

## No progress, no Asean invite

### Cambodia PM tells Myanmar junta

REUTERS, Phnom Penh

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen yesterday confirmed he had invited Myanmar's junta chief to a summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), on the condition he makes progress on a peace plan he agreed to last year.

Hun Sen, the Asean chair, said he would talk to military chief Min Aung Hlaing by video today, noting that since their Jan 7 meeting in Myanmar, ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi had been sentenced to four years' detention and military aircraft had been deployed in operations.

Min Aung Hlaing led a coup in Myanmar last year and Asean made a surprise move in barring him from key meetings over his failure to honour a five-point Asean "consensus" that included ceasing hostilities and allowing dialogue.

"He (Hun Sen) said that he had invited HE (His Excellency) Min Aung Hlaing to attend the Asean summit if there was progress in the implementation of the five points agreed unanimously," said a statement on Hun Sen's Facebook page, summarising a call with Malaysian Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

"But if not, he must send a non-political representative to Asean meetings."

As new chair of Asean, Cambodia has indicated it wants to engage not isolate the junta, but Hun Sen has been pressed by several Asean leaders, including those of Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore, not to give way on the agreement, which is backed by the United Nations and United States.



A general view of parked planes at Istanbul airport in Istanbul, Turkey, yesterday. Europe's busiest airport in Istanbul welcomed its first flight in 24 hours yesterday and Greece declared a public holiday as the eastern Mediterranean neighbours began digging themselves out of a rare snowstorm that grounded their capitals to a halt.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## US 'escalating tensions'

### Russia slams Nato reinforcement plans to eastern Europe

AFP, Moscow

Moscow yesterday accused the United States of ratcheting up tensions over Ukraine after Washington put several thousand troops on alert for possible deployment to boost Nato.

The West is accusing Russia, which has massed 100,000 troops on the Ukrainian border, of preparing a potential invasion of its pro-Western neighbour.

The troop build-up has sparked the biggest crisis in East-West ties since the Cold War, with US President Joe Biden holding a long call with European leaders on Monday.

Biden said there was "total unanimity" on how to deal with Russia, as the Pentagon said 8,500 US troops were being put on standby and Nato said it was sending ships and jets to bolster eastern Europe's defences.

In Moscow, President Vladimir Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov said these actions were only adding to an already tense atmosphere.

"The United States is escalating tensions," he told reporters. "We are watching these US actions with great concern."

Russia denies it has any plans to invade Ukraine,

where Russia already seized the peninsula of Crimea in 2014 and backs separatist forces in two breakaway regions.

Moscow has instead accused the West of increasing tensions with deployments and support for Ukraine, a former Soviet republic.

It has put forward a list of security demands including for a guarantee that Ukraine never be allowed to join Nato and that alliance forces pull back in Eastern European countries that joined after the Cold War.

The United States and Nato have rejected the demands and told Russia to withdraw from Ukraine's borders, warning that an attack will trigger damaging economic sanctions, as well as a beefed-up Nato presence in eastern Europe.

A series of talks in various European cities this month have failed to ease tensions, though US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov agreed at a meeting in Geneva on Friday to keep talking.

The United States has promised to provide written answers to Moscow's demands this week, but has rejected calls for a ban on possible Nato expansion as a non-starter.

**Nato sending ships, fighter jets to eastern Europe**

**US says some 8,500 troops on alert**

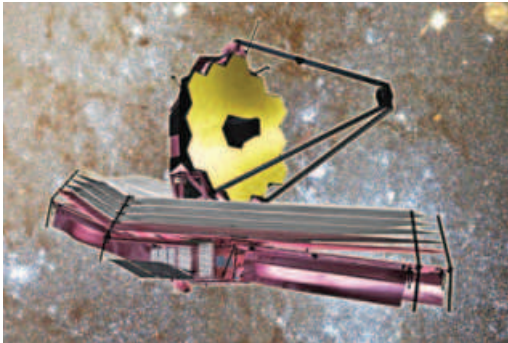
**Russia launches new military drills in south, Crimea**

## North Korea 'fires 2 cruise missiles'

AFP, Seoul

North Korea fired two suspected cruise missiles yesterday, Seoul said, its fifth weapons test this year as Pyongyang flexes its military muscles while ignoring US offers of talks.

Cruise missiles are not banned under current UN sanctions on North Korea, and Seoul does not always report such launches in real time, as it does for ballistic missile tests. This year Pyongyang has embarked on a fresh flurry of sanctions-busting tests, including hypersonic missiles. Washington imposed new sanctions in response, prompting Pyongyang to double down on weapons testing and hint last week that it could abandon a years-long self-imposed moratorium on nuclear and long-range tests.



## Webb telescope in final destination

AFP, Washington

The James Webb Space Telescope has arrived at its cosmic parking spot a million miles away, bringing it a step closer to its mission to unravel the mysteries of the Universe, Nasa said Monday. At around 2:00 pm Eastern Time (1900 GMT), the observatory fired its thrusters for five minutes to reach the so-called second Lagrange point, or L2, where it will have access to nearly half the sky at any given moment.

Webb will begin its science mission by summer, which includes using its high resolution infrared instruments to peer back in time 13.5 billion years to the first generation of galaxies that formed after the Big Bang. Webb, which is expected to cost NASA nearly \$10 billion, is one of the most expensive scientific platforms ever built, comparable to the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, and its predecessor telescope, Hubble.

## Biden caught insulting Fox journo

AFP, Washington

US President Joe Biden was caught on a live microphone Monday calling a Fox News journalist a "stupid son of a b\*\*\*\*" on the sidelines of a White House photo op. As journalists were leaving the room after the event, a reporter from Fox News, Peter Doocy, asked whether inflation is a political liability. The Democratic leader, possibly unaware that his microphone was still on, began by deadpanning: "It's a great asset. More inflation." And then muttered, "What a stupid son of a b\*\*\*\*," before glancing briefly down. Doocy said that Biden called him within the hour and said: "It's nothing personal, pal."

## US, Iran ready for direct nuke talks

AFP, Washington

Iran for the first time said it was open to direct nuclear negotiations with the United States, which declared itself ready to hold talks "urgently" -- in a possible turning point in efforts to salvage the 2015 nuclear accord. Tehran has been engaged since last year in talks with the five other world powers still part of the agreement, which offered sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its nuclear program. US is taking part in the talks indirectly as it unilaterally withdrew from the deal in 2018. On Monday Iran's foreign minister said his country would consider to engage directly with US if it proved the key to a "good agreement" to salvage the floundering deal. A US State Department spokesperson reiterated after the Iranian comments that the United States is "prepared to meet directly."

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Sl No	Tender ID No	Package No	Description of Works	Tender last selling (date & time)	Tender closing (date & time)	Tender opening (date & time)
01	652406	SE/Noakhali/FRD/PMP-Road/2021-2022/03	Construction of Rigid Pavement from CH: 8+575 to 09+450 = 875.00m of Feni (Mohammad Ali bazar)-Chhagalnaiya Korerhat road (Z-1031) (Dhaka-Chottogram old Highway) under Feni Road Division, during the year 2021-2022 under PMP (Road-Major) Program.	09/02/2022 at 17:00	10/02/2022 at 12:00	10/02/2022 at 12:00

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