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U.S. allows Delta to temporarily cut some New York, Washington flights

WASHINGTON, Aug 12 (Reuters) - Delta Air Lines (DAL.N) can temporarily cut some flights at New York's LaGuardia and John F. Kennedy airports and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said on Friday.

The FAA said as a condition of approval Delta "should offer customers a refund or rebook them on Delta or another carrier as needed for canceled flights at the three airports." Delta did not immediately comment.

Delta had asked the FAA to waive minimum slot requirements at the congested airports because of a issues including New York airport construction, crew sick time, severe weather and air traffic control issues.

The FAA said the approval "will support Delta's steps to make schedule adjustments and staff assignments to increase the reliability of its operations and minimize disruptions to travelers."

The relief covers flights June 1 through Sept. 5. Airlines can lose their slots at some congested airports if they do not use them at least 80% of the time.

In May, Delta said its pilots missed 19,985 days due to sickness, up 45% from 13,786 days in May 2019. In June, pilot sick days rose 50% from June 2019. Delta also said in May its flight attendants reported 43,908 days missed due to sickness, up 23%.

"Delta stated that due to the unforeseen spike, its workforce and flight operations are under extraordinary strain, leaving little margin for operational challenges caused by

construction, ATC delays, and weather," the FAA said.

The FAA said its "preference is for Delta to reduce flights

from sale to minimize disruptive, close-in cancellations."

In May, Delta said it would cut flights through August to improve operational reliability amid soaring travel demand. Delta said that from July 1 through Aug 7 it would cut about 100 daily departures, primarily in U.S. and Latin America markets.



Drought in England, fires rage in France as heatwave persists

SAINT-MAGNE, France, Aug 12 (Reuters) - Firefighters from across Europe came to France's rescue on Friday to battle a massive wildfire, while fire also raged in Portugal and parts of England faced a severe drought, as successive heatwaves renewed the focus on climate change risks.

Much of Europe has faced weeks of baking temperatures that have also depleted water levels of the Rhine River in Germany and seen the source of Britain's River Thames dry up further downstream than in previous years.

High temperatures and a worsening drought brought a high risk of new fires breaking out in Gironde, in southwestern France, local officials said, even after an overnight reprieve held in check the wildfire that has been burning for days, scorched thousands of hectares and displaced 10,000 people.

Firefighters from Germany, Romania, Greece and beyond were on the ground to help France battle the fire in the region - home to Bordeaux wine - as well as on other fronts, including in Brittany in the northwest.

"It doesn't matter the country, we are firefighters and we are there to help," said chief Romanian firefighter Cristian Buhaianu, in Gironde.

French commandant Stephanie Martin welcomed their support in an area that already battled a massive fire for weeks last month. "Our firefighters are tired after one month of fighting. It is really good support for us, so we can also focus on the other operation," she said. But while an expected end of France's third heatwave on Sunday could bring some relief, the fire has already left much destruction in its wake, including over 7,400 hectares (18,286 acres) of forest burnt to the ground - equivalent to the size of a major French city such as Nice.

What firefighters called a "monster fire" also destroyed houses, including the ancestral home of the family of 19-year old student Juliette Pilain, from Belin-Beliet, in the heart of Gironde.

"It is complicated to process this news. It's a house that's been in the family for years, it's especially painful for my grandparents," Pilain told Reuters.

"We had all the furniture of my great-grandparents there, books and encyclopaedia belonging to my great grandmother ... we cried a lot but then thought it is just material damage and we are all still here."

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LOCAL NEWS

China to use effective investment, not flood-like stimulus, to boost economy, state media report

BEIJING, July 29 (Reuters) - China will use effective investment to help the economy recover and will not resort to flood-like stimulus, state media said on Friday, following a cabinet meeting chaired by Premier Li Keqiang.

The world's second-largest economy narrowly avoided contraction in the second quarter due to widespread pandemic lockdowns. Analysts said Beijing's full-year growth target of around 5.5% had been looking increasingly unattainable under Beijing's strict zero-COVID policy.

To spur demand, China urged local governments to speed up the use of special bonds for infrastructure that are mature and profitable, but such bonds should not be used for land reserves or to make up the gap between local fiscal revenue and expenditure, state media said.

