

NEW UKRAINE AGGRESSION

US warns Russia of 'serious consequences'

AFP, Riga

The United States yesterday warned Russia of "serious consequences" if it launches an invasion of Ukraine, as Nato ministers looked to counter a military build-up by Moscow on its neighbour's border.

The long-scheduled meeting of Nato top diplomats in Latvia's capital Riga comes at a volatile moment along the bloc's eastern flank as allies also grapple with a migrant crisis the West says is fuelled by Kremlin-backed Belarus.

Western countries spearheaded by the United States worry that Moscow could be planning an incursion into Ukraine after accusing the Kremlin of massing tens of thousands of troops and heavy armour close to the frontier.

"Any escalatory actions by Russia would be of great concern to the United States...and any renewed aggression would trigger serious consequences," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken told journalists ahead of the meeting.

"We have seen Russia's playbook many times over," Moscow, which seized Crimea from Ukraine in 2014 and backs separatists fighting Kiev, has strongly denied it is plotting an attack and blames Nato for fuelling tensions.

Nato diplomats say the bloc remains uncertain of Russian President Vladimir Putin's intentions -- but ministers will discuss contingency plans should Russia invade. The US-led alliance is looking to show the Kremlin it faces severe costs if it threatens Ukraine, while stopping short of provoking Moscow into further aggression.



A staff member (C) wearing protective equipment guides a traveller at the arrival hall of Incheon International Airport, South Korea yesterday, amid growing concerns about the Omicron Covid-19 variant. Inset, British Transport Police officers patrol the platform to check that passengers are wearing face coverings on a Piccadilly Line tube train at Hammersmith underground station in west London yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

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Convicted Maldives ex-leader released from house arrest

Former Maldives president Abdulla Yameen was released from house arrest yesterday after winning an appeal on his money laundering conviction. The former strongman ruled the Indian Ocean archipelago -- best known for opulent beachside resorts and their frequent celebrity guests -- until his shock election loss in 2018. He was convicted a year later for illegally holding millions of dollars in his bank accounts that had allegedly been stolen from a tourism development agency. But the Supreme Court freed the 62-year-old after finding the earlier trial had not established a proven link between the agency and the money in Yameen's accounts.

News agencies create joint 'European Newsroom'

Sixteen news agencies are to operate a joint, EU-funded "European Newsroom" that, from January 2022, will put out information on the bloc and aspiring member states, officials said on Monday. The combined initiative is led by DPA and includes AFP, Spain's EFE and Europapress agencies and the main agencies from other EU countries Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia. News agencies from non-EU countries Albania, Bosnia, North Macedonia and Serbia are also participating, according to a list from the European Commission.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

Quote of the day



"I mean the mutual recognition of vaccines and vaccination certificates, the availability of vaccines for all regions of the planet..."

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT
VLADIMIR PUTIN ON
MUTUAL APPROVAL OF
COVID VACCINES

Take 'rational' measures

WHO urges countries as world races to contain Omicron variant

AFP, Geneva

The World Health Organization yesterday called for countries to keep calm and take "rational" measures in response to the new, fast-spreading Covid variant Omicron, which has sparked global panic.

"We call on all member states to take rational, proportional risk-reduction measures," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in a briefing to countries.

"The global response must be calm, coordinated and coherent."

First reported to the WHO in southern Africa less than a week ago, the new strain has rapidly spread across continents, with dozens of countries announcing travel restrictions.

The UN health agency has cautioned against such restrictions, fearing that blocking travel from countries where new variants are first spotted could be unfair and dissuade



surveillance.

"I thank Botswana and South Africa for detecting, sequencing and reporting this variant so rapidly," Tedros said, adding that it was "deeply concerning to me that those countries are now being penalised by others for doing the right thing."

Scientists in South Africa said they had detected the new variant with at least 10 mutations, and WHO has cautioned that it poses a "very high" risk globally.

At the same time, Tedros stressed

that it remains unclear how dangerous the variant is.

"We still have more questions than answers about the effect of Omicron on transmission, severity of disease, and the effectiveness of tests, therapeutics and vaccines," he said.

The WHO chief said it was understandable that countries wanted to protect their citizens "against a variant that we don't yet fully understand."

"But I am equally concerned that several member states are introducing blunt, blanket measures that are not evidence-based or effective on their own, and which will only worsen inequities."

Tedros also highlighted the glaring vaccine inequity that has seen abundant supplies in wealthy countries, which are rolling out booster shots, as even many of the most vulnerable in poorer nations are still waiting for their first jabs.

SUU KYI TRIAL

Myanmar court defers first verdicts

REUTERS

A court in military-ruled Myanmar yesterday deferred the first verdicts in the trial of ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi to Dec. 6, a source familiar with the proceedings said.

The Nobel Peace laureate has been held incommunicado and on trial since June, with court hearings behind closed doors. Yesterday, the court had been due to rule on charges of incitement and violations of Covid-19 protocols under a natural disasters law, among nearly a dozen cases against Suu Kyi, 76.

Iran nuclear talks restart in Vienna

AFP, Vienna

Fresh talks on reviving the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers restarted on Monday, with the EU chair saying he felt "extremely positive" while admitting that "difficult issues" have yet to be tackled.

