

PRAGUE: Czech firearms company Ceska Zbrojovka has signed a deal to acquire Colt, the American gun maker that helped develop revolvers in the 19th century and has since supplied the armed forces in the U.S. and other countries.

Russia ready to cut ties if EU ups sanctions, diplomat says

AGENCIES Moscow

Russia is prepared to cut ties with the European Union if the EU imposes new sanctions amid a dispute over the treatment of opposition leader Alexei Navalny, the nation's top diplomat warned Friday.

In response to a question on Moscow's willingness to rupture formal relations with the EU, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in televised remarks that Russia doesn't want to be isolated but is ready to retaliate if the EU action hurts its economy.

"If we see again, as we have felt more than once, that sanctions imposed in some areas create risks to our economy, including in the most sensitive spheres, then yes," Lavrov said. "We don't want to be isolated from international life, but we must be ready for that. If you want peace, you must prepare for war."



Jan. 17 upon his return from Germany, where he spent five months recuperating from the nerve agent poisoning he blamed on the Kremlin. Russian authorities have denied the allegations. Last week, a court in Moscow sent Navalny to prison for two years and eight months for violating

terms of his probation while recuperating in Germany. The probation stemmed from a 2014 embezzlement conviction that Navalny has rejected as fabricated and the European Court of Human Rights has ruled to be unlawful.

European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell

said after visiting Russia last week that the 27-nation bloc must take a firm stance in its relations with Russia and ponder new sanctions in the wake of Navalny's prison sentence. While Borrell was meeting with Lavrov, Moscow announced the expulsion of diplomats from Germany, Poland and Sweden for at-

tending protests in support of Navalny. The three EU countries responded in kind Monday, each expelling a Russian diplomat.

Borrell has said he plans to submit proposals for possible actions against Russia when he chairs the next meeting of the bloc's foreign ministers on Feb. 22. Navalny's arrest triggered a wave of protests across Russia that drew tens of thousands of people to the streets in the largest show of discontent in years. Authorities responded with a sweeping crackdown, detaining about 11,000 people across Russia. Many protesters were fined or given jail sentences ranging from seven to 15 days.

The United States and the European Union have urged Russia to release Navalny and to end the crackdown on protests. The Kremlin has accused them of meddling in Russia's internal affairs and said it would not listen to Western criticism of Navalny's sentencing and police actions against his supporters.

Russia's Sputnik V vaccine authorised in 26 countries: RDIF

MOSCOW: Russia's coronavirus vaccine Sputnik V was authorized in Montenegro and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, thus bringing the total number of countries where it is authorized to 26, the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) said Friday.

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GORANI INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Table for GORANI INDUSTRIES LIMITED financial results. Includes columns for Particulars, Quarter Ended 31.12.2020, Quarter Ended 31.12.2019, and Nine Months Ended 31.12.2020. Rows include Total Income from Operations, Net Profit, and Earnings Per Share.

EU aims to release virus recovery fund billions by summer

AGENCIES Brussels

Top European Union officials on Friday urged member countries to swiftly submit plans for how they would use their



share of the bloc's massive coronavirus recovery fund so that the sorely-needed money can be released starting this summer.

The call came as the officials signed an agreement on a 672.5 billion-euro (\$814 billion) "Recovery and Resilience Facility" made up of loans and grants devised to help the EU's 27 countries breathe new life into their virus-ravaged economies.

The facility is the central pillar of the 750 billion-euro (\$908 billion) recovery plan adopted by EU leaders last year. It must still be endorsed by national parliaments, hopefully within weeks.

Once that is ratified, "the (European) Commission will go to the market, raise money, and disburse," Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said. "By mid-year we should be able to disburse the first funds," she said. Up to 13% could be handed over then.

Von der Leyen also said that the EU aims to have 70% of adults across the 27-nation bloc, which has a population of around 450 million people, vaccinated by the end of the summer.

To receive their share of the recovery aid, which is linked to a series of undertakings and respect of the rule of law, EU countries have been requested to submit reform plans by the end of April. The plans must dedicate at least 37% of the budgets to climate and at least 20% to digital transformation. The funding will be available for three years.

So far, 19 EU countries have submitted draft plans to the Commission, which is in charge of their assessment. Seven other countries are well advanced in what von der Leyen described as a "humungous" process.

"We must take up the ambition of having the first plans approved by the end of April," said Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa, whose country holds the EU's rotating presidency until June 30. "We cannot afford to waste more time. We cannot afford to fail our citizens."

Burkina Faso on brink of protracted humanitarian crisis

AGENCIES Kaya

Burkina Faso is on the brink of becoming a protracted crisis after extremist violence displaced over 1 million people, a senior United Nations official said this week during a visit to the West African nation.

U.N. acting assistant secretary-general for humanitarian affairs Ramesh Rajasingham spoke to The Associated Press after visiting the hard-hit Center North and Sahel regions in the country that has been engulfed in extremist violence for more than five years.

"You'll see Yemen on the headlines, you'll see Syria on the headlines, Libya, Mali perhaps, but Burkina Faso, we've had such a spike in displacement," Rajasingham said.

"If we don't raise the profile, you're going to see a loss of life, increased morbidity and a deteriorating situation that will then further

compound the Sahel situation. It's the tip of the iceberg." Burkina Faso is the latest country under threat from extremist attack in the Sahel, a belt of semi-arid land south of the Sahara desert.

The country has become the world's fastest growing displacement crisis in the last two years, with more than one in every 20 inhabitants forced to flee the violence, according to the U.N.

The violence killed more than 2,000 people last year. Some 3.5 million now need

assistance and hundreds of thousands are hungry. The longer the crisis drags on, the harder it will be for people to rebuild their lives, Rajasingham warned.

During a visit this week to a displacement site in Kaya in the Center North, where the majority of people have sought refuge, people said they had nowhere to live, nothing to eat and few ways to make money. After watching her husband and 17-year-old son be dragged from their home shot dead

by extremists last year, Mariam Pelhoue fled to Kaya with her nine other children.

But she said she hasn't received any food assistance and is forced to beg from friends and family. "We feel neglected," she said.

Humanitarians say the government has been slow to acknowledge the crisis or admit that displaced people are in the capital, Ouagadougou.

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