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Day after meeting, Blinken and Lavrov exchange diplomatic swipes

NEW DELHI, March 3 (Reuters) - Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov accused the United States of hypocrisy after U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Russia cannot be allowed to wage war in Ukraine with impunity, during a security forum they attended in New Delhi on Friday.

The top diplomats from Moscow and Washington had both attended the Group of 20 foreign ministers gathering in the Indian capital earlier this week, and met in person for the first time since Russian forces invaded Ukraine a year ago.

"If we allow with impunity Russia to do what it's doing in Ukraine, then that's a message to would-be aggressors everywhere that they may be able to get away with it too," Blinken told the Raisina Dialogue strategic affairs forum.

Speaking at the same strategic affairs forum after Blinken, Lavrov said it was "double standards" to question Russia's action in Ukraine when the United States cited a "threat to its national interest" to justify military intervention in various parts of the world, including the war in Iraq, air strikes on Libya, and the bombing of Yugoslavia during the Kosovo conflict in 1999.

Russians pound access routes to Ukraine's besieged Bakhmut
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Canada will 'never tolerate' foreign interference, minister tells China
Lavrov also said the question of when Russia will negotiate an end to the war should be put to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky.



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov attends the Raisina Dialogue 2023, in New Delhi, India, March 3, 2023. REUTERS/Francis Mascarenhas

"Everybody is asking when Russia is going to negotiate... the West is continuously saying that it is not time to negotiate yet because Ukraine must win in the battlefield before any negotiations," he said.

At the G20, the United States and its allies called on member countries to keep pressuring Russia to end the conflict, but the G20 was unable to agree on a joint statement on the war due to opposition from China and Russia, which calls its actions a "special military operation" aimed at removing what it says is a threat to its own security.

The Russian minister went on to accuse Washington of "trying to militarise" the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, a partnership between the United States, Australia, India and Japan that focuses on strategic issues in the Indo-Pacific region.

Earlier in the day Blinken had met with his counterparts from the Quad, as the grouping is informally called, and they issued a statement saying "the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is inadmissible".

Late last month, Russian President Vladimir Putin suspended a landmark nuclear arms control treaty and threatened to resume nuclear tests.

During their brief exchange on



(L-R) US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong and Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanya Jaishankar attend a Quad Ministers' panel at the Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi, India on March 3, 2023. OLIVIER DOULIERY/Pool via REUTERS

the sidelines of the G20 meeting on Thursday, Blinken told Lavrov to end the war and urged Moscow to reverse its suspension of the New START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) on nuclear weapons.

The Quad statement also took a barely disguised swipe at China by denouncing actions that increase tensions in the South China Sea, and the "militarisation" of disputed territories in the area.

China has denounced the Quad as a Cold War construct and a clique "targeting other countries".

India on March 3, 2023. OLIVIER DOULIERY/Pool via REUTERS



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We are still anger about the Bill 147 at Texas Senate

Republican Senator Kolkhurst who originally proposed the bill to prevent citizen of Chinese buying the land in Texas said Thursday that after listening to the opposition of people from all walks of life she will amended the bill so the all citizens and green card holders can buy real estate in Texas.

The senate Bill 147 which was introduced in December last year was supported by many Republicans including Governor Albert. The bill is to prevent all citizens from Mainland china North Korea Russia and Iran buying the land in Texas including housing and private home.

This bill immediately aroused a fierce rebound from Chinese Asian comunity and held many demonstration.

On Thursday near 100 Chinese American went to Texas capital to testify at Senate building to express their anger that believed this is the bill violates the U.S. constitution and anti-Asian. Which once again insinuated the history of Chinese excluded act and concentration camp in World war II

We all should understand that this great nation is build by the immigrants ten of millions people came to here to look for better life we don't need to used and manipulated by a group of politicians it may be misfortune of the country.



