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The world's biggest oil exporting countries say they're cutting production by a million barrels a day.

A French government minister has been criticised for appearing fully clothed on the cover of Playboy magazine.

Also in this podcast.

We look back at the life of the influential Japanese composer and music producer Ryuchi Sakamoto, who's died.

But first, spiders consuming each other inside a jar.

That's how President Zelensky's advisor Mikhail Podoliak described events in Russia in the wake of the death in a bomb blast in the St. Petersburg cafe of the pro-Kremlin-Militoblogger Vladan Tytarsky.

Internal terrorism was becoming an instrument of political infighting, he suggested.

The blood and chaos of the ruined cafe in St. Petersburg stood in sharp contrast to Vladan Tytarsky's bombastic statement six months ago at a reception in the glittering halls of the Kremlin.

Police said Vladan Tytarsky died when a statue with a homemade bomb inside exploded as he was accepting the gift.

Tytarsky had been the star attraction at a get together of a pro war group, describing itself as Russia's information troops who'd hide the cafe for the evening.

At least 20 people were injured.

I got more details from Will Vernon in Moscow.

Vladan Tytarsky was a military blogger, a prominent one, and he posted regular updates on the Russian military operation in Ukraine.

He was firmly pro-Kremlin, virulently anti-Ukrainian, and he was part of this Russian military blogging community that has taken on quite a significant role since the start of the so-called Special Military Operation in February last year.

And some of these bloggers have even gone so far as to criticise the Russian authorities, so the military, even President Putin himself, for perceived failings in how the operation has been conducted, so for setbacks on the battlefield.

And there have been a lot of setbacks on the battlefield, a lot of embarrassing defeats for the Kremlin.

And when official channels have really portrayed an overwhelming positive picture of the war, many here have turned to the military bloggers like Tytarsky in search of a more accurate picture of how things are going on the battlefield for Moscow.

And what do we know about this apparent bomb blast?

Well, we've heard from the Russian Interior Ministry and the Russian Investigative Committee, and according to their information, what they call an unidentified explosive device caused this explosion

in a cafe in St. Petersburg this afternoon.

Tytarsky was killed and several others, perhaps as many as 25 people were injured, many of them are now in hospital.

And it's not clear who was responsible, but parallels are already kind of being drawn here with the killing of Daria Dugena, who was the daughter of Russian ultranationalist Alexander Dugin, who was killed in a car bomb attack in Moscow in August last year.

And the Russian authorities blamed Ukraine for that attack. Ukraine denied it.

But again, we don't know who was responsible, but I think it will worry a lot of people here, as the war seems to be getting closer and closer for Muscovites and for Russians.

Will Vernon in Moscow. In Ukraine itself, President Volodymyr Zelensky vowed to liberate all occupied territory in his country on the first anniversary of the expulsion of Russian forces from the Kiev region.

In the east of Ukraine, officials say Russian shelling hit residential areas of a town near Batmut, killing civilians. Our correspondent in Kiev, Hugo Bechegar, sent us this report.

It's been a year since Russian forces were expelled from the Kiev region. Their brutal occupation included possible war crimes, executions, torture, rape.

Today, President Zelensky said, Ukrainians had stopped the greatest force against humanity of our time. He's been using the anniversary to boost morale.

Here, expectation is growing for an offensive by the army to take back territory. Large parts of the country remain under occupation and for months front lines have remained largely unchanged.

The fighting continues. Near the battle town of Batmut in the east, Ukrainian officials say Russian shelling killed six civilians in Kostiantinovka.

In the south, Ukraine again attacked the occupied city of Militopo. The de facto authorities there say shells hit a train depot and residential areas injuring six people.

Hugo Bechegar in Ukraine. All exporting countries in the OPEC Cartel have agreed to cut production by a million barrels a day.

The decision has been described by Saudi Arabia as a precautionary measure aimed at stabilising prices with most of the cutbacks coming into force from the end of May.

