

UK papers herald ‘Queen Camilla’

AFP, London

Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II has announced that she wants daughter-in-law Camilla to hold the role of queen consort once her son Charles ascends to the throne, in a major statement timed to mark her unprecedented seventieth jubilee.

The move cemented a remarkable journey to public acceptance for Camilla, after being vilified for her role in the break-up of Charles’ marriage to Princess Diana -- and shows that the Queen is planning for the future after her death.

Predictably the news dominated Sunday’s front pages, with the Daily Mail -- Britain’s highest-circulation newspaper -- declaring “Camilla WILL become Queen”.

The move was a long time coming for the Mail, which splashed on its Sunday front page that the queen’s statement “ends years of speculation” over the future role of the Duchess of Cambridge as well as quashing rumours that she might abdicate.

The decision, the tabloid declared, represented “the clearest sign yet not just of the Queen’s unwavering support for her daughter-in-law but proof of her enduring affection for the woman who has secured her eldest son’s happiness”.

The Mail’s main conservative tabloid rival, The Sunday Express, also led with the story, describing it as the Queen’s “Platinum Jubilee Gift to Charles” and offering readers a free eight-page souvenir special to mark Elizabeth II’s 70 years as monarch.



A couple take a selfie photograph before an image of Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II at Piccadilly Circus in central London, yesterday, to mark the start of Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee Year. Queen Elizabeth II yesterday became the first British monarch to reign for seven decades.

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CYBERATTACKS UN says North Korea making profits from it

REUTERS, United Nations

North Korea continued to develop its nuclear and ballistic missile programs during the past year and cyberattacks on cryptocurrency exchanges were an important revenue source for Pyongyang, according to an excerpt of a confidential United Nations report seen on Saturday by Reuters.

The annual report by independent sanctions monitors was submitted on Friday evening to the UN Security Council North Korea sanctions committee.

“According to a member state, DPRK cyberactors stole more than \$50 million between 2020 and mid-2021 from at least three cryptocurrency exchanges in North America, Europe and Asia,” the report said.

In 2019, the UN sanctions monitors reported that North Korea had generated an estimated \$2 billion for its weapons of mass destruction programs using widespread and increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks.

The report also said that the country’s “humanitarian situation” has worsened.

Putin keeping all options open

Say US officials, Ukraine says diplomatic solution more likely than full-scale invasion



AFP, Washington

Russia has stepped up preparations for an all-out invasion of Ukraine but it is not clear if Moscow has decided to take such a step, US officials have said citing intelligence assessments.

Russia has assembled 110,000 troops along the border with its pro-Western neighbor but US intelligence has not determined if President Vladimir Putin has actually decided to invade, according to the officials who in recent days briefed members of Congress and European allies.

The officials warned lawmakers that the assembled Russian force on the frontier is growing at a rate that would give Putin the force he needs for a full-scale invasion -- some 150,000 soldiers -- by mid-February.

They said Putin wants all possible options at his disposal: from a limited campaign in the pro-Russian Donbas region of Ukraine to a full-

scale invasion. Russia denies that it is planning to invade Ukraine.

If Moscow does opt for a full-scale attack, the invading force could take the capital Kyiv and topple President Volodymyr Zelensky in a matter of 48 hours, the officials said.

They estimated such an attack would leave 25,000 to 50,000 civilians dead, along with 5,000 to 25,000 Ukrainian soldiers and 3,000 to 10,000 Russian ones.

It could also trigger a refugee flood of one to five million people, mainly into Poland, the officials added.

However, Ukraine’s presidency yesterday insisted the chance of resolving soaring tensions with Russia through diplomacy remained greater than that of an attack.

“An honest assessment of the situation suggests that the chance of finding a diplomatic solution for de-escalation is still substantially higher than the threat of further escalation,”

‘Little Rayan’ dies before rescue

AFP, Morocco

Morocco was in shock yesterday after emergency crews found a five-year-old boy dead at the bottom of a well in a tragic end to a painstaking five-day rescue operation that gripped the nation and the world.

The ordeal of “little Rayan” since he fell down the well on Tuesday afternoon gained global attention and sparked an outpouring of sympathy online, with the Arabic hashtag #SaveRayan trending.

Throughout the operation to extricate him from the bottom of the 32-metre (100-foot) well shaft, authorities had cautioned that they did not know whether he was alive.

And reflecting the emotions provoked by the drama, it was Morocco’s royal cabinet that announced he had been found dead.

Tributes poured in in the wake of the news that the rescue efforts had failed to recover Rayan alive.

“I want to say to the family of little Rayan and to the Moroccan people that we share your pain,” French President Emmanuel Macron said on Facebook.

Guterres urges China to allow ‘credible’ visit by UN rights chief

REUTERS, United Nations

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told Chinese leaders on Saturday that he expected authorities to allow UN human rights chief Michelle Bachelet to make a “credible visit” to the country, including Xinjiang, the United Nations said.

Guterres met with China’s President Xi Jinping and Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the sidelines of the Winter Olympics, according to a UN readout of the meetings. Bachelet’s office in Geneva said last month that conversations were underway for a possible trip to the area in northwest China in the first half of the year.



Pakistan a priority in neighbourhood diplomacy: China

NDTV ONLINE

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on Saturday said that Pakistan is a “priority” in China’s neighbourhood diplomacy as he met his Pakistani counterpart Imran Khan who ensured him that his government will do its utmost to ensure the safety of Chinese nationals and projects in his country. Li, the second-ranking leader of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) after Chinese President Xi Jinping, has expressed China’s willingness to strengthen all-dimensional practical cooperation with Pakistan, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. Khan is in Beijing at the invitation of the Chinese government and attended the opening ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics on Friday. Khan is also expected to meet President Xi during which he may discuss the state of “all-weather ties”, the problems faced by the President’s pet initiative, the \$60 billion CPEC and Chinese loans and investments to shore up Pakistan’s sagging economy.

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