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## China to probe FedEx after Huawei says parcels diverted

BEIJING (Reuters) - China will investigate whether FedEx Corp damaged the legal rights and interests of its clients, the official Xinhua news agency said on Saturday, after Chinese telecoms giant Huawei said parcels intended for it were diverted.

Amid rising tensions between China and the United States, the Chinese commerce ministry said on Friday it would draft a list of "unreliable" foreign firms and individuals that harm the interests of Chinese companies. It gave no names.

Washington last month put Huawei on a blacklist that effectively blocks U.S. firms from doing business with the Shenzhen-based company.

Huawei, the world's largest telecoms equipment maker, told Reuters on Friday it was reviewing its relationship with FedEx, which it alleged had diverted two parcels destined for Huawei addresses in Asia to the United States and had attempted to reroute two others.

FedEx said the packages were "misrouted in error."

Xinhua, without elaborating, said FedEx recently did not deliver to the right addressees and addresses in China.

FedEx said in a statement it values its relationships with customers in China, and that it would "fully cooperate with any regulatory investigation into how we serve our customers."

On Tuesday, FedEx China apologized on its Chinese social media account for the "mishandling" of Huawei packages and confirmed there was no "external pressure" to divert packages.

The U.S. government says Huawei is a potential espionage threat because of its close ties with the Chinese government.

Huawei has repeatedly denied it is controlled by the Chinese government, military or intelligence services.

The issue has become a flashpoint in the escalating trade war between the world's two biggest economies.



FILE PHOTO: A FedEx truck makes deliveries and pick-ups in the Back Bay in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S., June 18, 2018. REUTERS/Brian Snyder

## Trump says lawyer Emmet Flood leaving in June

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump announced on Saturday that a member of his legal team, Emmet Flood, will leave his post later this month after helping him handle the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election campaign.

"Emmet Flood, who came to the White House to help me with the Mueller Report, will be leaving service on June 14th. He has done an outstanding job Case Closed! Emmet is my friend, and I thank him for the GREAT JOB he has done," Trump said on Twitter.

Trump has been restructuring his legal team as he shifts from dealing with Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Russia probe to battling Democratic-led investigations in the U.S. Congress.

Flood, an experienced Washington lawyer, holds the job of special counsel to the president. Flood and Pat Cipollone,

who holds the post of White House counsel, represent the presidency as an institution, not Trump as an individual. Mueller concluded that Russia repeatedly interfered in the 2016 election and that Trump's campaign had multiple contacts with Russian officials, but he did not establish that there was a criminal conspiracy with Moscow to win the White House.

Mueller's report declined to make a judgment on whether Trump obstructed justice, although it outlined instances in which Trump tried to have Mueller fired or otherwise impede the investigation.

FILE PHOTO: White House legal counsel Emmet Flood (R), walking with Associate Counsel David Morrell, exits the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House campus in Washington, U.S. May 8, 2019. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst/File Photo



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## Rep. Ocasio-Cortez returns to bartending to promote fair wages

NEW YORK (Reuters) - U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez took lunch orders, served pizza and rocked the cocktail shaker on Friday to promote increased wages for restaurant servers and other tipped workers.

The New York Democrat and media sensation, who famously worked as a bartender before getting elected to Congress last year, brought first-hand experience to the debate over the proposed "Raise the Wage Act," which would raise the U.S. minimum wage to \$15 an hour and guarantee that minimum for tipped employees.

U.S. law exempts restaurants, nail salons and car washes from paying their tipped staff the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, instead creating a "tip credit" of up to \$5.12 per hour that allows them to pay as little as \$2.13 per hour on the books.

"Any job that pays \$2.13 per hour is not a job, it is indentured servitude," Ocasio-Cortez told restaurant workers, customers and reporters at the Queensboro Restaurant in her New York City district, in a reference to the lowest possible wage before tips.

Ocasio-Cortez, 29, stunned New York Democrats a year ago by defeating incumbent Joe Crowley in the primary election, then cruised to victory in November and soared to national prominence as a leading voice of the left wing of the party.

The National Restaurant Association, the industry lobbying group, has opposed the Raise the Wage Act, saying it would harm restaurants that typically rely on margins between 3% and 6%, and that the tip credit allows tipped employees to earn far more than the minimum wage.

Supporters of Raise the Wage Act argue that restaurants are doing just fine in the seven states that mandate tipped employees receive the minimum wage.

Ocasio-Cortez said she worked as a restaurant hostess starting at age 16 and later as part of the wait staff, where she was forced to endure sexual harassment, such as inappropriate comments or touching from customers.

Restaurant servers, who are mostly women, are more able to stand up to abusive customers early in the month when they can "tell that guy to buzz off," but are prone to giving in when the rent is due, Ocasio-Cortez said.



Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) serves drinks in support of One Fair Wage at The Queensboro restaurant in the Queens borough of New York



Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) makes a drink in support of One Fair Wage, a policy that would allow tipped workers to receive full minimum wage plus their tips in New York, at The Queensboro restaurant in the Queens borough of New York, U.S., May



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# Editor's Choice



Horse Racing - Derby Festival - Epsom Downs Racecourse, Epsom, Britain - June 1, 2019 Anthony Van Dyck ridden by Seamie Heffernan in action before winning the 4.30 Investec Derby Stakes Action Images via Reuters/Matthew Childs TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) walks to make a drink in support of One Fair Wage at The Queensboro restaurant in the Queens borough of New York



A mask depicting U.S. President Donald Trump is seen during a pro-Israel demonstration, during al-Quds Day (Jerusalem Day) celebration, in Berlin, Germany, June 1, 2019. REUTERS/Fabrizio Bensch TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



People attend the Inauguration ceremony of the new President of El Salvador Nayib Bukele at the Capitan General Gerardo Barrios square in San Salvador, El Salvador June 1, 2019. REUTERS/Jose Cabezas TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



A journalist takes a selfie as firefighters extinguish burning tires, set alight at the entrance of the U.S. embassy by demonstrators during a protest against President Juan Orlando Hernandez government's plans to privatise healthcare and education, in Tegucigalpa,



People chant slogans as they set on fire the representation of India, Israel and U.S. flags in a rally, marking al-Quds Day, (Jerusalem Day), during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan in Peshawar, Pakistan May 31, 2019. REUTERS/Fayaz Aziz TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Horse Racing - Derby Festival - Epsom Downs Racecourse, Epsom, Britain - May 31, 2019 General view of a racegoer asleep on the grass REUTERS/Peter Nicholls TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY

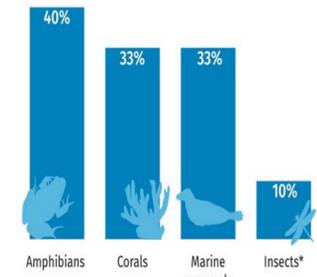


Horse Racing - Derby Festival - Epsom Downs Racecourse, Epsom, Britain - May 31, 2019 Spectators react during the 3.45 Investec Wealth & Investment Handicap REUTERS/Peter Nicholls

Wildlife and habitats are declining at an "unprecedented" rate worldwide which directly threatens human beings, a major new study has warned.

Up to a million species of plants and animals are at risk of extinction, a greater number than ever before in human history.

Species threatened with extinction



Source: ipbes \*estimate

Many could vanish within decades, the UN-backed global assessment reveals. Scientists warn that the natural world is deteriorating faster than ever as a direct result of human activity, eroding "the very foundations" of economies, livelihoods, food, health and quality of life worldwide.

A huge transformation is needed across the economy and society to protect and restore nature, which provides people with food, medicines and other materials, crop pollination, fresh water, and quality of life.

Without such "transformational change", the damage will continue or worsen up to 2050 and beyond, posing a direct threat to human well-being around the world, the study said.

It will also undermine existing global efforts to tackle poverty and hunger, improve health and curb climate change.

The experts warned that "vested interests" would oppose changes to the status quo, from which they benefit through things such as subsidies or a lack of regulation, but this opposition could be overcome for the public good.

The three-year global assessment on the state of nature from the Intergovernmental



Worldwide Losses At 'Unprecedented' Rate

UN Study Warns: Nature In Decline

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

tal Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) has involved more than 450 experts from 50 countries.



Loss of pollinators such as bees is putting billions of pounds of crops at risk (Owen Humphreys/PA)

It looked at changes to the natural world over the past five decades, during which time the human population has doubled and demand for energy and materials has increased significantly, and sets out scenarios for the future.

Habitats, wild animals and plants and even domesticated breeds are in decline or vanishing as a direct result of human activity, and the rate at which species are becoming extinct is accelerating.

The biggest cause of wildlife losses is change to the way land or marine environments are used, followed by direct exploitation of animals and plants, climate change, pollution and invasive species.

Three-quarters of the world's land has been "significantly altered" by human activity, with forests cut down and grassland ploughed up for crops or livestock and the spread of cities, industry and infrastructure such as roads.



Habitat is being destroyed by human activity (Emily Beament/PA)

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The assessment outlines a series of scenarios for the future, and found that major changes are required to protect nature and benefit people.

These include a shift away from concentrating on economic growth, bringing in wildlife-friendly farming, restoring habitats such as native forests, cutting food waste, creating marine protected areas and effective quotas for fishing, reducing

pollution and creating more green space in cities.

It is hoped the evidence in the report will help form policies and action and provide the basis for new global targets to protect nature which will be negotiated at a UN meeting in China in 2020. (Courtesy https://www.irishexaminer.com/)

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### SpaceX Launches The First Batch Of 60 Satellites In Starlink Satellites Project



View of the 60 Starlink Satellites from the May 24, 2019 launch (Credits - Wikimedia Commons)

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SpaceX, the space transportation company founded by Elon Musk successfully launched 60 of its Starlink satellites. If everything goes properly, then the Starlink network of satellites can provide superfast internet connectivity across the globe. Before the launch of the satellites from Cape Canaveral, Florida, SpaceX announced that Starlink will make the entire earth connected through reliable and cheap broadband connectivity.

