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### Malaysian Air Force forms new squadron for unmanned aerial system

KUALA LUMPUR, Jun 1, 2020, NST. The Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) has formed an unprecendented new squadron, specifically for the unmanned aerial system (UAS), New Straits Times reported.

### 400,000 students back to school in Beijing

BEIJING, Jun 1, 2020, China Daily. About 400,000 students across primary, junior high and high schools returned to campus in Beijing on June 1, International Children's Day, China Daily reported.

### Russia's nationwide vote on constitutional amendments to hold on July 1: Putin

MOSCOW, Jun 1, 2020, Pan Pacific Agency. Russian President Vladimir Putin has announced the date of the nationwide vote on constitutional amendments. Voting to take place on July 1, the president said during the meeting with working group to prepare amendments.

### Lockdown eased in Moscow after nine weeks

MOSCOW, Jun 1, 2020, BBC. Authorities in Moscow have eased lockdown restrictions, even as case numbers continue to rise, BBC reported.

### Govt could boost home constructions and renovations in Australia's recovery plan

MELBOURNE, Jun 1, 2020, 9News. New home construction and major renovation projects could be boosted through cash grants under a federal government coronavirus recovery plan, 9News reported.

### [Analytics] Second wave or just ripples - what next for the pandemic?

Predicting disease outbreaks has been compared by more than one weary scientist over the years to weather forecasting. You don't know exactly how big the storm will be or when it will hit, but you know it's coming. Sherryn Groch specially for The Sydney Morning Herald.

### Ties with China never been more important: Australian state premier

SYDNEY, Jun 1, 2020, Xinhua. Premier of Australian State of Victoria Daniel Andrews maintained his strong

commitment to a healthy ongoing relationship with China, stating that it has never been more important than the moment, Xinhua reported.

### Philippine Stock Exchange reopens trading floor

MANILA, Jun 1, 2020, The Manila Times. The Philippine Stock Exchange Inc. (PSE) is set to reopen its trading floor today (Monday), following the transition of Metro Manila from modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) to general community quarantine, The Manila Times reported.

### Papua New Guinea opposition leader ruled suspended as case against PM dismissed

PORT MORESBY, Jun 1, 2020, RNZ. Papua New Guinea's Supreme Court has dismissed a case filed by Belden Namah questioning the constitutionality of James Marape's election as prime minister last year and says Mr Namah is still suspended as an MP, Radio New Zealand reported.

## Singapore in discussions with S. Korea, Australia, to establish 'green lanes' for travel

SINGAPORE, Jun 1, 2020, The Straits Times. Talks are underway with South Korea and Australia to establish "green lanes" for travel during the Covid-19 environment, said Trade and Industry Minister Chan Chun Sing on Saturday (May 30), The Straits Times reported.

### Indonesia's president Jokowi underscores eminence of Pancasila values in tackling COVID-19

JAKARTA, Jun 1, 2020, ANTARA. Pancasila State ideology serves as a guiding beacon to enliven the spirit of Indonesians' nationhood, mutual care and cooperation, and brotherhood as they persist ceaselessly in overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic, President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) stated, ANTARA reported.

### [Analytics] How to stay safe indoors post-lockdown

Staying home and maintaining social distancing have been the pivotal measures to control Covid-19 transmission across communities since the pandemic hit the world. Kohinur Khyum Tithila specially for the Dhaka Tribune.

### Most construction projects remain closed despite eased restrictions in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Jun 1, 2020, Malay Mail. Over 4,000 construction projects have remained shut despite being among the earliest sectors to reopen under the conditional movement control order (CMC), Senior Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob revealed today, Malay Mail reported.

### Pakistani govt slashes petrol price to Rs74.5 per litre from June 1

ISLAMABAD, Jun 1, 2020, Pakistan Today. In order to provide further relief to the consumers, the government reduced further the prices of petrol by Rs7.06 per litre, Finance Ministry said on Sunday (May 31), Pakistan Today reported.

