

UKRAINE CHILDREN

More than half of them are displaced: UN

81 killed, 108 injured

AFP, Geneva

More than half of all children in Ukraine have been displaced from their homes since Russia launched its full-scale invasion on February 24, the United Nations said yesterday.

“One month of war in Ukraine has led to the displacement of 4.3 million children – more than half of the country’s estimated 7.5 million child population,” the UN children’s agency Unicef said.

Displaced children make up nearly half of the over 10 million people who have been forced to flee their homes since the invasion began.

More than 1.8 million children have fled Ukraine as refugees, while another 2.5 million are now displaced inside their war-ravaged country, the UN said.

Unicef’s statement came a month after Russian tanks rolled over the border, bringing a conflict that has already killed thousands of Ukrainian civilians.

The UN human rights office has confirmed that 81 children have been killed in the conflict and 108 injured but acknowledges that the true toll is likely far higher. The UN has also decreed that the conflict is taking a devastating toll on civilian infrastructure and access to basic services.

The World Health Organization has verified 64 attacks on health care, including on hospitals, clinics and ambulances, since the invasion began.

And Ukraine’s education ministry has reported damage to more than 500 schools and other education facilities, according to Unicef.



US President Joe Biden shakes hands with France’s President Emmanuel Macron next to Britain’s Prime Minister Boris Johnson (L) and Italy’s Prime Minister Mario Draghi (2L) at Nato Headquarters in Brussels, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

N Korea tests largest ICBM

US, allies condemn move; S Korea test-fires own missiles in response

Reuters, Seoul

North Korea conducted what is thought to be its largest intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) test ever yesterday, the South Korean and Japanese militaries said, marking a dramatic end to a self-imposed moratorium on long-range testing.

It would be the first full-capability launch of the nuclear-armed state’s largest missiles since 2017, and represents a major step in the North’s development of weapons that might be able to deliver nuclear warheads anywhere in the United States.

The North’s return to major weapons tests also poses a new national security headache for US President Joe Biden as he responds to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, and presents a challenge to South Korea’s incoming conservative administration.

“This launch is a brazen violation of multiple UN Security Council resolutions and needlessly raises tensions and risks destabilising the security situation in the region,” White House said in a statement.

North Korea had put its ICBM and nuclear tests on hold since 2017,

but has defended the weapons as necessary for self-defence.

Japanese authorities said the launch appeared to be a “new type” of ICBM that flew for about 71 minutes to an altitude of about 6,000km. It landed inside Japan’s exclusive economic zone, 170 km west of the northern prefecture of Aomori, at 3:44 p.m. (0644 GMT), the coast guard said. That is further and longer than North Korea’s last ICBM test in 2017, when it launched a Hwasong-15 missile that flew for 53 minutes to an altitude of about 4,475 km and range of 950 km.



US, Russia ties ‘stand on their own merit’

India refuses to take side in Ukraine war, rebukes China FM over J&K remarks

Reuters

India has friendly relations with both the United States and Russia that stand on their own merit, the foreign ministry told parliament yesterday, in reply to a query whether the Ukraine war had affected ties.

Over the past decade, India has grown closer to the United States in the face of a resurgent China across the border, but Russia remains its biggest arms supplier.

India is the only major country close to the United States that not to have condemned Russia’s invasion of Ukraine or imposed any sanctions on it.

“India has called for immediate cessation of hostilities and return to the path of diplomacy and dialogue with respect to the conflict in Ukraine,” junior foreign minister Meenakshi Lekhi told parliament.

“India has close and friendly relations with both the US and Russia,” she added. “They stand on their own merit.”

This week, US President Joe Biden said India was the only one of the Quad group of nations that was “somewhat shaky” in acting against Russia. Aimed at containing China, the grouping consists of Australia, India, Japan and the United States.

After a visit this week to New Delhi, a US diplomat said the country stood ready to help India with more supplies of military hardware and energy to reduce its reliance on Russia.

Meanwhile, China’s Foreign Minister Wang Yi drew a rebuke from the Indian government ahead of his expected but unconfirmed visit to New Delhi, upsetting his hosts with remarks made in Pakistan this week concerning the disputed Kashmir region.

Attending a conference of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Pakistan on Tuesday, Wang said that “China shares the same hope” as the OIC on Kashmir, a Muslim majority region which both India and Pakistan rule in part but claim in full.

An Indian government source told Reuters that Wang would meet India’s FM Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval today, and that while the agenda was unclear, talks on the Ukraine conflict were expected.