The first Starlink mission was broadcast by SpaceX which was launched by a Falcon 9 rocket at 10:30 pm ET on 24th May. Just over an hour of the liftoff, all the 30000 pounds of satellites were deployed by the rockets' upper stage. This is the heaviest payload which the SpaceX has launched till date.

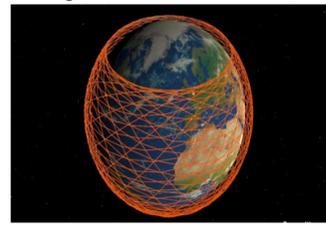


Launching of the Falcon 9 rocket.

The size of an individual satellite is almost that of an office desk and its weight is closely 500 pounds. It is equipped with solar pan-

els and has antennas present for transmission of data. Besides that, the spacecraft has an ion engine which releases krypton gas. It would prevent the Starlink satellite colliding with other satellites and avoid space junk. Once it nears its useful life, it would self-destruct. The engine will also power the satellite to an orbit of 550 kilometres above Earth.

The present batch of satellites lack a major component, laser beam interlinks. The future satellites will have these lasers for connecting with other four satellites. In this way, it will form a strong mesh network over Earth facilitating the internet speed almost to that of light's speed in a vacuum. It is almost 50% greater than fibre-optic cables giving the Starlink satellites a great advantage over the current status.



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SpaceX aims to deploy 12000 similar satellites before the deadline of 2027 set by the Federal Communications Commission. For reaching this goal, SpaceX needs to launch more than a mission per month through the next eight years. However, for making the concept work and generate revenue, it needs to launch only 1000 satellites which is way less than 12000. (Courtesy <https://sciencehook.com>)

#### Related The Starlink Satellite Program

Starlink is a satellite constellation development project underway by American company SpaceX, to develop a low-cost, high-performance satellite bus and requisite customer ground transceivers to implement a new space-based Internet communication system. SpaceX also plans to sell satellites that use a satellite bus that may be used for military,[4] scientific or exploratory purposes.

SpaceX has plans to deploy nearly 12,000 satellites in three orbital shells by the mid-2020s: initially placing approximately 1600 in a 550-kilometer (340 mi)-altitude shell, subsequently placing ~2800 Ku- and Ka-band spectrum sats at 1,150 km (710 mi) and ~7500 V-band sats at 340 km (210 mi). [6] The total cost of the decade-long project to design, build and deploy such a network is estimated at nearly US\$10 billion.



60 satellites installed on the launch spacecraft.

#### History 2015-2017

The communication satellite network SpaceX envisions was publicly announced in January 2015, with the projected design

capability to support sufficient bandwidth to carry up to 50% of all backhaul communications traffic, and up to 10% of local Internet traffic, in high-density cities. CEO Elon Musk said that there is significant unmet demand for low-cost global broadband capabilities.

By March 2017, SpaceX filed plans with the FCC to field a second orbital shell of more than 7500 "V-band satellites in non-geosynchronous orbits to provide communications services" in an electromagnetic spectrum that has not previously been heavily employed for commercial communications services. Called the "V-band low-Earth orbit (VLEO) constellation," it would consist of 7,518 satellites and would orbit at just 340 kilometres (210 mi) altitude, while the smaller originally-planned group of 4,425 satellites would operate in the Ka- and Ku-bands and orbit at 1,200 kilometres (750 mi) altitude.

#### 2018-2019

In May 2018, SpaceX expected the total cost of development and buildout of the constellation to approach US\$10 billion. In mid-2018, SpaceX reorganized the satellite development division in Redmond, and fired several members of senior management.[13]



In November 2018, SpaceX received US regulatory approval to deploy 7,518 broadband satellites, in addition to the 4,425 approved earlier. SpaceX's initial 4,425 satellites had been requested in the 2016 regulatory filings to orbit at altitudes of 1,110 km to 1,325 km, well above the ISS. The new approval was for the addition of

a very-low Earth orbit NGSO [non-geostationary satellite orbit] constellation, consisting of 7,518 satellites operating at altitudes from 335 km to 346 km, below the ISS.

#### Launches

The deployment of the first 1,584 satellites will be into 40 orbital planes of 66 satellites each, with a requested lower minimum elevation angle of beams to improve reception: 25 degrees rather than the 40 degrees of the other two orbital shells.

SpaceX launched the first 60 satellites of the constellation in May 2019 into a 450 km orbit and expected up to six launches in 2019 at that time, with 720 satellites for continuous coverage in 2020.

#### Global broadband Internet

SpaceX intends to provide broadband internet connectivity to underserved areas of the planet, as well as provide competitively-priced service to urban areas. The company has stated that the positive cashflow from selling satellite internet services would be necessary to fund their Mars plans.



Starlink satellite in orbit. Use beyond Earth

In the long term, SpaceX intends to develop and deploy a version of the satellite communication system to serve Mars. (Courtesy Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

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