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Romania's opposition seeks Huawei ban in telecom infrastructure

BUCHAREST (Reuters) - Romania's biggest opposition party will trigger a public inquiry into Huawei's contribution to critical infrastructure and seek to bar it from 5G network development due to mounting security concerns, its IT expert said on Tuesday. Some Western countries, including the United States and Australia, have restricted Huawei from building next-generation mobile networks, citing concerns that its equipment may contain 'back doors' opening it to cyber-espionage.

Washington is concerned about the expansion of the world's biggest maker of telecoms equipment in its NATO allies in central Europe, including Hungary and Poland. Romania has become particularly important since 2016, when the United States activated an \$800 million missile shield site, angering Russia.

"We need to protect our strategic interests and there's a lot of suspicion lingering around," said Pavel Popescu, the National Liberal Party's (PNL) representative on parliament's IT committee. "It's crucially urgent to block any public deals, contracts, tenders with the Chinese company."

Huawei has repeatedly denied spying or intending to spy for the Chinese state. It has been present in the Romanian market since 2003. The PNL expert pointed to a 2013 memorandum of understanding signed by the then-telecoms minister with Huawei, offering them an opportunity to participate in the construction of the national information and communications system, traffic monitoring, tracking and e-government projects.

No details on the progress of works have been published. RISK REVIEW

Popescu showed Reuters an official letter sent by his parliament grouping to the telecoms ministry on Feb. 11, calling for a risk review of Huawei equipment in state networks: "We've yet to receive any answer, still waiting now, and shortly we will launch our action plan." The government plans to launch first 5G licensing tenders later this year, probably in the last quarter, on overall investment of about 3 billion euros, officials have said.

Popescu, whose PNL is running neck-and-neck at 25 percent with the ruling Social Democrats in opinion surveys, said: "A Chinese equipment-free network will be costlier."

Globally, Huawei is playing a leading role as the telecoms world gears up for the next generation wireless technology.

"The supreme reasoning behind our stance is the partnership with America and our key role in NATO's architecture," Popescu said, adding: "All tools are on the table, including involving the president and his security council's assessment on Huawei."

U.S. behind on cyber threats: "Dawn of the Code War" author In Romania the Supreme Defence Council, chaired by President Klaus Iohannis since 2015, adopts all strategic decisions, including endorsing budgets of national security sectors.

The Special Telecommunications Service, which oversees Romania's critical communication networks, has yet to respond to a Feb. 26 request by Reuters regarding the current stage of implementation of the memorandum.



woman visits the Huawei Cyber Security Transparency Centre in Brussels, Belgium March 5, 2019.

FDA finds asbestos in three products sold by Claire's

(Reuters) - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration called on Congress on Tuesday to modernize rules for cosmetics safety after it issued an alert about asbestos contamination detected in three products sold by retailer Claire's.

Claire's did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The health regulator said it would investigate whether manufacturers source talc used in the products with appropriate traceability, and whether they test raw talc and/or their finished products.

"We also want to know how many cosmetics products contain talc and whether manufacturers have received adverse event reports associated with talc-containing products," the FDA said.

The FDA said it would work with Congress to update the outdated regulatory framework that the agency has been operating under for more than 80 years for cosmetics. The agency issued a safety alert warning consumers not to use three Claire's products because they had tested positive for asbestos, a known carcinogen. In its safety alert, the FDA identified the products as Claire's eye shadows, contour palette and compact powder.



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U.S. senators offer North Korea sanctions bill, backed by Warmbier parents

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Two U.S. senators sought to dial up pressure on North Korea on Tuesday by reintroducing a bill to impose sanctions on any bank that does business with its government, with the endorsement of the parents of Otto Warmbier, a U.S. college student who died after being imprisoned by Pyongyang. Republican Senator Pat Toomey and Democrat Chris Van Hollen offered the "Otto Warmbier Banking Restrictions Involving North Korea (BRINK) Act" days after a summit between Republican President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was abruptly cut off after they failed to reach a deal for the reclusive communist nation to give up its nuclear weapons. After the summit, Trump said he believed Kim's claim not to have known how Otto Warmbier was treated, prompting his parents to issue a sharp statement strongly condemning Kim's "evil regime" and blaming it for their son's death. In a statement, Fred and Cindy Warmbier thanked van Hollen and Toomey, and said they believed the

legislation would provide useful tools to help change North Korea.

"We continue to support the bill and appreciate them honoring our son's memory," the Warmbiers said.

The measure, which would deny access to the U.S. banking system to any foreign bank that does business with North Korea, unanimously passed the Senate Banking Committee last year but did not advance further.