The talks in Vienna are the first since Iran paused them in June after the election of ultraconservative new President Ebrahim Raisi. Diplomats at the time had said they were "close" to an agreement.

Iran ignored appeals from Western countries to restart the talks for several months, all the while strengthening the capabilities of its nuclear programme. In August, Raisi said Iran was again open to talks.

Along with Iran, diplomats from Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia attended the meeting.

Enrique Mora, the EU official chairing the talks, said there was "a sense of urgency in bringing the JCPOA back to life" and added that he felt "extremely positive."

However, he admitted that "there are still difficult issues ahead."

French President Emmanuel Macron has called on Raisi to return to fulfilling Tehran's obligations under the 2015 nuclear deal "without delay", his office said.



President of Barbados Dame Sandra Mason (C) receives the New Colours during the ceremony to declare Barbados a Republic and the Inauguration of the President of Barbados at Heroes Square in Bridgetown, Barbados, yesterday. Fireworks filled the sky over Barbados as the Caribbean island nation declared itself the world's newest republic, lowering Queen Elizabeth's flag as it severed colonial-era ties to the British throne to the sound of jubilant gun salutes.

PHOTO: AFP

China, Russia racing to master AI

British MI6 spy chief warns

REUTERS, London

The chief of Britain's foreign spy service warned yesterday that the West's adversaries such as China and Russia were racing to master artificial intelligence in a way which could revolutionise geopolitics over the next decade.

The world's spies, from Langley and London to Moscow and Beijing, are trying to grapple with seismic advances in technology that are challenging traditional human-led spying operations which dominated for thousands of years.

Richard Moore, chief of the Secret Intelligence Service, known as MI6, said quantum engineering, engineered biology, vast troves of data and advances in computer power posed a threat that needed to be addressed by the West.

"Our adversaries are pouring money and ambition into mastering artificial intelligence, quantum computing and synthetic biology, because they know that mastering these technologies will give them leverage," Moore, who rarely surfaces for speeches, said yesterday.

Moore, a former diplomat who became MI6 chief in 2020, said technological progress over the next decade could outstrip all tech progress over the past century.

CHILDREN LIVING IN CONFLICT ZONES

1 in 8 at risk of becoming child soldiers: report

THOMSON REUTERS FOUNDATION

One in eight of the world's children - more than 300 million - live in conflict zones where they are at risk of becoming child soldiers, a charity warned yesterday, saying boosting school access was vital in fighting forced recruitment.

The United Nations called for a global ceasefire last year to help fight Covid-19, but armed groups have continued fighting in countries including Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria and Yemen.

Yesterday's report by




charity Save the Children said that during 2020 some 337 million children were living near armed groups and government forces that recruit children.

Nearly 200 million of them live in the world's deadliest war zones, up 20% from 2019, the report said.


"It's simply horrifying

that in the shadow of Covid-19 and the UN's call for a global ceasefire, more children than ever before are caught in the crosshairs of the deadliest war zones ... and more likely to be injured, recruited or killed," said Inger Ashing, Save the Children International's chief executive.


The exact number of child soldiers is unknown, but in 2020 more than 8,500 children were recruited and used as fighters or in other roles by mostly non-state armed groups, according to UN data, a 10% increase from the previous year. cases, the charity's report said.



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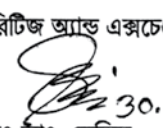
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e-Tender Notice (11/2021-2022)

e-Tenders are invited for 3 (three) Nos. Packages in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works under LGED, District: Chuadanga.

Sl No.	Package No.	Name of works	e-Tender ID No.	Tender method	Last date & time for tender/proposal document selling & tender security submission	Last date & time for e-Tender closing & opening
1.	LGED/Chua/VRRP/ Re-hab/21-22/W-1935	Rehabilitation of Napitkhali-Mokterpur More Road from Ch: 00m-960m under Damurhuda Upazila District: Chuadanga (Road ID No. 218315060)	632985	LTM	14-Dec-2021 17:00	15-Dec-2021 13:00
2.	GKRIDP/04/CM-08	A) Periodic Maintenance work and side widening of Chitla More Pucca Road-Panchkolapur Pucca Road via Allatnagar Road at ch. 00-1190m & 1940-2530m under Alamdanga, Chuadanga (ID No. 218075201) B) Periodic Maintenance work and side widening of Belgachi-Dauki via Puamari Road, at ch. 00-1592m under Alamdanga, Chuadanga (ID No. 218074015) C) Construction of 2 Nos. U-Drain Belgachi-Dauki via Puamari Road at ch. 705m, 1461m under Alamdanga, Chuadanga (ID No. 218074015)	632986	LTM	14-Dec-2021 17:00	15-Dec-2021 13:00
3.	GKRIDP/04/CM-09	Maintenance of Kuralgachi Post Office-Kuralgachi UP Road by BC at ch. 00-830m under Damurhuda upazila, District: Chuadanga Road ID No. 218314098	632987	LTM	14-Dec-2021 17:00	15-Dec-2021 13:00

These are online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd). Interested persons can communicate with the undersigned during the office period.



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