NEWS IN BRIEF

Cyclone may hit West Bengal, **Odisha around May 26**

A major new storm was brewing in the Bay of Bengal off India's east coast on Thursday, forecasters warned just days after the biggest cyclone to hit the west of the country in decades, Cyclone Tauktae, left at least 110 people confirmed dead. In its latest warning, the Indian Meteorological Department said that a cyclonic storm was on course to hit the eastern states of West Bengal and Odisha on around May 26. Last May, more than 110 people died after "super cyclone" Amphan ravaged eastern India and Bangladesh, flattening villages, destroying farms and leaving millions without electricity. Scientists say cyclones in the densely-populated region are becoming both more frequent and stronger as climate change leads to warmer sea temperatures.

Nigeria's Boko Haram leader 'badly wounded': sources

Nigerian Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau has been seriously wounded after trying to kill himself to avoid capture during clashes with rival Islamic State-allied jihadists in the north of the country, two intelligence sources said yesterday. Shekau's Boko Haram faction and fighters from the Islamic State West Africa Province had been battling in northeastern Borno state, where ISWAP militants have become the dominant force in Nigeria's more than decade-long jihadist insurgency. Shekau, who made international headlines when his men kidnapped nearly 300 schoolgirls in Chibok in 2014, has been reported dead several times since Boko Haram first began its insurgency in 2009. Military said an investigations has been launched.

Erdogan sues rival for comparing him to Netanyahu

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan yesterday sued a nationalist rival for comparing him to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, official media reported. İyi Party (Good Party) leader Meral Aksener said in parliament on Tuesday that Netanyahu and Erdogan used similar tactics to hold on to power. She said Netanyahu's recent campaign against in Gaza was driven by politics and a desire to gain public support after four inconclusive elections in two years. Erdogan has called Israel murderers of children and old and said crime is in their blood. It drew strong

Cecil Rhodes statue to remain: Oxford college

criticism from the White House.

An Oxford University college yesterday said it will not take down a controversial statue of the 19th-century colonialist Cecil Rhodes, despite having backed its removal. Oriel College voted last year in favour of removing the statue but said it would now not do so due to "regulatory and financial challenges". The four-year campaign to remove the statue was reignited by the global explosion of Black Lives Matter demonstrations last year, following the killing in the United States of African-American George Floyd by a police officer. It followed a similar protest -- "Rhodes Must Fall" -- against a statue of the colonialist at the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

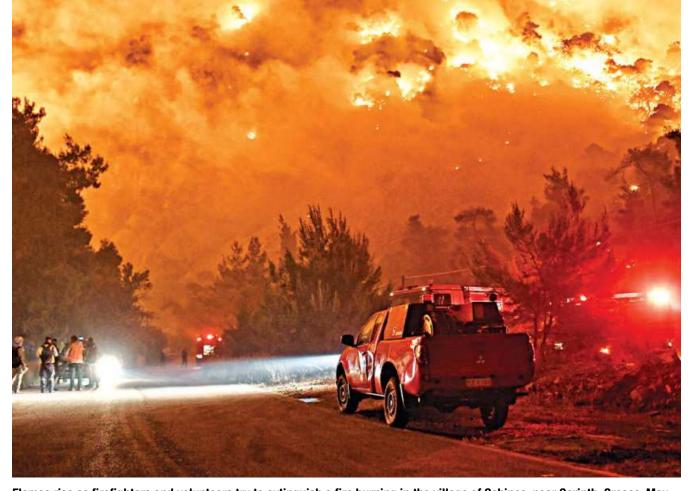
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Flames rise as firefighters and volunteers try to extinguish a fire burning in the village of Schinos, near Corinth, Greece, May 19, 2021. Picture taken May 19, 2021. Several Greek villages were evacuated Thursday as firefighters battled the country's first major blaze of the year on a mountain range overlooking the Gulf of Corinth. No injuries were reported.

ARCTIC WARMING 3 TIMES FASTER THAN THE PLANET

AFP, Oslo

The Arctic has warmed three times more quickly than the planet as a whole, and faster than previously thought, a

Arctic sea ice looks set to be an early victims of rising temperatures, with each fraction of a degree making a big difference: the chance of it disappearing entirely in summer is 10 times greater if Earth warms by 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels compared to 1.5C, the goal set by the 2015 Paris Accord.

The alarming finding comes from the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP) in a report timed to coincide with a ministerial meeting this week of the Arctic Council in Reykjavik, which gathers countries bordering the region.

"The Arctic is a real hotspot for climate warming," said Jason Box, a glaciologist at the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland.

In less than half a century, from 1971 to 2019, the Arctic's average annual temperature rose by 3.1C, compared to 1C for the planet as a whole.

That's more than previously suspected. In a 2019 report on Earth's frozen spaces, the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concluded that Arctic surface air temperature has likely increased "by more than double the global average".

According to researchers, a turning point came in 2004 when the temperature in the Arctic surged for largely unexplained reason. Since then, warming has continued at a rate 30 percent higher than in previous

And the warming is not coming to an end any time soon. According to forecasts in the report, by the end of the century average temperatures in the Arctic are expected to rise 3.3 to 10 degrees above the average for the period 1985-2014.