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A resident receives bread from a food distribution amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Chasiv Yar, Donetsk region, Ukraine. REUTERS/Lisi Niesner



A service member of the Ukrainian armed forces walks at combat positions near the line of separation from Russian-backed rebels near Horlivka in the Donetsk region, Ukraine. REUTERS/Anna Kudriavtseva



A vehicle makes its way through a snowy landscape along the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area's scenic loop drive in Clark County near Las Vegas, Nevada. REUTERS/Ronda Churchill



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov smokes a cigarette on the sidelines of G20 foreign ministers' meeting in New Delhi, India. REUTERS/Francis Mascarenhas



Police officers stand as NHS staff and others protesting against coronavirus vaccine rules throw NHS uniforms at the entrance to Downing Street in London, Britain. REUTERS/Peter Nicholls



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California-Based Firm To Move Regional Corporate

Office To “The Star” In Frisco, Texas Later This Year

Global Cybersecurity Firm McAfee To Join Dallas Cowboys At Growing Corporate Hub, “The Star”

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



Rendering of the new Business and Innovation Hub at The Star in Frisco. [Rendering: HKS]

McAfee is the latest corporate addition to the “Star” in Frisco, Texas. The company said it is committed to partnering with the community, local students, and local tech startups to expand awareness around STEM through programs such as McAfee’s Online Safety Program for Kids.

Global online protection provider McAfee announced that it will have a new regional headquarters located at The Star in Frisco starting in starting mid-2023.

McAfee offers data center, cloud defense, threat intelligence network, and cybersecurity solutions for companies in the education, enterprise, government and consumer space worldwide. “We’re looking forward to partnering closely with the city of Frisco and Frisco EDC as we become one of Frisco’s newest corporate citizens,” Benni Bueckert, VP of Workplace and Engagement, said in the release. “At McAfee, our commitment to protecting all that matters extends beyond the digital world. We believe we all have a responsibility to help shape our local communities and to make a difference. With a shared vision and passion for supporting our local community, we see endless possibilities with this partnership.”

“Our decision to choose Frisco for our regional HQ was also based on the diverse cultural destination the city has become and the many opportunities our team members will have to be immersed in the community and to give back to the many nonprofit organizations here,” Bueckert said.

In June, McAfee hired AT&T veteran Jennifer Biry as its new CFO and EVP, who said at the time she will be based in Dallas for the position. In an interview, Biry said she was impressed with CEO Greg Johnson’s leadership and the company’s reputation.

“McAfee has an incredible reputation for safety and security, so brand reputation is important to me,” Biry said. “We care deeply about giving back to the communities where we live, work and play ... (and) developing that diverse set of leadership. I think with Greg’s leadership, you’ll see a real focus on the employee base, particularly here in Dallas, of developing up-and-coming diverse sets of leaders. That’s something that I’m personally passionate about.”

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corporate citizens,” Benni Bueckert, vice president of workplace and engagement, said in a statement. “At McAfee, our commitment to protecting all that matters extends beyond the digital world. We believe we all have a responsibility to help shape our local communities and to make a difference. With a shared vision and passion for supporting our local community, we see endless possibilities with this partnership.”

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‘Smart City,’ The “Star” Corporate Destination In Frisco, Texas, Home Of The Dallas Cowboys

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Another win for ‘Smart City’ Mayor Jeff Cheney called the announcement another win for the city. “As an innovation-focused Smart City, we know how important online protection is. We’re proud to have a global leader like McAfee regionally headquartered in Frisco,” Cheney said.

Earlier this month, Universal Studios theme park for kids on 97 acres off the Dallas North Tollway in Frisco. And, Credit Bureau Connection, the Fresno, California-based provider of

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credit-focused lead generation, credit report and compliance solutions, has moved its headquarters to Frisco and rebranded as Informativ.

McAfee’s North Texas connections

A recent merger between McAfee and FireEye Security resulted in the creation of the \$1.7 billion cybersecurity firm Trellix, which recently announced that Harold Rivas has been named chief information security officer of the company and will lead its global security and compliance initiatives from the neighboring city of Plano.



