#### **ROW OVER SPYING**

### Russia suspends its mission to Nato

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said yesterday that Moscow was suspending its mission to Nato and closing the Western military bloc's liaison mission in Russia, in a row over spying.

"We are suspending the work of our official mission to Nato, including the work of our military representative from November 1 or it could take a few more days," Lavrov

Lavrov said that Russia would also be ending the alliance's liaison mission -- established in 2002 and hosted at the Belgian embassy -- and information office in Moscow

The bloc's information office was established in Moscow in 2001 to improve understanding between Nato and Russia. The latest row comes after Nato earlier this month stripped accreditations of eight members of the Russian mission to the alliance, describing them as "undeclared Russian intelligence officers".

Nato Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said at the time that the decision to kick out the Russian representatives was not "linked to any particular event" -- but gave no more details over the move.

Yesterday, Lavrov cited "recent moves" by Nato, saying there were no longer "basic conditions for common work." He said that in case of urgent matters, Nato could liaise via the Russian ambassador in Belgium.

Russia has long had an observer mission to Nato as part of a two-decade-old Nato-Russia Council meant to promote cooperation in common security areas.



Migrants on a rubber dinghy are seen being rescued by Libyan Coast Guards in the Mediterranean Sea, off the coast of Libya yesterday. Libya is home to nearly 600,000 migrants, according to UN figures. Most are from sub-Saharan Africa, some attracted by the prospect of work in the oil-rich country despite years of conflict and chaos, while others see it as a jumpingoff point for travel on to Europe.

### 150 Yemen rebels killed in strikes

Says Saudi-led coalition

AFP, Riyadh

The Saudi-led coalition in Yemen said yesterday it had killed 150 Huthi rebels near the strategic city of Marib, which would raise the rebel death toll to over 1,100 in a week. Air strikes "destroyed 13 military vehicles and killed 150 terrorist elements" in Abdiya within the past 24 hours, the coalition said in a statement carried by the official SPA agency. The Iran-backed Huthis rarely comment on losses, and the tolls could not be independently verified by

In a televised speech yesterday, rebel leader Abdelmalek al-Huthi called for continued fighting, as tens of thousands of supporters marched in towns held by the insurgents.

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#### **ASEAN'S JUNTA SNUB**

## Myanmar shadow govt praises the move

Wants summit invite

Myanmar's shadow government, formed by opponents of ruling military, yesterday welcomed the exclusion of junta leader Min Aung Hlaing from an upcoming regional summit, but said it should be the legitimate representative.

However, the opposition said it would accept inviting a truly neutral alternative Myanmar representative, as decided over the weekend by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean).

Asean will invite a non-political representative from Myanmar to its October 26-28 summit, in an unprecedented snub to the military leaders behind a February 1 coup against Aung San Suu Kyi's elected government.

The opposition National Unity Government (NUG), which has been outlawed by the military, said the nonpolitical figure who attends the summit must not be a representative of the junta in disguise.

"Asean excluding Min Aung Hlaing is an important step, but we request that they recognize us as the proper representative," said its spokesman Dr. Sasa.

The decision was an unusually bold step for the consensus-driven bloc, which traditionally favors a policy of engagement and non-interference.

Meanwhile, Myanmar's junta chief yesterday announced the release of more than 5,000 people jailed for protesting

against the coup. There has been chaos in Myanmar since the coup, with more than 1,100 civilians killed in a bloody crackdown on dissent and more than 8,000 arrested, according to a local monitoring group.

## Pakistani commandos' hand suspected in J&K encounter

Say sources in Indian army, police; thousands of migrant workers in Kashmir moved to secure locations

The ferocity of the fighting between security forces and the group of terrorists holed up in the jungles of Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district for at least eight days suggests the infiltrators were trained by Pakistani commandos, sources in the army and police have said. soldiers including two

Commissioned Officers or JCOs have been killed in the line of duty, fighting these terrorists since yesterday, in what has become the deadliest encounter for India's military in

It is also unclear if any of the terrorists have been killed since no bodies have been found yet. The fighting in the 8-9 km stretch

Jammu and Kashmir in recent

of thick forest has continued despite a massive combing operation, a tight cordon and intense

In the first brush with these terrorists, five soldiers, including a JCO, were killed on the night of October 10 in the Dera Wali Gali area of Poonch, which is close to the Line of Control.

terrorists were ambushed in the forests of Nar Khas

on Thursday. Two soldiers were killed and two more, including a JCO, went missing. Their bodies were recovered after a tough operation two days later, reports NDTV.