To become law, it would need to pass the full Senate and House of Representatives and be signed into law by Trump.



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un bids farewell to the crowd before boarding his train to depart for North Korea at Dong Dang railway station

Tesla blames misprinted label for China customs hiccup

BENGALURU/SHANGHAI (Reuters) - Tesla Inc said on Tuesday that China's customs authorities have accepted the electric carmaker's plan to resolve problems with the clearance of its Model 3 sedans that centered around misprinting of labels. Shares in Silicon Valley billionaire Elon Musk's company fell more than 5 percent in early trading after Chinese media reported Shanghai customs had suspended clearance for a batch of Tesla's cars. They were last down 1.3 percent at \$281.73. "We have already reached a resolution with Chinese customs, and we are working closely with them to resume clearance procedures on these vehicles," a Tesla spokesperson said in a

statement. "Sales of Model 3 in the country are not impacted, and we continue to deliver Model 3 vehicles that have already been processed." Making inroads into China, the world's largest electric vehicle market, is crucial for the Tesla as it seeks to offset softening demand in the United States and convince investors of its ability to become consistently profitable. "Selling into China has clear hurdles and this is a reminder of the pitfalls when betting on growth in the region," Wedbush Securities analyst Daniel Ives said. Musk has played up the support Tesla is getting from Chinese authorities as the

company invests in the country's first wholly foreign-owned car plant in Shanghai, due to come online later this year.

Until then, Tesla has to import U.S.-made cars with substantial customs duties, putting it at a disadvantage against locally-made, government-subsidized electric vehicles from rivals such as Nio Inc, Byton and XPeng Motors.

Financial publication Caixin had first reported about China's customs authorities blocking the cars.

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Editor's Choice



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro stands in front of the tomb of Venezuela's late president Hugo Chavez, during a ceremony to commemorate the sixth anniversary of his death at the 4F military fort in Caracas



An electronic billboard unveiled by a pro-business group targeting Democratic Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is seen in New York



Fighters of Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) walk together near Baghouz, Deir Al Zor province



First lady Melania Trump visits Las Vegas to promote her "Be Best" initiative



Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido attends a press conference after the meeting with public employees in Caracas



U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) listens to a question after a Republican policy lunch on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S., March 5, 2019. REUTERS/Jim Young



Mar 5, 2019; Jupiter, FL, USA; Miami Marlins manager Don Mattingly (8) looks on from the dugout against the New York Mets at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium. Mandatory Credit: Steve Mitchell-USA TODAY Sports



Champions League - Round of 16 Second Leg - Real Madrid v Ajax Amsterdam

Measles Can Be Spread By Already Vaccinated Patients Government Research Confirms



Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Despite the fact that only 159 cases of measles in the US have been reported this season, the level of hysteria surrounding the disease continues to rise. Some people are mistakenly blaming the unvaccinated for this 'outbreak', while vaccine advocates are demanding that anti-vaccine voices are banned from public view.

unvaccinated kids really the problem? A government study actually belies this narrative, pointing out that the measles is actually transmitted by the vaccinated. Sayer Ji from Green Med Info discussed this in detail in a 2016 article: Last year, a groundbreaking study published in the journal Clinical Infectious Diseases, whose authorship includes scientists working for the Bureau of Immunization, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, GA, looked at evidence from the 2011 New York measles outbreak that individuals with prior evidence of measles vaccination and vaccine immunity were both capable of being infected with measles and infecting others with it (secondary transmission).

A groundbreaking study published in the journal Clinical Infectious Diseases found that a vaccinated individual cannot only become infected with measles, but can also spread it to others who are also vaccinated against it. This finding even aroused the attention of mainstream news reporting, such as this Sciencemag.org article from April 2014 titled "Measles Outbreak Traced to Fully Vaccinated Patient for First Time." Titled, "Outbreak of Measles Among Persons With Prior Evidence of Immunity, New York City, 2011," the groundbreaking study acknowledged that, "Measles may occur in vaccinated individuals, but secondary transmission from such individuals has not been documented." In order to find out if measles vaccine compliant individuals are capable of being infected and transmitting the infection to others, they evaluated suspected cases and contacts exposed during a 2011 measles outbreak in NYC. They focused on one patient who had received two doses of measles-containing vaccine and found that, "Of 88 contacts, four secondary cases were confirmed that had either two doses of measles-containing vaccine or a past positive measles IgG antibody. All cases



had laboratory confirmation of measles infection, clinical symptoms consistent with measles, and high avidity IgG antibody characteristic of a secondary immune response."

