

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 on messaging app Telegram.

"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."

Medvedev, who serves as deputy head of Russia's Security Council, did not provide details of the weapons.

President Vladimir Putin repeatedly said that Russia has been developing new types of weapons including hypersonic weapons that he boasts can circumvent all existing missile defence systems.

Since Putin sent troops to Ukraine on February 24, 57-year-old Medvedev has regularly taken to social media to write increasingly bombastic posts.

With Moscow on the "back foot" in its offensive in pro-Western Ukraine, the military stalemate has raised fears that Russia could resort to its nuclear arsenal to achieve a military breakthrough.

On Friday, Putin said Russia could amend its military doctrine by introducing the possibility of a preemptive strike to disarm an enemy, in an apparent reference to a nuclear attack.

The Kremlin chief claimed that Russia's cruise missiles and hypersonic systems were "more modern and even more efficient" than those in the United States.



A health worker takes a swab sample from a woman to be tested for the Covid-19 coronavirus at a swab collection site in Beijing, China, yesterday. One of China's top health experts has warned of a surge in Covid-19 cases, state media said yesterday, in the wake of the government's decision to abandon its hardline coronavirus strategy.

PHOTO: AFP

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.

ARTEMIS I MOON MISSION

Nasa capsule heads for splashdown

REUTERS



Nasa's uncrewed Orion capsule yesterday hurtled through space on the final return leg of its voyage around the moon and back, winding up the inaugural mission of the Artemis lunar program 50 years to the day after Apollo's final

moon landing. The capsule was due to parachute into the Pacific at 1739 GMT near Guadalupe Island, off Mexico's Baja California peninsula. Orion was nearing the end of its 25-day mission. The debut SLS Orion voyage kicked off Apollo's successor program, Artemis, aimed at returning astronauts to the lunar surface this decade and establishing a sustainable base there as a stepping stone to future human exploration of Mars.

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Invitation for Tenders (International)

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2	Agency	Directorate of Primary Education
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;
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22 -Opening Tender Document

Pre-Tender Meeting
23 **Place:** Multipurpose Hall Room, Ground floor, Directorate of Primary Education, Section 2, Mirpur, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh.
Date: 02/01/2023 **Time:** 11.00 am Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT + 6 hrs)

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

24	Eligibility of Tenderer	Stated in the Tender Document			
25	Brief Description of Goods	Stated in the Tender Document			
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27	Price of Tender Document	Amount: BDT 3,000.00 (BDT three thousand only) or USD 40.00 (USD forty only) [Non-refundable] Mode: Pay Order; Beneficiary: The Program Director, PEDP4			
28	Package No.	Identification of Packages	Location	Tender Security	Completion Time in Months
	GD 101.04	Procurement of 5408 Nos. Multimedia Projector	District Primary Education Office (Bogura, Rajshahi, Kustia, Jashore & Khulna)	BDT 70,50,000.00 or equivalent USD	3 Months
	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, Kustia, 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	
29	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Hamidul Haque			
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