

GLOBAL VOICE

Ukraine losing its future too, fears former US envoy

The United States, NATO and our European Union allies have been propping up Ukraine to fight a proxy war, but the effort amounts to doing half a job. The failure of the United States and NATO to provide the necessary support, including modern military equipment, is a major issue, former US envoy in Finland says.

The Hill has published an article by opinion contributor Earle Mack who is a former United States ambassador to Finland. He is a partner with the Mack Company, a real estate development and investment firm, and a trustee of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, an interfaith partnership of business and religious leaders promoting freedom, democracy and human rights in countries around the world.

He has also said that... 'As someone who has visited Ukraine multiple times on humanitarian missions, my last trip convinced

me that the country is at a pivotal moment. Morale is slipping. I could see it in the eyes of the children. More importantly, I could hear it in the voices of their leaders, who continue to say all the right things but lack the same conviction as before.'

He also feels that it seems the majority of the equipment being supplied to the Ukrainians came out of a Cold War-era military museum. Ukrainian soldiers are fighting the Russians with Leopard tanks, only a handful of which are modern and Soviet-era Miyokan-Gurevich (MiG) fighter jets that are over 30 years old. By the time U.S. Abrams tanks reach Ukraine in eight to 10 months, as U.S. officials have stated, the war could well be over. We need to send the Ukrainians modern fighting hardware yesterday. Where is the urgency?

While the Russian invasion of Ukraine is just a year old, the nation has been in almost

continual conflict since 2014, when Russian-backed separatist movements in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine declared independence, and the Russian government annexed the Crimean Peninsula. As the Ukrainians approach a decade of death and chaos, President Putin knows that the Russians will win a war of attrition.

Ukrainian cities are systematically being pounded into rubble. Critical infrastructure totally destroyed or rendered inoperable. Over 10 million Ukrainians have crossed the border or fled their country. The loss of population, death and destruction has left the people, especially its children, emotionally devastated. Time is one commodity the Ukrainians don't have.

Ukraine isn't just losing its present and past, it is losing its future too.

Ukrainian children are being taught to hate and this situa-

tion is not only a tragedy for the children and their families but also for Ukraine's future. Children are the future of any country, and Ukraine is losing a significant part of its future. Who will rebuild Ukraine after the war is over?

The United States and its allies need to send the Ukrainian military modern weaponry, including more Patriot missiles and many more Leopard 2 and Abrams tanks, and do it today. The fall of Ukraine would bode ominously for the future of Europe and the United States.

To compound matters, China's intervention in the conflict, in any form, will help buoy Russian resolve and rearm.

Last week, President Putin and Premier Xi met and pledged that there are "no limits" to their friendship he has cautioned.

TikTok ropes in former Biden aide to avoid US ban

A former Biden aide is lobbying on behalf of TikTok as the hugely popular social media platform launches an all-out push to avert a U.S. ban.

TikTok contracted with Ankit Desai, a for-hire lobbyist who briefly served as an aide to then-Sen. Biden in 2005, according to a document filed with Congress Thursday. TikTok hired Desai in late January to lobby on "regulation of content platforms."

After taking action against 59 Chinese-owned applications for allegedly transmitting user data secretly to servers outside of India, India banned the platform in the middle of 2020. Now the U.S. lawmakers are advocating an outright ban, as it applies only to government devices. Hence they decided to clear queries with the person responsible. The ceo of the app, Shou Zi Chew appeared for the first time before the US legislative committee.

This meeting took place in a violent manner for nearly five hours. The legislators kept increasing the pressure on Chew because they wished to know if the Chinese government had access to the data of millions of TikTok users.

When asked about the maintenance of the users data along with national security, Chew failed to assure 100% confidentiality to the lawmakers.

TikTok, a social media platform with a billion users and widespread recognition, was launched in 2016. It allows users to watch, create, and share short

videos online. Also the app popularly stood out for its content and accessibility among people, data revealed that the users could be able to find content which was unique and could explore themselves that can't be done anywhere else.

In her line of enquiry, US lawmaker Debbie Lesko cited India and other nations that had lately banned TikTok in some form. "This (TikTok) is a tool which is ultimately under the control of the Chinese government and screams out with national security concerns Mr. Chew, how can all of these countries, and our FBI director be wrong? asked Lesko. "I think a lot of risks pointed out are hypothetical and theoretical risks. I have not seen any evidence," replied Chew.

Lawmakers are sounding alarms over TikTok and putting forward proposals that aim to ban the video-sharing app, but there's no clear consensus over what path forward the U.S. government may pursue.

In addition to a litany of technical issues over how to enforce a ban on a social media platform, the unprecedented nature of the situation poses obstacles that complicate attempts to block the app, which is owned by China-based parent company ByteDance.

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ASEAN must build stability for future shocks: ADB

Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) economies must strengthen their positions in global value chains to bolster resilience against new challenges, including future pandemics, geopolitical instability, and climate change, says an Asian Development Bank (ADB) report released on Thursday.

