

EU vyřadila ruského patriarchu z balíčku sankcí, aby získala maďarské přijetí

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Ruský pravoslavný patriarcha Kirill (souborové foto)

Evropská unie upustila od kroku uvalit sankce na vůdce ruské pravoslavné církve patriarchu Kirilla, aby zajistila, že Maďarsko přijme poslední balíček opatření bloku proti Rusku za jeho nevyprovokovanou invazi na Ukrajinu.

Diplomatické zdroje řekly RFE/RL 2. června, že velvyslanci EU souhlasili s odstraněním Kirilla ze sankčního seznamu, na čemž Budapešť trvala. S balíčkem muselo souhlasit všech 27 členů bloku, aby mohl být schválen a oficiálně zveřejněn 3. června

Od začátku války učinil Kirill řadu prohlášení v solidaritě s politikou ruských úřadů, přimět papeže Františka, aby varoval patriarchu, aby se nestal prezidentem Vladimírem „Putinovým oltářníkem“.

Více než 150 ruských pravoslavných duchovních vyzvalo 1. března v otevřeném dopise k zastavení války. Kirill nebyl mezi těmi, kdo jej podepsali.

Nový balíček sankcí proti Rusku, šestý EU od zahájení války 24. února v Moskvě, zahrnuje zákaz dovozu většiny ruské ropy a odstraní největšího ruského věřitele, Sberbank, z mezinárodní platformy pro finanční zprávy SWIFT.

Očekává se, že dohoda o nových sankcích vstoupí v platnost 3. června v 7:00 GMT, pokud členský stát nevznese námitky. Skutečné právní uzákonění sankcí by pak následovalo brzy poté.

S reportáží Rikarda Jozwiaka

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Americký vyslanec označil výzvu Maďarska k příměří na Ukrajině za „cynickou“



Velvyslanec v Maďarsku David Pressman (souborové foto)

The Hungarian government's call for a cease-fire in Ukraine is "cynical" given large swathes of the country are occupied by invading Russian forces, the U.S. Ambassador to Hungary David Pressman said on April 26. The U.S. envoy did not mention Prime Minister Viktor Orbán by name, but Orbán has repeatedly called for a cease-fire and peace talks. "When we hear politicians advocate for appeasement masquerading as peace, let's be very clear: One man can make peace today," Pressman said, referring to Russian President Vladimir Putin. Pressman made the comments during a panel discussion in Budapest. *To read the original story by Reuters, [click here](#).*

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Clashes Erupt In Restive Iranian Province After Teen Dies In Accident With Police Car



Protests in Fanouj on April 25.

Clashes have erupted between security forces and civilians in the southeastern Iranian city of Fanouj amid protests sparked by the death of a teen when his motorcycle collided with a police car.

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Wagner Group Leader Accuses Russian 'Decision-Makers' Of Treason For Lack Of Ammunition In Ukraine



Yevgeny Prigozhin: "The criminals must be held accountable."

Yevgeny Prigozhin, the Kremlin-connected businessman who controls the notorious Wagner mercenary group, has accused “decision-makers” in Russia of treason for not providing his troops and military units of Russia's regular armed forces with ammunition needed to fight in Ukraine.

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Czechs Put Russian Patriarch Kirill On Sanctions List Over Comments On War In Ukraine



Patriarch Kirill and Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu in 2020.

The Czech government has made the head of the Russian Orthodox Church the first person on its national sanctions list due to his support for Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Foreign Minister Jan Lipavsky said on April 26. Patriarch Kirill, 76, was listed by his civil name, Vladimir Mikhailovich Gundyayev, on the sanctions roster,

which is posted on the Foreign Ministry's website. The sanctions mean he is barred from entry into the Czech Republic and banned from any financial transactions with Czechs. "His frequent public remarks supporting the war in Ukraine, justifying atrocities committed by Russian troops there, those are all clear evidence that can be publicly found," Lipavsky said. *To read the original story by Reuters, [click here](#).*

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By [RFE/RL's Russian Service](#)

Trial Begins Of Yevgeny Roizman, One Of The Last Prominent Kremlin Critics Not Behind Bars



Former Yekaterinburg Mayor
Yevgeny Roizman (file photo)

Yevgeny Roizman, the former mayor of the Urals city of Yekaterinburg and one of the last prominent opposition figures left in Russia who is not behind bars, **went on trial** on April 26 on a charge of "repetitively discrediting the armed forces" involved in the Kremlin's invasion of Ukraine.

