



Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko addresses a joint meeting of Congress at the US Capitol in Washington, DC, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

West's sanctions violate WTO principles: Putin

Russia 'moves troops in Crimea' as Obama-Poroshenko meet

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President Vladimir Putin yesterday said Western sanctions against Russia violated the principles of the World Trade Organization and the main way to combat them was to develop the domestic market.

At a meeting with senior officials, Putin said Russia had no intention of punishing the West for the sanctions, imposed over Moscow's role in Ukraine, and said instead they had challenged Russia to strengthen its economy, boost competition and spur lending.

The Ukraine crisis has plunged ties between the West and Russia to their lowest since the Cold War, and Putin criticised countries that imposed sanctions for violating the spirit of the WTO, which he said was fair and free economic competition.

Russia joined the WTO in 2012 after 18 years of on-and-off negotiations on the terms of its entry.

Meanwhile, Kiev yesterday accused Moscow of massing its troops in annexed Crimea on the Ukraine border, rattling nerves just as President Petro Poroshenko prepared to meet US counterpart Barack Obama.

The apparent push north by about 4,000 troops in the Black Sea peninsula came

despite Russia's declared backing of a peace overture by Kiev to try to end five months of conflict in the rebellious east.

"According to our information, almost all military units of the Russian Federation stationed in the north of occupied Crimea... were pushed to the administrative border with Ukraine along with all their equipment and ammunition," National Security and Defence Council spokesman Andriy Lysenko told reporters.

Poroshenko holds his first White House talks with Obama later Thursday, seeking to gain security guarantees from Washington as he steers the former Soviet state on a clear westwards path.

The meeting comes just two days after parliament in Kiev ratified a historic pact with the EU and adopted legislation offering self-rule to the east in votes crucial to the future shape of the nation.

Poroshenko's offer won Russia's support, although the pro-Moscow rebels have been more dismissive, saying it will not stop their fight for full independence.

The self-rule law and accompanying legislation granting amnesty to fighters were drawn up under a truce signed 13 days ago that has eased -- but not halted -- deadly violence around insurgent strongholds in eastern Ukraine.

Sierra Leone readies for Ebola shutdown

AFP, Freetown

Sierra Leone was preparing yesterday for an unprecedented three-day nationwide shutdown to contain the deadly spread of the Ebola virus in a controversial move which experts claimed could worsen the epidemic.

The population of six million will be confined to their homes from midnight (0000 GMT) going into Friday as almost 30,000 volunteers go door-to-door uncovering patients and bodies hidden in people's homes.

"Rain or shine, the shutdown exercise is going to go ahead. During the three days... the job is going to get done," said Steven Gaojia, head of the government's emergency Ebola operation centre.

The worst-ever outbreak of the virus has claimed more than 550 lives in Sierra Leone, one of three countries at the epicentre of the epidemic which has so far killed some 2,600.

"Ose to Ose Ebola Tok" -- "House-to-House Ebola Talk" in the widely-spoken Krio language -- will see more than 7,000 volunteer teams of four visiting the country's 1.5 million homes.

They will hand out bars of soap and information on how to prevent infection, as well as setting up "neighbourhood watch" -style community Ebola surveillance teams.

The government has said the teams will not enter people's homes and are not tasked with collecting patients or bodies, but will call emergency services or burial teams "if by chance the teams happen to bump into such situations".

However, the government was at pains to emphasise that it was not a "curfew", and that people would be allowed out for essential business, such as collecting water.

The shutdown has broadly been welcomed by community leaders and residents of Freetown, however.

Ebola fever can kill its victims within days, causing severe muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhoea and -- in some cases -- unstoppable internal and external bleeding.

Sierra Leone had been due to carry out a nationwide census in December but the government has announced on its website a postponement until April next year.

US President Barack Obama has pledged to send 3,000 military personnel to west Africa to combat the epidemic, and an initial deployment of around 20 soldiers arrived in Liberia on Thursday, an airport source said.

Liberal Islamic professor gunned down in Karachi

AFP, Karachi

A professor of Islam known for his liberal religious views was shot dead in Pakistan's port city of Karachi yesterday, officials said.

Mohammad Shakil Auj, the 54-year-old dean of Islamic Studies at the prestigious University of Karachi was gunned down in his car while on his way to an Iranian cultural centre where he was invited as a guest of honour.

His car was being driven down a ramp from a fly-over, when "bullets were fired, one hit the professor in the head and he died", senior police officer Pir Mohammad Shah told AFP.

Auj, a recipient of a presidential medal of distinction, was known for his unorthodox views.

The professor was known for issuing controversial fatwas -- pronouncing for example that a Muslim woman could marry a non-Muslim man, and that women need not remove lipstick or nail polish before saying their prayers.

Such views can cause serious offence to some conservative Muslims in Pakistan, which has been battling a homegrown Islamist insurgency for more than ten years.

NEWSINbrief

IS posts video of captive UK journo

AFP, Beirut

The Islamic State group released a video yesterday of a British freelance photojournalist, John Cantlie, in which he says he is being held captive. There was no immediate threat to his life apparent in the video posted in YouTube. Cantlie, who had contributed to British newspapers including The Sunday Times and Sunday Telegraph, as well as to Agence France-Presse, said he was captured after travelling to Syria in November 2012.

BBC reporters 'badly beaten' in Russia

AFP, Moscow

Three BBC journalists were assaulted in southern Russia while researching a story about soldiers "being killed at the Ukraine border," the company said yesterday after lodging protest with Russian authorities. The incident is "clearly part of a coordinated attempt to stop accredited news journalists reporting a legitimate news story," the BBC said, calling for a thorough probe.

US carries out its 30th execution this yr

AFP, Washington

Texas, which has put more inmates to death than any other US state, on Wednesday executed child killer Lisa Coleman, one of only a handful of women on death row. Coleman's is the 30th execution in the United States since the beginning of the year, with nearly a third carried out in Texas. She is just the 15th woman put to death in the United States since capital punishment was restored in 1976.

13 die in Nigeria college shooting, blast

AFP, Kano

Boko Haram insurgents have been blamed after at least 13 people died during a shoot-out between police and suspected suicide bombers at a teacher training college in northern Nigeria on Wednesday. Most of the victims were in a lecture hall inside the Kano college, where the two gunmen opened fire on students.

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