

China swelters in record heat

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Cities across China were on red alert for heatwaves yesterday, as tens of millions of people were warned to stay indoors and record temperatures strained energy supply.

Swathes of the planet have been hit by extreme and deadly heatwaves in recent months, from Western Europe in July to India in March to April.

Scientists say the extreme weather has become more frequent due to climate change, and will likely grow more intense as global temperatures continue to rise.

China is no exception and is sweating through one of its hottest summers on record.

In the eastern provinces of Zhejiang and Fujian, the mercury rose above 41 degrees Celsius over the weekend, reaching all-time highs in two cities, reports AFP.

People in areas under red heat alerts -- mostly concentrated in the southeast and northwest -- are being ordered to "cease all outdoor activities" and "pay special attention to fire prevention," the national meteorological service said in multiple notices over the weekend.

Earlier this month Shanghai recorded its highest air temperature -- 40.9C -- since records began in 1873.

Tunisians vote on constitution Fears for democracy as critics say new charter gives president too much power

REUTERS, Tunis

Tunisians yesterday began voting in a referendum on a new constitution that critics of President Kais Saied fear will dismantle the democracy that emerged from a 2011 revolution by handing him nearly total power.

The vote is being held on the first anniversary of Saied's ousting of an elected parliament, when he established emergency rule and began governing by fiat.

Tunisia's divided opposition parties have called his moves a coup that risks flinging Tunisia back into the autocratic era from before the revolution and putting the final nail into the coffin of the 2011 "Arab Spring" uprisings.

The new constitution shifts power back to the presidency and away from parliament, where an Islamist party, Ennahda, has been the biggest faction since the revolution.

But amid an economic crisis and deepening hardship, there has been little in the way of protest against Saied, whose power grab last year was welcomed by many Tunisians who were fed up with political bickering and government failure.

It is not clear when the results will be announced after polls close at 2100 GMT. But with little apparent enthusiasm for the vote and a boycott by major parties, analysts expect a "yes" vote with a low turnout.

As voting got underway, few people were out in the humid early morning streets. But at Rue Marseilles polling station in downtown Tunis, Illyes Moujahed was first in line, saying Saied was the only hope.

"I'm here to save Tunisia from collapse. To save it from years of corruption and failure," he said.



Residents watch as an Israeli bulldozer demolishes a Palestinian house in the Umm Qasas area of Masafer Yatta in the occupied West Bank yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Grain deal stands Says Russia despite missile attack on Ukraine's Odessa; EU countries rewrite plan to cut gas demand

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Russia yesterday brushed aside Western and Ukrainian alarm that a missile strike by its forces on Ukraine's port of Odessa could derail a United Nations brokered deal aimed at easing global food shortages by resuming grain exports from the Black Sea region.

The Kremlin said Saturday's strike - denounced by Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky as "barbarism" - had only targeted military infrastructure and would not impact the grain export arrangements in the deal reached on Friday in Istanbul.

Ukraine said yesterday it hoped the deal would start to be implemented this week.

"We believe that over the next 24 hours we will be ready to work to resume exports from our ports. We are talking about the port of Chornomorsk, it will be the first, then there will be Odessa, then the port of Pivdeny," deputy infrastructure minister Yuriy Vaskov told a news conference.

As the war enters its sixth month, the Ukrainian military reported widespread Russian shelling in eastern Ukraine overnight. It said Moscow continued to prepare for an assault on Bakhmut in the industrial Donbas region, which Russia



aims to seize on behalf of separatist proxies.

Near Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city located in the country's northeast, three people were trapped under the rubble of a cultural centre in the town of Chuhuyiv and a fourth person was wounded, Zelensky's office said.

Ukraine said yesterday its forces had used US-supplied HIMARS rocket systems to destroy 50 Russian ammunition depots since receiving the weapons last month. Russia did not immediately comment but its Defence Ministry said its forces had destroyed an ammunition depot for HIMARS systems.

Diplomats from the European Union, which has joined the United States in imposing sanctions on Russia but has

continued to buy its gas, were set to discuss targets yesterday for member states to cut their gas use. Russia has reduced supplies to Europe, blaming the sanctions, reports Reuters.

Global wheat prices rose sharply yesterday due to uncertainty over the grain agreement, erasing most of the falls seen on Friday when traders had anticipated an easing of supply shortages.

Before the invasion and subsequent sanctions, Russia and Ukraine accounted for nearly one-third of global wheat exports.

Meanwhile, Russian news agency RIA said the two regions, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia, might hold referendums in early September on joining Russia, quoting Vladimir Rogov, member of the Russia-appointed Zaporizhzhia provincial government.

Ukraine's military reported progress in what it has termed a steady counter-offensive in Kherson, however, saying its forces had moved within firing range of Russian targets.

Britain said Russian commanders continue to face a dilemma - whether to bolster their defences around Kherson and nearby areas or resource their offensive in the east.

