

Lanka's former strongman Mahinda under protection at naval base

Army marches on streets of Colombo

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's former prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa is being protected at the Trincomalee naval base after he was evacuated from his official residence, Defence Secretary Gen (ret'd.) Kamal Gunaratne said on Wednesday, as security forces in armoured vehicles patrolled across the country with orders to shoot at sight amid continuing protests at the government's handling of the worst economic crisis.

The 76-year-old Sri Lanka People's Party (SLPP) leader, known for his brutal military campaign against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) during his presidency from 2005 to 2015, resigned on Monday after violence erupted following an attack on the anti-government protesters by his supporters.

The attack triggered widespread violence against pro-Rajapaksa politicians, leaving nine people, including two police officers, dead. Mahinda, who served as the country's prime minister thrice, saw his residence set on fire on Monday. He, along with his

wife and family, fled his official residence - Temple Trees - and took shelter at the naval base in Trincomalee after a series of deadly attacks on his supporters.

"He (Mahinda Rajapaksa) was evacuated to the Trincomalee naval dockyard," Guneratne told reporters during an online briefing. Trincomalee is a port city on the northeast coast of Sri Lanka.

Gunaratne said after it was determined that it was not suitable for Mahinda to remain at Temple Trees, the necessary decision was made to relocate him. As word spread about Mahinda's presence at the Trincomalee Naval Base, people started a protest near the key military facility. "He will not live there forever."

After the situation returns to normal, he will be relocated to a residence or location of his choice," Gunaratne said. The defence secretary said it is important to protect every single life in the country, and after it was determined that it was not suitable for Mahinda to remain at Temple Trees, the necessary decision was made. "He is a former President and is entitled to adequate security," he added. Mahinda is also facing calls for his arrest from Opposition politicians



for inciting violence against peaceful anti-government protesters who were seeking his resignation as well as that of his elder brother and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa for mismanaging the country's economy.

Meanwhile, army troops on military vehicles marched on the streets of Colombo to ensure public security, a day after the defence ministry ordered the Army, the Air Force and the Navy personnel to open fire on anyone looting public property or causing harm to others. Army Special Forces' Combat Riders have also been deployed on mobile

patrol in Colombo and suburbs, the News First news portal reported. Defence Secretary Gunaratne also said that "there will never be a military rule in Sri Lanka, I say this with responsibility." His comments came amid concerns over increasing role of military in ongoing political and economic crisis.

President Gotabaya on Wednesday urged the public to reject subversive attempts and said it is time for all Sri Lankans to join hands as one, to overcome economic, social and political challenges. "This is the time for all Sri Lankans to join hands as one, to overcome

economic, social & political challenges. I urge all #Srilankans to reject subversive attempts to push you towards racial & religious disharmony. Promoting moderation, tolerance & coexistence is vital," the President said on Twitter. He had earlier urged the people to stop "violence and acts of revenge" against fellow citizens and vowed to address political and economic crisis facing nation. President Gotabaya will hold talks with ruling party dissidents and main Opposition SJB on Wednesday to end political impasse and appoint a successor to ousted PM Mahinda.

Mahinda's chief security officer questioned over violent incident

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lankan police on Wednesday summoned the chief security officer of former prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and recorded his statement over the violent clashes between anti- and pro-government protesters in the country that killed at least eight people and injured over 200 others.

Violence erupted in Sri Lanka on Monday after supporters of former prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa attacked peaceful anti-government protesters demanding his ouster over the country's worst economic crisis that led to acute shortages of staple food, fuel and power. Over 200 people have also been injured in the violence in Colombo and other cities. The Criminal Investigations Department (CID) recorded a statement from the chief security officer of former Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa over the Galle Face incident on Wednesday, the Colombo Gazette news portal reported.

UN human rights chief, Human Rights Watch condemn violence in Sri Lanka

PTI ■ NEW YORK/GENEVA

UN human rights chief Michelle Bachelet has condemned the escalation of violence in Sri Lanka and called for a thorough and transparent probe into the attacks on peaceful anti-government protesters and members of the ruling party.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Bachelet called on the authorities in Sri Lanka to prevent further violence and urged restraint and meaningful dialogue to address the grievances of the population amid the severe economic crisis in the country.

