

Putin slams discriminatory sanctions

REUTERS, Beijing

On the eve of a visit to China, Russian leader Vladimir Putin blasted Western sanctions as his country's economy teetered on the brink of recession, wounded by trade curbs and the cost of his war in Ukraine.

Russia and China jointly opposed "discriminatory" sanctions in global trade, Putin said in a written interview with China's official Xinhua news agency published on Saturday.

Putin will be in China, Russia's biggest trading partner, from Sunday to Wednesday in a four-day visit that the Kremlin has called "unprecedented."

The Russian leader will first attend the two-day summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in the northern Chinese port city of Tianjin. The security-



focused SCO, founded by a group of Eurasian nations in 2001, has expanded to 10 permanent members that now include Iran and India.

Putin will then travel to Beijing to hold talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping and attend a massive military parade in the Chinese capital commemorating the end of World War Two after Japan's formal surrender.

West has slapped several rounds of sanctions on Russia since it invaded Ukraine in 2022.

US President Donald Trump said he might impose "massive" sanctions on Russia depending on whether progress was possible in his bid to secure a peace deal.

Putin and Xi declared a "no limits" strategic partnership in 2022. The two have met over 40 times in the past decade.



A boy comes out of the rubble of a collapsed building hit by Israel in the Nuseirat camp for Palestinian refugees in the central Gaza Strip yesterday. The Israeli military declared Gaza City "a dangerous combat zone" on August 29 and asked all residents of the city to evacuate immediately.

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GAZA ATROCITIES

EU ministers split over sanctions on Israel

REUTERS, Copenhagen

European Union foreign ministers were deeply split yesterday over the war in Gaza, with some calling for the EU to apply strong economic pressure on Israel while others made clear they were unwilling to go that far.

"We are divided about this issue," Kaja Kallas, the EU's foreign policy chief, said as she arrived for a meeting with the ministers in the Danish capital Copenhagen.

"If you don't have a unified voice ... on this topic, we don't have a voice on the global scene. So that's definitely very problematic," she said.

Kallas said she was "not very optimistic" that ministers could agree even on a proposal she described as lenient - as it is less severe than other options - to curb Israeli access to an EU research-funding programme.

The war has brought to the

surface deeply rooted differences among the EU's 27 countries on the Middle East. Many EU governments have criticised Israel's conduct of the war. But they have been unable to agree on impactful EU political or economic action.

Countries, including Ireland, Spain, Sweden and the Netherlands, have called for the suspension of an EU free trade pact with Israel. But traditional allies of Israel, such as Germany, Hungary and the Czech Republic, have rejected such steps.

"If the EU does not act as a collective now and take sanctions against Israel, whenever will it? What more could it possibly take? Children are starving," said Irish Foreign Minister Simon Harris.

A global hunger monitor that works with the United Nations and major aid agencies said last week it had determined there was famine in Gaza. Israel rejected its findings.

The European Union is Israel's

biggest trading partner, with trade in goods between the two amounting to 42.6 billion euros last year, according to the EU.

German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepful said Berlin had made clear that Israel had to respect humanitarian principles in its war against Hamas and that Germany had suspended delivery of weapons that could be used in Gaza.

But he said Germany was "not very convinced" by the proposal to curb Israeli access to EU research funds, questioning how suspending such civilian cooperation that he described as sensible would be useful.

European Commission officials say they proposed the measure to send an initial signal to Israel and because it does not need unanimity to pass. Support from 15 countries would be enough if they represent 65% of the EU population.

70 killed as migrant boat capsizes off West Africa

REUTERS

At least 70 people were killed when a boat carrying migrants capsized off the coast of West Africa, Gambia's foreign affairs ministry said late on Friday, in one of the deadliest accidents in recent years along a popular migration route to Europe.

Another 30 people are feared dead after the vessel, believed to have departed from Gambia and carrying mostly Gambian and Senegalese nationals, sank off the coast of Mauritania early on Wednesday, the ministry said in a statement.

It was carrying an estimated 150 passengers, 16 of whom had been rescued.

The Atlantic migration route from the coast of West Africa to the Canary Islands, typically used by African migrants trying to reach Spain, is one of the world's deadliest.

More than 46,000 irregular migrants reached the Canary Islands last year, a record, according to the EU. More than 10,000 died attempting the journey, a 58% increase over 2023, according to the rights group Caminando Fronteras.

BGCS pledges to end

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Its pledges include eradicating the long-standing culture of guest and common rooms, popularly known as "gono rooms" in the halls.

Abdul Qader, vice president candidate; Abu Baker Mojumder, general secretary candidate; and Ashrefa Khatun, assistant general secretary candidate, read out the manifesto part by part at Madhur Canteen.

According to it, a cybersecurity cell and legal support for women were proposed, along with library facilities, healthcare, and transportation services through a "One Card All Service" system. It also pledged to recover nearly 300 acres of land encroached upon by the university.

Qader said students have long been deprived of their rights, adding that some have turned the university into a cantonment, while others into a concentration camp.

The manifesto states that regular Ducus elections will be guaranteed in the academic calendar, while party politics

will be abolished in halls and on the academic field.

It also mentions in the "Academic and Administrative" section that the autonomy of the university will be ensured through democratic reforms as envisioned in the DU Ordinance-1973.

