

AMID ARREST THREAT, PUTIN DECIDES TO SKIP BRICS SUMMIT

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CAPE TOWN

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Vladimir Putin, Russian President

The August summit brings together Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa — a bloc of developing economies known as BRICS.

Putin was formally invited to a BRICS summit due to take place in Johannesburg between August 22 and 24, but Pretoria has been under heavy domestic and international pressure not to host him.

Officials have said that Putin wants to attend the gathering but has been trying to persuade him to stay away to avoid the legal and dip-

lomatic fallout over his international arrest warrant.

Russia will be represented at the BRICS summit by Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Ramaphosa's office said in a statement. All the leaders of the other four countries, including China's Xi Jinping, will attend the summit. On Wednesday, the office of South African President

Cyril Ramaphosa said Putin will not attend the BRICS summit after a "mutual agreement," ending months of speculation. South Africa is a signatory to the Rome Statute that established the ICC and would have been obliged to arrest him.

South African authorities had given strong hints that they would have likely not executed the arrest warrant against Putin, but South Africa's main opposition party has taken the government to court in an attempt to compel it to arrest the Russian leader if he sets foot on South African territory.

AI to disrupt weapons' flow to Kremlin: UK

PRAGUE

BRITISH spies are already using artificial intelligence to hamper the supply of weapons to Russia, the head of Britain's MI6 agency said on Wednesday.

In a rare public speech, Richard Moore also urged Russians who op-

pose the invasion of Ukraine to spy for Britain, saying others had already done so since the war began. "Our door is always open," he said.

In a speech that depicted AI as both a huge potential asset and a major threat, Moore said his staff at Britain's foreign intelligence agency "are combining their skills with

AI and bulk data to identify and disrupt the flow of weapons to Russia Ukraine." Moore called China the "single most important strategic focus" for his agency and said, "we will increasingly be tasked with obtaining intelligence on how hostile states are using AI in damaging, reckless and unethical ways."

Attack at port ruins 60,000 tons of grain

KYIV

RUSSIA unleashed intense drone and missile attacks overnight on Wednesday, damaging critical port infrastructure in southern Ukraine, including grain and oil terminals, and wounding at least 12 people.

The bombardment crippled significant parts of export facilities in Odesa and nearby Chornomorsk and destroyed 60,000 tons of grain, according to Ukraine's Agriculture Ministry.

The Agriculture Ministry, citing experts, estimated it would take a year to restore the damaged facilities. The destroyed grain was supposed to have been loaded onto a vessel and sent through the grain corridor two months ago, the statement said.

"Such attacks by Russian terrorists are not only affecting our country but also global stability," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said. He said Ukraine needs more anti-aircraft defence systems to protect the port.

Zelenskyy said his government is trying to find a way to maintain a corridor to keep grain exports flowing despite Russia's decision to abandon the deal brokered with the UN and Turkey.

"The corridor must be secure. In fact, knowing Russia, it won't be safe unless the UN starts working very clearly and firmly at the level of the secretary-general," he said. Agriculture Minister Mykola Solskyi warned that if Ukraine cannot export food, "the population of the poorest countries will be on the brink of survival! The price of grain will increase, and not all countries will be able to afford buying agricultural products, which means food prices will significantly rise: flour, cereals, meat."

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