

'Would exchange Oscar for no war'

Says Ukrainian director after academy award win

REUTERS

Ukrainian director Mstyslav Chernov, who on Sunday won the first Academy Award for his country for the "20 Days in Mariupol" documentary about the Russian siege of the port city, said he would rather have no Oscar and no war waged against his country.

Chernov, a video journalist for The Associated Press, shot the film during the first days of Russia's 2022 invasion in Ukraine when trapped in Mariupol with a team of journalists. On Sunday, the film won the Oscar for best documentary feature.

"This is the first Oscar in Ukrainian history, and I'm honoured," Chernov said in a powerful acceptance speech to a standing ovation.

"But probably I will be the first



director on this stage who will say I wish I never made this film. I wish to be able to exchange this to Russia never attacking Ukraine, never occupying our cities... but I cannot change history. Cannot change the past."

Mariupol became a byword for horror during a nearly three-month-long Russian siege of the strategic port city between March and May 2022, with trapped civilians forced to bury their dead by the roadside.

At least 8,000 people were killed by fighting or war-related causes during the siege, one of the biggest battles of the nearly two-year war between Russia and Ukraine, the Human Rights Watch said in February.



Smoke rises during an Israeli ground operation in Khan Younis as seen from a tent camp sheltering displaced Palestinians in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

ARTILLERY SHELLS

Russia producing thrice more than US, Europe for Ukraine

CNN ONLINE

Russia appears on track to produce nearly three times more artillery munitions than the US and Europe, a key advantage ahead of what is expected to be another Russian offensive in Ukraine later this year.

Russia is producing about 250,000 artillery munitions per month, or about 3 million a year, according to Nato intelligence estimates of Russian defense production shared with CNN, as well as sources familiar with Western efforts to arm Ukraine. Collectively, the US and Europe have the capacity to generate only about 1.2 million munitions annually to send to Kyiv, a senior European intelligence official told CNN.

The US military set a goal to produce 100,000 rounds of artillery a month by

the end of 2025 — less than half of the Russian monthly output — and even that number is now out of reach with USD 60 billion in Ukraine funding stalled in Congress, a senior Army official told reporters last week.

"What we are in now is a production war," a senior Nato official told CNN. "The outcome in Ukraine depends on how each side is equipped to conduct this war."

Officials say Russia is currently firing around 10,000 shells a day, compared to just 2,000 a day from the Ukrainian side. The ratio is worse in some places along the 600-mile front, according to a European intelligence official.

The shortfall comes at perhaps the most perilous moment for Ukraine's war effort since Russia first marched on Kyiv

in February 2022. US money for arming Ukraine has run out and Republican opposition in Congress has effectively halted giving any more.

Ukraine is struggling not just with ammunition but also growing manpower shortages on the front lines.

"The number one issue that we're watching right now is the munitions," the Nato official said. "It's those artillery shells, because that's where Russia really [is] mounting a significant production advantage and mounting a significant advantage on the battlefield."

Russia is running artillery factories "24/7" on rotating 12-hour shifts, the Nato official said. About 3.5 million Russians now work in the defense sector, up from somewhere between 2 and 2.5 million before the war.

China, Russia, Iran hold joint naval drills

AFP, Beijing

The navies of China, Russia and Iran are staging joint drills in the Gulf of Oman this week, Beijing said yesterday. The military activities — conducted from yesterday through Friday — are aimed at "jointly maintaining regional maritime security", according to a statement published on social media platform WeChat by China's defence ministry.

"China will send... guided-missile destroyer Urumqi, guided-missile frigate Linyi and comprehensive supply ship Dongpinghu to participate in the exercise," the statement added, without providing further details. Drills in the area were held in March last year between the same three countries under the name "Security Bond 2023".

This year's round of joint exercises coincides with soaring tensions in the region as the war in Gaza rages and Iran-backed Huthi rebels in Yemen have launched a flurry of attacks on ships in the Red Sea.

Russian state media reported that a detachment of ships from the country's Pacific Fleet, led by the Varyag cruiser, arrived at the Iranian port of Chah Bahar on Monday ahead of the drills.

"The practical part of the exercise will take place in the waters of the Gulf of Oman in the Arabian Sea," Russian news agencies cited the defence ministry as saying.

"The main purpose of the manoeuvres is to work out the safety of maritime economic activity."