An app called "One Stop Solution" will be developed, allowing students to complete admission, access exam results, collect admit cards, and pay tuition fees in one place.

The manifesto pledged a "One Student One Seat" policy for fair housing allocation. It also emphasised strict action against moral policing over clothing and committed to eliminating discrimination against students from minority religions, ethnicities, and madrasas.

It further said the panel would provide high-speed internet service across campus through Starlink, launch part-time job schemes, and offer skill development training in dormitories.

Being forced to rush

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may not continue with the current prosecution team.

"The concern is that elections are due in February, and a new government will take office. If it does not carry these trials forward, [the process may stall]. That is why I am being forced to rush ... to see how much can be done before February.

"As a result, I may not be able to carry out this work as precisely as it should be done," he said.

Tajul made the remarks at a discussion titled "On the Road to Accountability: Commemorating the Day for the Victims of Enforced Disappearances". The event was jointly organised by the Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances (CIED) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to mark the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances at a city hotel.

He said, "The extent of enforced disappearances is enormous. Neither the Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances nor we have been given the time necessary to carry out these trials properly. If we cannot, at least, file the charge sheets, it will be a major failure. Look, there are more than 1,800 cases of enforced disappearances, each with multiple layers. Is it realistically possible to investigate them all thoroughly in just a few months? Practically, no."

The chief prosecutor added, "Whoever comes to power next must understand why this process must continue. If they fail to grasp that, there could be no greater misfortune for the nation."

Highlighting the government's role, he said authorities are working to establish a robust accountability mechanism to prevent future cases of enforced disappearance.

"As long as we are in charge and our conscience is alive, we will continue our work according to the law."

He further said the identity of a criminal is only that of a criminal, irrespective of rank, position, or office. "Those who protect criminals are obstructing justice, which is legally a crime."

Speaking at the event, Law Adviser Asif Nazrul assured the commission that cases lacking concrete evidence would be withdrawn, except those related to militancy or terrorism.

He said the government is committed to establishing a stronger accountability mechanism and addressing the concerns of the victim families, reports UNB.

"As far as enforced disappearances are concerned, we need to take a tougher position," he said.

Regarding the draft Enforced Disappearance Prevention and Redress Ordinance 2025, the law adviser stated that the interim government is expediting the law's enactment, as investigative responsibility for enforced disappearances will be transferred to the National Human Rights Commission.

"So, we have to draft another law on the human rights commission. If we do not establish a human rights commission and a commission on forced disappearances, can we leave it to the next government? We can't," he added.

Industries Adviser Adilur Rahman noted that despite substantial evidence, several obstacles remain, and the commission's struggle is ongoing.

CIED Chief Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury described enforced disappearance as more terrifying than death and emphasised the need for institutional reforms and amendments to strengthen the judicial system in curbing human rights abuses.

Nabila Idris, a member of CIED, presented the keynote paper, which outlined how disappearances were carried out, how many people were disappeared, where they were kept, what types of cases were filed against them, and how evidence and sites were destroyed after August 5.

Russia strikes across Ukraine as peace prospects flounder

AFP, Kyiv

Russia launched "massive" strikes across Ukraine overnight, rescue services said yesterday, a new blow to peace efforts that drew a fresh appeal from President Volodymyr Zelensky for US and European help.

Despite a recent flurry of international efforts to broker a truce in the three-and-a-half-year conflict, led by US President Donald Trump, there have been no signs of a let-up in fighting on the ground.

Ukrainian rescue services said on Telegram that overnight strikes on the southern city of Zaporizhzhia had killed at least one person and wounded at least 25. Three children aged between nine and 16 were admitted to hospital.

Russia confirmed it had launched overnight attacks, saying they were against "military" targets.

Zaporizhzhia regional governor Ivan Fedorov said residential



buildings were hit and scores of homes left without gas or electricity.

The cities of Dnipro and Pavlograd in the central region of Dnipropetrovsk also came under attack, causing fires, regional governor Sergiy Lysak wrote on Telegram, warning residents to take cover.

Since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Dnipropetrovsk had been largely spared from intense fighting.

Ukraine's air force said the Russian army had launched 582 drones and missiles overnight, most of which it had downed.

Zelensky, who has been pushing

for a peace summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin, said a total of 14 regions had been targeted overnight.

He accused the Kremlin of using "the time meant for preparing a leaders' level (peace) meeting to organise new massive attacks", and called for more international sanctions on Moscow and its backers.

Ukraine's army general staff meanwhile said its forces had hit two oil refineries in Russia, which it said were supplying fuel to Russian military units.

It said they had struck the Krasnodarsky refinery in Krasnodar Krai and the Sizransky refinery in Samara, causing a fire near the latter.

The latest strikes by both sides followed a Russian attack on Kyiv on Thursday, in which at least 25 people died, including four children.

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went to the spot and recovered the body around 9:00am, said Pallab Sarkar, sub-inspector of Bhola Sadar Model Police Station.

"The body bore injury marks in the head. However, the motive behind the killing or those involved could not be confirmed yet," he added.

The body's autopsy has been completed and later handed over to his family, SI Pallab added.

The police station's Officer-in-Charge Abu Shahadat Md Hasnain Parvez said police are investigating the incident.

Quoting locals, Prothom Alo reported that Arif's family had land-related dispute with some other people in the area.

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