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Ukraine decries Putin's nuclear plan

Appeals to UN on move to put tactical weapons in Belarus

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KYIV, Ukraine - Ukraine's government Sunday called for an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council to "counter the Kremlin's nuclear blackmail" after Russian President Vladimir Putin revealed

plans to station tactical atomic weapons in Belarus. One Ukrainian official said Russia "took Belarus as a nuclear hostage."

Further heightening tensions, an explosion deep inside Russia wounded three people Sunday. Russian authorities blamed a Ukrainian drone for the blast, which damaged

residential buildings in a town just 110 miles south of Moscow.

Russia has said the plan to station tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus comes in response to the West's increasing military support for Ukraine. Putin announced the plan in a TV interview that aired Saturday, saying it was triggered by

a U.K. decision last week to provide Ukraine with armor-piercing rounds containing depleted uranium.

Putin argued that by deploying its tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus, Russia was following the lead of the United States. He noted that Washington has nuclear weapons based in Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Turkey.

"We are doing what they have

been doing for decades, stationing them in certain allied countries, preparing the launch platforms and training their crews," he said.

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry condemned the move in a statement Sunday and demanded an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council.

"Ukraine expects effective ac-

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Recovery underway in tornado-devastated Mississippi



Associated Press

Kimberly Patton sifts through belongings in the ruins of a family member's home Sunday in Rolling Fork, Miss., after a sudden, intense tornado swept through the area two days earlier, leaving dozens dead and widespread destruction.

Sudden, brutal storm left 25 dead

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ROLLING FORK, Miss. - Help began pouring into one of the poorest regions of the U.S. this weekend after a deadly tornado tore a path of destruction for more than an hour across a long swath of Mississippi, even as furious new storms struck across the

Deep South.

At least 25 people were killed and dozens of others were injured in Mississippi as the massive storm ripped through more than a half-dozen towns late Friday. A man was also killed in Alabama after his trailer home flipped over several times.

"Everything I can see is in

some state of destruction," said Jarrod Kunze, who drove to the hard-hit Mississippi town of Rolling Fork from his home in Alabama, ready to help "in whatever capacity I'm needed."

Kunze was among volunteers working Sunday at a staging area, where bottled water and other supplies were being readied for

distribution.

Search and recovery crews resumed the daunting task of digging through flattened and battered homes, commercial buildings and municipal offices.

The storm hit so quickly that the sheriff's department in Roll-

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On federal death row, bias claims go nowhere

Campaign promise by Biden unfulfilled

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CHICAGO - Rejon Taylor hoped the election of Joe Biden, the first U.S. president to campaign on a pledge to end the death penalty, would mean a more sympathetic look at his claims that racial bias and other trial errors landed him on federal death row in Terre Haute.

But two years on, Justice Department attorneys under Biden are fighting the Black man's efforts to reverse his 2008 death sentence for killing a white restaurateur as hard as they did under Donald Trump, who oversaw 13 executions in his presidency's final months.

"Every legal means they have available they're using to fight us," said the 38-year-old's lawyer, Kelley Henry. "It's business as usual."

Death penalty opponents expected Biden to act within weeks of taking office to fulfill his 2020 campaign promise to end capital punishment on the federal level and to work at ending it in states that still carry out executions. Instead, Biden has taken no steps toward fulfilling that promise.

An Associated Press review of dozens of legal filings shows Biden's Justice Department is fighting vigorously in courts to maintain

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Cloudy

20% chance of morning showers. High in the mid-40s.



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Show brings Shipshewana vibe to Coliseum



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Cory Rairigh of Peru-based Rustic Livin' hand-paints a sign for a customer at the Shipshewana on the Road sale Sunday at Memorial Coliseum.

ASHLEY SLOBODA

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Cory Rairigh returned to Memorial Coliseum on Sunday morning prepared for another successful day at Shipshewana on the Road.

Many of his \$25 creations - decorative animal and gnome statues made of wood from dead and downed trees - left the Fort Wayne venue with shoppers Saturday, prompting him to restock before the event's second and final day.

"We brought some in this morning," Rairigh said moments before dipping a brush in black paint to personalize a newly purchased tiger with the buyer's last name.

The Peru man's wooden creatures were among thousands of items the show offered, including bedding, jewelry, spices, pastries, knives,

cellphone cases, boots, mattresses, cookies, hair accessories, candles, closet organizers, luggage, cleaning products, wallets, toys, cosmetics and insulated tumblers.

Founded in 1992, the traveling show is a spinoff of the Shipshewana Flea Market, which is generally open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from early May until late September.

The Summit City was Shipshewana on the Road's fifth stop this season. The timing to participate as a vendor finally worked for Emily Marshall, owner of Fort Wayne-based Pg. 2 Boutique. She said she would likely sign up to sell her wares - mostly women's clothing - at the event again.

"We love doing shows at the Coliseum," Marshall said,

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