

Diplomats meet in Moscow and Berlin as Russia holds drills

Moscow, Feb. 10 (PTI/AP): Britain's top diplomat urged Russia on Thursday to defuse tensions over Ukraine and take the path of diplomacy even as thousands of Russian troops engaged in sweeping maneuvers in Belarus as part of a military buildup near Ukraine that has fueled Western fears of an invasion.

UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss again warned Russia that attacking its neighbour would have massive consequences and carry severe costs, urging Moscow to abide by its international agreements that commit it to respecting Ukraine's independence and sovereignty.

Seated across a table from Truss with a grim face, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov set a stern tone for the talks, emphasizing that Moscow won't accept Western lecturing.

Ideological approaches, ultimatum and moralizing is a road to nowhere, Lavrov said, noting that his talks with Truss marked the first meeting of the two countries' top diplomats in more than four years. Russia-UK ties have been badly strained by the March 2018 poisoning of former Russian spy Sergei Skripal in England and other sources of tension.

Russia has concentrated more than 100,000 troops near Ukraine's border and launched a series of military maneuvers in the region, but says it has no plans to invade the nation.

Moscow wants guarantees from the West that NATO won't allow Ukraine and other former Soviet countries to join as members, and for the alliance to halt weapon deployments to Ukraine and roll back its forces from Eastern Europe. The US and NATO

flatly reject these demands.

During an exchange of icy comments after the British and Russian minister's talks, Truss reaffirmed a strong call for Moscow to pull its troops back to their bases. Lavrov rejected the demand as inappropriate and pointed at British and NATO troop buildups in Eastern Europe.

The demands to remove the Russian troops from the Russian territory cause regret, Lavrov said. We don't want to threaten anyone. It's us who are facing threats.

He alleged that Western politicians were fanning tensions over Ukraine for domestic political purposes. Russia planned from the start to move its troops back after conducting maneuvers, Lavrov said, and once it does, the West will likely claim that it has forced Russia to deescalate. It's selling hot air, he snapped.

UN, partners dispatch aid as heavy snow, avalanches kill 17 in Afghanistan

Kabul, Feb. 10 (IANS): The UN, its partners and local authorities in Afghanistan have dispatched aid teams after 17 people were reportedly killed in heavy snowfall and avalanches.

The partners sent two mobile health teams to the Kunar province site in Dangam district to aid local communities and search and rescue personnel following the Sunday disaster, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said.

Many more people were reported missing, reports Xinhua news agency.

The OCHA and its partner agencies also provide cash, non-food items, shelter kits and warm clothes to almost 2,000 people impacted by recent rain and snowfall in Kunar, Nangarhar and Laghman provinces.

Humanitarians are continuing their work across several other parts of Afghanistan, with 60,000 people receiving food or cash assistance and relief items, OCHA said.

The current Humanitarian Response Plan targets just over 22 million people and requires \$4.4 billion but is only 9 per cent funded.

Police probe bomb threats to 8 schools around Washington DC

Washington, Feb. 10 (IANS): The police in Washington D.C. said that they were "working to thoroughly investigate" bomb threats made to eight schools around the US capital.

The public schools and charter schools had all been cleared with no hazardous material found, the Metropolitan Police Department tweeted late Wednesday.

The investigation is underway with the help of federal agencies.

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE DIMAPUR: NAGALAND. NOTICE INVITING CLAIMS/OBJECTIONS OF OTHER CLAIMANT(S) FOR ISSUE OF SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE UNDER PART-1 OF INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT 1925.

NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES. Draw Time: 08:00 PM. DEAR FALCON EVENING. Draw No:163 DrawDate on:10/02/22. 1st Prize ₹ 1 Crore/- 81A 74270.

NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES. Draw Time: 01:00 PM. DEAR PADMA MORNING. Draw No:63 DrawDate on:10/02/22. 1st Prize ₹ 1 Crore/- 82H 04034.

NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES. Draw Time: 06:00 PM. DEAR VENUS THURSDAY. Draw No:63 DrawDate on:10/02/22. 1st Prize ₹ 1 Crore/- 92G 67170.

BEFORE THE MARRIAGE OFFICER DIMAPUR: NAGALAND. NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE. I, Marriage Officer, Dimapur, Nagaland hereby give notice Under Section 15 of the Special Marriage Act, 1954, that a petition for registration of marriage has been filed by Mr. Nribemo T Ngullie aged about 30 years, S/o Shri Tuslanthung Ngullie resident of Purana Bazar, AND Smti. Ethunglumi N Ngullie, aged about 23 years, D/o Shri Nchumbemo Ngullie, permanent resident of Purana Bazar before me on 10th day of February 2022 and whereas 11/03/2022 has been fixed for registering their Marriage.

