

Biden to reinstate COVID-19 travel rules, add South Africa

US Prez to sign executive orders to promote 'Made in America' products

WASHINGTON DC: President Joe Biden on Monday will formally reinstate COVID-19 travel restrictions on non-US travelers from Brazil, Ireland, the United Kingdom and 26 other European countries that allow travel across open borders, according to two White House officials.

The officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the order, also confirmed Sunday that South Africa would be added to the restricted list because of concerns about a variant of the virus that has spread beyond that nation.

Biden is reversing an order from President Donald Trump in his final days in office that called for the relaxation of the travel restrictions as of Tuesday.

The decision to reverse the order is not surprising, but the addition of South Africa to the restricted travel list highlights the new administration's concern about mutations in the virus. The South Africa variant has not been discovered in the United States, but another variant originating in the United Kingdom has been detected in several states. Reuters was first to report Biden's decision to add South Africa to the list.

Biden last week issued an executive order directing federal agencies to require international air travelers to quarantine upon US arrival. The order also requires that all US-bound passengers ages 2 and above get negative COVID-19 test



President Joe Biden waves as he departs after attending Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, in the Georgetown neighborhood of Washington DC

results within three days before traveling.

Meanwhile, Biden will sign a series of executive orders on Monday to promote "Made in America" products and strengthen supply chains, senior officials said, asserting that the new administration remains committed to working with partners and allies to modernise international trade rules.

Prominent among the executive orders include a strict enforcement of procuring products made inside the country by federal agencies.

This is very significant given that contracting alone accounts for nearly USD 600 billion in federal spending.

Five militants killed in Pak

PESHAWAR: Five militants, including two key commanders of the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, were killed in secret operations by Pakistani security forces in the country's restive northwest.

The operations were conducted in Mir Ali and Khairur area of North Waziristan tribal district bordering Afghanistan, Pakistan Army's media wing,

the Inter-Services Public Relations, said in a statement.

The two terrorist commanders killed during the raids were identified as Syed Raheem alias Abid of TTP (AKK group) and Saifullah Noor of TTP (Gohar group).

According to the ISPR, Abid was wanted in 17 terrorism acts against security forces.

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The general public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about 27 years of age whose name, residence, and family is unknown had been found dead on the pavement near old MCD office, Main Gate, Idgah Road, Sardar Bazar, New Delhi. In this regard, a vide has been registered with DD No: 89A, dated 21.01.2021 at PS Sadar Bazar, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the UIDB is as under:

Sex: Male, **Age:** about 65 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Hair:** White and grey, **Beard & Moustache:** White, **Wearing:** Black colour track pant, grey colour t-shirt, brown colour full sleeves jacket, navy blue colour half sleeves jacket and red colour canvas shoes on his feet. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/Sadar Bazar, New Delhi.

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P.S. Sadar Bazar, New Delhi.
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UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown,** was found dead ISBT Park, near Nigam Bodh Ghat, Kashmere Gate, Delhi on 16.01.2021 in the area of P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard a case has been lodged vide DD No. 36A U/s 174 Cr.PC, dated 16.01.2021 at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- **Age:** Approx 55 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Mehndi colour T-shirt and white colour nekar. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

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Biden, Macron vow to strengthen US-France ties in first phone call

WASHINGTON DC: Joe Biden sought to mend and bolster US' strained ties with France in his first phone call as American President to his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron, as the two leaders pledged to work together on shared foreign policy priorities, including China, and fight the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change.

Biden called Macron on Sunday and expressed his desire to strengthen bilateral ties. He also stressed his commitment to bolstering the transatlantic relationship, including through NATO and the United States' partnership with the European Union, the White House said.

"The leaders agreed on the need for close coordination, including through multilateral organisations, in tackling common challenges such as climate change, COVID-19 and the global economic recovery, it said in a statement.

Biden and Macron also agreed to work together on shared foreign policy priorities, including China, the Middle East, Russia, and West Africa's Sahel region, it said.

This was Biden's fourth phone call with a foreign leader after being sworn in as the US President on January 20.