Russia, one of the biggest all producing nations in the world, which isn't an OPEC member, says it will extend its already announced cuts in all production until the end of 2023.

Our Middle East business correspondent Samuel Hashmi is in Dubai and I asked him if these cuts had come as a surprise.

No one saw this coming and interestingly these announcements have been made just a day before OPEC Plus' meeting, which is going to happen on Monday.

And it was widely expected that they would stick to their same policy, their current existing policy of making no cuts or no or increasing production, which is why this has come really out of the blue.

And what makes it even more interesting is that they could have waited until Monday to make this announcement, but they haven't.

And it has been done as a voluntary decision, which means they've not taken the decision as OPEC Plus, but as individual countries,

which essentially means that other countries or other members of the group could join in and make further cuts going ahead.

Saudi Arabia has called them a precaution. What does that mean? I mean a precaution against what exactly?

Saudi Arabia has for a long time maintained that they will make a decision based on where the current market is,

which means demand and the supplies. Is there enough supply in the market?

They've always said that they'll increase supplies if they see there's a short fall in the market. But what this indicates really is that they feel that demand will actually go down, which could bring down prices even further, and which is something which oil producers want to avoid.

Because it's important from their point of view, from the oil producers point of view for most countries, that oil prices remain within a certain range of \$70 to \$75 a barrel.

And if it falls below that, then they're really not making money on producing oil, which is why it's important from their point of view,

and I'm not saying just Saudi Arabia, but even other oil producers, that prices remain at a certain level for them to break even or make a profit.

And everybody listening to this is going to be asking if they're a consumer, what effect will it have on me?

So what impact will these cuts have?

Most likely prices will go up, and if there is a short supply in the market, which it looks like, then prices could go up even further.

How much or what levels will they go to? Tough to say that, but definitely not good news for consumers.

Samir Hashmi in Dubai. Just a day after being discharged from hospital,

Pope Francis has presided over Palm Sunday Mass at the Vatican. Jenny Hill reports from Rome.

Pope Francis looked somber, but determined as he arrived for Mass, hands gripping the rail of his Popemobile.

Just a day after he left hospital, he cut a rather frail figure, and his voice was at times slightly hoarse as he addressed the crowd.

I thank you for joining me and also for your prayers, which intensified in recent days. I truly thank you.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most important part of the church year, and Pope Francis is now expected to preside over a gruelling schedule of Easter services.

But his hospital stay has intensified speculation about his longer term future.

He's indicated repeatedly that he would stand down should his health fail.

After the service ended, he took to the Popemobile once again for a tour of the square.

Waving energetically to the cheering crowds, he seemed delighted to be back among his flock, reassuring them of his devotion.

Jenny Hill.

The ex-Economy Minister Jakov Milatovic has won Montenegro's presidential election.

He beat the incumbent Milo Jakanovic, who's been at the top of Montenegrin politics for three decades.

Our Balkans correspondent Guy Deloni told me it was a very significant development.

Absolutely, because love him or hate him, and there are plenty on either side of that.

Milo Jakanovic has been, if you like, Mr Montenegro for more than 30 years.

So he's been the head of the DPS party.

That's been the dominant force in Parliament, at least until the last parliamentary election three

years ago.

And since 1991, Mr Jakanovic has served either as Prime Minister or President with the occasional short break of a year or two of his choice.

So this is really going to be the first time the Montenegro has neither had Mr Jakanovic's DPS in Government

nor Mr Jakanovic himself as the head of state.

It'll take, I think, a lot of getting used to for many people.

So tell us about the new man.

Well, Jakov Milatovic is young.

He's just 37 years old.

Despite that he has already served a stint, a brief stint, it has to be said, as the Economy Minister. He's internationally educated and the Deputy Leader of the Europe Now movement, which is currently, I would say, about the second most popular political movement in Montenegro. And this is what led him, people to call him, the pro-EU candidate in this election.