To spur consumption, China will extend an exemption on purchase tax on "new energy" vehicles, following a cut to the car purchase tax.

China "will promote consumption to be the major economic driver continuously," state media reported.

As shoppers tighten their belts, policymakers have found it harder to revive retail consumption this year - a sector that contributes more than half to the economy and a major source of employment.

In the first half of this year, retail sales dropped 0.7% from a year earlier as many consumers were confined at home amid strict anti-virus measures.

The economy is in the "critical window" of stabilisation and recovery, and the third quarter is "vital", according to a Wednesday meeting of the country's top economic planner.

"(We should) seize the time window of the peak season for construction in the third quarter, improve work efficiency" and "help create jobs for local people nearby as much as possible," said a Friday statement of the meeting by the National Development and Reform Commission.



Customers dine at a restaurant in a shopping area in Beijing, China July 25, 2022. REUTERS/Tingshu Wang/File Photo



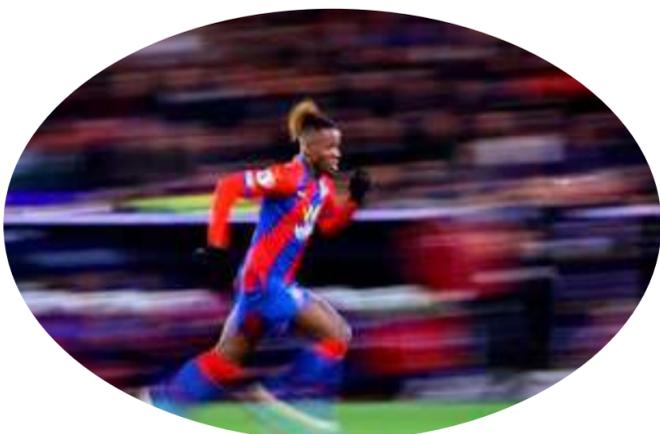
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Dima, a three-year-old boy who was wounded during the shelling of Mariupol, lies in a bed in the children's ward of the hospital in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, March 29, 2022. REUTERS/Marko Djurica



Local resident Viktoria Mukhina, 33, plants tulips with her daughter Miroslava near an apartment building damaged during Ukraine-Russia conflict in the southern port city of Mariupol, Ukraine April 4. REUTERS/Alexander Ermochenko



Crystal Palace's Wilfried Zaha in action during a Premier League match versus Arsenal at Selhurst Park, London, Britain, April 4. REUTERS/David Klein



A Chilean Air Force's aerobatics team member performs ahead of the International Air and Space Fair (FIDAE) at Santiago international airport, Chile April 4. REUTERS/Ivan Alvarado



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy looks on as he is surrounded by Ukrainian servicemen as Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues, in Bucha, outside Kyiv, Ukraine, April 4. REUTERS/Marko Djurica



Volunteers unload from a van bags containing bodies of civilians after they collected them from the streets to gather them at a cemetery before they take them to the morgue in Bucha, in Kyiv region, Ukraine April 4. REUTERS/Zohra Bensemra

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BUSINESS

"Make Art, Not War!"

Artists Around The World Leave Their Mark In Support Of Ukraine

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Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine



A mural depicting a Ukrainian child under the SOS writing, created by the street artist known as 'Harry Greb', is seen next to the Coliseum metro station on March 17, 2022 in Rome, Italy. *Andrea Ronchini | Nurphoto | Getty Images*

Street artist Denys Antiukov and his assistant Hanna work on a mural inspired by the Russian Warship, Go E. Yourself, postage stamp in the Khorhtytskyi district of Zaporizhzhia, southeastern Ukraine. (Photo/Albert Koshelev | Future Publishing | Getty Images)



A man takes a picture of a fresco mural by French street artist Sara Chelou displayed on "The walls of peace" on March 28, 2022 in Paris France. *Chesnot | Getty Images*



A man takes a picture of a fresco mural by French street artist Eric Ze King aka EZK displayed on "The walls of peace" on March 28, 2022 in Paris France. *Chesnot | Getty Images*



