

India to focus on solving border issues with China

Says FM Jaishankar

REUTERS, Mumbai

India will focus on finding solutions to the border issues with China that has long strained ties between the neighbouring countries, Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar said yesterday after assuming charge for a second straight term.

India and China share a 3,800 km (2,400 mile) border - much of it poorly demarcated - over which the nuclear-armed nations also fought a war in 1962.

They have engaged in a military standoff since July 2020 when 20 Indian soldiers and four Chinese troops were killed in the worst clashes in five decades. "With Pakistan, we would want to find a solution to the issue of years-old cross-border terrorism. That cannot be the policy of a good neighbour," Jaishankar said.



People walk towards a devastated building at Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City yesterday. The medical facility, the largest in the Gaza Strip, was reduced to rubble after an Israeli operation in March, the WHO said. PHOTO: AFP

SNAP POLLS French right-wing leader backs Le Pen alliance

AFP, Paris

The leader of France's main right-wing party yesterday said he backed an alliance with the far right of Marine Le Pen in snap legislative elections, triggering a crisis within his own party and fury from the government.

The stunning announcement by the Republicans (LR) leader Eric Ciotti in a lunchtime television interview is the first time in modern French political history that a leader of a traditional party has backed an alliance with the far right National Rally (RN).

President Emmanuel Macron called the polls on June 30, with a second round on July 7, in a gamble after the RN scored more than double the number of votes in EU elections.

ISRAEL'S FREEING OF HOSTAGES

Gaza civilian killings could be war crimes: UN rights office

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The UN human rights office said yesterday the killings of civilians in Gaza during the Israeli operation to release four hostages, and also armed groups' holding of captives in densely populated areas, could amount to war crimes.

Israel said the operation, accompanied by an air assault, took place on Saturday in the heart of a residential neighbourhood in central Gaza's Nuseirat area where Hamas had kept the hostages in two separate apartment blocks.

The operation killed more than 270 Palestinians, according to Gaza health officials, reports Reuters.

"The manner in which the raid was conducted in such a densely populated area seriously calls into question whether the principles



of distinction, proportionality and precaution - as set out under the laws of war - were respected by the Israeli forces," Jeremy Laurence, spokesperson for the UN human rights office, said.

Laurence added that the holding of hostages in such densely populated areas by armed groups was "putting the lives of

Palestinian civilians, as well as the hostages themselves, at added risk from the hostilities."

"All these actions, by both parties, may amount to war crimes," he said.

Meanwhile, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) has suspended the delivery of aid to Gaza via a temporary US military

pier in order to assess the security situation, a spokesperson said Monday.

Stephane Dujarric linked the move to the Israeli hostage rescue operation over the weekend, reports AFP.

"World Food Programme colleagues tell us that we are temporarily pausing operations at the floating dock until a thorough assessment of the security situation is conducted to ensure the safety of our staff and our partners," said Dujarric, spokesperson for the UN secretary-general.

"We've all seen what happened in Gaza over the weekend. We've seen some of the media reports. We've also taken note of very public statements by the US Central Command that the floating pier had not been used in the operation by the Israeli forces regarding the hostages," he said.

4 US instructors stabbed in China

White House expresses deep concern

AFP, Beijing

A suspect has been arrested over the stabbing of four American college teachers in northeastern China, police said yesterday, with Beijing describing the attack as an "isolated" incident.

The four were on an academic exchange and worked as instructors at Iowa's Cornell College, which said they were wounded in a "serious incident". White House expressed "deep concern" about the stabbing incident.

The attack took place on Monday in a public park in Jilin province, where police confirmed they had arrested a 55-year-old man. "The suspect, named Mr Cui, was arrested the same day (as the attack)," the local police said.

Beijing confirmed that "four foreign teachers" had been attacked. "All the wounded were taken to hospital... and received proper treatment. None of them are in danger of losing their life," spokesman Lin Jian told reporters.

"The police preliminarily judged that the case was isolated. Further investigation is underway."

"China is generally recognised as one of the safest countries in the world," Lin added. "China... will continue to take relevant measures to effectively protect the safety of all foreigners in China," he said.

China urges greater BRICS role as Western sanctions mount

REUTERS, Beijing

China has urged the BRICS bloc of nations to take on greater responsibilities and establish itself as being inclusive to the world, Foreign Minister Wang Yi said yesterday, in the wake of Western sanctions and trade restrictions imposed on the country.

Many Chinese companies have faced Western sanctions over their support for Russia's war in Ukraine, and the European Commission is set to announce tariffs this week on Chinese EVs in a bid to protect European carmakers.

This week, the Group of Seven wealthy democracies is expected to send a tough warning to smaller Chinese banks to stop helping Russia evade Western sanctions, Reuters reported, citing sources.



Russia destroyed half of Ukraine's power generation

Says Zelensky, urges allies to supply more air defence systems

AFP, Berlin

Russian strikes on Ukraine's energy facilities have destroyed half of its electricity generation capacity since winter, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said yesterday.

Months of Russian strikes have caused severe energy shortages in Ukraine, leading to scheduled power outages and blackouts.

"As a result of the strikes of Russian missiles and drones, nine gigawatts of capacity have already been destroyed. The peak of electricity consumption last winter was 18 gigawatts. So half now doesn't exist," Zelensky told a conference in Berlin.

Zelensky also urged allies to supply more air defence systems, saying: "It is missile and bomb terror that helps Russian troops advance on the ground."

"Air defence is the answer," he said. Ukraine's state power operator said it was extending scheduled outages around the country because of increased consumption.

"Today... the period of application of hourly outage schedules throughout Ukraine has been extended -- restrictions will be imposed from 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm," Ukrenergo said in a statement.

The company had announced outages on Monday between 4:00pm-10:00 pm and had said outages would continue between 2:00pm-7:00pm yesterday.

"The reason is that consumption continues to grow. At the same time, due to extensive damage, Ukrainian power plants cannot produce as much electricity as before the attacks," the company said.

Zelensky said the strikes showed Russian President Vladimir Putin was trying to "hone the practice of destroying energy facilities" including connections between the Ukrainian and European energy systems.

Ukrenergo chairman Volodymyr Kudrytsky said last week that it could take "years" for Ukraine to restore its full generating capacity.



Protesters hold placards during a protest near the US embassy in Manila, Philippines yesterday, to call on leaders of the Group of 7 (G7) to deliver climate finance to developing countries in anticipation of the 50th G7 Summit on June 13 in Italy. PHOTO: AFP

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