



3 PEOPLE killed in explosion in Afghanistan's capital Kabul on Wednesday



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U.S. SLAMS PUTIN'S 'SHAMELESS' BREACH OF U.N. CHARTER

Russian atrocities should make 'blood run cold', Biden says as he tries to rally world against Putin

NEW YORK

US President Joe Biden declared at the United Nations on Wednesday that Russia has "shamelessly violated the core tenets" of the UN with its "brutal, needless war" in Ukraine.



US President Joe Biden speaks during the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York City on Wednesday | AFP

Delivering a forceful condemnation of Russia's seven-month invasion, Biden said reports of Russian abuses against civilians in Ukraine "should make your blood run cold."

He criticised Russia for scheduling 'sham referenda' this week in territory it has forcibly seized in Ukraine.

"A permanent member of the UN Security Council invaded its neighbour, attempted to erase a sovereign state from the map. Russia has shamelessly violated the core tenets of the UN charter," he told his UN audience.

The American president

called on all nations, whether democracies or autocracies, to speak out against Russia's invasion and to bolster its Ukraine effort to defend itself.

"We will stand in solidarity against Russia's aggression, period," Biden said.

Biden also highlighted consequences of the invasion for the world's food supply, pledging \$2.9 billion in global food security aid to address shortages caused by the war and the effects of climate change.

continued despite the ongoing conflict. Biden, during his time at the UN General Assembly, also planned to meet Wednesday with new British Prime Minister Liz Truss and press allies to meet an \$18 billion target to replenish the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

But the heart of the president's visit to the UN this year was his full-throated censure of Russia as its war nears the seven-month mark.

His Wednesday address comes on the heels of Ukrainian forces retaking control of

Macron urges maximum pressure on Moscow

New York: French President Emmanuel Macron on Wednesday urged the world to ramp up pressure on Vladimir Putin after the Russian leader called up reservists for the war on Ukraine.

large stretches of territory near Kharkiv. But even as Ukrainian forces have racked up battlefield wins, much of Europe is feeling painful blowback from economic sanctions levied against Russia."

Biden backs UNSC expansion

Biden said that Washington supports the expansion of the UN Security Council to better represent areas including Africa and Latin America.

"The United States supports increasing the number of both permanent and non-permanent representatives of the council," Biden said.

Youngsters flee Russia to avoid being called to fight

MOSCOW

LARGE numbers of Russians rushed to book one-way tickets out of the country while they still could on Wednesday after Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a partial mobilization of military reservists for the war in Ukraine.

Flights filled up quickly and the prices of tickets for remaining connections skyrocketed, apparently driven by fears that Russia's borders could soon close or of a broader call-up that might send many Russian men of fighting age to the war's front lines.

Tickets for the Moscow-Belgrade flights operated by Air Serbia, the only European carrier besides Turkish Airlines to maintain flights to Russia despite a EU flight embargo, sold out for the next several days.

9,200 euros for a one-way economy class fare. Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said in a televised interview that 300,000 reservists with relevant combat and service experience initially would be mobilised.

Some postings alleged people already had been turned back from Russia's land border with Georgia and that the website of the state Russian railway company collapsed because too many people were checking for ways out of the country.

Social networks in Russian also surged with advice on how to avoid the mobilization or leave the country. Russian officials sought to calm the public, stressing that the call-up would affect a limited number of people fitting certain criteria. AFP

Kremlin's demands will keep growing, says Zelenskyy

KYIV

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told German media on Wednesday he does not believe Russia will use nuclear weapons, after President Vladimir Putin said Moscow would use all means to protect its territory.

"I don't believe that he will use these weapons," Zelenskyy told the TV station of Germany's Bild newspaper, referring to nuclear arms. The Ukrainian leader warned against giving in to Putin's threats.

"Tomorrow, Putin can say — as well as Ukraine, we want part of Poland, otherwise we will use atomic weapons. We cannot make these compromises," he said. The Russian president's decision to order a partial mobilisation was because of the low morale among his forces, said Zelenskyy. "He needs an army of millions. He sees that a large part of those who come to us, just run away," he said. AFP

CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS IN NEPAL AS PREZ REFUSES TO SIGN CITIZENSHIP BILL INTO LAW

Kathmandu: Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari has refused to sign within the stipulated deadline a key bill to amend the Nepal Citizenship Act, which was endorsed twice by both the houses of Parliament, a move described by constitutional experts as a serious blow to the Constitution.

A senior official at the President's Office Bhesh Raj Adhikari said that the bill was not signed as of midnight on Tuesday — the deadline to authenticate the bill re-endorsed by both the House of Representatives and the National Assembly — after the President earlier sent it back noting that the Parliament required to reconsider the bill as per the Constitution.

Speaker Agni Prasad Sapkota, who had on September 5 recertified the amendment bill, sent it to Bhandari for authentication. The President however did not clear the bill within the 15-day timeline given by the Constitution for certification. PTI

New York sues Trump over business fraud

NEW YORK

NEW York's attorney general sued former US president Donald Trump and his company on Wednesday, alleging fraud involving some of their most prized assets, including properties in Manhattan, Chicago and Washington, DC.

Attorney General Letitia James' lawsuit is the culmination of the Democrat's three-year civil investigation of Trump and the Trump Organization. Trump's three eldest

children, Donald Jr, Ivanka and Eric Trump, were also named as defendants, along with two longtime company executives, Allen Weisselberg and Jeffrey McConney.

The lawsuit seeks to strike at the core of what made Trump

famous, taking a blacklight to the image of wealth and opulence he's embraced throughout his career "first as a real estate developer, then as a reality TV host on 'The Apprentice' and 'Celebrity Apprentice,'" and later as president.

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