



killed in airstrike by Turkey in northern Syria, including Syrian government soldiers



Beijing	32	23	TDS	Los Angeles	32	18	LC
Colombo	29	26	LC	Melbourne	16	9	HR
Dhaka	34	28	TDS	Moscow	30	17	HR
Dubai	39	32	SNY	New York	26	18	LC
Houston	37	26	SNY	Singapore	30	27	TDS
Istanbul	32	22	LC	Toronto	24	18	LC
London	23	16	LC	Washington	28	18	LC

LR: Light Rain HR: Heavy Rain SW: Snow
TDS: Thunderstorm LC: Light Cloud SNY: Sunny

Blasts rock Crimea ammo depot

Russia blames the explosions in Mayskoye on an 'act of sabotage' without naming anyone

KYIV

EXPLOSIONS and fires ripped through an ammunition depot in Russia-annexed Crimea on Tuesday in the second suspected Ukrainian attack on the peninsula in just over a week, forcing the evacuation of more than 3,000 people.

Russia blamed the blasts in the village of Mayskoye on an 'act of sabotage' without naming the perpetrators.

Separately, the Russian business newspaper *Kommersant* quoted local residents as saying plumes of black smoke also rose over an air base in Crimea's Gvardeyskoye.

Ukraine stopped short of publicly claiming responsibility for any of the blasts, including those that destroyed nine Russian planes at another Crimean air base last week. Russia seized Crimea from Ukraine in 2014 and has used it to launch attacks against the country.

If Ukrainian forces were, in fact, behind the explosions, they would represent a significant escalation in the war. The Kremlin has demanded that Kyiv recognise Crimea as part of Russia as a condition for



File photo of rising smoke at the beach at Saky after explosions were heard from the direction of a Russian military airbase near Novofedorivka, Crimea | AP

ending the fighting, while Ukraine has vowed to drive Moscow's forces from the peninsula on the Black Sea.

Videos posted on social media showed thick columns of smoke rising over raging flames in Mayskoye, and a series of explosions could be heard. The Russian Defense Ministry said the fires damaged a power plant, power lines, railroad tracks and apartment build-

Putin blames US for trying to prolong conflict

Russian President Vladimir Putin accused Washington on Tuesday of drawing out the war in Ukraine, as explosions rocked a Russian military facility on the Kremlin-controlled peninsula of Crimea. "The situation in Ukraine shows that the US is trying to prolong this conflict," Putin said, addressing the opening ceremony of a security conference in Moscow. Washington is "using the people of Ukraine as cannon fodder", he said, lashing out at the United States for supplying weapons to Ukraine

Twitter:

Russia blamed last week's explosions on an accidental detonation of munitions, but satellite photos and other evidence—including the dispersed blast sites—pointed to a Ukrainian attack, perhaps with anti-ship missiles, according to military analysts.

A British Defense Ministry intelligence update said vessels in Russia's Black Sea Fleet are in an extremely defensive posture in the waters off Crimea, with ships barely venturing out of sight of the coastline. AP

US, South Korea to begin military drills

SEOUL

UNITED States and South Korea will begin their biggest combined military training in years next week in the face of an increasingly aggressive North Korea, which has been ramping up weapons tests and threats of nuclear conflict against Seoul and Washington, the South Korean military said on Tuesday.

The allies' summertime drills, named Uchi Freedom Shield, will take place from August 22 to September 1 in South Korea and include exercises simulating joint attacks, front-line reinforcements of arms and fuel, and removals of weapons of mass destruction.

The drills underscore Washington and Seoul's commitment to restore large-scale training after they cancelled some of their regular drills and downsized others to computer simulations in recent years to create space for diplomacy with North Korea. While the United States and South Korea describe their exercises as defensive,

Uchi Freedom Shield will almost surely draw an angry reaction from North Korea, which describes all allied training as invasion rehearsals and has used them to justify its nuclear weapons and missiles development.

