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Russia warns Lithuania of ‘consequences’ over blocked rail to enclave

KYIV, June 21 (Reuters) - Russia threatened on Tuesday to punish Lithuania with measures that would have a “serious negative impact” for blocking some shipments by rail to Moscow’s Baltic Sea enclave of Kaliningrad, the latest dispute over sanctions imposed over war in Ukraine.

Within Ukraine, Russian forces and their separatist proxies made further advances in the east, pushing towards Lysychansk, now Kyiv’s main bastion in the area of heaviest fighting in the eastern Donbas region that Moscow claims for the separatists.

Ukraine, its forces and weaponry dwarfed by Russia’s, has begged the West to send more and better artillery. Defence Minister Oleksiy Reznikov announced on Tuesday the arrival of powerful German self-propelled howitzers. read more

Blaming Western sanctions, Russia has begun pumping reduced volumes of gas to Europe via Ukraine. German Economy Minister Robert Habeck said the diminished flows amounted to an economic attack on Germany that “cannot be allowed to succeed”. read more
Diplomatic attention has turned towards Russia’s Kaliningrad enclave, a Baltic Sea port and surrounding countryside where nearly a million Russians live, connected to the rest of Russia by a rail link through EU- and NATO-member Lithuania.

Lithuania has shut the route for transport of steel and other ferrous metals, which it says it is required to do under EU sanctions that took effect on Saturday. Russian officials say other basic goods have been blocked too.

‘HOSTILE’
Nikolai Patrushev, secretary of Russia’s Security Council, visited the enclave on Tuesday to chair a security meeting there. He said Lithuania’s actions showed that Russia could not trust the West, which he said had broken written agreements over Kaliningrad.

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“Russia will certainly respond to such hostile actions,” Patrushev was quoted as saying by state news agency RIA. “Appropriate measures” were being worked out, and “their consequences will have a serious negative impact on the population of Lithuania”, he said without elaborating.

Lithuanian Prime Minister Ingrida Simonyte said it was “ironic” to hear Russia complain about alleged violations of international law, given that it had violated “possibly every single international treaty”.

Moscow summoned EU envoy Markus Ederer to the Russian Foreign Ministry on Tuesday. EU spokesperson Peter Stano said Ederer asked the



Russians at the meeting “to refrain from escalatory steps and rhetoric”.

The standoff creates a new source of confrontation on the Baltic, a region already set for a security overhaul that would hem in Russia’s sea power as Sweden and Finland apply to join NATO and put nearly the entire coast in alliance territory.

The EU sought to deflect responsibility from Lithuania, saying the policy was collective action by the bloc.

In a symbolic but morale-boosting decision, Ukraine is set to become an official candidate for European Union membership on Thursday, diplomats said.

A view shows freight cars, following Lithuania’s ban of the transit of goods under EU sanctions through the Russian exclave of Kaliningrad on the Baltic Sea, in Kaliningrad, Russia June 21, 2022. REUTERS/Vitaly Nevar

In some of the bloodiest fighting seen in Europe since World War Two, Russia has made slow progress in the Donbas since April at the cost of thousands of soldiers’ lives on both sides.

Some of the fighting has spanned the Siverskyi Donets river that curls through the Donbas, with Russian forces mainly on the east bank and Ukrainian forces mainly on the west.

But Ukrainian troops - and an estimated 500 civilians - are still holding out at a chemical plant in the east bank city of Sievierodonetsk, despite weeks of heavy bombardment.

The governor of Luhansk province, Serhiy Gaidai, confirmed that Toshkivka, a settlement on the west bank further south, had fallen into Russian hands. This could boost Moscow’s hopes of cutting off Lysychansk from Ukrainian-held territory.
Rodion Miroshnik, ambassador to Russia of the pro-Moscow separatist self-styled Luhansk People’s Republic, said forces were “moving from the south towards Lysychansk” with firefights erupting in a number of towns.

“The hours to come should bring considerable changes to the balance of forces in the area,” he said on Telegram.

Ukraine’s general staff said Russian forces had captured several other settlements to the south of Lysychansk.