BLINKEN-LAVROV MEET IN ICELAND

Kremlin hails 'positive signals' in US-Russia ties

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov yesterday hailed "positive signals" for ties with Washington, after a meeting of the top Russian and US diplomats and Washington's waiving of some sanctions.

The comments came after a spike in tensions between the rival powers that has recalled the Cold War, and with Russian President Vladimir Putin and US counterpart Joe Biden preparing for their first summit. On Wednesday, in the first high-level discussions between Moscow

and Washington since Biden took office, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov held nearly two-hour talks in Reykjavik with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken. Lavrov described the talks as "constructive" and "useful", saying both

sides understand the need to mend ties.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Peskov said the fact it had taken place was itself "a positive signal".

He cautioned however that repairing ties "will not be easy". "A lot of problems have accumulated," he said.

Also on Wednesday, Biden's administration waived sanctions against Nord Stream 2, the Russian-controlled builder of a Russia-Germany gas pipeline, which Washington has called a geopolitical security risk.

The move was aimed at defusing tensions with Berlin over the \$12-billion project.

The State Department imposed sanctions on four Russian ships, including the Akademik Cherskiy, which began pipe-laying for the project in Danish waters in April. It also imposed the measures on five other Russian entities, including the Russian Marine Rescue Service.

Although Lavrov on Wednesday did not respond when asked if Russia had formally agreed to the expected Biden-Putin summit, Blinken said he expected it to happen in the next few weeks.

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Vaccines work against all variants

Says WHO; vaccine monopoly adds nine to billionaires list

AFP, Copenhagen

Progress against the coronavirus pandemic remains "fragile" and international travel should be avoided, a World Health Organization director warned yesterday, while stressing that authorised vaccines work against variants of concern. "Right now, in the face of a continued

threat and new uncertainty, we need to continue to exercise caution, and rethink or avoid international travel," WHO's European director Hans Kluge said, before adding that "pockets of increasing transmission" on the continent could quickly spread.

The so-called Indian variant, which might be more transmissible, has now been identified in at least 26 of the 53 countries in the WHO Europe region, Kluge said during his weekly press conference.

But he said that authorised vaccines are effective against the new strain. "All Covid-19 virus variants that

have emerged so far do respond to the available, approved vaccines," Kluge said, adding that all Covid-19 variants can be controlled with the same public health and social measures

Profits from Covid-19 jabs have helped at least nine people become billionaires, a campaign group said yesterday, calling for an end to pharmaceutical corporations' "monopoly control" on vaccine technology.

used until now.

"Between them, the nine new

billionaires have a combined net wealth of \$19.3 billion, enough to fully vaccinate all people in lowincome countries 1.3 times," The People's Vaccine Alliance said in a statement.

"These billionaires are the human face of the huge profits many pharmaceutical corporations are making from the monopoly they hold on these vaccines," said Anna Marriott from charity Oxfam, which is part of the alliance. In addition to the new mega-rich,

their combined wealth increase by \$32.2 billion thanks to the vaccine rollout, the alliance said. Topping the list of new vaccine

eight existing billionaires have seen

billionaires were the CEO of Moderna Stephane Bancel, and his BioNTech counterpart Ugur Sahin.

Three other neobillionaires are co-founders of the Chinese vaccine company CanSino Biologics.



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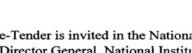
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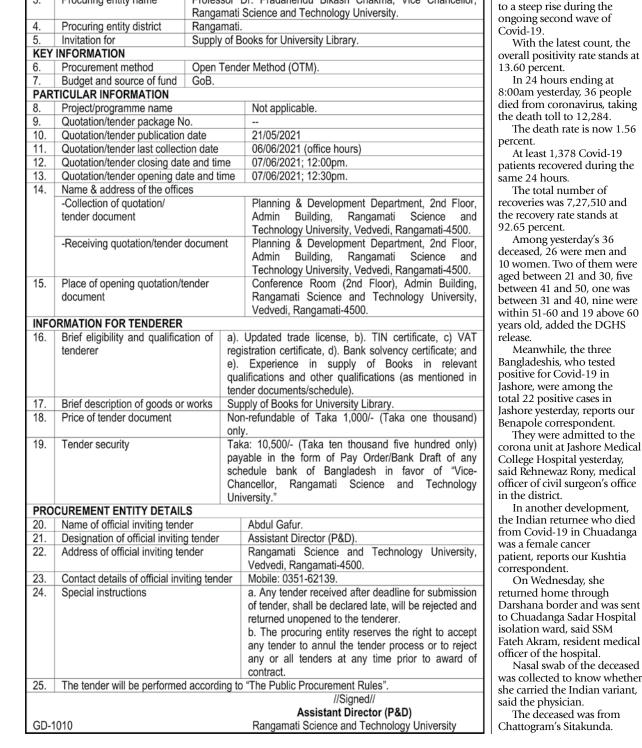
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