"I am deeply troubled by the escalation of violence in Sri Lanka after supporters of the Prime Minister attacked peaceful protesters in Colombo yesterday 9 May and the subsequent mob violence against members of the ruling party," she said on Tuesday. Clashes broke out in Sri Lanka on Monday after government supporters

attacked peaceful anti-government protest sites in Colombo and elsewhere, killing at least 8 people and leaving over 200 others injured in the violence.

"I condemn all violence and call on the authorities to independently, thoroughly and transparently investigate all attacks that have occurred. It is crucial to ensure that those found responsible, including those inciting or organising violence, are held to account," Bachelet said in a statement in Geneva.

She also called on the authorities to prevent further violence and to protect the right to peaceful assembly. "Authorities, including military personnel deployed in support of security forces, should exercise restraint in policing the situation and ensure that measures adopted in the context of the state of emergency comply with international human rights norms and are not used to stifle dissent or hinder peaceful protest," she said.

Pak Def Min indicates that general elections can be held before Nov

Islamabad: Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has indicated that general elections could be held before November, as ruling PML-N leaders are in London to hold key consultations with former premier Nawaz Sharif on political and economic issues.

Asif said this in an interview with the BBC Urdu which was published on Wednesday. He was asked about the appointment of the army chief after incumbent Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa will retire by the end of November this year.

"It is possible that elections are held before the appointment of the new army chief... It is possible that the caretaker

government is replaced by a new government before November," he said. According to Pakistan's Constitution, a caretaker government is set up for a maximum 90-day period to hold elections after the Parliament is dissolved. The current national Assembly will complete its term in August next year.

When asked if the the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz-led coalition government would extend the service of incumbent Army chief Bajwa, who was already given a second three-year term in 2019, Asif said that Bajwa has already announced that he does not want his tenure to be extended. **PTI**

Bosnia's political crisis called worst since 1992-1995 war

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

The top international official in Bosnia called the escalating political crisis in country the most serious since 1992-1995 war that saw 100,000 people die and warned in a report circulated Tuesday that its potential "to become a security crisis is very real."

Christian Schmidt, the high representative overseeing implementation of 1995 peace agreement that ended devastating war, said leaders of country's Bosnian Serb-dominated entity have systematically challenged its provisions and intensified their activities aimed at usurping powers granted to federal government. The US-

brokered Dayton peace agreement established two separate entities in Bosnia — one run by Bosnia's Serbs and another dominated by country's Bosniaks, who are mostly Muslims, and Croats.

The two entities are bound together by joint central institutions, and all important decisions must be backed by both. Schmidt said in the report to UN Security Council that actions by Bosnian Serb entity, known as Republika Srpska, "not only erode fundamentals of the agreement, but directly threaten to undo more than 25 years of progress in building up Bosnia and Herzegovina as a state firmly on the path towards European Union integration".

India-China relations will 'remain strained', says US intelligence community

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The ties between India and China will "remain strained" in wake of "lethal clash" in 2020, the US intelligence community has told lawmakers as it also expressed concerns over any potential crisis between India and Pakistan.

In its annual threat assessment presented before the Senate Armed Services Committee during a Congressional hearing on Tuesday, the US intelligence community said the expanded military posture by both India and China along disputed border elevates risk of armed confrontation between two nuclear powers that might involve direct

threats to US persons and interests and calls for America's intervention. "Relations between New Delhi and Beijing will remain strained in wake of lethal clash in 2020, the most serious in decades," it said. Previous standoffs have demonstrated that persistent low-level friction on Line of Actual Control (LAC) has potential to escalate swiftly, the report said.

India has been consistently maintaining that peace and tranquillity along LAC were key for overall development of bilateral ties. The eastern Ladakh border standoff between Indian and Chinese militaries erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in Pangong lake area. Both

sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

India and China have held 15 rounds of military talks so far to resolve eastern Ladakh row. As a result of the talks, the two sides completed disengagement process last year on north and south banks of Pangong lake and in Gogra area.

Each side currently has around 50,000 to 60,000 troops along LAC in sensitive sector. The assessment also noted that crises between India and Pakistan are of particular concern because of risk - however low - of an escalatory cycle between two nuclear-armed states.

UK signs security declarations with Sweden, Finland

PTI ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is touring across Europe on Wednesday to sign declarations with Sweden and Finland to reinforce their security with a pledge to assist in event of an attack, against backdrop of Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Downing Street said declarations will see a step-change in defence and security cooperation between UK and each country, intensifying intelligence sharing, accelerating joint military training, exercising and deployments, and bolstering security across all three countries and northern Europe.

