

Not optimistic Says Russia on first round of talks with US, wants results

REUTERS, Moscow

Russia yesterday said it was not optimistic after a first round of talks with the United States on the Ukraine crisis and would not allow its demands for security guarantees from the West to become mired in tortuous negotiations.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said it was positive that Monday's talks in Geneva had been held in an open, substantive and direct manner, but Russia was interested only in results.

"There are no clear deadlines here, no one is setting them - there is just the Russian position that we will not be satisfied with the endless dragging out of this process," he said.

Russia has pushed the West to the negotiating table by massing troops near Ukraine's border as it presses a set of far-reaching demands that would prevent Ukraine from ever joining Nato and roll back two decades of alliance expansion in Europe.

Peskov said the situation would be clearer after two further rounds of talks that Russia is due to hold this week - with Nato in Brussels today and at the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna tomorrow.



A picture taken yesterday from the al-Hamra Tower shows a view of Kuwait City under heavy fog.

PHOTO: AFP

‘Don’t shut the door on Afghans’ UN wants \$5 billion aid in 2022 to avert humanitarian catastrophe

AFP, Geneva

The United Nations said Tuesday it needed \$5 billion in aid for Afghanistan in 2022 to avert a humanitarian catastrophe and offer the ravaged country a future after 40 years of suffering.

In its biggest-ever single-country appeal, the UN said \$4.4 billion was needed within Afghanistan, while a further \$623 million was required to support the millions of Afghans sheltering beyond its borders.

The UN said 22 million people inside Afghanistan and a further 5.7 million displaced Afghans in five neighbouring countries needed vital relief this year.

"A full-blown humanitarian

catastrophe looms. My message is urgent: don't shut the door on the people of Afghanistan," said UN aid chief Martin Griffiths.

"Help us scale up and stave off wide-spread hunger, disease, malnutrition and ultimately death."

The United States yesterday promised more than \$308 million in an initial aid package for Afghanistan this year, following the UN appeal.

Since the Taliban hardline Islamist movement seized control of Afghanistan in mid-August, the country has plunged into financial chaos, with inflation and unemployment surging.

Washington has frozen billions of dollars of the country's assets, while aid

supplies have been heavily disrupted.

Afghanistan also suffered its worst drought in decades in 2021.

Without the aid package, "there won't be a future", Griffiths told reporters in Geneva.

Griffiths said the appeal, if funded, would help aid agencies ramp up the delivery of food and agriculture support, health services, malnutrition treatment, emergency shelters, access to water and sanitation, protection and education.

An estimated 4.7 million people will suffer from acute malnutrition in 2022, including 1.1 million children with severe acute malnutrition.

N Korea fires 2nd missile in a week

AFP, Seoul

North Korea fired a suspected ballistic missile into the sea yesterday, with South Korea's military warning the second such weapons test in less than a week showed clear signs of progress. The early-morning launch came as the UN Security Council met in New York to discuss last week's test of what Pyongyang called a hypersonic missile, although Seoul has cast doubt on that claim. But the South Korean military said the "suspected ballistic missile" launched yesterday had reached hypersonic speeds - a sign of "progress" from last week's test. The missile, fired towards the sea east of the peninsula yesterday at around 7:27am (2227 GMT Monday), flew 700 kilometres at an altitude of around 60 kilometres at Mach 10 speed, Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. Yesterday's missile landed outside Japan's exclusive economic zone. While there were no immediate reports of damage, Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida called the launch "extremely regrettable".

UK PM under fire over lockdown party

REUTERS, London

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson was under fire yesterday after it emerged his private secretary had invited over 100 people to a "bring your own booze" party in the garden of Downing Street during the first coronavirus lockdown.

Johnson and his partner Carrie were among those who gathered with about 40 staff in the garden of Downing Street on May 20, 2020, after the PM's Principal Private Secretary Martin Reynolds sent an invite by email, ITV reported.

At the time of the gathering, schools were shut to most pupils, and pubs and restaurants were closed, with strict controls on social mixing. People were prevented from bidding farewell in person to dying relatives. Revelations about a series of parties in Downing Street have garnered popular derision and drawn criticism from opposition Labour Party leader Keir Starmer, who said Johnson lacked the moral authority to lead the country. The government will face an urgent question in parliament on the latest reports at 1230 GMT, although Johnson himself will not be there to respond.



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In two days' time a phased withdrawal of the CSTO united peacekeeping contingent will begin. The withdrawal process of the contingent will take no more than 10 days.

Kazakh President **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev** on withdrawal of Russian troops

Pig heart in human! US surgeons carry out successful implant

AFP, Washington

US surgeons have successfully implanted a heart from a genetically modified pig in a 57-year-old man, a medical first that could one day help solve the chronic shortage of organ donations.

The "historic" procedure took place Friday, the University of Maryland Medical School said in a statement on Monday. While the patient's prognosis is far from certain, it represents a major milestone for animal to human transplantation.

The patient, David Bennett, had been deemed ineligible for human transplant - a decision that is often taken when the recipient has very poor underlying health.

He is now recovering and being carefully monitored to determine how the new organ performs.

"It was either die or do this transplant. I want to live. I know it's a shot in the dark, but it's my last choice," the Maryland resident said a day before the surgery.

The Food and Drug Administration granted emergency authorization for the surgery on New Year's Eve, as a last ditch effort for a patient who was unsuitable for conventional transplant.

About 110,000 Americans are currently waiting for an organ transplant, and more than 6,000 patients die each year before getting one, according to official figures.



EU Parliament Speaker David Sassoli dies at 56

AFP, Strasbourg

The president of the European Parliament, David Sassoli, died early yesterday in hospital in Italy, his spokesman said on Twitter.

The 65-year-old Italian had been seriously ill in hospital for more than two weeks due to a dysfunction of his immune system.

Sassoli was previously admitted with pneumonia for several weeks last September.

After a three-decade career as an Italian journalist, starting out in newspapers then moving to television and becoming a nationally known anchor, Sassoli became a member of the European Parliament in 2009, and speaker in 2019.

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