Separately, police in Kharkiv, Ukraine’s second biggest city located in the north near the border with Russia, said five people were killed and 11 injured on Tuesday when Russian rockets struck an industrial building.
Meanwhile Russia’s defence ministry said its missiles had hit an airfield near the port of Odesa in response to a Ukrainian attack on gas production platforms in the Black Sea.

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Creation Of A National Museum Of Asian Pacific American History And Culture

The H.R. 3525 bill sponsored by New York Congresswoman Grace Meng passed Congress and was signed into law by President Biden and formally established a commission to study the potential creation of A National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture.

The Committee of 100 Chair, Gary Locke, former Secretary of Commerce, former Governor of Washington State and former Ambassador to China, issued a statement saying, "For far too long, the Asian American and Pacific Islander

community here in the United States has been marginalized and viewed as perpetual foreigners and strangers in our own homeland. We are Americans, and yet our history, contributions and stories in the U.S. have not been fully told. The creation of the National Museum



of Asian Pacific American History and Culture would be a defining moment in the history of not only the AAPI community, but for Americans overall."

contributions of Asian Americans to American finance, technology, real estate, academics and government service has supported the progress and prosperity of the whole nation.

When you open the map of America, in more than twenty small or big cities there are China towns or Asian towns. We have more than seventy Asian-owned banks and have helped to develop many local economies in recent years. The

We are so happy and appreciate our representative Grace Meng's leadership. We also want to urge all the Asian communities to give this project their full support.



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Editor's Choice



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry yells during the Warriors championship parade in downtown San Francisco. Cary Edmondson-USA TODAY Sports



Indigenous demonstrators drive past burning road blockades while heading towards the capital Quito after a week of protests against the economic and social policies of President Guillermo Lasso, in Machachi, Ecuador. REUTERS/Johanna Alarcon



U.S. President Joe Biden meets with people on the beach during a walk with family members in Cape Henlopen State Park near Gordons Pond, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. REUTERS/Elizabeth Frantz



Larry the cat sits at Downing Street, in London, Britain. REUTERS/John Sibley



An evacuation convoy travels from Russian troop-occupied Kupiansk town, along a damaged road on the outskirts of Kharkiv, Ukraine May 30. REUTERS/Ivan Alvarado



A volunteer cleans the banks of the Katari river which flows into Titicaca lake, near La Paz, Bolivia. REUTERS/Claudia Morales

Monkeypox Outbreak Is Primarily Spreading Through Sex, WHO Officials Say

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



close contact with people, animals or material infected with the virus. It enters the body through broken skin, the respiratory tract, the eyes, nose and mouth.

This is a virus that is super stable outside the human host, so it can live on objects like blankets and things like that," Dr. Scott Gottlieb told CNBC in a separate interview Monday on "Squawk Box."

He said to expect more confirmed cases in the U.S. in the coming weeks as doctors and public health officials reevaluate patients who have presented with symptoms and the virus continues to spread. Monkeypox is a disease caused by a virus in the same family as smallpox but is not as severe, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Early symptoms of monkeypox include a fever, headache, back pain, muscle aches and low energy, WHO officials said. That then progresses to a rash on the face, hands, feet, eyes, mouth or genitals that turns into raised bumps, or papules, that then become blisters that often resemble chicken pox.

European nations have confirmed dozens of cases in what's become the largest outbreak of monkeypox ever on the Continent, according to the German military. The U.S. and Canada each have at least five confirmed or presumed cases so far.

Many diseases can be spread through sexual contact. You could get a cough or a cold through sexual contact, but it doesn't mean that it's a sexually transmitted disease," said Andy Seale, who advises the WHO on HIV, hepatitis and other sexually transmitted infections.

Monkeypox Is Not Like COVID-19 — That Is Good



Spallanzani infectious disease hospital Director Francesco Vaia talks to reporters at the end of a news conference Friday in Rome.

The recent headlines about a sudden emergence of an unusual disease, spreading case by case across countries and continents may, for some, evoke memories of early 2020. But monkeypox is not like COVID-19 — and in a good way.

For starters, monkeypox spreads much less easily than COVID-19. Scientists have been studying monkeypox since it was first discovered in humans more than 50 years ago.