They will also see UK bolster its collaboration on traditional threats facing all three nations, while working with Sweden and Finland to tackle new geopolitical challenges, such as hybrid and cyber threats.

"We are steadfast and unequivocal in our support to both Sweden and Finland and signing of these security declarations is a symbol of the everlasting assurance between our nations," said Johnson.

"When Europe celebrated VE [Victory in Europe] Day in 1945 - a victory that was of course in no small part ensured by heroism of Russian people - we hoped that peace on our continent endure. Well (Russian President) Putin's bloodthirsty campaign against a sovereign nation has put an end to that hope," he said, with reference to end of Second World War.

"And we face a new reality. But one that we face together. Throughout this conflict, our Nordic partners have been leading international support, not just for Ukraine but also for European security," he added. The declarations signed with Sweden and Finland are aimed at facilitating UK to cooperate with key Nordic partners and their armed forces,

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GENERAL MANAGER

Marcos Jr declares victory, faces calls to ensure democracy

AP ■ MANILA

Ferdinand Marcos Jr, the namesake son of an ousted Philippine dictator, declared victory Wednesday in this week's presidential election and faced early calls to ensure respect for human rights, the rule of law and democracy.

Marcos Jr garnered more than 31 million votes in an unofficial vote count from Monday's polls in what's projected to be one of the strongest mandates for a Philippine president in decades.

His vice-presidential running mate, Sara Duterte, appeared to have also won by a landslide. Marcos Jr's electoral triumph is a victory for democracy and he promised to seek common ground across the political divide, his spokesman, Vic Rodriguez, said.

"To the world: Judge me not by my ancestors, but by my actions," Rodriguez quoted Marcos Jr. As saying. The separately elected president and vice president will take office on June 30 after the results are confirmed by Congress. With a sin-



gle, six-year term, they are poised to lead a Southeast Asian nation in dire need of economic recovery following two years of COVID-19 outbreaks and lockdowns.

They'll also inherit huge expectations for a way out of crushing poverty, gaping inequalities, ending Muslim and communist insurgencies and political divisions, which were only inflamed by the turbulent presidencies of their fathers.

Marcos Jr.'s key rivals have conceded defeat, including former boxing star Manny Pacquiao, Marcos' closest challenger, Vice President Leni Robredo, a human rights lawyer who ran on a promise of badly needed reforms, has only acknowledged his massive lead.

Senior Al Jazeera journalist killed during Israeli raid in West Bank

PTI ■ JERUSALEM

A veteran journalist working for Al Jazeera was killed on Wednesday during an Israeli operation in the West Bank city of Jenin, prompting the Palestinian Authority (PA) and the Qatar-based network to blame the Israeli Army for her death.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said that 51-year-old Shireen Abu Aqla, a Jerusalem-based journalist for Al Jazeera, was hit in the head by live fire.

A second reporter, Ali Samodi from Al-Quds newspaper sustained a gunshot wound to the back and is in stable condition, the ministry said. The Israeli military denied that its forces targeted the journalists and called for a "joint pathological analysis and investigation" to establish the truth. Israeli forces were operating in the Jenin refugee camp and several other areas of the West Bank to apprehend "terror suspects," the military said.

Pillen beats Trump's candidate in Nebraska Governor primary

AP ■ OMAHA

Jim Pillen, a hog farm owner and veterinarian, won Nebraska's crowded Republican primary for governor on Tuesday over a candidate endorsed by Donald Trump, dealing the former president his first loss of the midterm election season.

Pillen defeated eight challengers, including Charles Herbst, a Trump-backed businessman accused late in the campaign of groping young women, and Brett Lindstrom, a state senator and Omaha financial adviser who was generally viewed as a more moderate choice.

The results were a setback for Trump after a decisive win in last week's Ohio Republican Senate primary for his candidate, JD Vance. The former president has released hundreds of endorsements in races across the country, all in an effort to reshape the GOP and

lift his loyalists into office. Herbst's loss raises the stakes on other high-profile races this month in Pennsylvania and Georgia, where Trump has also intervened in campaigns.

Pillen will be a strong favourite in November's general election against his Democratic opponent, state Sen. Carol Blood, in the Republican-majority state.