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Tsikhankouskaya Condemns Belarusian Nuclear Arms Plans On Chernobyl Anniversary



A woman reacts near a monument honoring those who died in cleanup efforts after the Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster on the occasion of its 37th anniversary, in Kyiv on April 26.

Exiled Belarusian opposition leader Svyatlana Tsikhanouskaya **has condemned** authoritarian ruler Alyaksandr Lukashenka's acceptance of a plan to place Russian nuclear arms in Belarus, saying on the 37th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear accident that the move shows that he learned nothing from the disaster.

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Uzbek Journalist Abdullaev Detained In Turkey



Uzbek journalist Bobomurod Abdullaev has resided in Germany in recent years. It is not known when and why he travelled to Turkey.

Noted Uzbek journalist Bobomurod Abdullaev has been detained in Turkey on unspecified charges and his family says they fear he will be tortured if returned to the Central Asian country.

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China's Xi Talks With Ukraine's Zelenskiy By Phone



China will focus on promoting peace talks, and make efforts for a cease-fire as soon as possible, Xi told Zelenskiy.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping appealed for negotiations between Russia and Ukraine in a phone call on April 26 with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, warning "there is no winner in a nuclear war," state media said, in a long-anticipated conversation after Beijing said it wanted to act as peace mediator. Xi's government will send a "special representative" to Ukraine for talks about a possible "political settlement," said a government statement reported by state TV. China has tried to appear neutral in the war but has refused to criticize Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. *To read the original story by AP, [click here](#).*

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Russia Expels 10 Norwegian Diplomats In Tit-For-Tat Move



Russia's Foreign Ministry said on April 26 that it had summoned Norwegian Ambassador Robert Kvile over Oslo's expulsion of 15 Russian diplomats earlier this month. The ministry **said** it had announced 10 Norwegian diplomats were designated persona non grata, and that there will be other retaliatory measures after Norway's "unfriendly acts," including restrictions on hiring Russian citizens at Norway's diplomatic missions. Moscow's relations with European states, especially those neighboring Russia, have been tense since the Kremlin launched its unprovoked invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

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By RFE/RL's Balkan Service

EU's Military Mission Says 'Closely Watching' Security Situation In Bosnia



EUFOR is responsible for implementing the military part of the Dayton agreement and ensuring peace. Its mandate, which includes the use of military force, is extended by the UN Security Council every autumn for one year.

The European Union's military mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina says it has not perceived any danger to the country's security situation despite ongoing tensions sparked by Bosnian Serb leader Milorad Dodik's repeated threats that the Bosnian Serb entity would pursue independence and union with neighboring Serbia.

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Russian Envoy Says No 'Real Progress' Seen On Grain Deal



Gennady Gatilov (file photo)

Russia's envoy to the United Nations in Geneva said on April 26 that no real progress had been achieved in resolving issues raised by Moscow over the Black Sea grain deal, which is set to expire next month. Speaking to reporters at Moscow's permanent mission in Geneva, Gennady Gatilov said Russia's position on extending the deal remained unchanged. Moscow has said it will not agree to an extension unless the West removes obstacles to Russian exports of grain and fertilizer.

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By [RFE/RL's Kyrgyz Service](#)

Kyrgyz Activists, Politicians, Journalists Face New Charges Over Border Deal Protests



Demonstrators protest against a controversial border demarcation deal with Uzbekistan that critics say could see Bishkek hand over control of the key Kempir-Abad water reservoir.

Twenty-six Kyrgyz rights activists, opposition politicians, and journalists, who were arrested in October 2022 for challenging a controversial border deal with Uzbekistan, have been additionally charged with attempts to seize power and public calls to seize power, lawyers of some of them told RFE/RL on April 26. The charges could lead to prison terms of up to 15 years. The 26 men and women were initially accused of planning riots over a Kyrgyz-Uzbek border agreement that handed a disputed water reservoir over to Uzbekistan. Several of them were transferred to house arrest in early April. *To read the original story by RFE/RL's Kyrgyz Service, [**click here**](#).*

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Navalny Faces 30 Years In Russian Terrorism Case He Calls 'Absurd'



Russian opposition leader Aleksei Navalny appears via video link at a hearing in a Moscow court in May 2022.

