রেয়হণ করতে হবে। দির্বাচনী পরীক্ষায় (দিখিত ও মৌখিক সাক্ষাথকার) অংশ্যাহণের জন্য প্রার্থীদেরকে কোন প্রকার টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না।

কর্তৃপক সরকারি বিধিবিধানের সাথে সাংগর্ষিক নয় এমনভাবে কোন শর্ত পরিবর্তন বা অভিরিক্ত শর্ত সংযোজন করতে ণারবেন। আবেদনপর এহণ, বাছাই এবং নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যক্তিরেকে বালোদেশ শিশিং কর্ণোরেশন কর্তৃপচ্ছের দিছান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে। এ নিয়োগ বিজঙি আংশিক/সম্পূর্ণ পরিবর্তন/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপঞ্চ

কোন তথ্য গোপন করে বা ভূল তথ্য প্রদান করে চাকুরীতে নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত হলে কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যভিরেকে সংশ্রিট প্রার্থীর নিজাগাদেশ বাতিল করা হলে এবং তার বিরুদ্ধে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হলে।

প্রার্থীর যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা সম্বলিত ২০ (বিশ) টাকা মূলোর ভাক টিকেটসহ ১"x8" সাইজের ফেরত খাম আবেদনপক্রে দাৰ্গে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে

চাকুৰীয়ত প্ৰাৰ্থীকে অৰশ্যই ফথাৰখ কৰ্তৃপক্ষেৰ মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে, কোন অপ্ৰিম কপি প্ৰহণযোগ্য হবে না এবং

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নিয়োগের জন্য বাছাইকৃত ব্যক্তি/গ্রার্থীকে o২ (দুই) বছরের জন্য শিক্ষানবিস থাকতে হবে। বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে পদের সংখ্যা হ্রাস বৃদ্ধি বা বাতিল/প্রত্যাহারের অধিকার কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন:

নিরোগ সংক্রান্ত যে কোন বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চুড়ান্ত বলে গণা হবে।

সভকীকরণ<u>ঃ</u>

নিয়োগ সংক্রাম্ভ বিষয়ে কোন পক্ষের সাথে কোন প্রকার যোগাযোগ এবং অর্থিক লেনদেনের আলামত পাওয়া গেলে তা প্রার্থীর অযোগ্যতা হিসেবে গণ্য করা হবে এবং ভাশকণিক প্রাথীর আবেননগরটি বাচিল হিসেবে বিবেচিত হবে

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