

Raisina Dialogue: Russian FM hits out at US over Indo-Pacific concept which 'excludes China'

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MOSCOW - Hitting out at the US over the concept of the Indo-Pacific, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Wednesday said it was initiated to disrupt the existing structure and contain China.

Addressing the gathering at the Raisina Dialogue, he also said that an equitable democratic order should not be influenced by use of brutal force.

Lavrov also backed India and Brazil to be permanent members of the UN Security Council.

The new Indo-Pacific concept being pushed by the US,

structure, he said.

"Why do you need to call Asian Pacific as Indo-Pacific? The answer is evident—to exclude China. Terminology should be unifying, not divisive. Neither SCO nor BRICS is exclusionary," Lavrov said.

"When we asked the initiators how Indo-Pacific is different from Asia Pacific, we were told it is more democratic. We don't think so. It is rather tricky. We have to be careful about the terminology which looks benign but is not," he said.

The Indo-Pacific has been a major focus area of India's foreign policy in the last few years and the country pushing



Soleimani Killing Sparks Major Rupture in US-UK Ties: Report

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LONDON- President Donald Trump's order to assassinate Iranian Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani has triggered a major rupture between the US and its historically closest ally, the UK.

In remarkably outspoken comments, UK Defense Secretary Ben Wallace said in an interview published Sunday that Trump's isolationist foreign-policy stance had prompted the UK to look for alternative allies.

"I worry if the United States withdraws from its leadership around the world," he told The Sunday Times.

He added: "The assumptions of 2010 that we were always going to be part of a US coalition is really just not where we are going to be."

The comments came after Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government distanced itself from the attack that killed Soleimani, with UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab labeling it a "dangerous escalation" that risked a conflict in which "terrorists would be the only winners."

A spokesman for Johnson was also quick to condemn Trump's threats to target Iranian cultural sites, if carried out, as a breach of international law and possibly a war crime.

The UK is now openly threatening to tear up its long-standing defense partnership with the US.

Wallace told The Sunday Times that the UK was increasingly looking for alternative international allies.

"Over the last year we've had the US pullout from Syria, the statement by Donald Trump on Iraq where he said NATO should take over and do more in the Middle East," Wallace said.

"The assumptions of 2010 that we were always going to be part of a US coalition is really just not where we are going to be."

Wallace said the UK would need to reduce its dependence on US military assets.

"We are very dependent on American air cover and American intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance assets," he said. "We need to diversify our assets."

Wallace told the paper that the UK would increasingly

ly need to turn to other allies that more closely shared the UK's interests.

"Regardless of what the US does ... we are going to have to make decisions that allow us to stand with a range of allies, the Five Eyes [intelligence partnership with the US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand] and our European allies where our interests converge," he said.

Trump is threatening to cut intelligence ties with the UK

Wallace also said the Trump administration had threatened to cut off its intelligence-sharing partnership with the UK if Johnson's government pursued its plan to allow the Chinese technology company Huawei a role in building Britain's 5G network.

"They have repeatedly said that. They have been clear about that," he told the paper.

"President Trump, the national security adviser. The defense secretary said it personally to me directly when we met at NATO. It's not a secret. They have been consistent. Those things will be taken into account when the government collectively decides to make a decision on it."

Iran's Zarif says nuclear pact not dead, wary of 'Trump deal'

Agencies

TEHRAN - Iran's foreign minister said on Wednesday an existing nuclear deal the country struck with world powers was not dead and that he was unsure if any new pact agreed by United States President Donald Trump would last.

"The United States didn't implement (the existing deal's) [...] commitments, now it has withdrawn [...] I had a US deal and the US broke it. If I have a Trump deal, how long will it last?" Mohammad Javad Zarif said at a security conference in New Delhi.

Trump's administration abandoned the pact aimed at curbing Iran's nuclear programme in 2018 and has since reimposed economic sanctions on Tehran.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson called on Tuesday for Trump to replace the 2015 deal with his own new pact to ensure Iran did not get an atomic weapon.

The US president said in a tweet he agreed with Johnson on the need for a "Trump deal".

Iran is interested in diplomacy, but not in negotiating with the US, Zarif said, adding the existing pact was among the "best deals" he could envisage.

Zarif spoke a day after Britain, France and Germany formally accused Iran of violating the terms of that agreement, a move that could eventually lead to the reimposing of UN sanctions.

He said Iran would respond to a letter sent by the three European countries and said the future of the pact, which was "not dead", rested on Europe.

Iran denies its nuclear programme is aimed at building a bomb but has gradually rolled back its commitments under the 2015 accord since the US pulled out. It argues that Washington's actions justify such a course.

Top US Senator urges Pompeo to 'press' India for 'swift reversal' of CAA, NRC

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WASHINGTON - A top US Senator has urged Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to press the Indian government for a "swift reversal" of the amended Citizenship Act and the proposed National Register of Citizens to ensure protection of human rights of all persons in the country regardless of their religion.

In a letter to Pompeo on Tuesday, Senator Bob Menendez, a Ranking Member of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee, expressed concern over the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the potential for the establishment of a nationwide National Register of Citizens (NRC) in India.

