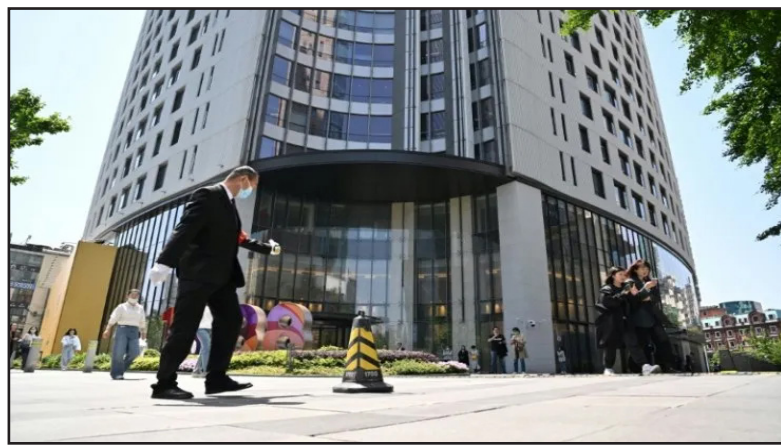


# China Expels Canadian Diplomat in Tit-for-Tat Move



A man walks past the entrance of the building where Canada's consul general facilities are located in Shanghai on May 9, 2023.

**BELJING (Dispatches) — China announced the expulsion of a Canadian diplomat on Tuesday in retaliation for Ottawa ordering a Chinese consular official to leave the country over alleged threats he made against a Canadian lawmaker and his family.**

The Foreign Ministry said China was deploying a "reciprocal countermeasure to Canada's unscrupulous move," which it said it "firmly opposes."

It said Jennifer Lynn Lalonde, the top Canadian diplomat in the business hub of Shanghai, has been asked to leave by May 13 and that China "reserves the right to take further actions in response."

Canada earlier on Tuesday said that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government was expel-

ling a Chinese diplomat whom Canada's spy agency alleged was involved in a plot to intimidate an opposition lawmaker and his relatives in Hong Kong.

China took control of the former British colony in 1997.

A senior Canadian government official said Toronto-based diplomat Zhao Wei has five days to leave the country. It wasn't immediately clear if Zhao was still in Canada.

Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly said in a statement that Canada declared Zhao "persona non grata" and that Canada would "not tolerate any form of foreign interference in our internal affairs."

Canada's spy service indicated that in 2021, opposition Conser-

vative lawmaker Michael Chong and his Hong Kong relatives were targeted. Canada's spy agency has not released details publicly.

Chong has been critical of Beijing's treatment of members of the Turkic Muslim Uyghur ethnic group in China's Xinjiang region.

In a statement posted on its website, the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa said Zhao's expulsion was "based on rumors of the so-called 'China Interference' hyped up by some politicians and media."

"This has seriously violated international law, basic norms governing international relations and the related bilateral agreements, and sabotaged the China-Canada relations," the statement said. It added that "all consequences arising therefrom shall be borne by the Canadian side."

"China never interferes in other countries' internal affairs," it said.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin doubled down on China's rejection of the accusations and threats to take further action against Canada.

"China is unwavering in its determination to safeguard its own interests," Wang told reporters at a daily briefing.

"We urge the Canadian side to immediately stop unreasonable provocations. If Canada does not listen to the advice and acts recklessly, China will fight back resolutely and forcefully, and the Canadian side must bear all the consequences arising from this."

## Putin: West Has Unleashed 'Real War' on Russia



Russian President Vladimir Putin delivers his speech during the Victory Day military parade marking the 78th anniversary of the end of World War II in Red square in Moscow, May 9, 2022.

**MOSCOW (Dispatches) -- President Vladimir Putin declared Tuesday that the West has unleashed "a real war" against Russia.**

Putin's remarks came just hours after the Moscow fired its latest barrage of cruise missiles at targets in Ukraine. Ukrainian authorities said air defenses destroyed 23 of 25 missiles launched.

"Today civilization is once again at a decisive turning point," Putin said at the annual commemorations celebrating the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II. "A real war has been unleashed against our

motherland."

Last week, Russia claimed it foiled an attack by Ukrainian drones on the Kremlin that it called an unsuccessful assassination attempt against Putin. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy denied involvement.

On a tribune in Red Square, Putin praised soldiers taking part in the war in Ukraine and urged Russians to stand together.