Jailed Russian opposition leader Aleksei Navalny says a new probe has been launched against him, this time on a charge of terrorism, and that he will be tried on the "absurd" charge by a military court.

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Iranian Diplomat Jailed In Belgium To Be Freed In Prisoner Swap, Tehran Says



Iranian opposition activists protest with a portrait depicting Iranian official Asadollah Assadi in Brussels in October 2018.

An Iranian diplomat sentenced to 20 years in prison in Belgium will soon be released in a prisoner-swap deal, Iran's judiciary spokesman Masoud Setayeshi said on April 26. Assadollah Assadi was sentenced in 2021 over a foiled 2018 bomb plot targeting an Iranian opposition group in Paris. Last month Tehran said it was ready to make the

swap, which would include Belgian aid worker Olivier Vandecasteele -- jailed in Iran for 40 years for charges including spying that he and his supporters say were fabricated. *To read the original story by Reuters, [click here](#).*

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By [RFE/RL's Russian Service](#)

Russian Prosecutor Says 15,000 Cases Of Illegal Military Mobilization Registered



Many have complained that they were mobilized illegally, citing exemptions such as having more than two minor children, medical conditions, lack of military experience, or old age. (file photo)

Russian Deputy Prosecutor-General Anatoly Razinkin said on April 26 that 15,000 cases of men being called up to the military illegally had been registered. After President Vladimir Putin announced a partial mobilization in September 2022, more than 300,000 men were conscripted to the military amid Moscow's ongoing invasion of Ukraine. Many have complained since then that they were mobilized illegally, citing exemptions such as having more than two minor children, medical conditions, lack of military experience, or old age. In December, amid the wave of complaints, lawmaker Andrei Kartapolov said that 10,000 illegally mobilized men had been returned home. *To read the original story by RFE/RL's Russian Service, [click here](#).*

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By AFP

Powerful Iranian Cleric Killed In Attack



The attack took place in the north of Iran. (file photo)

A powerful Iranian cleric, a member of the Assembly of Experts that selects the country's supreme leader, has been killed in an armed attack, state media reported on April 26. "Ayatollah Abbas Ali Soleimani was killed this morning in an armed attack...the assailant was also arrested," IRNA news agency reported, citing an official. The attack took place in the north of Iran.

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By RFE/RL's Tajik Service

Tajik Security Forces Kill Two Suspected Militants



The incident occurred in Vanj, a district near the border.

Tajik security forces have killed two people who belonged to "an international terrorist organization" near the Afghan border, Tajikistan's State Committee for National Security said on April 26.

The incident occurred in Vanj, a district near the border, the committee said in a statement, without identifying the individuals or the group they allegedly belonged to. It said the two had entered the country "with the intention of committing a terrorist act, and were killed by law enforcement agencies during an anti-terrorist operation." Weapons, ammunition, and grenades were seized, the statement said, without giving further details. *To read the original story by [RFE/RL's Tajik Service](#), click here.*

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By [RFE/RL's Russian Service](#)

Fire Kills One In Russia's Sverdlovsk Region



A state of emergency was declared in the area some 1,400 kilometers east of Moscow. (illustrative photo)

A large fire broke out in Sosva, a village in Russia's Sverdlovsk region, killing one person and destroying 90 buildings, the Emergency Situations Ministry reported on April 26. It did not say what caused the fire, but reports indicated it may have started at a local sawmill and then rapidly spread due to high winds. A state of emergency was declared in the area and investigators opened criminal cases for negligence and causing death by negligence. The site of the fire is located some 1,400 kilometers east of Moscow. *To read the original story by [RFE/RL's Russian Service](#), [click here](#).*

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By Reuters

Three Russian Aircraft Intercepted Over Baltic Sea, Germany Says



A Russian Sukhoi Su-27
fighter jet (file photo)

Three Russian military aircraft flying without transponder signals have been intercepted in international airspace over the Baltic Sea, Germany's Luftwaffe said on April 26. Germany and Britain sent Eurofighter jets to identify the two Sukhoi Su-27 fighter aircraft and one Ilyushin Il-20 aircraft, the German Luftwaffe tweeted, posting images of the Russian aircraft midflight. Russian military aircraft regularly fly from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad and back, meaning that such encounters are fairly routine in the region. Germany handed over responsibility for NATO's Baltic air-policing mission to Britain earlier this month. Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia do not have air forces. *To read the original story by Reuters, [click here](#).*

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Acclaimed Iranian Director Jafar Panahi Heads To France After 14-Year Travel Ban



Jafar Panahi was freed on bail
in February.