First monkeypox case reported in Japan

AFP, Tokyo

Japan yesterday confirmed its first case of monkeypox, detected in a man in his 30s who had travelled overseas, Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike announced. "It's a man in his 30s with a history of overseas travel who had returned from Europe. This is the first monkeypox case in Japan," Koike told reporters. She said the man had been hospitalised in Tokyo, without giving further details. The case was reported hours after Japan's government convened a taskforce meeting to collect information and prepare to test and receive patients at clinics. On Saturday, the World Health Organization declared the monkeypox outbreak a global health emergency -- the highest alarm it can sound. Monkeypox has affected more than 16,800 people in 74 countries, according to a tally by the US CDC published on July 22.

CANADIAN MASS SHOOTING Police confirm several victims

REUTERS, Langley

There were several victims of a mass shooting early yesterday in the Canadian province of British Columbia, local media reported, and police said one person was in custody. Police had earlier issued an emergency alert for multiple shootings in the city of Langley and asked residents to stay alert and away from the area of the incident. Langley police in a statement said they responded to "multiple reports of shots fired with several victims and several different scenes throughout the City of Langley, and one scene in the Township of Langley" and asked the public to remain out of several areas, including the parking lot of a casino and a bus stop. In an alert sent to B.C. residents' phones, police said the shootings involved "transient victims".

Amartya Sen refuses West Bengal award

THE ECONOMIC TIMES ONLINE

Nobel laureate economist Amartya Sen on Sunday refused to accept the Banga Bibhushan award to be conferred upon by the West Bengal government. "I spoke to my father this morning. He told me that he has received innumerable awards throughout his lifetime. He wants these awards to go to other people," Amartya Sen's daughter Antara DebSen said. Earlier, the Left Front had appealed to intellectuals, including Nobel laureates Amartya Sen and Abhijit Binayak Sen, to refuse the award by the "corrupt" state government for the sake of job seekers and victims of the alleged West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) scam.

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I am dismayed that despite appeals from across the world, the military conducted these executions with no regard for human rights.

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UN High Commissioner for Human Rights **Michelle Bachelet** said after Myanmar's ruling military executed four democracy activists

Lanka to restrict fuel imports for next 12 months Says energy minister; authorities reopen schools

REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lanka will restrict fuel imports for the next 12 months because of a severe shortage of foreign exchange, its energy minister said yesterday, as the island nation's new government seeks to find a way out of a crippling economic crisis.

The country of 22 million has been grappling with a lack of essentials, including fuel and medicines,



for months, after its foreign exchange reserves ran dry because of economic mismanagement and the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic.

"Due to Forex issues, Fuel imports has to be restricted in the next 12 months," Sri Lanka's Minister for Power and Energy, Kanchana Wijesekera, said in a tweet, explaining the rationale behind a fuel rationing system that will be implemented this week.

The rationing system is among the first steps that Sri Lanka's new President Ranil Wickremesinghe will take to ease the impact of the crisis after taking office last week following a victory in a parliament vote.

His predecessor, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, fled the country and then resigned earlier this month after mass protests against his mishandling of the economy.

Sri Lanka also reopened its schools yesterday after severe fuel shortages and political unrest kept them closed for nearly a month.

However, public sector employees have been asked to continue working from home for one more month, the government said in a circular issued on Sunday.

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Invitation for Enlistment & Renewal of Enlistment (2022-2023)

Memo No. 46.03.9100.013.07.41.15-44

Date: 25/07/2022

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1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Local Govt. Rural Development & Co-operatives, Local Govt. Division.	
2.	Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE).	
3.	Procuring entity name	Superintending Engineer, Sylhet Circle.	
4.	Procuring entity district	Sylhet.	
5.	Invitation for	Enlistment & Renewal of Enlistment.	
6.	Invitation Ref. No.	CE DPHE Office Memo No. 46.03.0000.001.35.001.13-145 (14)	
7.	Date	20/07/2022	
KEY INFORMATION			
8.	Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
9.	Application closing date and time	Date	Time
10.	Name & address of the office(s)		
- Application form availability		Office of the Executive Engineers, DPHE, Sylhet, Sunamganj, Habiganj and Moulvibazar.	
- Receiving application form		Office of the Superintending Engineer, DPHE, Sylhet Circle, Topkhana, Sylhet.	
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT			
11.	Eligibility of applicant	a. Must have valid trade license. b. Must have TIN. Must have Vat registration certificate. c. Must have bank solvency certificate. d. Others document as mentioned in application form.	
12.	Price of application form (Tk)	500.00 (non-refundable).	
13.	Enlistment/renewal fee (Tk)	New Enlistment Fee 5000.00+15% VAT and Renewal Fee 2000.00 + 15% VAT. Must be submitted in the form of Pay Order/ Demand Draft in favour of Executive Engineer, DPHE, Sylhet Division. Two separate POs/DDs to be submitted-one for Enlistment/Renewal Fee and another for 15% VAT of Tk 750.00/300.00 respectively. If application is not accepted, the PO/DD will be refunded.	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
14.	Name of official inviting application	M. Shaikh Sadi Rahmatulla.	
15.	Designation of official inviting application	Superintending Engineer, DPHE, Sylhet Circle, Sylhet.	
16.	Address of official inviting application	DPHE, Topkhana, Sylhet.	
17.	Contact details of official inviting application	0821727461	se.sylhet@dphe.gov.bd
18.	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all applications.		
GD-1433		M. Shaikh Sadi Rahmatullah SE, DPHE, Sylhet Circle	