

## Russia ramping up production of 'most powerful' arms: Medvedev

AFP, Moscow

Russia's ex-president Dmitry Medvedev yesterday said the country was ramping up production of new-generation weapons to protect itself from enemies in Europe, the United States and Australia. "We are increasing production of the most powerful means of destruction. Including those based on new principles," Medvedev said. "Our enemy dug in not only in the Kyiv province of our native Malorossiya," Medvedev said, using the term to describe territories of modern-day Ukraine that were part of the Russian Empire under the tsars. "It is in Europe, North America, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and a whole number of other places that pledged allegiance to the Nazi."



## Toothless pact will fail

Warn activists as countries haggle over nature deal at COP15

AFP, Montreal

The world's next global pact for nature is doomed without clear mechanisms for implementing targets, conservation groups said Saturday on the sidelines of UN talks, as hundreds of protesters took to the streets of Montreal demanding greater action.

Similar factors were widely blamed for the failure of the last 10-year biodiversity deal, adopted in 2010 in Aichi, Japan, which was unable to achieve nearly any of its objectives.

"Strong text that commits countries to review progress against global targets and ratchet up action over time is essential to hold governments accountable," said Guido Broekhoven of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), adding he was "very worried" about the current state of negotiations on this point.

Implementation mechanisms are at the heart of the Paris agreement on the fight against global warming, in the form of "nationally determined



contributions."

However, the current text on biodiversity only "urges" countries to take into account the conclusions of a global review in four years' time -- without committing them to enhance action if the review finds targets aren't on track.

"So what we have on the table is barely an encouragement to maybe do better," Aleksandar Rankovic, of the US

nonprofit Avaaz, told AFP.

"And there is no compliance mechanism being discussed that could help organize this necessary conversation between governments, on how they could cooperate better."

The UN meeting, called COP15, running from December 7-19, bringing together nearly 5,000 delegates from 193 countries to try to finalize "a pact of peace with nature," with key goals to preserve Earth's forests, oceans and species.

On a freezing Saturday, people young and old, including a large contingent of Indigenous Canadians, braved the biting cold to make their voices heard in Canada's second city.

Saturday was supposed to be the last day for delegates to work on the implementation text, before their environment ministers arrive on December 15 for the home stretch of the negotiations. Under pressure, an additional meeting day next week was approved.

## UK defends royals amid controversy

AFP, London

Britain's government yesterday rallied to the defence of the beleaguered royal family after a new racism row and explosive Netflix documentary. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said there was no stronger supporter of a multicultural Britain than King Charles III, Harry's father. "And I think the royal family's attitude to this country reflects the modern country that we see," he told Sky News.

## US delegation to visit China

REUTERS, Washington

A high-level US delegation will travel to China next week to follow up on President Joe Biden's recent talks with Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping and prepare for Secretary of State Antony Blinken's visit there early next year, the US State Department said on Saturday. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Daniel Kritenbrink and National Security Council Senior Director for China and Taiwan Laura Rosenberger will travel to China, South Korea and Japan from December 11-14.

## A World Cup too cruel, too beautiful

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critics wrong, a habit of defying age and physics, a stubbornness of never giving up, and a continuity of bouncing back from the bottom, so powerless and timid must have served as a reality check to a generation of fans who grew up idolising and imitating him in every step of the way.

But, simultaneously, at the other end of the tunnel was unfolding a surrealism of the opposite kind: the Moroccan players, their fans, and the entire world were still coming to terms with the stunning achievement that had materialised, against all odds.

This was the first time that an African nation had entered the World Cup semis. Even though they had already made history by becoming the first Arab nation to play in the quarters, that too at the expense of Spain, dumping out

tournament favourites Portugal -- who came on the back of a rampant 6-1 victory against Switzerland in the Round of 16 -- still seemed a dream too good to be true.

But their 1-0 win over Portugal, thanks to a towering header from Youssef En-Nesyri, was a testament to the tactical brilliance masterminded by Walid Regragui, who had begun international coaching just merely five months ago.

From there to having the best defensive outing so far in Qatar -- with the Atlas Lions yet to let an opponent player score as they only conceded an own goal in their 2-1 win over Canada -- the beauty in Morocco's run has been in their ingenuity, fearlessness and, yet, in knowing their limitations and abilities.

While Regragui's tactical gambit of soaking up pressure in a classic low block before unleashing attack

through Hakim Ziyech from the flanks, alongside Sofyan Amrabat's darting run from the midfield, had paid off, questions could be raised about the ones made by Portugal coach Fernando Santos, who once again left talisman Ronaldo on the bench, hoping for the same fluidity that was seen against Switzerland.

Such contrasting outcomes of managers' tactics were seen in the quarterfinal between Brazil and Croatia as well as Tite's men failed to hold on to their lead taken in the extra time, a price the Hexa aspirants paid off for committing men forward in the dying minutes.