Award-winning Iranian film director Jafar Panahi has left the country for the first time in 14 years after completing a prison sentence for his activism that allowed for a lifting of a travel ban imposed on him by the country's authorities.

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FBI Working With U.S. Companies To Collect War Crime Evidence In Ukraine



A man stands next to graves
with bodies of civilians, who
according to local residents
were killed by Russian
soldiers, in Bucha, outside
Kyiv, in April 2022.

Ukraine is working with the FBI and U.S. companies to collect evidence of war crimes by Russians, such as geolocation and cell-phone information, senior officials said on April 25. Ukrainian authorities are collecting digital information from battlefields and Ukrainian towns ravaged by the war since Russia invaded the

country in February 2022, said Alex Kobzanets, a FBI special agent who previously worked as a legal attache for the agency in Ukraine. "Collection of that data, analysis of that data, working through that data is something the FBI has experience working through," Kobzanets told a cybersecurity conference in San Francisco. *To read the original story by Reuters, [click here](#).*

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By RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service

Zelenskiy Has 'Meaningful' First Exchange With China's Xi As Russia Presses Assault On Bakhmut



A Ukrainian soldier runs for cover from shelling across a street in the frontline town of Bakhmut on April 23.

President Volodymyr Zelenskiy **said** his first conversation with his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, since the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine was "long and meaningful" as Russia increased the pressure on the defenders of Bakhmut -- the site of the most intense battle for the eastern Donetsk region.

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Kremlin: Seizure Of Western Assets Is Retaliatory Move, Could Be Expanded



The decree made clear Moscow had already taken action against German Uniper SE's Russian division and the assets of Finland's Fortum Oyj.

The Kremlin said on April 26 that Moscow's move to take temporary control of the assets of Finnish energy group Fortum and its former German subsidiary Uniper was in retaliation for what it called the illegal seizure of Russian assets abroad. A day earlier, President Vladimir Putin signed a decree establishing temporary control of the Russian assets of the two European state-owned energy firms. The decree said Russia needed to take urgent measures to respond to unspecified actions from the United States and others it said were "unfriendly and contrary to international law." Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters the decree did not concern ownership, just the power to manage the assets. He said the measure could be expanded to other assets if necessary. *To read the original story by Reuters, [click here](#).*

April 26, 2023

By [AP](#)

Mastermind Of Suicide Bombing At Kabul Airport In 2021 Killed



A Taliban fighter stands guard at the site of the August 26 twin suicide bombings that killed scores of people at Kabul airport in 2021.

A ground assault by the Taliban has killed the Islamic State (IS) militant who spearheaded the August 2021 suicide bombing at the Kabul airport that left 13 U.S. troops and about 170 Afghans dead during the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, U.S. officials said on April 25. Initially, neither Washington -- nor apparently the Taliban -- were aware that the mastermind was dead. He was killed during a series of battles early this month in southern Afghanistan between the Taliban and an IS affiliate, according to several officials. But in recent days, U.S. intelligence confirmed "with high confidence" that the man had been killed, a senior official said. *To read the original story by AP, [click here](#).*

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By Reuters

Americký právník se přiznal k jednání s ruským oligarchem v rámci sankcí



Ruský podnikatel Viktor Vekselberg (souborové foto)

Newyorský právník se 25. dubna přiznal k provedení plateb ve výši 3,8 milionu dolarů na údržbu nemovitostí, které skutečně vlastnil Viktor Vekselberg, ruský miliardář oligarcha pod sankcemi USA, ukázaly soudní **záznamy**. Robert Wise přiznal, že přijímal bezhotovostní platby od fiktivní společnosti ovládané společníkem Vekselbergem a poté tyto prostředky použil na placení daní, pojištění a dalších poplatků za různé nemovitosti, včetně dvou bytů na Manhattan's Park Avenue a nemovitosti v Hamptons on New Yorkský Long Island. *Chcete-li si přečíst původní příběh agentury Reuters, klikněte **sem**.*