China, North Korea's main ally, expressed concern over the expansion of US military exercises with its Asian allies, saying they could worsen tensions with the North. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin didn't offer a specific answer when asked whether Beijing believes the trilateral drills in Hawaii were in some way directed at China. "North Korea has repeatedly expressed its concern" over the joint drills, Wang said in a briefing in Beijing on Tuesday. "The negative impact of the military exercises on the situation on the Korean Peninsula is worth paying attention to. All parties should act prudently and stop any actions that may increase tension and confrontation and damage the mutual trust," he said. AP



Sunak pledges civil service overhaul if elected UK PM

LONDON

RISHI Sunak, the British Indian former Chancellor on Tuesday pledged a major overhaul of the country's civil service to create a sharper, leaner bureaucracy if he takes charge at 10 Downing Street on September 5.

Contesting against Liz Truss, Sunak wants civil servants to spend at least a year of their career outside government roles in industry to widen their experience.

"I'll press ahead with cuts to back office Civil Service headcount, recruiting and retaining the brightest and best. I'll strengthen civil servants' experience beyond Whitehall, allow ministers to bring in more external expertise, and bring in performance pay so we have a truly Rolls Royce service delivering for and accountable to the British people," he said.

"The future of the United Kingdom is bright but our union must work together, each nation shoulder to shoulder, to get there. We must defeat the collective challenges threatening the health of our public services," said Sunak. PTI

MALAYSIA

Court grants final appeal hearing for ex-PM Najib

Malaysia's highest court said it would hear former leader Najib Razak's final bid to overturn his 12-year jail sentence for corruption, with an acquittal potentially clearing the way for his return to power. The appeal is the last high stakes court gambit left open to Najib—but if he is unsuccessful he will have to start serving his jail sentence after years of legal wrangling. The Federal Court's decision to proceed with an appeal, which will begin on Thursday, came after it rejected the former prime minister's plea for a retrial. The former prime minister and his associates were accused of stealing billions of dollars from the country's investment vehicle and spending it on everything from high-end real estate to pricey art. Following a lengthy trial, Najib was found guilty of power abuse, money laundering, criminal breach of trust over the transfer of \$10.1 million to his bank account

ASIA MATTERS



SINGAPORE

German fighter jets to make debut in Indo-Pacific

A group of German air force fighter jets landed in Singapore on Tuesday as part of a marathon bid to fly them some 12,800 km from their home base to Southeast Asia in just 24 hours. The exercise comes at a time of heightened tensions between China and the US and its allies and demonstrates the ability for a European nation to move air power quickly to the region. The fleet will take part in training exercises in Singapore and Australia before stopping off in Japan and South Korea

INDONESIA

President calls for unity, braces for global crises

Indonesia's president called on all citizens to remain united, vigilant and alert as they face crises fueled by the war in Ukraine and coronavirus pandemic in his State of the Nation address on Tuesday. After two years of remote meetings amid pandemic restrictions, more than half of Indonesia's Parliament was in attendance as President Joko Widodo told them and top officials on the eve of Independence Day that regional tensions are threatening security. "We must always remain vigilant, cautious and alert," Widodo said. "The challenges are not easy for the world and for Indonesia. We must face those challenges with prudence and vigilance," he said. Russia's war in Ukraine has exacerbated rising prices in Indonesia amid ongoing supply chain disruptions from the pandemic, causing cooking oil prices to increase

China slaps sanctions on Taiwan leaders

BEIJING

CHINA imposed visa bans and other sanctions on Tuesday on Taiwanese political figures as it raises pressure on the self-governing island and the US in response to successive congressional visits.

The sanctions come a day after China announced more military exercises in the sea and skies surrounding Taiwan because of what it called collusion and provocation between the US and Taiwan. There's been no word on the timing and scale of the Chinese exercises. The targets of China's latest sanctions include Taiwan's de facto ambassador to the US, Bih-kim Hsiao and legislators Ker Chien-ming, Koo Li-hsiung, Tsai Chi-chang, Chen Jiau-hua and Wang Ting-yu, along with activist Lin Fei-fan. They will be barred from traveling to mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao, and from having any financial or personal connections with people and entities on the mainland, according to the ruling Communist Party's Taiwan Work Office.