The report ASEAN and Global Value Chains: Locking in Resilience and Sustainability surveys the challenges and opportunities facing global value chains in Southeast Asia as countries seek to build greater resilience and promote sustainability and green development.

"As ASEAN countries continue their recovery from COVID-19, we must ensure that economic revitalization happens in a greener and more sustainable way," ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa said. According to him, the report proposes concrete measures that governments and businesses can take to decarbonize global value chains.

"Investments in renewable energy and improved efficiency, incentives to reduce trading costs for climate-smart goods, and the acceleration of digitalization can all contribute to greener and more sustainable value chains in ASEAN and beyond," he added.

The report finds that global value chains proved more resilient to the impacts of COVID-19 than expected, even as firms had to adjust to the disruption, given their dependence on only a few suppliers for essential inputs and goods. As such, the region needs to build stronger resilience in its global value chain segments while expanding trade, investment, and regional integration.

The report also finds that the competitive advantage of employing low-skilled labor diminishes as new technology upgrades global value chains. Therefore, the region must create a critical mass of workers with the latest technology and technological skills.

New Kyrgyzstan rail network connects East-West

It is believed that China, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan have settled all technical issues related to the construction of the railway line, including considerations on the railway's route inside Kyrgyzstani territory and the size of the railway track gauge.

Kyrgyzstan could not capitalize on their country's strategic location along the shortest route connecting China to Central Asia and further onward to the Middle East and Europe. Now, hopes are cautiously mounting that this might be changing. Current Kyrgyzstani President Sadyr Japarov is determined to redefine his country's role in regional and wider international relations, as evidenced by his signing of agreements with the likes of Uzbekistan and China, among others, regarding improved cooperation on infrastructure and transit development. Once the railway

Russia's Gazprom maximises gas supply to China

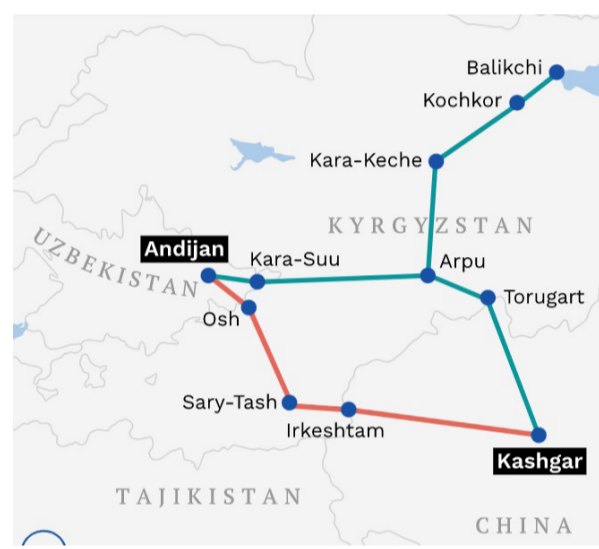
Beijing, Mar 31: Russia's Gazprom is increasing gas supplies to China and expects soon to reach the maximum planned level through a Siberian pipeline, its chairman said Wednesday, highlighting Beijing's importance as his country's top export market in the face of Western sanctions over its invasion of Ukraine.

Gazprom is negotiating with China over a possible additional supply project across neighboring Mongolia, Viktor Zubkov said at a government-or-

ganized economic forum. He said the company is open to serving other Asian markets.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping's government sees Moscow as a diplomatic partner in opposing U.S. domination of global affairs and has refused to criticize its invasion of Ukraine. Beijing has called for a cease-fire and negotiations but not a Russian withdrawal.

China's imports from Russia, mostly oil and gas, surged 31.3 percent over a year ago in January and February to



line is completed, it will not only bring hundreds of millions in transit revenue to Kyrgyzstan but will also turn the country from landlocked to land-linked, connecting the East with the West.

The train is expected to carry consumer goods from China to Central Asia and take food produce and minerals from Kyrgyzstan back to China. Uzbekistan hopes to boost its oil and cotton exports.

\$18.6 billion. That helps President Vladimir Putin offset lost revenue after the United States, Europe, and Japan blocked or limited imports.

Imports will rise 6.2% from last year to 540 million tonnes, while refinery processing will gain 7.8% to 733 million tonnes, equivalent to 14.66 million bpd, China National Petroleum Corporation's Economics and Technology Research Institute (ETRI) said earlier this week.

China's crude oil imports will average 10.8

million barrels per day (bpd) in 2023, matching the previous record high from 2020, according to the think tank of the country's leading energy group.

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North Korea ends isolation, to resume diplomacy

North Korea is preparing to resume diplomatic activities after three years of self-isolation in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic in the country, the Financial Times reported on Tuesday, citing people familiar with the matter.

The nation will rotate its foreign envoys in the coming months as leader Kim Jong Un gradually reopens his country after suspending almost all diplomatic travel in 2020, the sources said.