Nebraska hasn't elected a Democrat as governor since 1994. Pillen was endorsed by many top GOP leaders in the state, including Gov. Pete Ricketts, former Gov. Kay Orr, and renowned former University of Nebraska football coach and congressman Tom Osborne. Ricketts, the incumbent, was prevented by term limit laws from running again.

In Nebraska, the allegations against Herbst, a longtime supporter of Trump's, didn't stop the former president from holding a rally with him earlier this month.

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EXTRACT OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31.03.2022				
Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	Quarter Ended		Year Ended
		31.03.2022 Audited	31.03.2021 Audited	31.03.2022 Audited
1.	Total Income from Operations	6.30	85.52	210.89
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	4.03	80.24	198.90
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	4.03	80.24	198.90
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(0.85)	79.86	180.95
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	2,448.67	(105.13)	7,376.43
6.	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs.10/-)	222.39	222.39	222.39
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance sheet of previous year)			10,930.98
8.	Earning Per Share (EPS) Face value of Rs.10/- each. (for Continuing and discontinuing operations)			3,554.56
	Basic & Diluted :-	(0.04)	3.59	8.14
				15.69
Notes: 1. The above is the extract of the detailed format of audited Financial Results for the quarter and financial year ended March 31, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchange under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of Audited Financial Results for the quarter and financial year ended March 31, 2022 are available on the Stock Exchange website i.e. www.bseindia.com and Company's website: http://www.cwmnihar.com/kovalam/investor.php 2. The Audited financial results of the Company for the Quarter and Financial Year ended 31st March, 2022 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors in their meetings held on May 11, 2022. 3. The financial results are prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (IndAS) as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent possible.				
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Nobel laureate and physicist Wilczek wins Templeton Prize

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Frank Wilczek, the Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist and author renowned for his boundary-pushing investigations into the fundamental laws of nature, was honored Wednesday with this year's prestigious Templeton Prize, awarded to individuals whose life's work embodies a fusion of science and spirituality.

In a statement, the John Templeton Foundation praised the 70-year-old Wilczek for transforming "our understanding of the forces that govern our universe," while also applying "the insights of his field to the great questions of meaning and purpose pondered by generations of religious thinkers."

Established in 1972 by the late philanthropist Sir John Templeton, the prize is one of the world's most lucrative individual awards, currently more than \$1.3 million. Past winners include Jane Goodall, Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. "It's a company I'm very glad to join," Wilczek told The Associated Press in an interview ahead of the announcement.

Zero Covid policy not sustainable, shift strategy, WHO tells China

PTI ■ BEIJING

China's much-touted dynamic zero COVID policy came under sharp criticism from the WHO which termed it unsustainable in view of the constantly changing behaviour of the coronavirus and called on Beijing to shift its strategy.

World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said this on Tuesday while commenting on China's zero COVID policy under which many Chinese cities, including Shanghai and Beijing, were either under lockdown or semi-lockdown for prolonged periods.

"As we all know the virus is evolving, changing its behaviour and becoming more transmissible. With that changing



behaviour, changing your measures will be very important," Tedros said.

"When we talk about zero COVID strategy, we don't think it is sustainable considering the behaviour of the virus now what we anticipate in the future, especially when we have now the good knowledge and understanding of the virus," he told a media briefing in Geneva. With the availability of good tools, transiting into

another strategy will be very important, Tedros said in the recording of his press conference circulated by the WHO to the media.

"We have discussed about this issue with Chinese experts and we indicated that the approach will not be sustainable, considering the behaviour of the virus I think a shift will be very important," he said in strong comments critical of China's zero COVID policy pursued vigorously by Beijing under the directives of Chinese President Xi Jinping.

On Wednesday, China's National Health Commission reported 1,847 cases, mostly from Shanghai, the country's business hub with over 25 million population, which remained under lockdown for over a month.

Iran detains 2 Europeans as EU nuclear talk envoy visits

AP ■ TEHRAN

Iran's Intelligence Ministry says it has detained two Europeans as a European Union envoy visits the country over its stalled nuclear negotiations with world powers.

The ministry said in a statement Wednesday that the two planned to turn routine demands by various social and professional groups into "chaos, social disorder and instability." It did not identify nationality of those held. It comes as Enrique Mora visits on nuclear deal talks. They have broken down apparently over an American designation of Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard as a terror group.

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