"Our heroic ancestors proved that there is nothing stronger, more powerful and more reliable than our unity. There is nothing in the world stronger than our love for the motherland," Putin said.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian air force said in a Telegram post that eight Kalibr cruise missiles were fired from carriers in the Black Sea toward the east and 17 from strategic aircraft.

The missiles came hours before European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, the head of the European Union's executive branch, arrived in Kyiv.

Ukraine is keen to join the EU, but membership has many requirements and is still a long way off. Ukraine is also hoping to join NATO, after moving close to the Western military alliance during the war.

In the latest help from a NATO member, the U.S. was expected to announce Tuesday that it will provide \$1.2 billion more in long-term military aid to Ukraine to further bolster its air defenses.

The assistance initiative will fund HAWK air-defense systems, air-defense munitions and drones for air defense. It will also buy artillery, rockets, satellite imagery assistance, and funding for ongoing maintenance and spare parts for a variety of systems, according to the officials.

Including this package, the U.S. has provided Ukraine nearly \$37 billion in military aid since Russia invaded in February 2022.

The decision comes as Ukraine prepares to launch a spring offensive against Russian forces, with air defense a persistent issue.

## Man in Dallas Killing Wore Patch Linked to Extremists

**DALLAS (AP) -- The shooter who killed eight people at a Dallas-area mall was wearing a patch that read "RWDS" — short for "Right Wing Death Squad" — a phrase that has been embraced in recent years by far-right extremists who glorify violence against their political enemies.**

Authorities have not said what they believe might have motivated 33-year-old Mauricio Garcia, who was killed by a police officer who happened to be near the mall Saturday when Garcia opened fire.

Social media accounts authorities believe were used by Mauricio Garcia also appear to have expressed interest in white supremacist and neo-Nazi views, according to an official who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they could not discuss details of the investigation publicly. The official cautioned that the investigation is in the early stages.

The "RWDS" acronym is one of countless shorthand terms used by extremists. Others include "RaHoWa," short for "racial holy war," and "1488," an alphabet-driven code combining references to a white nationalist slogan and Adolf Hitler.

The term "Right Wing Death Squad" originally emerged in the 1970s and '80s to describe Central and South American paramilitary groups created to support right-wing gov-

ernments and dictatorships and oppose perceived enemies on the left, said Oren Segal, vice president of the Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism.

It reemerged in the 2010s among right-wing groups who use it on stickers, patches and in online forums. Other far-right gear and online memes specifically glorify Gen. Augusto Pinochet, the brutal Chilean military dictator whose death squads killed thousands of political opponents.

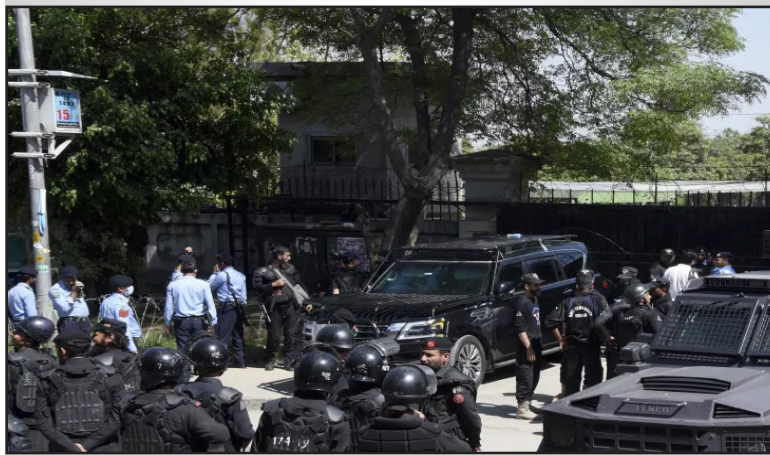
"It essentially became a phrase that was co-opted to demonstrate opposition to the left more broadly by right-wing extremists," Segal said.

Heidi Beirich, co-founder of the Global Project Against Hate and Extremism, said the Proud Boys, the neo-fascist group of self-described "Western chauvinists," are largely responsible for injecting "RWDS" into the far-right vernacular.

The group has sold patches and T-shirts adorned with the acronym and celebrating Pinochet's death squads. Proud Boys have been photographed wearing "RWDS" patches at rallies and wearing T-shirts that read, "Pinochet did nothing wrong."

