



South Korean protesters hold signs reading 'Trump, apologize!' during an anti-US rally near the US Embassy in Seoul yesterday, denouncing the detention of South Korean workers following a US immigration raid in Georgia.

Patience has run out with Putin

Says Trump as Kremlin declares 'pause' in Russia-Ukraine peace talks

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US President Donald Trump yesterday said his patience with Russian President Vladimir Putin was running out, as the Kremlin announced a "pause" in peace talks between Russia and Ukraine.

"It's sort of running out and running out fast," Trump said in an interview with Fox News' "Fox and Friends" program.

Pushing for a deal to end the fighting, Trump has engaged in a flurry of diplomacy -- including hosting Russian counterpart



AFP, in a briefing call.

Poland tells Trump Russian drone raid not a 'mistake'

Russia, Belarus start drills as West watches warily

Ukraine targeted nuke plant in drone barrage: Russia

Vladimir Putin in Alaska -- but Moscow has pressed on with its offensive and aerial barrages.

"Our negotiators have the opportunity to communicate through channels. But for now, it is probably more accurate to talk about a pause," spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, including

escalate aerial attacks on Ukrainian cities.

The Russian defence ministry posted a video showing heavy military equipment -- including armoured vehicles, helicopters and navy ships -- taking part in the drills.

Russia also accused Ukraine of launching an attack drone at a nuclear power plant, as Moscow said it downed more than 200 Ukrainian drones in one of Kyiv's largest overnight attacks.

Ukraine has for months launched retaliatory drone strikes against Russian energy sites, calling them a fair response to Moscow's own barrages on its cities and power grid.

Russia's nuclear power agency Rosatom said one had targeted the Smolensk nuclear power plant, around 300 kilometres (186 miles) west of Moscow.

S Africa's SC rules men can take wives' surnames

AFP, Johannesburg

be subjected to more suffering, brutal repression and fear," warned UN rights chief Volker Türk in a statement.

The report points to an increase in the use of the death penalty, major steps backward in freedom of expression and access to information, and the expansion of "mass surveillance" systems through technological advances.

The UN also reports a rise in forced labour. Last year, it indicated that, in some cases, this could amount to slavery -- a crime against humanity.

The 2014 report had already documented forced labour among other widespread human rights abuses in North Korea, including executions, rapes, torture, deliberate starvation, and the detention

of between 80,000 and 120,000 people in prison camps.

"The fate of the hundreds of thousands of disappeared persons, including abducted foreign nationals, remains unknown," the report adds.

Information about prison camps is limited, but UN rights monitoring and satellite imagery suggest there are at least four such camps.



AFP, Geneva

The human rights situation in North Korea has deteriorated, the UN warned yesterday in a report describing a decade of "suffering, repression, and increased fear".

The UN first published a scathing report against North Korea in 2014 detailing a wide array of crimes against humanity, likened by the inquiry chairman to those of the Nazis, South African apartheid, and the Khmer Rouge.

In form a matio gathered since then by the UN human rights commissioner's office shows that the situation has not improved and "in many instances has degraded," with increased government overreach.

"No other population is under such restrictions in today's world," concluded the report, which is based on hundreds of interviews.

North Korea, ruled with an iron fist for seven decades by the Kim dynasty, maintains very tight control over its population.

"If the DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) continues on its current trajectory, the population will

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