San Jose, California-based Trellix announced last year its plans to open a large office in Plano, where Rivas is based. The company is leasing 85,000 square feet of office space in the Legacy West Urban Village on Headquarters Drive. In 2021, McAfee announced that it would sell its Enterprise business to a consortium led by Symphony Technology Group in an all-cash transaction for \$4 billion. McAfee has 1,800 employees. The company has not said how many are moving to Frisco. ExteNet recently left the same area to relocate its headquarters in Frisco. Toyota of North America has also moved to Frisco. (Courtesy https://businessfacilities.com/)



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Company History

McAfee Corp. (/ˈmækəfi/ MA-ka-fee), formerly known as McAfee Associates, Inc. from 1987 to 1997 and 2004 to 2014, Network Associates Inc. from 1997 to 2004, and Intel Security Group from 2014 to 2017, is an American global computer security software company headquartered in San Jose, California.

The company was purchased by Intel in February 2011, and became part of the Intel Security division.

In 2017, Intel had a strategic deal with TPG Capital and converted Intel Security into a joint venture between both companies called McAfee. Thoma Bravo took a minority stake in the new company, and Intel retained a 49% stake. The owners took McAfee public on the NASDAQ in 2020, and in 2022 an investor group led by Advent International Corporation took it private again.



1987–1999 The company was founded in 1987 as McAfee Associates, named for its founder John McAfee, who resigned from the company in 1994. McAfee was incorporated in the state of Delaware in 1992. In 1993, McAfee stepped down as head of the company, taking the position of chief technology officer before his eventual resignation. Bill Larson was appointed CEO in his place. Network Associates was formed in 1997 as a merger of McAfee Associates, Network General, PGP Corporation and Helix Software.

In 1996, McAfee had acquired Calgary, Alberta, Canada-based FSA Corporation, which helped the company diversify its security offerings away from just client-based antivirus software by bringing on board its own network and desktop encryption technologies.

The FSA team also oversaw the creation of a number of other technologies that were leading edge at the time, including firewall, file encryption, and public key infrastructure product lines. While those product lines had their own individual successes including PowerBroker (written by Dean Huxley and Dan Freedman and now sold by BeyondTrust), the growth

of antivirus were always outpaced the growth of the other security product lines. It is fair to say that McAfee remains best known for its anti-virus and anti-spam products.



Among other companies bought and sold by McAfee is Trusted Information Systems, which developed the Firewall Toolkit, the free software foundation for the commercial Gauntlet Firewall, which was later sold to Secure Computing Corporation. McAfee acquired Trusted Information Systems under the banner of Network Associates in 1998.

McAfee, as a result of brief ownership of TIS Labs/NAI Labs/Network Associates Laboratories/McAfee Research, was highly influential in the world of open-source software, as that organization produced portions of the Linux, FreeBSD, and Darwin operating systems, and developed portions of the BIND name server software and SNMP version 3.

2000–2009 In 2000, McAfee/Network Associates was the leading authority in educating and protecting people against the Love Bug or ILOVEYOU virus, one of the most destructive computer viruses in history.[14]

At the end of 2000, CEO Bill Larson, President Peter Watkins, and CFO Prabhat Goyal all resigned after the company sustained losses.[15] Company president Gene Hodges served as interim CEO before George Samenuk was appointed CEO in 2001.



The company returned to its original name in July 2004. It restructured, beginning with the sale of its Magic Solutions business to Remedy, a subsidiary of BMC Software

early in the year. In mid-2004, the company sold the Sniffer Technologies business to a venture capital backed firm named Network General (the same name as the original owner of Sniffer Technologies), and changed its name back to McAfee to reflect its focus on security-related technologies.

In 2006, Dale Fuller became interim CEO when Samenuk resigned and President Kevin Weiss was fired after the company was accused of questionable stock options practices. David DeWalt took over as CEO on April 2, 2007.

In 2007, McAfee launched the Security Innovation Alliance (SIA), a program focused on cultivating partnerships with other tech companies and integrating third-party technology with McAfee’s security and compliance risk management technology. On March 11, 2008, McAfee announced a license agreement with the US Department of Defense. This agreement allowed the DoD to integrate McAfee’s Virus Scan Enterprise and Anti-Spyware Enterprise into the Defense Information Systems Agency’s cyber-security solutions.

2010–present On August 19, 2010, Intel announced that it would purchase McAfee for \$48 a share in a deal valued at \$7.68 billion. In September 2016, Intel announced their strategic partnership with TPG to turn McAfee into an independent cyber-security company as a joint venture. That deal closed on April 3, 2017.

