



US President Joe Biden and other Nato heads of the states and governments pose for a family photo during the Nato summit at the Alliance's headquarters, in Brussels, Belgium yesterday. Biden told fellow leaders that the defence of Europe, Turkey and Canada was a "sacred obligation" for the United States, a marked shift from his predecessor Donald Trump's threats to withdraw from the military alliance. He also warned that Nato must adapt to new challenges posed by China and Russia.

# Trial of Suu Kyi begins

Myanmar junta rejects UN rights chief's statement over crackdown; US journo released from detention

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The trial of deposed Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi got underway yesterday, more than four months after a military coup, with junta witnesses testifying the Nobel laureate flouted coronavirus restrictions and illegally imported walkie-talkies.



Suu Kyi "paid keen attention" throughout the hearing, another member of her legal team, Khin Maung Zaw said in a statement.

Near daily protests have rocked Myanmar since the generals' February 1 putsch. A mass uprising has been met with a brutal military crackdown that has killed more than 850 civilians, according to a local monitoring group.

Journalists were barred from proceedings in the special court in the capital Naypyidaw, but an AFP reporter said there was a heavy police presence outside.

The junta has brought an eclectic raft of charges against the Nobel laureate, including claims she accepted illegal payments of gold and violated a colonial-era secrecy law.

Suu Kyi's lawyers -- who have struggled to gain access to their client -- have said they expect the trial to wrap up by July 26.

Another police major testified on separate charges accusing her of illegally importing and possessing walkie-talkies, she added.

A separate trial is scheduled to start today over sedition charges she faces alongside ousted president Win Myint and another senior member of the NLD.

Meanwhile, the junta rejected criticism by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet over its use of deadly force against protesters.

Yesterday saw the release of a Myanmar journalist detained since March after charges against him were dropped, his lawyer told AFP.

Nathan Maung, who founded the local Kamayut Media outlet, has been detained under a colonial-era law that criminalises encouraging dissent against the military.

Earlier this month a Myanmar journalist working for another outlet was jailed for two years under the same law.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Putin denies Russia cyberattacks on US

President Vladimir Putin dismissed as "farfetched" accusations that Russia was behind cyberattacks against the United States in an interview with NBC broadcast yesterday ahead of his summit with President Joe Biden. The Russian leader also said he was open to a prison swap with the United States -- the fate of prisoners is set to be on the agenda when the two meet in Geneva on Wednesday -- and said jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny would "not be treated any worse than anybody else." Biden will attend the summit after a week of meeting allies from the G7, European Union and Nato, with tensions between Moscow and Washington at their highest in years over a long list of disputes. Asked if Russia was waging a "cyber war" against the United States, Putin said: "Where is proof? It's becoming farfactual."



### Pak police detain 19 after being denied free burgers

A group of police officers in Pakistan flipped out when a takeaway joint refused to hand over free burgers, detaining all 19 staff at the branch. Workers at the trendy chain Johnny & Jugnu in the eastern city of Lahore were rounded up and held for seven hours overnight on Saturday, leaving behind unattended kitchens and hungry customers. "This is not the first time something like this has happened with our kitchen teams at our restaurant, but we want to make sure this is the last," the fast food chain said in a statement published on social media. The beef started when staff at the restaurant refused a "request from a very high profile special guest". Restaurant staff told AFP that most of those arrested were young people, including many university students.

### NZ's Ardern pans mosque attacks film amid backlash

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern yesterday criticised a planned movie about her response to the 2019 Christchurch mosque attacks as poorly timed and focused on the wrong subject. The US-backed film "They Are Us" has sparked an intense backlash among New Zealand Muslims, with community leaders slamming the project for pushing a "white saviour" narrative. Ardern said the attacks -- when a white supremacist gunman ran amok at two mosques during Friday prayers, killing 51 and seriously injuring another 40 -- remained "very raw" for many New Zealanders. She said filmmakers had not consulted her about the movie, which is set to star Australia's Rose Byrne as the centre-left leader.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

## XINJIANG, HONG KONG CRITICISM

# China slams G7 'manipulation'

AFP, Beijing

China yesterday accused the G7 of "political manipulation" after it criticised Beijing over its human rights record in Xinjiang and Hong Kong.

In a communique after a three-day summit in England, G7 leaders slammed China over abuses against minorities in the Xinjiang region and pro-democracy activists in Hong Kong, while US President Joe Biden called for Beijing to "start acting more responsibly in terms of international norms on human rights".

The Chinese embassy in the United Kingdom responded angrily yesterday, and accused the G7 of "interfering".