'CATASTROPHIC' CLIMATE RISKS

Europe must do more: EU

AFP, Copenhagen

Europe could suffer "catastrophic" consequences from climate change if it fails to take urgent and decisive action to adapt to risks, a new EU analysis warned yesterday.

Areas in southern Europe are most at risk, the European Environment Agency (EEA) said in its first report on the risks the continent faces from climate change, driven by human burning of fossil fuels.

The dangers include fires, water shortages and their effects on

agricultural production, while low-lying coastal regions face threats of flooding, erosion and saltwater intrusion.

"Many of these risks have already reached critical levels and could become catastrophic without urgent and decisive action," the agency said. That doesn't mean northern Europe is spared the negative impact, as floods in Germany and forest fires in Sweden have demonstrated in recent years.

"Extreme heat, drought, wildfires, and flooding, as experienced in

recent years, will worsen in Europe even under optimistic global warming scenarios and affect living conditions throughout the continent," the EEA warned. "These events are the new normal," EEA director Leena Yla-Mononen told a press briefing ahead of the report's release. "It should be the wake-up call. The final wake-up call," she added. The report lists 36 risks related to climate in Europe, 21 of which demand more immediate action and eight were "particularly urgent."

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Memo No. CMCH/Re-Tender/2023-24/MSR & Non-MSR/2930

Date: 11-03-2024

Invitation for e-GP Tender (Re-Tender)

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/ hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). For more details, please contact support desk contract numbers. e-Tender are invited in e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Brigadier General Md. Shamim Ahsan, Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital, Chattogram for the Procurement of:

Sl. No.	Tender Id	Name of goods	Tender/proposal last selling date & time	Tender/proposal closing & opening date & time	Tender/proposal opening date & time
1	960734	Procurement of Machine Readable Reagent- Hematology 5 Part for the fiscal year 2023-24	24-March-2024 15:00	25-March-2024 14:00	25-March-2024 14:00
2	961042	Procurement of Surgical Goods (Suture Items) for the fiscal year 2023-24	24-March-2024 15:00	25-March-2024 14:00	25-March-2024 14:00
3	960140	Procurement of X-ray & CT, MRI Film-Agfa for the fiscal year 2023-24	24-March-2024 15:00	25-March-2024 14:00	25-March-2024 14:00
4	960997	Procurement of Computer Related Accessories for the fiscal year 2023-24	24-March-2024 15:00	25-March-2024 14:00	25-March-2024 14:00
5	960996	Procurement of Full Set Desktop Computer for the fiscal year 2023-24	24-March-2024 15:00	25-March-2024 14:00	25-March-2024 14:00
6	960995	Procurement of C C Camera & other materials for the fiscal year 2023-24	24-March-2024 15:00	25-March-2024 14:00	25-March-2024 14:00
7	961180	Procurement of Diet Goods (Dressed Fish etc) for the fiscal year 2023-24	24-March-2024 15:00	25-March-2024 14:00	25-March-2024 14:00
8	961183	Procurement of Machine Readable Reagent-Nihon Koden, FUS-2000 for the fiscal year 2023-24	24-March-2024 15:00	25-March-2024 14:00	25-March-2024 14:00
9	961185	Procurement of Machine Readable Reagent- Auto Hematology, Biocell-86 for the fiscal year 2023-24	24-March-2024 15:00	25-March-2024 14:00	25-March-2024 14:00

For pursuer e-Tender details can be downloaded on e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). e-Tender will be accepted only as stated in above list, accepted tenders will be opened online as

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LATAM FLIGHT

50 injured as passengers 'flew through cabin'

REUTERS

At least 50 people travelling in a LATAM Airlines ITMSN flight from Sydney to Chile via Auckland suffered injuries yesterday after a "technical problem" caused a "strong movement", the New Zealand Herald reported, citing the airline. It landed at Auckland airport as scheduled last afternoon, according to FlightAware. The newspaper quoted a passenger who said she experienced a "quick little drop" during the flight.

One person is in a serious condition while the rest had suffered mild-to-moderate injuries, a spokesperson for healthcare services firm Hato Hone St John, which treated roughly 50 people at the airport, said. The aircraft is an eight-year-old Boeing BA.N 787-9 Dreamliner, according to flight tracking website FlightRadar24, and stops in Auckland on its way to Santiago. Boeing said it was working to gather more information and will provide any support to the airline. A spokesperson for the South American airline told the Herald there had been a "technical problem" on flight LA800.

