

ANNUAL SUMMIT Embattled Biden greets Nato allies in Washington

REUTERS, Washington

US President Joe Biden welcomed the heads of Nato member states to Washington yesterday for an annual summit that gives the embattled Democrat an international stage to convince allies at home and abroad he can still lead.

Biden, 81, has vowed to press on in his race against Republican Donald Trump, 78, despite concern from Democrats on Capitol Hill and donors that he will lose the November 5 election after a halting debate performance on June 27.

Biden made restoring the United States' traditional alliances abroad to counter the threat of autocracies the centerpiece of his foreign policy after Trump challenged allies as part of an "America First" approach. Who wins in November could have a substantial impact on Nato's and Europe's future.

Trump has suggested that, given a second term, he would not defend Nato members that did not meet the alliance's defense spending target of two percent of their respective GDP if they came under military attack. He has also questioned the amount of aid given to Ukraine.

Aides said Biden's opening speech expected at 5:00 pm Eastern time (2100 GMT) will highlight what his administration sees as a key accomplishment: a stronger and more united Nato, under Washington's leadership, with more members and a resolve to meet their collective security needs.

That brings, they say, tangible results for American voters: a safer country, with a strong international economic position, more alliances and power abroad, and less at risk of conflict with its adversaries.



Rescuers carry the body of a person found under debris at the site where an apartment building was hit by a Russian missile strike in Kyiv, Ukraine yesterday. Targeting hospitals in Ukraine is a "war crime," a senior UN official told an emergency meeting of the Security Council yesterday, called in the wake of deadly strikes that Kyiv blamed on Russia.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Ukrainian drones target Russian military airfield, oil refinery

AFP, Kyiv

Ukrainian drones targeted a military airfield, an oil refinery and substation in southern Russia, a defence source in Kyiv said yesterday, after Moscow reported an overnight aerial barrage.

Kyiv has stepped up cross border aerial attacks on Russia in recent months, attempting to damage energy infrastructure and the Kremlin's war chest by hurting oil revenues.

Russia has launched drone and missiles attacks that have crippled Ukrainian power plants and halved the country's generation capacity.

In an operation coordinated by Security Services of Ukraine and the country's military

intelligence, drone spurred explosions at the Akhtyubinsk military airfield in Russia's Astrakhan region.

It also said there had been blasts at an electrical substation in the Rostov region and an oil depot in the southern Volgograd region.

The source added that Ukrainian forces would pursue more strikes on "Russian military facilities working for the war against Ukraine."

There was no response in Moscow to the specific claims.

The Russian defence ministry however had earlier said that its air defence systems had destroyed 38 Ukrainian drones in regions near the border between the two countries,

including Rostov and Astrakhan.

Rostov's governor Vasily Golubev in comments to state-run agency TASS acknowledged an electric substation had been damaged in a drone attack, saying repairs would take three days.

And Astrakhan's governor Igor Babushkin said Ukraine had launched a "massive attempt to attack targets with drones" in the north of the region, adding that the attack had been "successfully repelled".

Both sides have used drones, including larger self-detonating craft with ranges stretching hundreds of kilometres extensively throughout the conflict, which began in February 2022.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

India races to build power plants: sources

REUTERS, New Delhi

India plans to spend \$1 billion to expedite the construction of 12 hydropower stations in the northeastern Himalayan state of Arunachal Pradesh, two government sources said, a move that could raise tensions with China that lays claims to the region.

The federal finance ministry under Nirmala Sitharaman recently approved up to 7.5 billion rupees (\$89.85 million) in financial assistance to each hydropower project in the northeastern region, the sources said.

Under the scheme, about 90 billion rupees will likely be allotted for the 12 hydropower projects in Arunachal Pradesh, said the sources, who have direct knowledge of the matter.

The scheme is likely to support northeastern states and help them finance equity holdings in the projects they host. Having state governments on board generally helps in expediting regulatory clearances, locals rehabilitation and negotiations on sharing electricity with the host state.

The plans for the hydropower stations are expected to be announced in the 2024/2025 federal budget that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government will unveil on July 23, the sources said, declining to be named as the information remained confidential.

The Indian finance and power ministries and China's foreign ministry did not immediately respond to Reuters' requests for comment.

Last August, the government awarded contracts to state-run firms NHPC NHPC.NS, SJVN. SJVN.NS and NEEPCO for the construction of the 11.5 gigawatt capacity plants entailing an estimated investment of \$11 billion, as part of a broader project to develop infrastructure in the border region.

None of the companies responded to a request for comments. These power plants were earlier enlisted with private sector firms, but remained non-starters due to various reasons.

India has built less than 15 gigawatt hydropower plants in last 20 years, while installations of new coal and other renewable sources of energy were nearly 10 times of the new hydropower projects.

“Whether it is war, conflict... any person who believes in humanity, is pained when there is loss of lives.”

Indian PM Narendra Modi tells Putin during Moscow visit

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