But, of course, Mr Jakanovic was also in favour of joining the European Union and Mr Milatovic, who's now one, was backed by parties with links to Serbia, Russia and the Orthodox Church,

whose relationships with the EU run the gamut from complicated to hostile.

So, we're all actually waiting to see what sort of head of state Mr Milatovic will actually turn out to be

when he takes office in May.

And how is this going down in Montenegro after more than 30 years?

Well, there are plenty of celebrations, as you'd expect, in Montenegro's cities.

Fireworks have been going off in the capital Podgorica, as well as in places like Cotor and Budva.

And though it has to be said, some people have also been concerned that the celebrations have included people waving flags of Serbia, neighbouring country.

And they didn't want to exchange the dominant rule of Milo Jakanovic, just to come back under the influence of Belgrade after all these years.

So some mixed feelings, I think, would be fair to say at this point, and people waiting to see what happens next.

Meanwhile, Finland's Social Democratic Prime Minister, Sinimerin, has conceded defeat in the country's general election.

Her Party finished 3rd behind the Centre-Right National Coalition and the Far-Right Finns Party. Still to come!

Lake Rettba, as it's officially known, used to be one of Senegal's biggest tourist destinations.

People travelled from across the world to see the unique pink colour.

What can be done to save Senegal's famous pink lake, which has lost its colour?

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Eines der Kandidaten ist Erik Detters, ein Trump-Supporter.

Er hat mit der BBC's James Menendez gesprochen.

James fragt Herr Detters für seine Reaktion zu dem Erwärmungsamt der Mann, der ihn als Freund beigetragen hat.

Ich bin nicht zufrieden.

Denn ich glaube, dass das eine politische Erwärmung ist.

Es ist wahr.

Wir wissen nicht, was in der Erwärmung ist.

Es gibt ein paar Überraschungen.

Aber based auf die Verwärmungen, die auskommen, sieht es aus, dass es alles um den Husten, Geld, Pämpfen und Stormy Daniels geht.

Ich möchte als Trump-Supporter stressen, dass Trump den Erwärmung immer mit Stormy Daniels gelangt.

Aber wir sehen, was passiert.

Was bedeutet das für seine Unterstützung?

Nächste Woche, die Leute im Land sehen ihm, dass er vor einem Kurs zu sein ist.

Ist das seine Unterstützung?

Nein, ich glaube nicht.

Ich denke, es werden Leute auf den Städten und Margen von Trump sein.

Das ist eigentlich, und das ist schwer, ein Geheimnis und eine Sympathie.

Und ich habe eine Prädiktion zu machen.

Sein Muggshot wird in der Trump-Märchendeise-Würde der ledigen Schurzseller sein.

So kann das eigentlich helfen?

Ich glaube, es wird.

Ich denke, es wird politisch helfen.

Es ist bizarr, wie das klingt.

Es ist bizarr, weil es nicht gut ist, dass Herschmoney zu Stormy Daniels gelangt.

Wie gesagt, er hat ein Affär gemacht.

Aber es ist aber auch etwas, das hier investiert muss.

Es ist nicht ein tolles Blick

für ein former Präsident der US-Präsidentin, ist es?

Lass uns auf die Straße gehen.

Obwohl niemand,

Donald Trump oder niemand,
wollte, dass er,
dass er ein Affär hatte,
mit einem former Pornstar,
\$130.000 bezahlt.

In der Welt, ja.
Das ist nicht necessarily ein guter Blick.
Das Problem für die Demokraten ist,
dass Bill Clinton
politisch und amerikanisch geändert hat.
Und was er geändert hat,
war, war, er war ein Sexskandal,
und du warst fertig.

Und er survived
das Sexskandal.
Ich glaube, es ist das Problem,
weil wir in der Zeit und der Age leben.
Und soll er weitergehen?