Their remarkable conclusion: "This is the first report of measles transmission from a twice vaccinated individual. The clinical presentation and laboratory data of the index were typical of measles in a naive individual. Secondary cases had robust anamnestic antibody responses. No tertiary cases occurred despite numerous contacts. This outbreak underscores the need for thorough epidemiologic and laboratory investigation of suspected measles cases regardless of vaccination status." In other words, a twice-vaccinated individual, from a NYC measles outbreak, was found to have transmitted measles to four of her contacts, two of which themselves had received two doses of MMR vaccine and had prior presumably protective measles IgG antibody results.

Related CDC 2017 Survey Shows Houston With Measles Vaccination Rate Among Key U.S. Cities



A 2017 report by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention shows that among major U.S. cities surveyed, Houston has the lowest rate of measles vaccination among young children.

The study looked at vaccination rates among a large sample group of children between 19 and 35 months old in 2017, which was the most recent data available. Health authorities announced this week that five Houston-area people, including two infants, have contracted measles. Measles is a dangerous and highly contagious disease that can cause lasting damage in some cases.

In the 2017 study, the CDC claims 87.8 percent of Houston children in that age range were vaccinated against measles, mumps, and rubella vaccination, well below the statewide 90.3 percent.

The report included eight major U.S. cities, although data was not available for many of them.

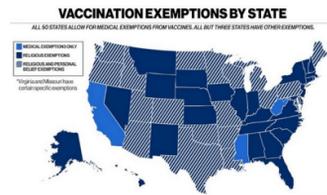
Other Texas metro areas fared better. Bexar County lead the way with 96.1 percent of its children vaccinated.

For Dallas County, 93.1 percent of children were vaccinated. Travis County had 92.1 percent and El Paso County had 89.3 percent.

Nationally, Houston is listed as the fifth worst designated area for vaccine rates. It was beat out by the states of Colorado (87.2 percent), Indiana (87 percent) and Missouri (82.5 percent).

Guam, a U.S. territory, had the worst rate with 82.5 percent.

Massachusetts (98.3 percent) and Virginia (97.6 percent) took the top for designated areas in the study, followed by Bexar County. (Courtesy houstonchronicle.com)



Final Thoughts

There seems to be a wide disconnect between the demand to forcefully vaccinate children without their parents' consent and actually caring about what happens to children. We are also in the middle of an autism epidemic, and already 1 in 37 boys in America is diagnosed with this life-changing condition. And while the vaccine industry will not capitulate and admit any fault whatsoever, vaccines are highly suspect in this major public health crisis. (Courtesy newspunch.com)



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Trump's Visit To Vietnam Not A Total Loss President Comes Home With \$15B In Orders For American Jets

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Vietnamese airlines last week signed documents to purchase over \$15 billion worth of American passenger jets.

Just when you thought President Donald Trump had come back empty-handed following his recent meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, the president's Vietnam has proven to be very fruitful after all. Vietnamese airlines last week signed documents to purchase over \$15 billion worth of American passenger jets.



Bamboo Airways has agreed to buy ten 787-9 Dreamliners, totaling to massive \$3 billion. Trump insisted that the recent purchases are a sign there are 'positive' partnerships between the two nations.

you're looking at much of our military equipment," Trump told Vietnamese officials. "We make the best military equipment in the world, by far. Whether it's jet fighters or missiles or rockets, or anything you want to name, we make — we're acknowledged to have made — we still make the best. So I appreciate your looking at that very strongly, and I know that's a decision you will make.

United States such as in California, serving the large traveling and commercial demand from customers," VietJet's vice president To Viet Thang said in a statement, according to Reuters.



As air travel in Vietnam expands, Trump has made sure the US is first to capitalize on it. Bamboo Airways Chairman Trinh Van Quyet said they were contemplating creating routes to Seattle, Los Angeles or San Francisco.

2.9 percent, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis quarterly report on the gross domestic product, poised for the most robust growth in 13 years. The impressive figure fell short of President Donald Trump's goal of a nearly 3 percent growth.



Last Thursday's report showed GDP increasing at a 2.6 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter of 2018

What would have likely to have lowered first-quarter growth is the partial government shutdown, though the Congressional Budget Office believes that the effect will fade in coming quarters. But Trump boosted output last year by raising spending and cutting taxes.

sponsibility as a national airline. Whether or not the route is commercially feasible depends on quite a lot on technical issues and aircraft," the airline said. Vietnam's aviation industry is experiencing booming demand as the country brought in 12.5 million air passengers last year.

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