Myanmar junta extends emergency

Cites need for stability

REUTERS

The head of Myanmar's junta yesterday blamed instability for stalling efforts to implement a peace plan agreed with other Southeast Asian countries as he extended emergency rule for another six months.

The junta first declared a state of emergency after seizing power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in a coup in February last year.

Myanmar has been in chaos since then, with conflict spreading after the army crushed mostly peaceful protests in towns and cities.

The 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) agreed a five-point "consensus" to end hostilities last year, but there has been little sign of the junta implementing the five-point plan, which includes an end to violence and dialogue.

Junta leader Min Aung Hlaing said in a speech aired on state media that Myanmar had been striving to overcome the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic while facing internal violence.

"So it was difficult to implement the Asean consensus due to the lack of stability," said Min Aung Hlaing, adding that only when the situation was "normal" could progress be made.

Social activists display placards and posters during a rally to protest against alleged irregularities in West Bengal government staff recruitment process in Kolkata, India yesterday. With former minister Partha Chatterjee in jail in connection with the recruitment scam and the death of two others, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee yesterday announced that she will reshuffle her cabinet Wednesday and induct four to five new faces.

PHOTO: AFP

Australian MP slams 'colonising' queen in oath

AFP, *Sydney*

Aboriginal Senator Lidia Thorpe branded Britain's Elizabeth II a "colonising" queen yesterday, as the recently elected lawmaker reluctantly swore allegiance while taking the oath of office. In a flash of protest, Greens senator Thorpe raised her right fist in a Black Power salute as she begrudgingly swore to serve the 96-year-old monarch, who is still Australia's head of state. "I sovereign, Lidia Thorpe, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will be faithful and I bear true allegiance to the colonising Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II," she said before being rebuked by a Senate official. "Senator Thorpe, Senator Thorpe, you are required to recite the oath as printed on the card," said the chamber's president Sue Lines. After reciting the pledge as required, Thorpe declared on Twitter: "Sovereignty never ceded." Australia was a British colony for more than 100 years, a period during which thousands of Aboriginal Australians were killed and communities were displaced wholesale. The country gained de facto independence in 1901, but has never become a fully fledged republic.

Lanka seeks urgent help to feed children

AFP, *Colombo*

Sri Lanka yesterday issued an urgent appeal to tackle rapidly spreading malnutrition among children as its economic crisis leaves nine out of 10 people dependent on state handouts.

The Ministry for Women and Child Affairs said they were seeking private donations to feed possibly several hundred thousand children wasting due to insufficient food.

"When the Covid pandemic was at its peak, the problem was bad, but now, with the economic crisis, the situation is far worse," Secretary Neil Bandara Hapuhinne told reporters in Colombo.

Hapuhinne said they had counted 127,000 malnourished children among the 570,000 girls and boys below the age of five in mid-2021.

Pelosi expected to visit Taiwan, say officials

China reiterates its military would not 'sit idly by'

CNN ONLINE

US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is expected to visit Taiwan as part of her tour of Asia, according to a senior Taiwanese government official and a US official, despite warnings from Biden administration officials, who are worried about China's response to such a high-profile visit.

The stop -- the first for a US House speaker in 25 years -- is not currently on Pelosi's public itinerary and comes at a time when US-China relations are already at a low point.

The Taiwanese official added that she is expected to stay in Taiwan overnight. It is unclear when exactly Pelosi will land in Taipei.

The US official added that Defense Department officials are working around the clock on monitoring any Chinese movements in the region and securing a plan to keep her safe.

During a regular foreign ministry briefing yesterday, China warned against the "egregious political impact" of Pelosi's planned visit to the self-governing island that China claims as a part of its territory and reiterated that its military "won't sit by idly" if Beijing feels its "sovereignty and territorial integrity" is being threatened.

"We would like to tell the US once again that China is standing by, and the Chinese People's Liberation Army will never sit idly by. China will take resolute responses and strong countermeasures to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity," Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told reporters, when asked about the fallout from Pelosi leading a congressional delegation to Taipei.

"As for what measures, if she dares to go, then let's wait and see," Zhao added.

National Security Council coordinator for strategic communications John Kirby said yesterday that the Biden administration will support Pelosi on a trip to Taiwan.

"We want to make sure that when she travels overseas, she can do so safely and securely and we're going to make sure of that. There is no reason for the Chinese rhetoric. There is no reason for any actions to be taken. It is not uncommon for congressional leaders to travel to Taiwan," Kirby told CNN's Brianna Keilar on "New Day."