Absolut.
Das ist furchtbar für th cler.
Dann ist das was er ist for-
Das ist furchtbar.
Nein, das vor emotberlich
hat er keinen
Vorgänger.

So, when running for Kentucky Governor, standing up for Donald Trump, the Trump voters will say, you're true blue, we like you, I'm going to actually organize this Tuesday at a local pub, a party, a watch party for this, for Trump supporters, where we can come together and cheer him on, while he's arraigned.

And yet, he is the first former president to face criminal charges.

I mean, that doesn't seem like something to boast about.

Oh no, it's awful.

That's why he shouldn't prosecute him.

It hurts America's standing in the world for Bragg to be doing this to a president, because America has always had this great moral authority.

Former President Trump's opponents would say that he has done more than anybody to diminish America's moral standing in the world.

I mean, what do you say to that?

I would completely disagree.

The problem with America standing in the world is Joe Biden.

Donald Trump kept us at world peace and economic prosperity, energy independent.

I mean, it was proven...

What about his personal morality?

Well, the American public does not care about his personal life morality, but I can tell

you this, his public morality of what he did for working class Americans, that's more important.

Eric Detters speaking there to James Menendez.

Senegal's famous Pink Lake, known locally as Lacrosse, used to be one of the country's most visited tourist attractions and was considered a contender to become a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

But heavy flooding last year meant it lost its vibrant pink colour, which has affected the 3,000 or so people who live off the lake and depend on its tourism.

Sarah Alley reports from Dhaka.

More gay looks desperately at the waters of Senegal's Pink Lake, except it's no longer pink, but now a brownish green colour.

He's a craftsman and owns a shop just a few steps from the shores of the lake.

He spends his day polishing statues as he waits for customers.

I have been doing this job for more than 30 years in this village.

This lake is very important to me, as it was for our parents.

Our business is disappearing, usually the market is full.

But now we are in the middle of the tourist season and we see how empty it is.

It's quiet, there is nothing.

Lake Rhetbba, as it's officially known, used to be one of Senegal's biggest tourist destinations.

People travelled from across the world to see the unique pink colour, which comes from a rare algae formed by the amount of salt in the water.

But last September extreme flooding contaminated that water and turned it green.

And that's had an impact on the local communities who depend on the lake.

Among them is Magat Ndur, President of the Local Salt Collectors Association.

There is no more pink colour, no more salt, there are almost no tourists.

The tourist flow has decreased a lot.

So if the state doesn't take any action until the next rainy season, the situation will become more catastrophic.

When the flooding began, the authorities also opened a channel into the lake as an emergency response to redirect the rainwater.

Magat says that's had big consequences.

Every year the lake produces between 50,000 to 60,000 tons of salt.

But since the creation of this channel, this activity has become impossible.

We say a plan is underway to help solve the problem.

His Chech Umbo, Chair of the National Environmental Body.

The head of state himself has demanded that discussion be carried out and that action plan be developed to reconstitute the functions of the pink lake so that the lake regains its pink colour and above all its hydromorphic function, which has been completely damaged.

There's still no formal timetable or budget on how exactly the authorities plan to reinstate the lake to its previous condition.

Many locals, like the craftsmen Moore, are waiting in fear ahead of the next rainy season.

If this continues during the rainy season, the pink lake will be wiped off the map of Senegal.

That scares us a lot.

I'm standing here at the tip of the lake and there are empty boats lining the shores and no tourists in sight.

You can see a lone salesman walking along the nearby road trying to sell his sand paintings, but there are no customers.

And there's former salt miners sitting on chairs.

There used to be mounds of salt here lining the shores and now there's nothing.

Sariya Ali reporting from Dakar.

Parisians are voted by a big margin to end on-street rentals of e-Scooters.

The city's mayor put the question to a popular referendum on Sunday following a growing number of complaints.

Heuskofield reports from Paris.

Official results show that of those voting 9 out of 10 were against keeping so-called free-floating e-Scooters.

