

Russia ties at 'low point' Says EU top diplomat in Moscow

AFP, Moscow The European Union's top diplomat yesterday said that the bloc's ties with Russia had reached a new low following the jailing of Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny, but still raised hopes for cooperation.

In Moscow for talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell repeated European calls for Navalny's release and an investigation into his poisoning last year.

"Our relationship is indeed in a difficult moment," Borrell told Lavrov, adding that EU-Russia ties are "under severe strain and the Navalny case is a low point."

Hours after his comment, Moscow said it was expelling diplomats from Poland, Germany and Sweden for participating in unsanctioned demonstrations last month in support of 44-year-old anti-corruption campaigner Navalny.



University teachers hold up three-finger salutes and signs with red ribbons calling for civil disobedience during a protest against the military coup at Dagon University in Yangon, yesterday.

'UNCONSTITUTIONAL' IMPEACHMENT TRIAL Trump refuses to testify

US House punishes lawmaker in QAnon storm, Republicans cry foul

AFP, Washington Former president Donald Trump refused Thursday to testify in his looming impeachment trial after being called by House prosecutors to give evidence, branding the process "unconstitutional."



Trump's lawyers ridiculed the request in a letter by lead House prosecutor Jamie Raskin to answer questions over the January 6 attack on the US Capitol as a "public relations stunt."

Conviction requires support of two-thirds of the 100 senators, who serve as judges and jury in the trial. But last week 45 of 50 Republican senators made clear in a vote they think trying an ex-president is unconstitutional.

bipartisan opprobrium for a series of disturbing comments and support of social media posts advocating the assassination of Democratic lawmakers, was stripped of her two assignments on the House education and budget committees.



Pro-government activists gather yesterday near the portrait of Nepal's Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli during a mass gathering in his support, after the dissolution of parliament, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Getting a shot at a new life

FROM PAGE 12 On a recent visit to the project in Sirajganj, this correspondent talked with the community and the officials related to the project. The houses have been built on 66 decimals of land in Sirajganj and as part of the project, the beneficiaries have been trained to rear domestic animals and to become beauticians.

support and are neglected by society. Officials related to the project said this will give them hope and provide a better life. Highlighting the government's achievement, Sirajganj Deputy Commissioner Farook Ahmed said, "To bring the transgender community into the mainstream, the government recognised them as third gender in 2013, issuing a gazette on January 26 [of that year]."

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World Health Organization Europe's chief appealed for European nations and Big Pharma to unite in the struggle to accelerate coronavirus inoculations, as Johnson & Johnson applied for emergency authorisation of its single-shot vaccine in the United States.

The virus is known to have infected more than 104 million people globally, and experts have warned that vaccines will only help control its spread and end unpopular and economically painful restrictions if the whole world is covered.

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