

Russia invites nuclear monitors to visit shelled Ukrainian plant

By Jonathan Tirone
Bloomberg

Russia told diplomats it's ready to welcome international monitors into Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, whose safety is in doubt after coming under attack last week.

International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors have said there's a "very real risk of a nuclear disaster" at Europe's biggest atomic power plant amid fighting in the area. The Zaporizhzhia site, with six reactors worth tens of billions of dollars, has been occupied by Russian forces since March.

The Kremlin's envoy to the IAEA has invited an international mission to Zaporizhzhia to conduct "activities within the framework of the implementation of safeguards, as well as monitoring the state of nuclear safety and security," according to a note circulated among diplomats in Vienna.

The Russian move is just one of a series of steps required for the IAEA to send inspectors. Speaking at the United Nations last week,



NUCLEAR PLANT: Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in Enerhodar, Zaporizhzhia Region, in Ukraine is seen on July 11, 2019. Dmytro Smolyenko/Ukrinform/Zuma Press

IAEA Director-General Rafael Mariano Grossi said he needs permission from Ukraine's government, as well as security guarantees and a safe passage through the war zone.

"Going there is a very complex thing because it requires the cooperation and understanding of a number of actors," Grossi said. "It's a Ukrainian facility, so it requires Ukraine to agree. At the same time, the plant is occupied by Russia and I have to talk to everybody."

Ukraine's nuclear utility, Energoatom, appeared to back the suggestion for an international mission to Zaporizhzhia on Monday.

"We call on our partners to make a demilitarized zone at the station," Energoatom President Petro Kotin

said in a broadcast interview. "There should be a mission of peacekeepers and experts from the IAEA and other organizations."

Ukraine believes there to be about 500 Russian soldiers in and around the Zaporizhzhia site, which continues to be operated by Ukrainian technicians. The shelling damaged cables at a nearby coal-power plant, which provides electricity for cooling and circulation at the nuclear site, according to regulators.

Without constant electricity flows to moderate atomic fission, nuclear reactors run the risk of melting down. Ukraine's Chernobyl disaster in 1986 spread radiation over a wide swath of Europe. The fallout from Japan's Fukushima meltdown in 2011 continues, with plants still being cooled and Tokyo's government making plans to pump irradiated material out to sea.

Taiwan foreign minister says China is using drills as an excuse to prepare for invasion

TAIPEI (Reuters) — Taiwan's foreign minister said Tuesday that China was using the military drills it launched in protest against U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit as an excuse to prepare for an invasion of the self-ruled island.

Joseph Wu told a press conference in Taipei that Taiwan, which is claimed by China as its own, would not be intimidated even as the drills continued with China often breaching the unofficial median line down the Taiwan Strait.

"China has used the drills ... to prepare for the invasion of Taiwan," Wu said, urging international support to safeguard "peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait."

"It's conducting large-scale military exercises, missile launches as well as cyber attacks, a disinformation campaign and economic coercion in an attempt to weaken public morale in Taiwan."

Wu spoke as military tensions simmer after the scheduled end Sunday of four days of the largest-ever Chinese exercises surrounding the island - drills that included ballistic missile launches and simulated sea and air attacks in the skies and seas surrounding Taiwan.

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House Democrats ask intelligence chief to assess Trump documents

By Billy House
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON - Two top House Democrats asked the U.S. Director of National Intelligence to provide a "damage assessment" after the FBI said it seized highly classified documents at former President Donald Trump's estate in Florida.

A classified briefing on the assessment's progress is also sought "as soon as possible," House Oversight Committee Chair Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., and Intelligence Committee Chair Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said in a letter to DNI Avril Haines on Saturday.

They cited an unsealed court-authorized search warrant and the inventory of property recovered at Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club that describe numerous classified documents he held, including "top secret/sensitive compartmented information," among the most highly protected information in the U.S. government.

"Even as the Justice Department's investigation proceeds, ensuring that we take all necessary steps to protect classified information and mitigate the damage to national security done by its compromise is critically important," the lawmakers said in the letter.



TRUMP: Former President Donald Trump speaks during the Turning Point USA Student Action Summit at the Tampa Convention Center on July 23 in Tampa, Florida. Joe Raedle/Getty Images/Tribune News Service

"Former President Trump's conduct has potentially put our national security at grave risk," Schiff and Maloney said. "This issue demands a full review, in addition to the ongoing law enforcement inquiry."

In June, at least one lawyer for the former president signed a statement declaring all of the classified material stored at Trump's Mar-a-Lago property was returned to the government, the New York Times reported Saturday, citing four people with knowledge of the document.

The written declaration came after Jay Bratt, a senior official in the Justice Department's national security division, visited Trump's residence on June 3, the Times said. The statement could mean Trump or his aides were not fully forthcoming with federal investigators about the material being stored at Mar-a-Lago, according to the report.

After the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago, Trump spokesman Taylor Budo-wich said the records were ordinary or declassified and that the search was "unnecessary."

Idaho court lets near-total abortion ban start

By Andrew Jeong
The Washington Post

The Idaho Supreme Court said late Friday the state's strict antiabortion laws can take effect while it reviews legal challenges against the merits of the restrictions.

This means a near-total ban on abortions will kick in on Aug. 25; the court also lifted a stay on a law that allowed potential relatives of a fetus to sue a provider who carries out an abortion after six weeks of pregnancy.

The decision was in response to lawsuits from a Planned Parenthood chapter and a local doctor challenging laws such as Idaho's near-total abortion trigger ban, which was set to take effect after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June.

But Idaho's highest court denied the requests in a split decision, saying that the petitioners had failed to show that they were likely to prevail in overturning the state's anti-abortion laws.



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2 California companies face \$1M fines for smuggling corals

By Christian Martinez
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Two Inglewood marine wildlife companies pleaded guilty in federal court this week to illegally importing live coral from Vietnam, prosecutors said.

Renaissance Aquatics Inc. and Lim Aqua-Nautic Specialist Inc. each pleaded guilty to two felony counts of illegally importing the coral between 2012 and 2013.

Renaissance Aquatics operated as a retailer of live animals and was an agent for Lim Aqua-Nautic, a wildlife wholesaler.

"The companies imported marine life from foreign suppliers, then sold and shipped marine life within and outside the United States," the U.S. attorney's office for the Central District of California said in a release Wednesday. "Both companies were located within the same commercial building in Inglewood."

Renaissance employees placed orders with foreign suppliers for specimens, including coral, while



VIETNAM: This photo taken on June 3 shows fish next to corals off Hon Mun island in Vietnam's Nha Trang Bay. Quang Duc/AFP/Getty Images/Tribune News Service

Aqua-Nautic provided payments, picked the orders up from Los Angeles International Airport and stored them, prosecutors said.

The orders that Renaissance imported orders from a Vietnamese supplier included live stony corals, which are protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) but can be legally imported if certain declarations and identifications are made to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Additionally, the shipments themselves were packed so as to hide the corals under properly declared wildlife.

From May 2012 to March 2013, Renaissance illegally imported at least eight such shipments.