

# Typhoon In-fa hits China's east coast, canceling flights



191 kmh (120 mph) when it struck east on Tuesday. It knocked down two branches but no deaths or injuries were reported.

The typhoon made landfall in Zhejiang in Zhejiang province, near TV reported, causing the rainfall of 216.50 millimeters (8.54 inches).

"People should not willfully go to the sea," the bureau said.

The typhoon was packing winds of 175 kilometers (109 miles) per hour and gone up to

Train services to Ningbo, a port city south of Shanghai, was suspended according to state TV. The Zhejiang Bridge that crosses islands near Ningbo was closed, as were schools, markets and other public services.

On Sunday, large container ships were diverted from Shanghai to other ports in the world's busiest shipping center. State TV said a ship docked in Ningbo, which was brought to the north, stopped releasing vessels into the Yangtze River.

Monkeys in central China, the death toll rose to 51 after recent rains in the major city of Zhengzhou on Tuesday, state TV reported.

The rains flooded a Zhejiang province town where at least 12 people died, knocked out power to a hospital and other buildings and left streets filled with mud.

Rescue workers used bulldozers and rubber boats to evacuate residents of areas that still were underwater, according to the Shanghai news outlet TV Paper.

# Thousands protest amid global anger against COVID restrictions



Tens of thousands of people across several countries, including France and Italy, have protested against strict COVID-19 measures, with the French police using tear gas and water cannons to disperse protesters in the capital Paris.

In France, an estimated 160,000 took to the streets in support of President Emmanuel Macron's health pass that will drastically curtail access to restaurants and public spaces for unvaccinated people.

"Freedom, freedom," chanted demonstrators in France, carrying placards denouncing "Macron, liar!" "Big Pharma shacksles freedom" or saying "No to the pass of shame!"

A similar scene unfolded in Rome, Naples and Turin, where protesters carried signs and banners reading "Wake up Australia" and "Open the borders."

Frank Lavenex, a professor of anthropology, risk and decision sciences at the department of infectious disease epidemiology and Tropical Medicine, told AI Jazeera that the health pass "makes a lot of sense."

But protests in France show that many people who wear their freedom, the vaccine and show different freedom, the most approved on in prior to a regulation of France's health care are debating the bill on Saturday after the lower house of parliament.

France's virus restrictions are being seen as a barrier to the government's plan to speed up vaccination to protect the population and have a valuable population from the virus.

Most French adults are fully vaccinated and polls indicate support for the measure.

But not everyone. Protesters chanting "Liberty! Liberty!" marched through Paris in one of multiple demonstrations planned on Saturday.

# Can the U.S. provide 'Over-The-Horizon' help to Afghanistan?

However, it could even take until the end of 2020, according to a U.S. official quoted by the Times, for the Afghan air force to be able to operate their Black Hawk helicopters without assistance from contractors. With most of the contractors already leaving the country, Afghanistan will undoubtedly struggle to keep its Black Hawk helicopters operational in the coming months.

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helicopters it had purchased from Russia to help Kabul improve its counterterrorism capabilities. It might take several steps that could help keep Afghanistan's air force at the current level.

On the ground, as the Taliban overtook Afghan Army outposts and positions, the government agreed to set military bases across the country to help contain the group. The decision to do so, Baker said, "is in large part a recognition of the realities of Afghanistan's continued fragmented social and political environment, and the need to reduce pressure areas for Taliban advances, particularly in the provinces around Kabul."

"It will be important to watch how the security environment evolves along Afghanistan's borders, particularly along the Tajik border," Baker said.

"Should the Tajik forces in Afghanistan consider the Kabul government incapable of providing security or containing violence against the Taliban advances, they may withdraw to their traditional ethnic regions, adding Afghanistan's back to the front of the international fragmented social and political environment, and the need to reduce pressure areas for Taliban advances, particularly in the provinces around Kabul."

# First task for Afghan forces is to slow Taliban's loss of Taliban's

Biden has promised to provide financial assistance to Afghan forces and to conduct diplomatic efforts to reverse Taliban's gains.

Biden on Friday authorized up to \$100 million from an emergency fund to meet "unanticipated" Afghan needs stemming from the situation in Afghanistan, including the Afghan special immigration visa applicants.

For years, the U.S. military has been trying to get Afghan troops off the ground. U.S. military state positions that can easily be overrun by Taliban forces.

The Kabul Times

# Nepal's COVID-19 crisis...

Women for Human Rights, a single women group (WHR), a Nepal NGO dedicated to improve the rights of single women. It has been founded by women who have been abandoned by their partners, but not all of them are single women. Some are married women who are being abandoned by their partners.

During these times groups, women were treated poorly. Nepal reported that people with COVID-19 symptoms are not always accessible. Some women explained that feeling their children during the pandemic and paying for household expenses has been difficult, so paying 1,000 Nepali rupees (approximately \$110) for a COVID-19 test is not feasible. Some women also discussed their mental health challenges and stigma associated with being COVID-19 positive, which has further prevented people from getting tested.

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# AIHRC charges Taliban with

"There are grave concerns that Taliban forces in Kandahar may commit further atrocities to retaliate against the government and security forces," said Patricia Gannon, Executive Vice President of AIHRC. Taliban forces have detained and killed civilians, including women, children, and the elderly, and have destroyed property and infrastructure.

The AIHRC has demanded that the U.S., as well as the UK and other countries engaged in the peace talks, should explicitly call on the Taliban leadership to stop these killings and other abuses.

Confounding the report, Fida Mohammad told Turkish Anadolu Agency that two of his sons, Shah Mahmood and Mohammed Khan, were rescued from their homes a few days ago and that their bullet-riddled bodies were later found. "The Taliban have launched a massacre in the Spin Boldak district... some men are still being executed from their homes every night and taken away to be killed," he said.

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# Organizer of Kabul's Eid rocket attack



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