Asserting that the US must remain steadfast in defending democratic values, freedoms and human rights, he said, "I urge the Administration to engage the Indian government at the highest levels on these concerns, press for a swift reversal of these policies and practices, and ensure protection of the human rights of all persons in India regardless of their religion."

According to the CAA, members of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian communities who have come from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan till December 31, 2014 following religious persecution there will get Indian citizenship.

"The law to grant citizenship based on religion violates India's international legal obligations and its constitution, which guarantees the rights to equality and nondiscrimination," Menendez said.

"The citizen registry has already disproportionately affected Muslims in India. These efforts threaten India's long history of secularism and democratic values," claimed the Democrat leader who represents New Jersey, which has among the highest concentration of Indian-Americans in the US.

"Despite the government's claims that the Citizenship Bill seeks to protect religious minorities, its failure to include Muslim groups facing persecution in neighbouring countries, such as Pakistan's Ahmadiyya and Burma's Rohingya, signal an anti-Muslim intent," wrote the Senator.

Menendez also expressed concerns over reports of injuries and deaths of peaceful demonstrators protesting the CAA and the proposed nationwide NRC.



Japan and others is an attempt to reconfigure the existing

for the peace and stability of the region.

Iraq's Sadr urges million-man march against US military presence

Agencies

BAGHDAD - Influential Iraqi Shia cleric Muqtada al-Sadr has demanded that Iraqis stage a "million-man march" against the continued US military presence in the country, days after Iraq's parliament voted to expel the American troops following an assassination operation by Washington on Iraqi soil.

The march is needed "to condemn the American pres-

ences, two days after the US military assassinated senior Iranian commander Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani and along with Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, the second-in-command of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), among others, near the Baghdad airport.

The parliament resolution also urged the Baghdad government to drop a request for assistance from a US-led coalition of foreign troops purportedly operating against Daesh remnants in Iraq.

The Iraqis censured the targeted killings — which were ordered by US President Donald Trump — as a blatant violation of the country's sovereignty as well as the security agreement between Baghdad and Washington.

In a letter to the parliament following the vote, Sadr called for an immediate cancellation of the security agreement with the US, the closure of the US embassy, the expulsion of US troops in "a humiliating manner," and the criminalization of communication with the US administration.

Following the parliamentary vote, the office of Iraq's caretaker Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi asked Washington to dispatch a delegation to Baghdad to initiate preparations for the withdrawal of American troops, who number



ence and its violations," Sadr, who leads the largest parliamentary bloc, Sairoon, said in a tweet on Tuesday.

"The skies, land, and sovereignty of Iraq are being violated every day by occupying forces," he added. The cleric, however, cautioned that such a show of popular disapproval should be a "peaceful, unified demonstration," but did not offer a date or location for the proposed rally.

On January 5, the parliament voted overwhelmingly in favor of a resolution calling for the expulsion of all US-led

Jet dumps fuel that lands on schoolkids near Los Angeles

Agencies

LOS ANGELES - An airliner with engine trouble dumped jet fuel that fell as a smelly mist on dozens of schoolchildren while the plane made an emergency return to Los Angeles International Airport, officials said.

The fuel, described by fire officials as a vapor, caused minor skin and lung

irritation to 56 children and adults but nobody was taken to the hospital and the only decontamination required was soap and water, officials said.

Delta Air Lines Flight 89 to Shanghai reported an engine problem only minutes after takeoff.

"Delta 89, heavy, we have engine compressor stalls on the right engine," the pilot reported to air traffic control, according to a recording of the radio

conversation.

A stall, which can be caused by damage to a turbine, either from a malfunction or sometimes by a bird striking the engine, reduces the engine thrust.

The pilot was asked whether he wanted to keep the aircraft over the ocean to dump fuel but declined, although it appears he may have changed his mind later about whether the plane could safely land weighing as much as it did.

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S. No	Name of the class	Admission fee	Monthly tuition fee
01	8th	2000	600
02	7th	2000	600
03	6th	2000	550
04	5th pry	1500	550
05	4th	1500	500
06	3rd	1000	500
07	2nd	1000	450
08	1st	1000	450
09	UKG	700	400
10	LKG	700	400
11	Nursery	700	320

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Panel of proposed managing committee

S. No	Name	Parentage	Residence	Qual.	Occupation	Designation in the managing body
01	Arsheed Majeed Ganie	Ab Majeed Ganie	Adlashmagam	M.A /B.Ed	Business	Chairman
02	Gh Mohammad Bhat	Ab Aziz Bhat	Adlashmagam	12 th	Business	Member/ Parent
03	Imtiyaz Ahmad Shah	S/o Gh Mohammad Shah	Peth Nambal	M.SC/ M.Ed	Principal of the school	Member
04	Mohammad Ashraf Thokroo	Gh Moham- mad Thokroo	Adlashmagam	MA/ M.Ed	Teacher of the school	Member
05	Gh Nabi Ganie	Ab Gani Ganie	Adlashmagam	12th	Business	Member/ Parent
06	Mukhtar Ahmad Ganie	Lal Moham- mad Ganie	Adlashmagam	LLB	Business	Member

Note: Anybody having any objection with regard to the members of proposed committee will inform the concerned department within a period of one week and after that no objection shall will be entertained.

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