Evidently, the vast majority of those who turned out did so because they have strong views about the danger posed by reckless driving of e-Scooters and about the unsightly inconvenience of vehicles cluttering up the pavement.

The result is not unexpected and indeed the three Paris operators had warned that the people who most support rentable e-Scooters, that is the young, were also the ones least likely to make the effort to vote.

City Mayor Annie Dalgo is not obliged by law to heed the result, but she's made clear that she will.

So it should mean that by the end of the summer Paris, the city that pioneered free-floating e-Scooters would have banished them from the street.

Heuskofield in Paris.

Meanwhile, a female minister in France has sparked huge controversy by appearing on the front cover of the country's edition of Play by Magazine, which features articles about men's interests and photographs of naked women.

Marlene Schiappa has given a 12-page interview to the magazine and although she's fully clothed, her appearance has annoyed colleagues in President Macron's government.

Jean-Gyliel lives in Paris and knows France well.

Marlene Schiappa is no stranger to controversy.

For a relatively junior minister, she has a very big public profile as an outspoken Feminist and she often appears on French Talkshows.

And she's best known for introducing a law to ban catcalling and the harassment of women on the street when she was Equality's Minister five years ago.

So the fact that this high-profile defender of women's rights has now decided to pose for Playboy, even if she is fully clothed, has gone down very badly among not just her opponents but within her own party too.

The Prime Minister, Elisabeth Bourne, only the second woman to occupy that post, made it clear she feels this magazine spread is a mistake.

She says she called Marlene Schiappa personally to tell her it was not at all appropriate, especially in the current climate, when the government is struggling to deal with these weekly strikes and violent protests over its plans to raise a pension age by two years.

People are losing days of salary because of the strikes and they're struggling to make ends meet because of inflation.

So the government's clearly worried that seeing images of Ms Schiappa posing in design addresses for Playboy looks frivolous and out of touch.

And what is Marlene Schiappa saying?

Well she calls herself a Feminist on her Twitter profile and she clearly sees no contradiction in being a Feminist and appearing on the cover of Playboy.

In a tweet to her critics this weekend, she said she would always defend the right of women to have control of their bodies everywhere and all the time.

And she says that with all due respect to what she calls the detractors and the hypocrites in France, women are free.

And she would probably say this photoshoot is helping to promote a discussion about women's rights because alongside the photos, which apparently show her in a series of red, white and blue designer outfits, the colours of the French flag, Playboy is running a 12 page interview in which she talks extensively about women's rights, gay and trans rights and abortion. Janet Jalil.

The British broadcaster Susan Ray, who frequently read bulletins here on the World Service, has revealed she has Alzheimer's disease, diagnosed when she was just 65.

Her two adult sons decided to crowdfund for financial help towards her care and around \$50,000 has been raised online in a few days.

Susan's colleague, presenter Paddy O'Connell, went to meet her in her new sheltered home and asked if she'd seen clues of her condition, which is progressive and has no cure, in everyday life.

Yes, yes, there were, gradually, yeah, and then it started getting a bit more sort of dramatic, especially when I was actually at work.

I mean, with a lot of the work that we could do, we could just sort of say, well actually we'll put that and we can do it again, you know, but of course the live stuff finds you out.

So, did you, were you fearful of a diagnosis?

Did you sort of try and ignore it?

Well yes, I was my usual vague self about it all, to be honest.

Cos I remember you had a bad knee and you didn't do anything with your knee for a long time.

You couldn't get to look after your knee.

But I just wondered, would it be, it would be a human reaction to say, I'm forgetting a lot.

I'm gonna try and forget about this for a few months, see if it goes away.

I don't think it was actually.

Yeah, I think it was outside people or friends or something, my friends nodding at the time.

The thing is, I realised a wee while when it started rolling along, was that it was a kind of carbon copy of my mother, she was very, very forgetful when I was away with it.