The renewed presence of North Korean officials abroad would increase engagement with the country and reportedly allow greater

insight into its internal affairs, according to diplomats and analysts.

North Korea introduced COVID-19 mea-

sures in January 2020, greatly increasing security measures inside the country and along its borders.

E-Auction Sale Notice
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Sale of Assets under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016
Date and Time of Auction: Wednesday, 19th April 2023 12.00 Noon to 01.00 PM
(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes each)

Sale of assets & properties owned by M/s. SURANA CORPORATION LIMITED (In Liquidation) forming part of Liquidation Estate will be done by the Liquidator appointed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench vide order dated 25th October, 2019. The sale will be done by the undersigned through the e-auction platform WWW.BANKACTIONS.IN

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PLANT & MACHINERY, OFFICE EQUIPMENT, AIR CONDITIONERS & UTILITIES FOR GOLD ORNAMENTS PRODUCTION	19,31,850/-	1,93,185/-	Lot

Terms and Condition of the E-Auction are as under:

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- The Bids can be submitted through email or can be submitted at the Liquidator's office before 06.00 PM on Monday, 17th April 2023. The bid form can be downloaded from the website of WWW.BANKACTIONS.IN or from the Liquidator's office.
- The Complete E-Auction process document containing details of the Assets, online e-auction Tender Form, Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available on website WWW.BANKACTIONS.IN. Contact: Mr. C. Ramasubramaniam - Liquidator @ 044 - 28528292, 044-42606292. E-Mail: srinidhira@gmail.com and for technical support, you can contact Mr. Subbarao, At: 91-08142000061. E-mail: info@bankauctions.in
- The highest offer received from E-Auction will be declared successful. The Liquidator reserves the right to choose in announcing the successful bidder based on the highest bid received.
- Last date & time of submission of EMD & Tender documents is 6.00 p.m. on Monday, 17th April 2023.
- The date & time of E-Auction on Wednesday, 19th April 2023 between 12.00 Noon & 01.00 P.M
- If any offer is received within the last 5 minutes of closure time, the bidding time will be extended automatically by another 5 minutes and if no higher bid is received within in the extended 5 minutes, the auction will automatically get closed at the extended 5 minutes.
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- The EMD amount of unsuccessful Bidders will be refunded within one week.
- The bidder who submits highest offer (more than Reserve Price) on closure of online auction shall be declared successful bidder subject to approval by the Liquidator. The liquidator reserves his rights to reject any or all of the offers or accept offer for one or more properties received without assigning any reasons whatsoever at any stage.
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- In addition to the final auction value, the successful bidder has to pay 18% of GST for Plant & machinery & 11% of Stamp duty for registration of the Land & Buildings with Sub Registrar office.
- The highest bidder would bear the applicable charges/ fees payable for ownership transfer, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. The Liquidator will not be responsible for any charge, lien under sale. The Liquidator has absolute right to accept or reject the bid or adjourn, postpone, extend the auction without assigning any reasons whatsoever. No objections will accrue to the Liquidator in such an event.
- The properties mentioned above can be inspected by the prospective bidders at the site with prior appointment contacting Mr. C. Ramasubramaniam, Liquidator (9884068292, +044-28528292, 044-42606292).
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Regional cooperations to save ecosystem

South Asia is one of the most biodiverse regions in the world. Home to almost 15.5% of the world's plant species and 12% of the world's animals, its ecosystems range from low-lying coastal wetlands and semi-arid areas to the evergreen forests and temperate-alpine zones of the Himalayas. This mosaic of ecosystems supports iconic species such as the tiger, one-horned rhinoceros, Asian elephant and red panda. What's more, most of the population of South Asia depends directly or indirectly on biodiversity, through activities such as agriculture, forestry and fisheries.

But South Asia also has one of the highest rates of habitat destruction in the world, and thousands

of its native species are threatened with extinction. This is driven by a set of complex and inter-related factors including population growth, rapid urbanisation, infrastructure development, over-exploitation of resources, land use change, pollution, and extreme weather events. By threatening South Asia's ecological security, these factors also increase the region's vulnerability to climate change.

Many countries in South Asia share biodiversity-rich transboundary ecosystems. These include the high-altitude rangelands of Nepal, Bhutan and India; the Terai forests of India, Nepal and Bhutan; the Sundarbans of India and Bangladesh; and the multiple river basins that flow from the

Hindu Kush Himalayas. The benefits of cooperation across borders to preserve these essential and unique ecosystems are well recognised, and this is promoted in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. But the potential of policies and practices that promote regional collaboration to sustainably manage nature has not yet been fully explored.

There is an urgent need for South Asian countries to identify and agree on joint conservation actions and an improved cooperation on biodiversity at the regional scale is particularly important for achieving the target to effectively conserve and manage 30% of Earth's land, oceans, marine areas and inland water by 2030.