'No intention' to rejoin ICC

Says Philippines president

AFP, *Manila*

The Philippines has no plan to rejoin the International Criminal Court, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr said yesterday, with the tribunal's prosecutor seeking to resume a probe into the ex-president's deadly drug war.

Rodrigo Duterte, who left office on June 30, pulled the Philippines out of the ICC in 2019 after it launched a preliminary probe into his drug crackdown, which killed many thousands of people.

ICC judges authorised a full investigation into the anti-narcotics campaign last September, saying it resembled an illegitimate and systematic attack on civilians.

It suspended the probe two months later, after Manila said it was looking into the alleged crimes itself.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE

Two dead in largest blaze this year

AFP, *Yreka*

Firefighters in northern California were battling yesterday to gain control over the state's largest wildfire this year, which claimed two lives after exploding in size over the weekend and forcing thousands to evacuate their homes. Whipped up by strong winds and lightning storms, the McKinney Fire ripped through the state's dry terrain Sunday to spread over some 52,500 acres of Klamath National Forest near the town of Yreka -- and was zero percent contained as of Sunday night according to CalFire. California and other parts of the western United States have been ravaged by huge and fast-moving wildfires in recent years, driven by years of drought and exacerbated by a warming climate. The McKinney fire, which broke out Friday near the border with Oregon, is California's largest wildfire so far this year -- though it remains much smaller than last year's Dixie Fire, which burned nearly one million acres. According to the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, firefighters on Sunday found two people dead inside a burned-out car on the driveway of a home in the community of Klamath River -- in the fire's path.

Supporters of Iraqi cleric Moqtada Sadr, protesting against a rival political bloc's nomination for prime minister, occupy Iraq's parliament in the capital Baghdad's high-security Green Zone, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Truss wins UK cabinet backing

AFP, *London*

British Conservative frontrunner Liz Truss won another heavyweight endorsement yesterday as party members began a month of voting to decide the next occupant of 10 Downing Street.

Truss's lagging rival Rishi Sunak vied to make up lost ground with a plan for future tax cuts -- and potentially to host a future women's football World Cup in Britain after England's "Lionesses" won the European championship.

Truss attended Sunday's final against Germany, and the first victory by any England football team in a major tournament since 1966 wiped the prime ministerial race off newspaper front pages.

The Tory contenders were set to go head to head later yesterday in a members' hustings, in the southwestern city of Exeter -- the second of 12 such events before the winner is announced on September 5.

Sunak, a polished debater, needs to recapture momentum after Truss steamed into a strong polling lead on a platform of immediate tax cuts to address Britain's worst cost-of-living crisis in generations.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nadhim Zahawi joined other luminaries of Boris Johnson's cabinet in backing the foreign secretary against Sunak, his predecessor in the Treasury.

"Liz understands that the status quo isn't an option in times of crisis," Zahawi wrote in The Telegraph, attacking Sunak's plan to prioritise fighting inflation now, before cutting taxes later.

"We need a 'booster' attitude to the economy, not a 'doomster' one, in order to address cost-of-living woes and the challenges on the world stage," the new chancellor said.

Sunak's resignation from the scandal-tainted Johnson's cabinet helped spark a ministerial exodus that forced the prime minister out last month.

As they began receiving postal and online ballot forms, a large minority of the roughly 200,000 Tory members is said by pollsters to nurse a grievance against Sunak -- one shared by Johnson.

The prime minister is not formally taking sides, but has told aides that he intends to give his successor some words of advice, "whoever she may be", The Sunday Times reported.

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১০.	দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান	নির্বাহী দপ্তর, বেপজা কমপ্লেক্স, বাড়ী নং-১৯/ডি, রোড নং-৬, ধানমন্ডি, ঢাকা-১২০৫।
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১৪.	আনুষঙ্গিক অন্যান্য সেবার বিবরণ	ভাড়াকৃত ডাবল পিক-আপ মাসের প্রতিটি দিনই বেপজার তত্ত্বাবধানে সংস্থার নিজস্ব গাড়ীচালক ও জ্বালানী খরচের মাধ্যমে পরিচালিত হবে। গাড়ী পরিচালনার বিষয়ে বিস্তারিত তথ্যাবলী সিডিউলে উল্লেখ রয়েছে।
১৫.	চুক্তির মেয়াদ	কার্যাদেশ দেয়ার পরবর্তী ০১ (এক) বৎসর পর্যন্ত।
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১৭.	সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ	সংখ্যা	দরপত্র নিরাপত্তা জামানত	সরবরাহের সময়সীমা
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