COVID-19 tracker Russia vs India

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### [Analytics] The end of Hong Kong autonomy

After a year of protests and upheavals, Beijing is poised to put an end to Hong Kong's autonomous status. The National People's Congress (NPC) has approved a decision on new 'Mechanisms for the Preservation of National Security' in the Special Administrative Region. Jeppe Mulich specially for the East Asia Forum. **The** 

### Court appearance for the former Minnesota officer charged for George Floyd murder is moved to June 8

MINNEAPOLIS, Jun 1, 2020, CNN. The first court appearance for Derek Chauvin, the former Minnesota police officer charged in death of George Floyd, has been moved to June 8, according to court records, CNN reported.

### Over 414,000 confirmed coronavirus cases in Russia on morning June 1

MOSCOW, Jun 1, 2020, Pan Pacific Agency. Coronavirus infections in Russia cross 414,000 cases, officials said. 162 new deaths in a past day, according to the Russian coronavirus crisis response centre message. So, deaths toll climbs to 4855, govt claims.

### S. Korea cuts 2020 growth estimate to 0.1 per cent amid pandemic, sees sharp rebound in 2021

SEOUL, Jun 1, 2020, Yonhap. South Korea on Monday sharply slashed its growth estimate for the year, joining many others in a gloomy outlook for Asia's fourth-largest economy hit by a virus-triggered slump in global trade, Yonhap News reported.

### Delhi barber shops, salons to reopen, borders sealed for 1 week: Official

NEW DELHI, Jun 1, 2020, India Today. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday said barbershops and salons will be allowed to reopen in Delhi, but spas will remain closed, India Today reported.

#### Vietnam trade surplus at \$1.9B

HANOI, Jun 1, 2020, VN Express. Vietnam recorded a trade surplus of \$1.9 billion in the first five months with both exports and imports slightly declining amid the Covid-19 pandemic, VN Express reported.

### Cambodia's govt forges ahead with enforcing stricter traffic rules

PHNOM PENH, Jun 1, 2020, The Khmer Times. Interior Minister Sar Kheng said the government remains firm in its position on the strict implementation of the Road Traffic Law in order to protect the lives and welfare of the people, The Khmer Times reported.

### Japan eyes easing ban on entry from Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, and New Zealand

TOKYO, Jun 1, 2020, Kyodo. The Japanese government is considering easing its entry ban on visitors from Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, and New Zealand currently in place due to the coronavirus pandemic, a government source said Monday, Kyodo News reported.

#### Russian health ministry approves drug Avifavir, a generic of the Japan's anti-flu Avigan

MOSCOW, Jun 1, 2020, Bloomberg. Russia's Health Ministry granted a temporary registration certificate to the country's first Covid-19 medicine, a generic version of the Japanese flu drug Avigan, the country's wealth fund said in

### Beijing's plans for South China Sea air defence identification zone cover Pratas, Paracel and Spratly islands: PLA source

HONG KONG, Jun 1, 2020, SCMP. Beijing has been making plans for an air defence identification zone (ADIZ) in the South China Sea since 2010, the same year it said it was considering the introduction of similar airspace controls over the East China Sea in a move that was widely criticised around the world, a military insider said, South China Morning Post reported.

### Phuket reopens ports, road link

PHUKET, Jun 1, 2020, Bangkok Post. All entry and exit points by land and water reopened on this southern island province on Monday after Covid-19 lockdown measures were relaxed under an order signed by governor Pakapong Tawipat on Sunday, Bangkok Post reported.

### Protests over death of George Floyd turn violent again despite curfews, National Guard in the US

MINNEAPOLIS, Jun 1, 2020, Reuters. Looting broke out on Sunday in Southern California, a tanker truck drove into marchers in Minneapolis and demonstrators clashed with police in Boston and Washington, D.C. as the United States struggled to contain chaotic protests over race and policing, Reuters reported.

### US astronauts enter space station in milestone mission

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION, Jun 1, 2020, AFP. NASA astronauts entered the International Space Station on Sunday (May 31) after a landmark 19-hour journey on the first crewed US spacecraft in nearly a decade, a triumph for SpaceX and private enterprise, The Jakarta Post reported.

### Hong Kong's govt unconcerned over US sanctions: Mainland media

BEIJING, Jun 1, 2020, China Daily. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government hit back at the United States President Donald Trump's decision to revoke the city's preferential trade status, saying US sanctions are unlikely to undermine Hong Kong's advantages under the "one country, two systems" principle, China Daily reported.

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