CEO David DeWalt resigned in 2011, and McAfee appointed Michael DeCesare and Todd Gebhart as co-presidents. In 2011, McAfee also partnered with SAIC to develop anti-cyber espionage products for use by government and intelligence agencies, along with telecommunications companies. On January 6, 2014, Intel CEO Brian Krzanich announced during the Consumer Electronics Show the name change from McAfee Security to Intel Security. The company’s red shield logo would remain, with the firm continuing to operate as a wholly owned Intel subsidiary.[30] John McAfee, who

no longer had any involvement in the company, expressed his pleasure at his name no longer being associated with the software. However, as of 2016 the products still bore the McAfee name.

On September 7, 2016, Intel sold its majority stake to TPG and entered into an agreement with TPG to turn Intel Security into a jointly-owned, independent cyber-security company with the McAfee name.



After the deal between the two companies closed, the company was spun back out of Intel on April 4, 2017.” Chris Young assumed the CEO position as the company became an independent entity.

In 2018, the company unsuccessfully entered talks to sell majority control of McAfee to minority stakeholder Thoma Bravo. In 2018, McAfee also expanded its Security Innovation Alliance partnerships to include companies such as Atos, CyberX, Fidelis Cyber-security, Aujas, and Silver Peak.

In July 2019, McAfee began meeting with bankers to discuss returning to the market as an IPO.[36] As an IPO, the company was estimated to be valued at \$8 billion or higher. However, no deal or decision to join the public market was confirmed.

Near the end of 2019, McAfee partnered with Google Cloud to integrate McAfee’s Mvision Cloud and endpoint security technology with Google’s cloud infrastructure.

In October 2020, McAfee and its shareholders raised \$740 million in the initial public offering and had valued at about \$8.6 billion based on the outstanding shares listed in its prospectus. McAfee shares were traded on the NASDAQ stock exchange under ticker symbol MCFE, marked its return to the public market after 9 years.

In 2020, former McAfee CEO Chris Young left his position and was replaced with Peter Leav. However, the stock were delisted from NASDAQ and the company taken private again in March 2022 by a multi-national investor group under the Advent International Corporation, consisting of the Canada Pension Plan, the Singaporean GIC Private Limited, and the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority.

In May 2022, Peter Leav stepped down and McAfee named Greg Johnson its new CEO.

Products

McAfee primarily develops digital-security tools for personal computers and server devices, and more recently, for mobile devices.

Current Products

McAfee Total Protection; McAfee LiveSafe; McAfee Safe Connect VPN; McAfee Mobile Security for Android; McAfee Mobile Security for iOS; McAfee Virus Removal Service; McAfee Identity Theft Protection; McAfee Gamer Security; McAfee Safe Family; McAfee DAT Reputation Technology; McAfee Small Business Security McAfee Personal data clean-up.

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“We Can Now Train 160 New Hires A Week”

United Airlines Opens New \$24M Training Center In Houston

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Flight attendant trainees demonstrate water evacuation training in the new United Airlines Inflight Training Center at George Bush Intercontinental Airport Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, in Houston. (Photo/Melissa Phillip/Chronicle Staff Photographer)

Alexis Bushnell, a United Airlines flight attendant based in Houston, didn’t really know what she was getting into when she applied for the job.

“In my head, flight attendants are these glamorous people who get to travel around the world and do all these amazing things,” Bushnell said. “And that quickly changed when I realized all of our jobs as a flight attendant.”

The training was intense, she continued, but rightly so. There have been glamorous parts of the job; she was able to use her travel benefits, for example, to take her parents to Peru. But there’s a lot more to being a flight attendant than pouring drinks on a Boeing 787 Dreamliner, said Bushnell, who is also from Houston.



Evacuation training is shown at the new United Airlines Inflight Training Center at George Bush Intercontinental Airport Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, in Houston. (Photo/Melissa Phillip/Chronicle Staff Photographer)

United’s presence in the Houston area is expanding, with the opening of a new training center for future flight attendants. Going forward, all new hires will spend six and a half weeks at the Inflight Training Center at Bush Intercontinental Airport, which officially opened Tuesday. The center, which cost some \$24 million, adds 56,000 square feet of classroom and training spaces to United’s existing training center in Houston, one of seven for the Chicago-based airline.