Scientists already know how it spreads, and it's different than COVID. Monkeypox typically requires very close contact to spread — most often skin-to-skin contact, or prolonged physical contact with clothes or bedding that was used by an infected person.

By contrast, COVID-19 spreads quickly and easily. Coronavirus can spread simply by talking with another person, or sharing a room, or in rare cases, being inside a room that an infected person had previously been in.

It's not a situation where if you're passing someone in the grocery store, they're going to be at risk for monkeypox," said Dr. Jennifer McQuiston of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in a briefing Monday.

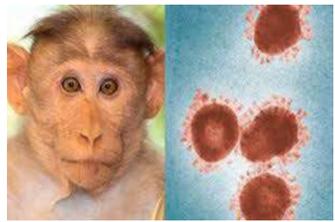
The people most likely to be at risk are close personal contacts of an infected person, such as household members or health care workers who may have treated them, she said.

Monkeypox is less contagious than COVID-19. One factor that helped COVID-19 spread rapidly across the globe was the fact that it is very contagious.

Although the recent spread of monkeypox cases is alarming, the virus is far less contagious than COVID-19, according to Jo Walker, an epidemiologist at Yale School of Public Health.

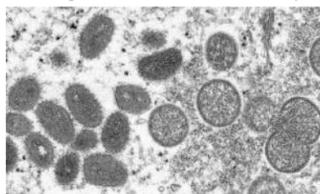
Because monkeypox is closely related to smallpox, there are already vaccines. Monkeypox and smallpox are both members of the Orthopox family of viruses.

Now, those can be used to contain a monkeypox outbreak. The FDA has two vaccines already approved for use against smallpox. One, a two-dose vaccine called Jynneos, is also approved for use against monkeypox.



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Monkeypox likely isn't much of a threat to the public, a White House official says



This 2003 electron microscope image made available by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows mature, oval-shaped monkeypox virus particles, left, and spherical immature particles, right.

The risk posed to the U.S. general public from ongoing outbreaks of monkeypox cases reported in Europe, the U.K. and Canada is low, a White House official told Morning Edition on Monday.

In dozens of cases from other U.S. outbreaks over the past 20 years, all patients fully recovered, he said.

So far in the U.S., one case of monkeypox has been confirmed in Massachusetts. A few more are suspected in New York, Florida and Utah, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

What we're talking about here is close contact. It's not a situation where if you're passing someone in the grocery store, they're going to be at risk for monkeypox," McQuiston said.

Monkeypox appears to be circulating globally in parts of the gay community," says Dr. John Brooks, medical epidemiologist with the CDC's division of HIV prevention.

In the recent cases, Brooks says the rash "is showing up in different parts of the body than we'd typically expect to see it," in some cases in the genital area.

New Alief Neighborhood Center Represents Future Cultural Reality Of Area

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Alief Neighborhood represents the future reality for cultural, ethnic and economic diversity in urban centers.

The Alief Neighborhood Center combines three City of Houston departments (Library, Parks, & Health) to create a civic center at the heart of the redeveloped 37-acre urban park.

Awareness Network that provides support for a variety of chronic illnesses, and a Senior Center. The Parks Department programs include a full-size competition gymnasium with a perimeter elevated walking track above, a community fitness center and spaces to support youth after-school and summer programs.



The library, located on the second floor, and accessed through a grand 'stair-a-torium' in the lobby contains light-filled stoking-space and reading

areas with expansive views both to the park to the south and to the existing grove of preserved trees on the north.

Site amenities include a competition soccer field, two full-size practice soccer fields, two futsal courts (fast-paced soccer played on a hard-surfaced smaller court) baseball field, skate park, tennis courts, children's playground, outdoor swimming pool facility, community gardens, a marketplace venue, and outdoor event space areas.

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The Alief Neighborhood Center is scheduled to open in early 2022.

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Community Resource Center Opens

Sponsored by the ITC Community Empowerment Organization with the collaboration of the SEONE Corporation, the Community Resource Center opens its door on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at the Southern News Group building.



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The areas the Center will address include disaster assistance, loans and grants, small business development, tax information, immigration, legal issues, workforce, housing and renting, veterans issues, medical, healthcare service, education, skills development, children and child welfare and city services.

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