Biden overturns ban on transgender people serving in the US military

WASHINGTON DC: President Joe Biden on Monday overturned a controversial ban by his predecessor on transgender individuals serving in the US military, a move that fulfills a campaign promise and will be cheered by LGBTQ advocates, Reuters reported. "President Biden believes that gender identity should not be a bar to military service, and that America's strength is found in its diversity," the White House said in a statement. "Allowing all qualified Americans to serve their country in uniform is better for the military and better for the country because an inclusive force is a more effective force. Simply put, it's the right thing to do and is in our national interest," it said.

Pandemic far from over, but winter cannot stop arrival of spring: Xi Jinping

NEW DELHI/DAVOS: Calling for greater international cooperation, Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday said the pandemic is far from over despite initial progress made by the world in fighting COVID-19, but asserted that "winter cannot stop the arrival of spring".

In a special address at the World Economic Forum's online Davos Agenda Summit, Jinping also said the pandemic should not be an excuse for reversing gains from globalisation and promised further opening up of the Chinese

economy. "Guided by science, reason and humanitarian spirit, the world has achieved initial progress in fighting COVID-19," the president said. "That said, the pandemic is far from over... But, winter cannot stop the arrival of spring, and darkness can never shroud the light of dawn," he said. He further said there is a need to balance COVID-19 responses with economic development. "We need to shift the driving forces and growth models of the global economy and improve its structure," he said. He also called for abandon-

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF DEVELOPER FOR 'CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS GOVT. FACILITIES AT BURHANPUR UNDER RE-DENSIFICATION SCHEME OF GOMP - PACKAGE 2'

Government of Madhya Pradesh (GoMP) through MP Housing & Infrastructure Development Board, Bhopal (MPHIDB) intends to carry out construction and development of various Govt. Facilities at Burhanpur under Re-densification Scheme of GOMP- Package 2 ('the Project'). MPHIDB intends to appoint a developer for the project and Govt. Facilities being constructed & developed there under namely Construction and Development of New Tehsil Office (Urban) including Furniture works, Construction and Development of New Tehsil Office (Rural) including Furniture works, Construction and Development of New Janpad Office including Furniture Works and Staff Housing and Staff Quarters for Collectorate including building services and site infrastructure for all the govt. facilities at Burhanpur (collectively referred to as 'the Govt. Facilities'). The selected developer will be provided with Landowner's Rights on land parcel admeasuring 0.47 Ha (4749 Sqm.) near Govt. Girls HS School, Burhanpur (referred to as 'Compensatory Land Parcel' or 'CLP') as per RFP Documents. The prospective bidders have to quote the Premium for Landowner's Rights on the CLP. The Bidder quoting highest Premium will be selected as developer for the Project. The selected developer has to pay the quoted Premium partly in monetary terms and partly in kind in the form of cost of construction, development, handing over and transfer of the Govt. Facilities as per provisions of the RFP Document. The Additional Housing Commissioner-2, MPHIDB, Bhopal invites bids from reputed & experienced entities for Selection of a Developer for the Project, through transparent online tendering process. RFP documents can be downloaded and purchased from GoMP online tendering portal <https://mptenders.gov.in>

RFP Document Cost : Rs. 59,000/- (including GST)

Online sale of RFP Document : 04.02.2021 to 01.03.2021 up to 15.00 Hrs.

Bid Security : Rs. 50 Lakhs

Estimated Cost of Govt. Facilities : Rs. 25.42 Crores

Reserve Price of Premium for CLP : Rs. 35.00 Crores

Complete bids can be submitted online only by 01.03.2021 up to 17.30 Hrs. through the online tendering portal <https://mptenders.gov.in>.

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EU weighs response to Navalny arrest, protest crackdown

BRUSSELS: European Union foreign ministers on Monday debated the 27-nation bloc's response to the arrest of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny and a weekend police crackdown that saw thousands taken into custody during protests in support of President Vladimir Putin's most well-known critic.

This wave of detention is something that worries us a lot, as well as the detention of Mr Navalny, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said as he arrived to chair the ministerial meeting in Brussels. More than 3,500 people were reportedly taken into custody during the nationwide protests.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said that under the Russian constitution, everyone in Russia has the right to express their opinion and to demonstrate. That must be possible.

The principles of the rule of law must apply there, too Russia has always committed itself to that.

He and other ministers called for the immediate release of the protesters.

Navalny was arrested earlier this month when he returned to Moscow after spending months in Germany recover-



ing from an attack in Russia with what experts have said was the nerve agent Novichok.