A person walks next to a mural of Russian President Vladimir Putin, which has been vandalised with red spray paint and the word "War" written instead of the original text reading: "Brother", following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, in Belgrade, Serbia, April 29, 2022. *Marko Djurica | Reuters | Paris*

French street artist and painter Christian Guemy (R) known as C215 poses in front of his fresco depicting a Ukrainian young girl with a quote attributed to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky: "I really don't want my photos in your offices, because I am neither a god nor an icon, but rather a servant of the Nation." *Joel Saeger | AFP | Getty Images*



Fresco murals by French street artists Kedu Abstract and Jeff Aerosol are displayed on the wall of a Parisian building on March 14, 2022 in Paris, France. *Chesnot | Getty Images*



A fresco mural by French street artist Julien Malland



A child walks past by a graffiti made by the artist Vladimir Ovchinnikov in Borovsk, some 100kms south-west of Moscow, on April 14, 2022. Retired engineer Vladimir Ovchinnikov has spent decades painting murals on buildings in and around his small town south of Moscow. But since the outbreak of Russia's conflict with Ukraine, the 84-year-old has found that some of his art is not welcome. *AFP | Getty Images*



Rome, the new mural by the artist Maupal against the invasion of Ukraine by Russia depicting two Martyroshkas. *Francesco Fotia Universal Images Group | Getty Images*



Anti-Ukraine war mural by Italian street artist known by the name of 'Laika' depicting a hug between two women, one dressed in the Russian, the other in the Ukrainian national colors, respectively, above the word MIR (Peace) in the Ostiense district on March 09, 2022 in Rome, Italy. *Andrea Ronchini | Nurphoto | Getty Images*



Peace. The new mural by street artist Laika dedicated to the crisis between Russia and Ukraine. *Marilla Sicilia | Mondadori Portfolio | Getty Images*



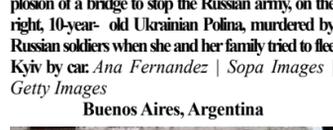
A passer-by is seen observing the graphic representation of Ukraine's president Zelensky calling for an end to the Russian invasion is seen in Plaza de Sant Jaume. *Paco Freire | Lightrocket | Getty Images*



A resident walks past mural painting by Bulgarian artist Stanislav Bekovski depicting Russian President Vladimir Putin holding his own body in Sofia, on March 15, 2022. *Nikolay Doychinov | AFP | Getty Images*



A woman looks at a new work by Italian street artist TvBoy that depicts Russian President Vladimir Putin in prison, in Barcelona on March 31, 2022. *Josep Lago | AFP | Getty Images*



Murals of two young Ukrainian victims portrayed on the wall. On the left, Vitaliy Skakun Volodymyrovych (1996-2022) who is seen as a hero by the Ukrainian army for his heroic action during the explosion of a bridge to stop the Russian army, on the right, 10-year-old Ukrainian Polina, murdered by Russian soldiers when she and her family tried to flee Kyiv by car. *Ana Fernandez | Sopa Images | Getty Images*



A woman walks past the mural "No to war" by muralist Maximiliano Bagnasco in Buenos Aires on March 5, 2022. *Juan Mabromata | AFP | Getty Images*



A passer-by is seen taking photos of artist TvBoy's new collage for peace in Ukraine. TvBoy, the Italian artist living in Barcelona, installs a new collage on the war in Ukraine in Plaza de Sant Jaume, representing three children installing a flag of peace on a Russian tank. *Paco Freire | Lightrocket | Getty Images*



A newsagent picks up magazines next to a mural by Italian urban artist Salvatore Benintende aka "TV BOY" depicting a girl painting a peace symbol on an Ukraine's flag, reading "Hope" in Barcelona on April 30, 2022. *Pat Barrena | AFP | Getty Images*



A mural of Putin, Hitler, and Stalin with a slogan "No More Time" is seen on the wall next to the PKM Gdansk Jasion train station. *Mateusz Slodkowski | Lightrocket | Getty Images*



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Yellow heart pierced by bullets on a blue background with inscription in Ukrainian and Polish - "Ukraine is fighting" - is seen in Gdansk, Poland on 6 March 2022. The mural was created to support Ukrainian people during the Russian war against Ukraine. *Michal Fludra | Nurphoto | Getty Images*