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14	676231	Procurement of Cardiac OT Table for Cardiac OT for the fiscal year 2021-2022	07-Apr-2022 17:00	10-Apr-2022 12:00	10-Apr-2022 12:00
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16	676233	Procurement of Instrument for Lumbar Spine Surgery for the fiscal year 2021-2022	07-Apr-2022 17:00	10-Apr-2022 12:00	10-Apr-2022 12:00
17	676234	Procurement of High-Speed Drill Electrical System for Neurosurgery for the fiscal year 2021-2022	07-Apr-2022 17:00	10-Apr-2022 12:00	10-Apr-2022 12:00
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Vladimir Putin has already crossed the red line into barbarism.

UK PM Boris Johnson on Ukraine war

Country made good progress

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Hall in the Prime Minister’s Office.

Bangladesh has gained economic self-sufficiency, she said, adding, “Now we can implement our development projects with 90 percent financing from our own resources... Our goal is ensure the benefits [of independence] reach every household.”

She also said Bangladesh has been able to continue its momentum in economic development, attain GDP growth and increase per capita income amid the pandemic fallout as her government has been working according to plan.

About her government’s success in electricity generation, she said, “We’ve been able to illuminate every house.”

In this context, she recalled that her government in 1996-2001 had increased the power generation capacity to 4,300MW from only 1,500MW. Unfortunately, the generation capacity came down to 3,200MW again when the Awami League was not in power, she said.

Hasina congratulated the recipients of the Independence Award-2022.

the researchers.

“Furthermore, the fragmentation of intestinal dead bacterial cell-wall can function as a toxin and decrease IAP levels,” Prof Salequul Islam, co-investigator of the study, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Reduction in IAP levels is also associated with

Barua and Prof Dr Md Kamrul Islam were given the highest civilian award for their contributions to the medicine sector, while Syed Mainul Hossain (posthumous) for his contribution to architecture.

The Power Division was given the award for successfully bringing 100 percent of the population under the electricity coverage by increasing the daily power generation capacity to 25,514MW, while Bangladesh Wheat and Maize Research Institute received the award for research and training.

“It is a great honour for me to hand over the Swadhinata Purashkar to you in person.”

She stressed the need for awarding the people who are silently working for the welfare of citizens at the grassroots.

Ilias Ahmed Chowdhury (posthumous), Col Khandaker Nazmul Huda (posthumous), Mohammad Sahiudin Biswas (posthumous), Sirazul Haque (posthumous), Siraj Uddin Ahmed and Abdul Jalil were honoured for their contributions to the 1971 Liberation War.

Prof Dr Kanak Kanti

unhealthy dietary habits, physical inactivity, and consumption of alcohol and carbonated beverages, he added.

Of all diabetic patients, 85 percent get the disease due to habitual reasons, while 15 percent get it genetically.

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Researchers linked to the

Woman, AL man

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Abdul Ahad, deputy commissioner (Motijheel Division) at Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said the woman got shot when the suspect fired at Jahid through the car window.

Police found 11 shells at the scene.

A local named Ferdous Khan, who was near the scene, said he saw two men on a motorcycle stopping by the side of the road.

The pillion passenger got down and went to the other side of the road on foot while the rider waited with the engine idling. Gunshots rocked the area moments later.

Ferdous then saw the man running to the motorcycle and they both disappeared on the bike while the man was still shooting his weapon.

In a security camera footage seen by this correspondent, a man appeared to be shooting a firearm held close to the car window.

Jahid was an accused in a case filed over the killing of Jubo League leader Riazul Haque Khan Milky in Gulshan in 2013.

His wife Farhana Islam Doly is a councilor of Ward-4.

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they may join the opposition.

Some political analysts and opposition members say Khan has fallen out with Pakistan’s powerful military, which has intervened in civilian politics for decades and was seen as instrumental in the success of Khan’s upstart party four years ago.

Long daytime naps

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However, the latest study published in The Journal of the Alzheimer’s Association, indicates that it is a sign of the disease, not a cause.

“It might be a signal of accelerated ageing,” according to Dr Yue Leng, assistant professor of Psychiatry Behavioral Science at the University of California, San Francisco and one of the researchers.

“The main takeaway is if you didn’t used to take naps and you notice you’re starting to get sleepier in the day, it might be a signal of declining cognitive health,” the researcher added.

The previous studies which compared postmortem brains showed that those with Alzheimer’s disease were found to have fewer specialist neurons that promote wakefulness, reports The Guardian adding that unusual sleep patterns, insomnia and poor sleep quality during night are common for people with dementia.

However, the latest study showed that the link with napping remained even when sleep during night-time was taken into account. “This suggested that the role of daytime napping is important itself,” Leng said.

The authors of the study added that feeling increasingly drowsy during the day could be an early sign that changes in the brain, which were the precursors of dementia, were under way.