"The Group of Seven (G-7) takes advantage of Xinjiang-related issues to engage in political manipulation and interfere in China's internal affairs, which we firmly oppose," an embassy spokesman said in a statement.

The statement accused the G7 of "lies, rumours and baseless accusations".

Human rights groups say China



has rounded up an estimated one million Uyghurs and other minorities in Xinjiang into internment camps, which Beijing says is to eradicate Islamic extremism.

"We will promote our values, including by calling on China to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms" the G7 communique read.

At their first physical summit in nearly two years, leaders of the seven nations announced a number of pledges on Covid-19 vaccinations, climate change, rights and trade.

They also called for a new

investigation in China into the origins of Covid-19 -- prompting a response from the Chinese embassy that the work needs to be done in a "scientific, objective and fair manner", without agreeing to a new probe.

"The current epidemic is still raging around the world, and the traceability work should be carried out by global scientists and should not be politicized," the embassy said.

The coronavirus first emerged in central China in late 2019, and the World Health Organization sent a team of international experts in January to probe its origins.

But their long-delayed report published in March drew no firm conclusions, and the investigation has since faced criticism for lacking transparency and access.

The Chinese embassy statement complained in response that the "accusations against China on economic and trade issues in the communique are inconsistent with the facts and are unreasonable."

## BOAT CAPSIZE

# Bodies of 25 migrants recovered off Yemen

AFP, Hodeidah

The bodies of 25 migrants were recovered off Yemen yesterday after the boat that was carrying them capsized with up to 200 people on board, a provincial official told AFP.

Fishermen who found the bodies told AFP that they were floating in the waters of Ras al-Ara in the southern province of Lahij, an area so rife with human trafficking that local people call it the "Gate of Hell".

"The boat overturned two days ago and was carrying between 160 and 200 people," said Jalil Ahmed Ali from the Lahij provincial authority, citing information given by Yemeni smugglers. The fate of the other people on board was unclear.

The UN's International Organization for Migration confirmed to AFP that a boat sank in the area but said it was still trying to establish the details of the incident. Despite the grinding war in impoverished Yemen, migrants continue to travel there in the hopes of finding work in Saudi Arabia and other neighbouring oil-rich states whose economies depend on millions of foreign labourers. The fishermen said the victims, found in the Bab al-Mandab strait that separates Djibouti from Yemen, appeared to be of African origin.

"We found 25 bodies of Africans who drowned when a boat carrying dozens of them sank off the Yemeni shores," said one of the fishermen.

"We saw the bodies floating in the water 10 miles from the shores of Ras al-Ara," added another. Migrants often find themselves stranded in Yemen, which is mired in the world's worst humanitarian crisis after six years of conflict. The beaches of Ras al-Ara are among the areas most targeted by smugglers. Earlier this month, local people appealed to Yemen's internationally recognised government to intervene, saying the area had become a free-for-all for human traffickers without any action from the authorities.

# Head of 'world's largest family' dies in India

AFP, New Delhi

A polygamist and sect leader who had 39 wives and at least 127 children and grandchildren has died in northeastern India aged 76, officials said.

Zionghaka Chana, who lived in the remote state of Mizoram as the patriarch of what is believed to be one of the world's largest families, suffered from diabetes and hypertension and died in hospital on Sunday, the Press Trust of India reported.

Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga tweeted late Sunday that the state had bid farewell to Chana with a "heavy heart".

"Mizoram and his village at Baktawng Tlangnam has become a major tourist attraction in the state because of the family," Zoramthanga added.

The sect, founded by Chana's grandfather in the 1930s, has some 1,700 members including four generations of the Chana family, many of whom carve wooden furniture and make pottery items.

Its philosophy is based on Christian teachings, although leaders from the Presbyterian church, the main faith in the state, reject Chana's embrace of polygamy.

Chana married for the first time at age 17, according to local media.

While various local news reports have referred to him as holding the "world record" for such a large family, it's unclear which global record it is. It has also been widely reported that the family has been featured twice on the popular TV show Ripley's Believe it or Not.



Bulldozers sent by Egypt for Palestinians work at the side of Israeli airstrikes in Gaza yesterday. Egypt played a major role in brokering a ceasefire between both sides and has said it would allocate \$500 million to fund the rebuilding of devastated areas in Gaza.

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### Corrigendum

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58.01.0000.102.07.021.18(Part-1)-215, Dated: 08/04/2021	Tender Last Selling Date (Tender Notice Sl. No.17)	14/06/2021 (During office hours)	29/06/2021 (During office hours)
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