Chinese research vessel spotted off India

REUTERS, New Delhi

A second Chinese research vessel in two months has been spotted near India's coast, adding to New Delhi's anxiety over possible military intelligence-gathering in its backyard. The two Asian superpowers have uneasy ties, with a military standoff on their Himalayan border since mid-2020 and a war fought between them in 1962. The Xiang Yang Hong 01 was seen off India's eastern coast over the weekend, according to an Indian security official, a geo-intelligence researcher and ship tracking information. It follows a similar ship's docking at a Maldivian port last month. Both are owned by units of China's natural resources ministry. Beijing says the vessels carry out ocean-bed surveys for peaceful scientific reasons only and dismisses any concerns as ungrounded fear-mongering. But Indian officials worry the vessels could also gather information that may be of use to China's military, including for submarine deployments.

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(পেট্রোলিয়ামের একটি কোম্পানি)					
Sylhet Gas Fields Limited					
(A Company of Petrobangla)					
International Tender Notice					
Ref. No. SGFL/4000 CFP/23-24/FP-10	Date: 10-03-2024				
1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.				
2. Agency	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (A Company of Petrobangla).				
3. Procuring entity name	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (SGFL).				
4. Procuring entity district	Sylhet.				
5. Invitation Ref. No.	SGFL/4000 CFP/23-24/FP-10 dated 10-03-2024				
6. Invitation for	Tender for Procurement of Gas Regulator with Spares.				
KEY INFORMATION					
7. Procurement method	Open tender method (OTM), Single stage one envelope system.				
FUNDING INFORMATION					
8. Budget and source of funds	Own source of Sylhet Gas Fields Limited.				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
9. Project name	N/A.				
10. Tender publication date	N/A.				
11. Tender last selling date	06-05-2024				
12. Place of tender selling	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, Petrobangla (13th Floor), 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.				
13. Date & time of selling of tender document	The tender document will be available for sale from 14-03-2024 to 06-05-2024 during office hours on all working days.				
14. Tender closing date & time	07-05-2024 and 12-00 hrs (BST).				
15. Tender opening date & time	07-05-2024 and 12-15 hrs (BST).				
16. Place of tender receiving & opening	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Procurement Department, P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet, Bangladesh.				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
17. Eligibility of tenderer	Bonafide manufacturers/suppliers or their authorized agents of all countries except the country/countries having no diplomatic relation with Bangladesh.				
18. Brief description of	Procurement of Gas Regulator with Spares.				
19. Price of tender document	Taka 4,000.00 (non-refundable).				
20. Special instruction	a) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstance (Strike, Holiday, Lockdown etc.) the same will be received/ opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. b) Tender must remain valid for 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of opening of the tender. c) Tenderer shall furnish with the Tender an acceptable Tender Security in the form of Demand Draft or Pay Order or Bank guarantee (as per format provided in the Tender Document) issued by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh or by any scheduled foreign bank operating in Bangladesh or by any reputed foreign bank duly endorsed with full obligation and liability by a scheduled bank of Bangladesh in the amount as under: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description of Goods</th> <th>Tender security amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Procurement of Gas Regulator with Spares</td> <td>Taka 1,50,000.00 or USD 1,360.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> d) The Tender Security must remain valid for 148 (one hundred forty-eight) days from the date of opening of the tender. e) The scope of supply, terms of supply and information require to be furnished by the Tenderers, etc. are included in the tender document. f) Tender(s) submitted after the deadline for receiving of tender(s) will be rejected and returned unopened to the Tenderer. g) The Tender must not be submitted by Fax or E-mail. h) This tender notice will also be available at Petrobangla website: www.petrobangla.org.bd and SGFL website: www.sgfl.org.bd	Description of Goods	Tender security amount	Procurement of Gas Regulator with Spares	Taka 1,50,000.00 or USD 1,360.00
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21. Name of official inviting tender	Tarak Ahmed.				
22. Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager (Procurement), Telephone No. 880-2996641630, E-mail: damp@sgfl.org.bd				
23. Address of official inviting tender	Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd, P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet, Bangladesh.				
24. Sylhet Gas Fields Limited reserves the right to reject any or all tender or annul the tendering process at any stage prior to award of contract without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected Tenderer(s).					

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Deputy General Manager (Procurement)