

OVL in talks to acquire stake in Tullow's \$3.5 bn project

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"Received and held a meeting with H.E. Dr. Virandar Paul, Indian High Commissioner to Kenya alongside representatives from Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Mr. Hridesh Baidail-Executive Director Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Mr. Sanjeev Tokhi - Executive Director - OVL," she tweeted.

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Tullow and OVL in Nairobi as part of Tullow's ongoing process to secure a strategic investor for Project Oil Kenya. The meeting was positive and the parties agreed to hold further discussions," it said in a tweet.

Besides Tokhi of OVL and Baidail of IOC, Tullow CEO Rahul Dhir was also present in the meeting, the pictures tweeted by the two showed. Tullow holds a 50 per cent stake in the south Lokichar field and is looking to give up operatorship in favour of a strategic partner. TotalEnergie of France and Africa Oil Corporation holds 25 per cent each. **PTI**



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RUSSIAN energy giant Gazprom Saturday suspended its gas supplies to Latvia... due to violations of the conditions of purchase, the company said on Telegram.

Gazprom drastically cut gas deliveries to Europe via the Nord Stream pipeline on Wednesday to about 20 percent of its capacity. It had reduced gas flows to Europe twice in June.



A view of the Inukalns underground gas storage of JSC the 'Conexus Baltic Grid', the independent company in Ragana village, Latvia | AP

The Russian state-run company had earlier announced it would choke supply to 33 million cubic metres a day – half the amount it has been delivering since service resumed last week after 10 days of maintenance work.

European Union states have accused Russia of squeezing supplies in retaliation for Western sanctions over Moscow's intervention in Ukraine.

Gazprom cited the halted operation of one of the last two operating turbines for the suspension due to the technical condition of the turbine.

Ukrainian officials say they have been told that the EU will not support the gas supply.

The EU this week agreed a plan to reduce gas consumption in solidarity with Germany, where the Nord Stream pipeline runs to, warning of Russian "blackmail".

Russian strikes continued to rain down on Ukrainian towns and cities on Saturday, a day after Russia's defence ministry accused Kyiv of striking a prison in Russian-held territory with US-supplied long-range missiles in an "egregious provocation" designed to stop captured soldiers from surrendering.

It said Saturday that the dead included Ukrainian troops who had surrendered in exchange of being sent to Russia's neutral zone for medical care.

The defence ministry said 50 Ukrainian prisoners were killed and 73 were taken to hospital with serious injuries, adding: "All political, legal and moral responsibility for this

bloody massacre of Ukrainians lies with Zelensky personally, his criminal regime and Washington which backs them."

Zelensky laid the blame squarely on Russia. "This was a deliberate Russian war crime, a deliberate mass murder of Ukrainian prisoners of war," he said. "Over 40 are dead."

Zelensky said an agreement for the Asovstal fighters to lay down their arms, backed by the US and the International Committee of the Red Cross, included provisions for their safe passage to neutral zones.

Zelensky also urged the international community, especially the US to have Russia officially declared as a state sponsor of terrorism. **AFP**

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THE International Committee of the Red Cross, which has organised civilian evacuations in the war and worked to monitor the treatment of POWs held by Russia and Ukraine, said it has requested access to the prison "to determine the health and condition of all the people present on-site at the time of the attack."

"Our priority right now is making sure that the wounded receive life-saving treatment and that the bodies of those who lost their lives are dealt with in a dignified manner," the Red Cross said in a statement.

Elsewhere in eastern Ukraine, Russian rockets hit a school building in Kharkiv, the country's second-largest city, overnight, and another attack occurred about an hour later, Mayor Ihor Terekhov said Saturday. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

The bus station in the city of Sloviansk also was hit, according to Mayor Vadym Lyabin. Six people were killed from the loss of electricity and gas supply.

Russia has recognized as sovereign states.

In southern Ukraine, one person was killed and six injured in shelling that hit a residential area in Mykolaiv, a sig-

nificant port city, the region's administration said Saturday on Facebook.

Moscow opened a probe into the attack, sending a team to the site from Russia's Investigative Committee. The state RIA Novosti agency reported that fragments of US-supplied precision High Mobility Artillery Rocket System rockets were found at the site.

The Ukrainian military denied making any rocket o



Destroyed barrack at a prison in Olechivka, Ukraine | AP

illery strikes in Olechivka, and destroyed the barracks of soldiers in the prison to cover up the alleged human rights violations of the Russian forces.

The impact of the shelling of Olechivka was felt in the region, with the shelling preventing assigning responsibility for the attack but that the "available visual evidence appears to support the Ukrainian claim more than the Russian." **AP**



10 अगस्त को नहीं मिलेगी सीएनजी

नई दिल्ली, प्र.सं। दिल्ली पेट्रोल डीलर्स एसोसिएशन (डीपीडीए) ने 10 अगस्त को सुबह छह बजे से रात के 10 बजे तक सीएनजी की बिक्री पूरी तरह से बंद करने का ऐलान किया है। एसोसिएशन की तरफ से जारी पत्र में कहा गया है कि लंबे समय से इंद्रप्रस्थ गैस लिमिटेड (आईजीएल) के साथ हमारी मांगें लंबित हैं लेकिन कोई सुनवाई नहीं हो रही है। ऐसे में हमने फैसला लिया है कि दिल्ली के सभी सीएनजी स्टेशन और जिन पेट्रोल पंपों पर सीएनजी भरी जाती है, उन सभी पर बिक्री पूरी तरह से बंद रहेगी।