The measures were designed to resolutely punish those considered diehard elements supporting Taiwan's independence, reported China's official *Xinhua News Agency*. AP

LEGAL OPTIONS

KENYA'S ODINGA TO CHALLENGE HIS ELECTION LOSS

NAIROBI

KENYAN opposition figure Raila Odinga said on Tuesday he'll challenge the results of the close presidential election with all constitutional and legal options after Deputy President William Ruto was declared the winner. "Let no one take the law into their own hands," Odinga said to his often passionate supporters. In Kisumu, a city in his western Kenya stronghold, some residents said they were tired of going into the street and being tear-gassed. "What we saw yesterday was a travesty and blatant disregard of the constitution," Odinga said, calling the election results null and void.

The 77-year-old Odinga has pursued the presidency for a quarter-century. His campaign has seven days after Monday's declaration to file a petition with the Supreme Court, which would then have 14 days to make a ruling. On Tuesday, the local Elections Observation Group announced that its highly regarded parallel voting tally "corroborates the official results" in an important check on the process.

But Odinga asserted that only the electoral commission chairman could see the final results before the declaration. "The law does not vest in the chairperson the powers of a dictator," he said, and insisted that decisions by the commission must be taken by consensus. There was no immediate statement from the electoral commission or its chairman. A screen at its tallying center that had been showing cumulative presidential election results stopped being updated Saturday and was later turned off. AP



Raila Odinga | AP

Australian ex-PM Morrison took on extra powers in secret

CANBERRA

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Tuesday accused his predecessor Scott Morrison of trashing democracy after revealing that while Morrison was in power, he took on five ministerial roles without the knowledge of most other lawmakers or the public.

Albanese said Morrison had been operating in secret, keeping the Australian people in the dark and misleading Parliament over who was in charge of what portfolios.

"This has been government by deception," Albanese said. Adding to revelations first detailed over the weekend by News Corp. media, Albanese said that between March 2020 and May 2021, Morrison was appointed minister of health, finance, home affairs, treasury and industry—moves which appeared to have given Morrison equal powers to the ministers already appointed to those positions.

"It is completely extraordinary that these appointments



Scott Morrison, Former Prime Minister of Australia | AP

were kept secret by the Morrison government from the Australian people," Albanese told reporters in Canberra.

Morrison defended taking on the extra portfolios, saying they were a safeguard during the pandemic and that he would have made the appointments public had he needed to use the powers involved.

"Sometimes we forget what was happening two years ago and the situation we were dealing with. It was an unconventional time and an unprecedented time," Morrison said. He pointed to the coronavi-

rus hospitalisation of the then-British prime minister. "Boris Johnson almost died one night," Morrison said. "We had ministers go down with Covid."

Morrison used his additional powers on at least one occasion, to overturn a decision by former minister Keith Pitt to approve a contentious gas project off the New South Wales coast.

Pitt said in a statement he was unaware Morrison had joint oversight over his ministerial portfolio and that he stands by the decisions he made at the time.

In a more detailed account published on Facebook later Tuesday, Morrison wrote that the gas project was the only matter he got directly involved with and that "I believe I made the right decision in the national interest."

In Australia, elected politicians are selected by the prime minister before being sworn in by the governor-general in a formal ceremony that is usually publicly recorded. AP

EXPRESS READ

New Scottish law makes period products free

London: A law has taken effect in Scotland to ensure period products are available free of charge to anyone who needs it. Under the new law, schools, colleges and local government bodies must make a range of period products such as tampons and sanitary pads available for free in their bathrooms. The Scottish government invested millions of pounds since 2017 to fund free period products in educational institutions, but the law makes it a legal requirement. A mobile phone app also helps people find the nearest place such as community centre. The bill was introduced by Scottish Parliament lawmaker Monica Lennon, who had campaigned against 'period poverty'

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