Photos shared on social media appeared to show former Proud Boys national chairman Enrique Tarrio and another former Proud Boys leader, Jeremy Bertino, among those who have worn such patches.

## Imran Khan Arrested During Court Appearance



Pakistan's riot police officers stand guard with an armored vehicle outside a court, where Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan appearing, in Islamabad, May 9, 2023.

**ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan was arrested Tuesday as he appeared in a court in the country's capital, Islamabad, to face charges in multiple graft cases. Security agents dragged Khan outside and shoved him into an armored car before whisking him away.**

The arrest, which marks a dramatic escalation on Pakistan's political scene, drew nationwide condemnation from supporters of the popular opposition leader and former cricket star turned Islamist politician.

Khan was dragged outside the Islamabad High Court and pushed into a police vehicle by agents from the National Accountability Bureau, according to Fawad Chaudhry, a senior official with Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party.

Chaudhry denounced the arrest as "an abduction." Pakistan's independent GEO TV broadcast images of the 72-year-old Khan being pulled by security forces toward an armored vehicle, which took him away.

Khan was ousted in a no-confidence vote in April 2022. He has claimed his ouster was illegal and a Western conspiracy and has campaigned against the government of his successor, Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, demanding early elections.

After Khan was taken away, a scuffle broke out between Khan's supporters and police outside the court. Chaudhry said

some of Khan's lawyers and supporters were injured in the scuffle, as were several policemen. Khan's party immediately complained to the Islamabad High Court, which requested a police report explaining the charges for Khan's arrest.

Officials from the anti-corruption body said that Pakistan's National Accountability Bureau had issued arrest warrants for Khan last week in a separate graft case, for which he had not obtained bail — something that would protect him from arrest under the country's laws. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Khan would be brought to appear before an anti-graft tribunal later on Tuesday.

Khan was later moved to the garrison city of Rawalpindi, near Islamabad, where he was to be questioned at the offices of the National Accountability Bureau. He was also to undergo a medical checkup, according to procedure, police said.

Khan had arrived in Islamabad earlier on Tuesday from the nearby city of Lahore, where he resides, to face charges before the Islamabad High Court in multiple graft cases. He has claimed that the cases, which include terrorism charges, are a plot by Sharif's government to discredit him.

The arrest came hours after Khan issued a video message before heading to Islamabad, saying he was "mentally prepared" for arrest — an indication he may have known what awaited him in the capital.

## Autopsies Reveal Missing Organs in 'Meet Jesus' Victims



The discovery of mass graves last month near Kenya's Indian Ocean coastal town of Malindi has stunned the deeply religious Christian-majority country.

**SHAKAHOLA FOREST, Kenya (AFP) -- Autopsies on corpses found in mass graves linked to a religious cult in Kenya have revealed missing organs and raised suspicions of forced harvesting, investigators said, with a fresh round of exhumations set to resume Tuesday.**

The discovery of mass graves last month near the Indian Ocean coastal town of Malindi has stunned the deeply religious Christian-majority country in what has been dubbed the "Shakahola forest massacre".

Police believe most of the bodies belong to followers of self-styled pastor Paul Nthenge Mackenzie who is accused of ordering them to starve to death "to meet Jesus."

While starvation appears to be the main cause of death, some of the victims -- including children -- were strangled, beaten, or suffocated, according to the chief government pathologist Johansen Oduor.

Court documents filed on Monday said that some of the corpses had their organs removed, with police alleging that the suspects were engaged in forced harvesting of body parts.

"Post mortem reports have established missing organs in some of the bodies of victims who have been exhumed," chief inspector Martin Munene said in an affidavit filed to a Nairobi court.

It is "believed that trade on human body organs has been well coordinated involving several players," he said, giving no details about the suspected trafficking.

Munene said that Ezekiel Odero, a high-profile televangelist who was arrested last month in connection with the same case and granted bail on Thursday, had received "huge cash transactions," allegedly from Mackenzie's followers who sold their property at the cult leader's bidding.

The Nairobi court ordered the authorities to freeze more than 20 bank accounts belonging to Odero for 30 days.

A total of 112 people have so far been confirmed dead, interior minister Kithure Kindiki said Tuesday after arriving in Malindi to supervise the resumption of exhumations, which were suspended last week because of bad weather.

"Search and rescue efforts for persons suspected to be holed up in the thickets and bushes have been going on," Kindiki said.

Questions have been raised about how Mackenzie managed to evade law enforcement despite a history of extremism and previous legal cases.