Sources in the army and the local police suggest that the fact that this group of terrorists have been able to inflict such heavy casualties while managing to evade thousands of security forces for eight days suggests they were trained by elite commandos of the Pakistani military.

The group of terrorists may also include Pakistani commandos. But we will only know for sure once they are shot down," an officer, requesting not to be named, said. Meanwhile, Indian authorities

have moved thousands of migrant workers in Kashmir to safer locations overnight, while hundreds have fled the Himalayan valley after

a wave of targeted killings, two security officials said

"We moved thousands of workers to secure places and are facilitating their return home," a senior police official told Reuters, declining to be named as he was not authorised to speak to the media.

In other areas, security forces had intensified Following this, an army group searching for the patrolling to prevent any militant activity, the official added.

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#### **MORE NEWS**

Costa Rica, Milan among winners of Earthshot prize

Milan and Costa Rica were among the winners of the Earthshot Prize on Sunday, an environmental award created by Britain's Prince William, who has criticized world leaders for an uninspiring response to the climate change crisis. The honours were established to find solutions through new policies to the planet's biggest environmental problems, with a winner in each of the five categories receiving 1 million pounds. Milan won the "Build a Waste-Free World" award for its food waste hubs, while Costa Rica received the "Protect and Restore Nature" prize for programmes paying citizens to plant trees and restore ecosystems.

#### Kerala flood death toll rises to 35

At least 35 people have been killed by floods and landslides triggered by heavy rains in the southern Indian state of Kerala with authorities fearing the number of deaths could rise significantly. As search-andrescue operations by the army and the navy continued yesterday, thousands remain stranded in parts of the coastal area, while many others are still missing. PK Jayasree, the district magistrate of Kottayam, one of the two worst affected areas, along with Idukki, said that three bodies were recovered on Sunday, nine yesterday while a six-member



family has been completely lost.

#### **Colin Powell dies of Covid** complications

Colin Powell, the first Black US secretary of state and top military officer, died yesterday at the age of 84 due to complications from Covid-19. He was fully vaccinated, his family said in a statement on Facebook. "We have lost a remarkable and loving husband, father, grandfather and a great American," his family said, offering thanks to the staff of the hospital near Washington, DC who treated Powell but providing few details about his illness. Powell was one of America's most prominent Black figures for decades. He served three Republican presidents in senior posts and reached the top of the US military as it was regaining its vigor after the trauma of the Vietnam War. In a brief statement, the Powell family said he had died yesterday morning from Covid-19, had been fully vaccinated against the disease, and it thanked the medical staff at Walter Reed National Medical Center near Washington. It did not address such matters as what vaccine he received or whether he had gotten a booster shot, when he fell ill, when he may have been hospitalized and whether he may have had underlying health conditions that contributed to his illness. Condolences poured in, including from former President George W Bush.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

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Palestinian women with pictures of their relatives held in Israeli prisons commemorate the 10th anniversary of the conclusion of the prisoner exchange agreement between Israel and Hamas, outside the Red cross office in Gaza city yesterday.

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Local Government Engineering Department

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e-Tender Notice No. 02/2021-22

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e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following works.

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Construction of Boundary Wall & Gate

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## **2001** - At least 350

people were killed boat, on its way

Paul beatified Mother Teresa before a crowd an icon of charity. 2004 - Khin Nyunt was sacked as prime minister of militaryruled Myanmar amid allegations of under house arrest. 2005 - Ousted Iraqi president Saddam Hussein went on trial on charges of crimes

SOURCE: REUTERS

when an overcrowded to Australia from Lampung in Sumatra carrying mostly Iragi asylum seekers, sank near Java.

**2003** - Pope John

of 300,000, calling her corruption and placed against humanity.

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# Australian pair

AFP, Sydney

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Opening

date & time

08/11/2021

11:30

Date: 17/10/2021

Time for

completion

days without water in Australia's hot and dusty outback, police said yesterday, ending a frenzied five-day rescue effort.

and Mahesh Patrick, 14, were reported missing on Tuesday in the Harts Range area.

But Northern Territory police said yesterday that the two men were found alive and well by an "absolute miracle".

#### **Tender Description**

Following e-Tender are invited in e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) by Executive Engineer, Magura PWD Division, Magura for the Procurement of:

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## survive for days lost in outback

Two people have survived

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The pair were feared to be in grave danger given a lack of water and the area's extreme temperatures.