In October, the EU imposed sanctions on six Russian officials and a state research institute over Navalny's poisoning, but there is little appetite to take new measures immediately.

Borrell, the EU's top diplomat, is also planning a trip to Moscow and it's unclear what impact events will have on that visit.

On Sunday, French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian expressed concern about what he called Russia's authoritarian drift.

He told France-Inter radio that all light must be shed on Navalny's poisoning.

This was an assassination

attempt, Le Drian said. The protests attracted thousands of people in major Russian cities, including an estimated 15,000 in Moscow.

As they unfolded, the US embassy spokeswoman in the city, Rebecca Ross, said on Twitter that the United States supports the right of all people to peaceful protest, freedom of expression.

Steps being taken by Russian authorities are suppressing those rights.

The embassy also tweeted a State Department statement calling for Navalny's release.

Putin's spokesman said the statements interfered in the country's domestic affairs and encouraged Russians to break the law.

10 dead, one still missing in China's gold mine blast

BEIJING/JINAN: China's rescue workers searching for the miners trapped underground for two weeks after a blast at a gold mine in Shandong province have found 10 bodies, officials said on Monday.

On Sunday, 11 miners who were trapped underground for two weeks were rescued. One trapped miner is still missing and search efforts for him are underway.

Twenty-two miners were trapped underground in the partially built gold mine in the city of Qixia, since the explosion blocked their exit on January 10.

Eleven miners were rescued on Sunday after being trapped for two weeks. After bringing back 11 miners, rescuers went down into the goldmine and saw the bodies of 10 miners.

Rescuers have retrieved 10 bodies of miners trapped underground due to the blast in the gold mine, state-run Xinhua news agency reported, citing

officials in Jinan, capital of Shandong province.

All have lost signs of life, chief on-site rescue expert Du Bingjian told the state-run Global Times.

Judging by the bodies, some of the miners starved to death, and some died from injuries from the explosion, Du said.

One trapped miner is still missing and search efforts are underway. Previously, clearance work had encountered great difficulties, but on Sunday morning, a huge obstacle blocking the well suddenly fell to the bottom of the shaft, allowing rescue work to take a big step forward, after which the rescuers brought up 11 miners.

As the obstacles were cleared, rescuers were allowed to go down into the goldmine to the Sixth Central Section, where it was believed the other miners were located. The body of one miner was found in the sixth Central Section.

Aus okays Pfizer vax, inoculations in February

SYDNEY: Australia's medical regulator has approved use of its first Coronavirus vaccine, paving the way for inoculations to begin next month. The Therapeutic Goods Administration on Monday gave provisional approval for people aged 16 and over to use the vaccine developed by Pfizer and BioNTech.

Residents and workers at aged-care facilities, frontline healthcare workers and quarantine workers are among the groups being prioritised for the first doses. Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison welcomed the development. He said Australia was among the first countries to complete a comprehensive process to formally approve a vaccine rather than just grant an emergency approval. Australia has an agreement for 10 million doses of the two-dose Pfizer vaccine and an option to buy more if supplies allow.

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Moderna says its Covid vaccine effective against UK, South Africa variants

WASHINGTON DC: US biotechnology firm Moderna on Monday said lab studies showed its COVID-19 vaccine would remain protective against variants of the coronavirus first identified in the United Kingdom and South Africa.

But out of caution, the company will test adding a second booster of its vaccine -- to make three shots in total -- and has begun preclinical

studies on a booster specifically for the South African variant.

"We are encouraged by these new data, which reinforce our confidence that the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine should be protective against these newly detected variants," said Stephane Bancel,

Moderna's CEO.

"Out of an abundance of caution and leveraging the flexibility of our mRNA platform, we are advancing an emerging variant booster candidate against the variant first identified in the Republic of South Africa into the clinic."

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S. No.	Tender ID	Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of Bid Document	Period of Completion
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1. Interested bidders can view the NIT on website <https://www.mptenders.gov.in>
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General Public is hereby informed that a male **Namely Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age:** about 45-50 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Light blue jacket and grey lower, was found dead on 17.01.2021 at 12:05 AM at Peera Garhi Chowk, Delhi. In this regard a FIR No. 18/21 U/S 279/304-A IPC dated 17.01.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi. If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

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