A mural by graffiti artist KAWU depicting Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky as Harry Potter with Z on his forehead (instead of lightning bolt) symbolising Russia's invasion of Ukraine is seen in Poznan, Poland March 9, 2022. *Piotr Skornicki | Reuters | Kyiv, Ukraine*



Kyiv, a mural against Putin in the city center, the inscription reads: Ukraine 5:0 Putin. *Nicola Marfisi | Universal Images Group | Getty Images*



Young people ride their e-scooters past a 'stop the war' sign

the war' poster in central Kyiv on May 19, 2022 in Kyiv, Ukraine. *Christopher Furlong | Getty Images*



Ukrainian soldiers take pictures of a mural titled 'Saint Javelin' dedicated to the British portable surface-to-air missile has been unveiled on the side of a Kyiv apartment block on May 25, 2022 in Kyiv, Ukraine. The artwork by illustrator and artist Chris Shaw is in reference to the Javelin missile donated to Ukrainian troops to battle against the Russian invasion. *Christopher Furlong | Getty Images*



People take pictures of a sculpture depicting the President of Russia Vladimir Putin called "Shoot yourself" in the centre of Kyiv. *Sergei Chuzavkov | Lightrocket | Getty Images*



A woman sits in front of a graffiti tribute to the Ukrainian Military and their ongoing war with Russia. *Joe M'O'Brien | Lightrocket | Getty Images*



A cyclist passes by a part of the Berlin Wall decorated with graffiti

ated with a graffiti of a Ukrainian flag colored Peace symbol, expressing solidarity with Ukraine at Potsdamer Platz on May 4, 2022 in Berlin, Germany. *Omer Messinger | Universal Images Group | Vilnius, Lithuania*



VILNIUS, LITHUANIA - APRIL 26: Street art paintings which supports Ukraine on April 26, 2022 in Vilnius, Lithuania. Russia invaded neighbouring Ukraine on February 24, 2022, and has been met with worldwide condemnation in the form of rallies, protests and peace marches taking place in cities across the globe. *Paulius Peleckis | Getty Images*



People pass a mural of President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky, by the artist Aches, in central Dublin. *Picture date: Monday April 4, 2022. Niall Carson | Pa Images | Getty Images*



New street art which has appeared in Leith, Edinburgh, in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The mural features a Nightingale, the official national bird of Ukraine, against the country's flag. *Picture date: Tuesday April 5, 2022. Jane Barlow | Pa Images | Getty Images*

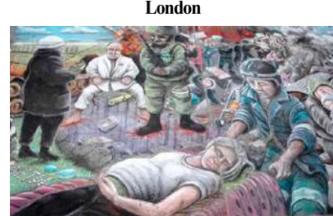


Artwork of Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky being portrayed as Superman is seen on a

wall of a shop, on May 15, 2022 in Bristol, England. *Matt Cardy | Getty Images*



A resident looks at new street art mural has appeared in Cardiff depicting Ukraine's capital Kyiv under siege on March 01, 2022 in Cardiff, Wales. *Huw Fairclough | Getty Images*



A drawing describing the Russia-Ukraine war on the floor at Trafalgar Square. Demonstrations in support of Ukraine have been ongoing on an everyday basis in London since the Russia-Ukraine War started on 24th February 2022. *Hesther Ng | Lightrocket | Getty Images*



A street stencil by artist 1GoodHombre depicts Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky gripping submachine guns as a person walks past on Melrose Avenue on March 30, 2022 in Los Angeles, California. *Mario Tama | Getty Images*



A woman walks past the 'To Ukraine With Love' mural by artists Corie Mattie and Juliano Trindade depicting Russian President Vladimir Putin on March 14, 2022 in Los Angeles, California. *Mario Tama | Getty Images*

Nairobi, Kenya



An artist showing a protest symbol power sign by a street mural created by a group of Artists from Maasai Mbili depicting Kibera's love for Ukraine amidst the war. *Donwilson Odhiambo | Sopa Images | Getty Images*



A girl poses by a street mural created by a group of Artists from Maasai Mbili depicting a sign of love from Kibera to Ukraine amidst the war. *Donwilson Odhiambo | Lightrocket | Getty Images*



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