The untiring and relentless midfield of Croatia, led by their 37-year-old skipper Luka Modric, left it late to break the hearts of the Selecao and send Neymar away in tears. As cruel as it might have seemed for Neymar, whose mesmerising move gave Brazil the

lead, the appeal of the never give-up attitude by the Croatians cannot be denied.

Argentina, Croatia, Morocco, and holders France are the last four standing. Argentina fans hope for it to be a befitting ending, with the great Lionel Messi lifting their third title in his World Cup swansong. The industrious Croatians would want to be rewarded for their efforts by going a step further than they did in Russia four years ago. The supersonic Kylian Mbappe would not want to slow down before making France the only successful defenders after Brazil in 1962 while Morocco and the entire African and Arab community have all the right to dream of going all the way.

Come November 18, it is certain that many will be left in tears and agony while others in elation and ecstasy, giving this beautiful sport more enthralling chronicles.

## Atlas Lions get Arab world

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wearing shirts with the names of Hakim Ziyech, Achraf Hakimi, Yassine Bounou and others on the back, some draped in the Moroccan flag.

"Exceptionally proud and happy. It's an exceptional and historic moment, not only for Morocco but for the Arab region and Africa. It's such an honour representing all of these countries in this World Cup," Aliya said when asked about her feelings.

Indeed, Morocco have the fractious Arab world and beyond behind them after the other Arab and African sides fell at different stages of the tournament. It is being hailed as the sporting achievement of the entire Arab world since Ons Jabeur of Tunisia reached the final of both the US Open and the Wimbledon earlier this year.

"Continental History!... What an achievement by the Atlas Lions," the Confederation of African Football said in a tweet while Dubai ruler Mohammed bin Rashed tweeted: "No

voice is louder than Morocco's in the World Cup!"

The journalists at the Host Country Media Centre, where many of the media personalities hailing from the Arab nations work, cheered on Morocco as they watched the match at the media centre's Virtual Stadium. Some of them cheered when Cristiano Ronaldo was brought on as a substitute in the second half, but when the Atlas Lions completed the victory, everyone in the room in front of the giant screen were leaping in joy.

Away in Downtown Doha, Abdellah Ayman was preparing to go home after hours of reveling. The young student from a Moroccan university was barely able to speak, his voice coarse and dry from hours of shouting and chanting.

"This is the greatest day of my life, the greatest day for Morocco," he said. "I'm here with my friends from other Arab countries and African countries. Today we are all one, we are all Atlas Lions."

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### Invitation for Tenders (International)

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3	Purchaser Name	The Program Director, Fourth Primary Education Development Program (PEDP4)
4	Purchaser Code	Not used at present
5	Purchaser District	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Goods
7	Invitation Ref No.	38.01.0000.005.07.331.22-2206;
8	Date	11/12/2022
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	GD 101.05	Procurement of 5829 Nos. Multimedia Projector	District Primary Education Office (Tangail, Dhaka, Munshigonj, Faridpur & Sylhet)	BDT 76,00,000.00 or equivalent USD	3 Months
	GD 101.06	Procurement of 4482 Nos. Multimedia Projector	District Primary Education Office (Cumilla, Brahmanbaria, Feni, Chattogram & Cox's Bazar)	BDT 58,50,000.00 or equivalent USD	3 Months
	GD 101.07	Procurement of 5775 Nos. Multimedia Projector	District Primary Education Office (Barishal, Patuakhali & Mymensingh)	BDT 75,50,000.00 or equivalent USD	3 Months
	GD 101.08	Procurement of 4506 Nos. Multimedia Projector	District Primary Education Office (Dinajpur & Rangpur)	BDT 58,80,000.00 or equivalent USD	3 Months
	GD 301.04	Procurement of 2686 Nos. Multimedia Projector	District Primary Education Office (Bogura, Rajshahi, Kushtia, Jashore & Khulna)	BDT 35,00,000.00 or equivalent USD	3 Months
	GD 301.05	Procurement of 3581 Nos. Multimedia Projector	District Primary Education Office (Tangail, Dhaka, Munshigonj, Faridpur & Mymensingh)	BDT 47,00,000.00 or equivalent USD	3 Months
	GD 301.06	Procurement of 3624 Nos. Multimedia Projector	District Primary Education Office (Cumilla, Brahmanbaria, Feni, Chattogram, Cox's Bazar & Sylhet)	BDT 47,00,000.00 or equivalent USD	3 Months
	GD 301.07	Procurement of 2150 Nos. Multimedia Projector	District Primary Education Office (Barishal & Patuakhali)	BDT 28,00,000.00 or equivalent USD	3 Months
	GD 301.08	Procurement of 2959 Nos. Multimedia Projector	District Primary Education Office (Dinajpur & Rangpur)	BDT 38,60,000.00 or equivalent USD	3 Months
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