

India hosts talks on Myanmar crisis

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India has hosted a closed-door dialogue on Myanmar where participants called for reduction of violence by all sides in the country.

The dialogue, hosted by state-backed Indian Council for World Affairs (ICWA) on Tuesday in New Delhi, was the second round of "Track 1.5". It was the follow-up of a similar exercise held in Bangkok last month.

Think-tank experts and representatives of Myanmar's military regime, ASEAN countries-Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam were among the participants. Indonesia was present as ASEAN's rotating chair. China and Bangladesh also attended it, according to reports.

Participants also underlined the need to create political space for dialogue in Myanmar.



Power Plant Employees lay flowers at a memorial to commemorate the 37th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster at the Chernobyl Power Plant yesterday amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. AFP PHOTO: STAR

Singapore hangs man over 1 kg of cannabis

AFP, Singapore

Singapore hanged a prisoner yesterday after he was convicted of conspiracy to smuggle one kilogram of cannabis, despite rights groups decrying "many flaws" in the case.

Tangaraju Suppiah was hanged in defiance of a plea by the United Nations Human Rights Office for Singapore to "urgently reconsider" and calls by British tycoon Richard Branson to halt it.

The Asian financial hub has some of the world's toughest anti-narcotics laws and insists the death penalty remains an effective deterrent against trafficking.

"Singaporean Tangaraju Suppiah, 46, had his capital sentence carried out today at Changi Prison Complex," a spokesman for the Singapore Prison Service said.

Joy, fear as India's population becomes world's biggest

AFP, Dehra

Exhausted, elated and cradling her newborn daughter in a rundown government hospital, young mother Manu Bala had just helped make India the world's most populous nation.

Tears of joy and relief streamed down Bala's cheeks as her yet unnamed child -- one of more than 67,000 born across India on Monday -- rested on her chest.

It was also the day the UN announced that India, already home to more than one in every six humans on the planet, would this week eclipse China with more people than any other country.

"I am very happy that my child was born on the day India left behind China -- it feels special to become a mother on this day," the 22-year-old housewife told AFP from her bed.

"I want my baby to study hard and become whatever she wants to become. I want to give her a good life."

Bala's husband Rohit, a state government employee, was relieved that the birth was without complications and ecstatic about becoming a father.

He already has his mind turned to the weeks ahead: the family will have a naming ceremony 11 days after the birth, with the assistance of a Hindu priest consulting astrological charts for an auspicious moniker.

But beyond that, Rohit was fretting over the future awaiting his daughter.

"There are many problems we have to face because of the growing population," the 30-year-old told AFP. "Even for seeing the doctor here we had to queue up for so long."

India faces huge challenges in providing electricity, food and housing for its growing population.

Many of its cities struggle with water shortages, air and water pollution, and packed slums.

Millions of young people are entering the workforce each year and struggling to find opportunities in an economy that does not have the capacity to provide them all with jobs.

"Already there is so much unemployment in the country. It will become all the more difficult to get a job," Rohit said.

"I think one baby is enough in today's times."

PAK ARMY CHIEF'S VISIT TO CHINA Regional stability, discussed

DAWN ONLINE

Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Asim Munir, who is in China on a four-day official visit, called on the commander of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) yesterday.

During the meeting, the two military commanders reaffirmed the need to maintain peace and stability in the region while promoting military-to-military cooperation, according to ISPR.

COAS Munir's four-day visit to China includes a series of meetings with military leaders aimed at strengthening relations between the two armed forces, ISPR said.

These inaugural meetings are expected to be followed by further discussions.

CLEVERLY SPEECH OVER TAIWAN UK 'clinging to the past': China

AFP, Beijing



China yesterday slammed a speech by Britain's foreign secretary that warned Beijing against any attack on Taiwan and raised human rights concerns, accusing London of "clinging to the past".

Asked about the set-piece foreign policy address delivered by James Cleverly on Tuesday, China's foreign ministry said Britain was "holding outdated scripts and reciting old lines".

Spokesperson Mao Ning said London should "stop making groundless accusations against China and interfering in China's internal affairs, and do more to contribute to the development of China-UK relations, as well as to world peace and stability".

"Eventually, it can only get further and further away from the progress of the times," she added.

"China urges the British side to be careful in words and deeds."

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China pushes largest expansion of nuke arsenal

AFP, Hong Kong

China is pushing ahead with the largest ever expansion of its nuclear arsenal, modernising the atomic deterrent with an eye on any future conflicts with the United States, experts say.

The SIPRI think tank estimates that China has a stockpile of around 350 nuclear warheads -- small fry when compared with the United States and Russia.

But it is growing fast, and could have 1,500 warheads by 2035, according to a Pentagon estimate published in November.

"China appears to no longer be satisfied with just a few hundred nuclear weapons to ensure its security," Matt Korda, of the Federation of American Scientists, told AFP.

"China is undertaking the most significant expansion and modernization of its nuclear forces in the country's history," David Logan, an assistant professor at the US Naval War College, told AFP.

This involves not only ramping up the production of warheads, but also upgrading the ability to deliver them with a nuclear triad: missiles, aircraft and submarines.

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