And of course my father, he was the angriest man in Scotland.

He wasn't very good at looking at, yeah, yeah, yeah.

I mean you say he was the angriest man in Scotland, I mean, but it is a diagnosis that would make many people angry.

I mean, have you been angry yourself?

No, I'm just self-pitying about it.

I don't think, I don't, it's a room for relief with the diagnosis then.

Is it better to have a name of it?

Yes, probably, but it did take a while for me to realise, cos my son Rory, he sort of organised it all, we went to see the doctor and all the rest of it.

And he said, you know, stood me up and he said, you have Alzheimer's.

That's happening to a lot of people, but just because we have the advantage of you inviting me to see you, what is that moment like?

Did I invite you?

Yes, you did.

Oh, okay.

What is that moment like to receive the news in that way?

Grim.

Part of my condition is that things do go over your head and you think, oh well, meh.

And then it did start sinking in and I thought, oh, blimey, you know, I was, I was quite teary after.

Grim, you're in your mid sixties.

So has it hit you that you have to change your life?

You've moved from your own flat, independent living, into sheltered, to move from your own house independently into here.

What kind of a decision was that for you to take?

Well, it was kind of taken by my sons and I agreed to it.

I did feel a bit for long cos I'm one of the youngest people here.

If you went out alone in the street, might you get lost?

I think I probably would feel a bit leery about going out on my own at the moment.

In dealing with your life now, do you feel you're in the best place you can be?

Do you feel that you're managing?

Looking after myself physically and that kind of stuff, I can do all those kinds of things.

But mostly you get kind of lonely.

I've missed, well, I've missed being at the BBC with all my friends, that's the biggest thing.

The Japanese composer Richi Sakamoto has died at the age of 71.

In a career spanning more than 40 years, he created a diverse range of styles in his music.

From the pioneering use of synthesizers in 1970s pop, to sweepingly romantic film scores such as *The Last Emperor*, for which he won an Oscar.

Even *Saint Dad* looks back at his life.

Richi Sakamoto was born in 1952 in Tokyo, part of the post-war generation of Japanese creative talent influenced by Western, especially American culture, but which also clung to Japanese traditions.

From 1978, he was part of Synthpop Pioneer's Yellow Magic Orchestra.

He wrote the first version of Behind the Mask, later reworked by Eric Clapton and Michael Jackson. His talent soon attracted filmmakers.

In 1983, he provided the score for the Prisoner of War Drama Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence, which starred David Bowie.

Richi Sakamoto also acted in the film.

He became probably the best known Japanese composer in the West, but he later told the BBC it was important for him to challenge the rules of Western music making learnt as a teenager.

I always wanted to break it, break the wall or limits I am trapped inside.

So sometimes using electronics or blending with the electronic sound can help to break this wall.

Though Richi Sakamoto made his name with Electronica, part of his success came writing more traditional music.

In 1987, he shared an Academy Award for his score for The Last Emperor set in China.

In a long career, he released more than 20 solo albums.

Vincent Doud on Raiuchi Sakamoto, who died at the age of 71.

And that's it from us for now, but there'll be a new edition of the Global News Podcast later.

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This edition was produced by Alice Adderley and was mixed by Caroline Driscoll.

The editor, as ever, is Karen Martin.

I'm Valerie Sanderson, until next time, bye-bye.

U.S. Investigators say the heists are being carried out by the Lazarus Group, a criminal hacking gang who is said to be working under the orders of the North Korean state.

These actors are not as anonymous as they think they are.

The group's goal is to steal money to help fund the country's growing ballistic missile and nuclear program.

But despite evidence suggesting otherwise, North Korea denies any involvement.

In Season 2 of The Lazarus Heist from the BBC World Service, we're following the latest Twists and Turns in the incredible story of the Lazarus Group Hackers.

And piles and piles of stolen cash.

Over \$2 billion, we're at \$2.1 billion in stolen funds.

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