The former taxi driver turned himself in on April 14 after police acting on a tip-off first entered Shakahola forest, where some 30 mass graves have now been found.

## News in Brief

**STRASBOURG (DW) -- German Chancellor Scholz called for "an enlarged and reformed" European Union that is more "geopolitical" in outlook and actions. His speech came as lawmakers celebrate the post-WWII peace among European Union members. Speaking to the European Parliament, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said the "European Union need to change," adding "Europe must turn to the world." He said the world is increasingly becoming multipolar and that Europe should look for more global cooperation on equal terms. "Those who are nostalgic for the dream of a European world power, those who serve national superpower fantasies, are stuck in the past," Scholz said in his speech on Tuesday.**

**SYDNEY/WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- A cross-party delegation of Australian lawmakers said on Tuesday they met U.S. Ambassador Caroline Kennedy, urging her to help drop the pending extradition case against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and allow him to return to Australia. The "Bring Julian Assange Home Parliamentary Group" said it had informed the U.S. envoy of "the widespread concern in Australia" about the continued detention of Assange, an Australian citizen. The meeting comes ahead of U.S. President Joe Biden's scheduled visit to Australia this month for the Quad leaders' summit. Assange is battling extradition from Britain to the United States where he is wanted on criminal charges over the release of confidential U.S. military records and diplomatic cables in 2010. Washington says the release of the documents had put lives in danger. Assange's supporters say he is an anti-establishment hero who has been victimized because he exposed U.S. wrongdoing, including in conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. If extradited, Assange faces a sentence of up to 175 years in a maximum security prison.**

**PARIS (AFP) -- The Paris police force and France's interior minister faced questions and criticism over why a march of around 600 neo-Nazis through the streets of the capital was authorized at the weekend. The annual rally Saturday by far-right extremists dressed in black came as authorities clamp down on protesters banging saucers against the government, with new restrictions put in place to prevent President Emmanuel Macron from being drowned out by the noise during speeches. The march saw several hundred men from far-right groups march with flags and chant slogans to commemorate the death of a far-right activist, Sebastian Heyde, in 1994. France marked its traditional May 8 public holiday on Monday to commemorate the victory of Allied forces over Nazi Germany in 1945 and the lives lost in the fight against fascism.**

**OTTAWA (Reuters) -- A man who threw gravel at Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau during the 2021 election campaign was sentenced to 90 days of house arrest and one year of probation by a court in Ontario, according to his lawyer. Trudeau was hit by a handful of gravel in 2021 while on the campaign trail as he made his way past a crowd shouting their opposition to COVID-19-related mandates and restrictions. The prime minister was not injured and his Liberal Party went on to win the election. Shane Marshall later pleaded guilty in March to a charge of common assault related to that incident. Ontario court Justice Kevin McHugh found Marshall's conduct had the potential to cause serious injury to a senior politician, though his remorse and lack of a criminal record were mitigating factors in the sentencing, Marshall's lawyer, Luke Reidy, said in an email.**

**TOKYO (Reuters) -- Japan and South Korea are set to agree early next month to link their radars via a U.S. system to share real-time information on North Korea's ballistic missiles, a person with knowledge of the matter said on Tuesday. Defense ministers from Japan, South Korea and the United States plan to reach an agreement on the sidelines of an Asian defense summit to be held in Singapore early next month, said the person, who declined to be identified because the discussions are not public. The Japanese government's top spokesperson, Hirokazu Matsuno, said no decision has been made yet on the planned agreement, without elaborating. South Korea's presidential office said the country would form a group with Japan and the United States to share information about North Korea's missiles, news agency Yonhap reported.**

**UNITED NATIONS (AFP) -- More than 600 people died in gang violence last month in Haiti, where the authorities did not have the capacity to protect civilians, the United Nations said on Tuesday. "Every report I get from Haiti underlines the scale of the suffering and rams home the message that Haitians need urgent support and they need it now," said the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Turk. He repeated his call for the international community to send a specialized armed force to help Haiti's police and authorities restore order. The Caribbean nation, the poorest in the Americas, has been gripped by a political and economic crisis since the assassination in July 2021 of president Jovenel Moise. Rival gangs now control most of the capital, Port-au-Prince. In its quarterly update for January to March published on Tuesday, -- the UN said violence was "becoming more extreme and more frequent (and) spreading relentlessly as gangs seek to extend their control."**