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE KOHIMA: NAGALAND. NOTICE INVITING OTHER CLAIMANTS TO REPRESENTATION TO COME FORWARD (UNDER PART-1 OF SECTION 373 OF INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT 1925).

BEFORE THE MARRIAGE OFFICER DIMAPUR: NAGALAND. NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE. I, Marriage Officer, Dimapur, Nagaland hereby give notice Under Section 15 of the Special Marriage Act, 1954, that a petition for registration of marriage has been filed by Mr. Satya Prakash Yadava aged about 53 years, S/o Shri Lt. Col. SR Yadava (Retd) resident of 15 BRTF GREY, Kohima AND Smti. Yongching Sonla, aged about 42 years, D/o Shri Lt. Laktang Chang, resident of H/No.434 (4) Block-D, Darogapathar before me on 10th day of February 2022 and whereas 11/3/2022 has been fixed for registering their Marriage.

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SUDOKU 2992

Every Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically. Enter numbers into the blank spaces so that each row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.

Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in: Row 1: [] [] [] [2] [] [] [] [] [1] [] []; Row 2: [6] [] [9] [] [] [] [] [] [] []; Row 3: [] [] [] [] [3] [8] [4] [] [] []; Row 4: [7] [] [] [8] [] [] [6] [2] [] []; Row 5: [] [] [] [] [] [7] [] [] [9] [5]; Row 6: [] [2] [6] [] [] [] [] [] [] []; Row 7: [] [9] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []; Row 8: [] [3] [4] [] [9] [] [] [] [] []; Row 9: [1] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

MIRROR CROSS WORD 3049

- ACROSS 1. Obstruct 4. South American armadillo 8. Month 12. The compass point that is one point south of due east 13. Imbecile (British) 14. Abnormal breathing 15. Quality 17. About organ of hearing 18. Absquatulate 19. Unchanged in character or nature 21. A person's manner of walking 23. Red mineral 26. Narrow wood or metal or plastic runners used for gliding over snow 29. Minion 31. A way to get into 32. Demeter 33. Hack 34. In a way, made use of 36. Medium-sized mackerel 37. Has required courage 38. Any of numerous rigid or bristly and springy organs or parts of animals or plants 40. Humer 42. Pulls 46. Roman Statesman 48. Develop without chlorophyll 50. Times 51. In a way, changed form 52. Austrian river 53. Installation from which a military force initiates operations 54. Finds out 55. Dish baked in pastry-lined pan often with a pastry top

Crossword grid with numbers 1-55 indicating starting points for words.

- DOWN 1. Transfer property 2. Having sufficient skill, knowledge, etc. 3. Millisecond 4. Small terrestrial lizard of warm regions of the Old World 5. Winds 6. Basics 7. Cereal grains 8. Smells 9. Determine time 10. Caliph 11. Not just "play" 16. Chokes 20. Fabrics 22. Equalisers 24. Attar 25. Edible lily bulb 26. Wearing footwear 27. Polynesian coffee shrub 28. Repeats 30. Explain again 32. Curative 35. Peace 36. Sagan, astronomer 39. Honks 41. The compass point that is one point south of southeast 43. Gathering 44. Small ornamental ladies' bag for small articles 45. Dried-up 46. Small two-wheeled horse-drawn 47. Honorable title (Turkish) 49. Drive

SOLUTIONS TO SUDOKU 2991

Sudoku solution grid: Row 1: 3 6 9 8 7 2 5 4 1; Row 2: 7 1 8 5 4 3 6 2 9; Row 3: 2 4 5 9 6 1 3 7 8; Row 4: 5 2 7 1 9 8 4 6 3; Row 5: 4 9 3 6 5 7 8 1 2; Row 6: 6 8 1 3 2 4 9 5 7; Row 7: 1 3 2 4 8 6 7 9 5; Row 8: 8 5 6 7 1 9 2 3 4; Row 9: 9 7 4 2 3 5 1 8 6

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 3048

Crossword solution grid: G I B S I A M O L E A; U S E I N C A C A R D; A L A C R I T Y E K E D; R E D E E M S A L E; R E I S M O S E L; F A D O C U R A T I V E; A G E B A R E S D A O; R I S S O L E S P E N N; M O O T S R O S E; L A S S A L A B I L E; P E A S A D U L A T O R; B A T E P I T A C T N; S U E S S E E D H A S