“Back in 2019, when we originally pitched, it was really to improve our new-hire training experience and our flight attendants that come through here for continuing qualification,” said Mo Quinn Mariano, United’s director of in-flight training. “Now, with that being said, having this new facility we have the ability to train much larger volumes. We can have 160 new hires a week.”



Flight attendant trainees with Michael Allen, instructor evacuation specialist,

right, demonstrate evacuation door training in the new United Airlines Inflight Training Center at George Bush Intercontinental Airport Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, in Houston. (Photo/Melissa Phillip/Chronicle Staff Photographer)

To handle the volume — and because airline crews don’t generally work Monday through Friday, 9-to-5 — the center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays.

The center includes several life-size cabins, specially equipped with a full plane-length set of windows, so trainees can practice for real-world situations, such as turbulence or smoke in the cabin and familiarize themselves with the doors, jump seats and configurations of the various aircraft in United’s fleet.

“You never want your training to just be, we’re hitting the mark,” said Ben Rose, United’s manager for in-flight training programs. “We always want to exceed that.”



Flight attendant trainees put on life vests in the aquatic training area at the new United Airlines Inflight Training Center at George Bush Intercontinental Airport Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, in Houston. (Photo/Melissa Phillip/Chronicle Staff Photographer)

A centerpiece of the new facility is an aquatic center, where trainees can practice evacuating a cabin full of passengers onto inflatable slides and rafts.

The slide — which you can probably visualize from movies, or news footage of 2009’s “miracle on the Hudson,” when US Airways Flight 1549 safely landed in that river along Manhattan — detaches from the cabin after being loaded with passengers, instructors explained. Additional passengers, wearing flotation device

es, then escape onto the raft. Previously, instructors explained, trainees practiced for such situations in a dry room, which let them experience the equipment, but not the added challenge of handling the equipment while it’s bobbing in the water. Flight attendant trainees demonstrate



evacuation door training in the new United Airlines Inflight Training Center at George Bush Intercontinental Airport Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, in Houston. (Photo/Melissa Phillip/Chronicle Staff Photographer)

“Of course, it’s highly unlikely we will have a water landing, but we’re testing so much more than that,” said Ricky Ramos-Rodriguez, senior manager of the center, as several dozen trainees in black swimsuits prepared for the next exercise. “We’re testing critical thinking, and how you act in an emergency when you’re under stress.”

The center opens as United expands its footprint in the Houston as part of a growth strategy that is expected to bring as many as 1,800 additional jobs to the area. Last month, for example, the airline and Boeing announced an order for 100 of the jet-maker’s 787 wide-body aircraft, with the option to order 100 more.



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“Houston obviously is a very important hub for United,” said Quinn Mariano. “This [center] is only a fraction of what United is doing when it comes to Houston.”

For the trainees, the new center will help them be prepared for whatever their workday might bring.

“Our job is so multifaceted,” said Josh Tanner, a trainee who’s worked for other airlines previously and expects to be based in Chicago after completing United’s course. “One day I’m a chef; one day I’m a firefighter; some days I’m trying to calm people.”

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United To Expand New Flight Attendant Training Center In Houston

United Airlines on Thursday began a \$20 million expansion of its flight attendant



training facility in Houston. Pictured is a rendering of that new facility.

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“This supports our future growth plans and is part of United’s ongoing commitment to provide our flight attendants with state of the art safety and service training,” John Slater, United’s senior vice president for inflight services, said in a statement. “It also reflects our ongoing commitment to our local customers and the city of Houston.”



United is similarly investing \$326 million on a new baggage system at Bush Intercontinental Airport that’s expected to be operational in 2022, and it’s spending \$162 million for an expanded maintenance facility slated to open later this year. (Courtesy Houston Chronicle.com)

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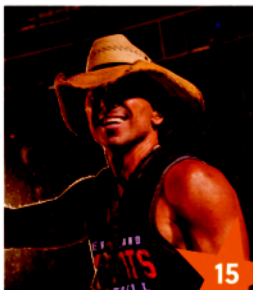
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