France to make masks compulsory in enclosed public places



French President Emmanuel Macron

Reuters | Paris

France will in the next few enclosed space," Macron said.

Up to now, France has reto for people to wear masks in quired people to wear face shops and other enclosed pub- coverings on public transport lic spaces to stop a resurgence and in public spaces where of the COVID-19 outbreak, social distancing is not possi-President Emmanuel Macron ble, but has not mandated the said yesterday.

The virus, which killed more than 30,000 people in France, Bastille Day national holiday, has been on the decline, but also said he wanted COVID-19 Macron said it was spreading testing available for everyone, again in some places as France without having to be referred opens up beaches, bars and by a doctor. restaurants after a two-month lockdown.

French broadcasters. "Faced he said. with that, we must anticipate and prepare.

weeks, to make masks compul- young people emerging into sory in enclosed public places. the workforce this summer af-

masks as much as possible when they are outside, and especially so when they are in an

wearing of masks in shops.

Macron, speaking on the

The biggest challenge France faced in the next six "We have some signs that months was an expected wave it's coming back a bit," Ma- of joblessness as firms hit by cron said in an interview with the epidemic lay off workers,

He also said he was working with his government to "I want us, in the next few ease the impact, especially on "I ask fellow citizens to wear ter they finished their studies.

Mother of Korean Air chief gets suspended sentence for assault

The family has come under scrutiny in recent years after being embroiled in multiple criminal probes

Charges include cursing, kicking, slapping, and throwing a pair of scissors

AFP | Seoul

South Korean court yesterday found the moth-Ler of Korean Air's chief executive guilty of repeatedly assaulting her employees, but gave her a suspended sentence. which includes Korean Air.

Lee Myung-hee is the matriarch of the Cho family, which controls the Hanjin transport staff -- from drivers and houseand logistics conglomerate keepers to construction workers where her son Cho Won-tae -- including cursing, kicking, fair actions," the court said, acsucceeded her husband as slapping, and throwing a pair chairman following his death of scissors.

struggle at the Hanjin group, want her to be punished.



Lee Myung-hee, matriarch of the Cho family, was given a suspended sentence for

gations of assault against her

The family has come under convicted her on Tuesday but an agreement with the victims, scrutiny in recent years after gave her a two-year jail sentence being embroiled in multiple suspended for three years, and criminal probes over assault, 80 hours of community service, embezzlement and smuggling on the grounds of her age and luxury goods, as well as a power the fact that the victims did not

"In contrast to Lee's position Lee, 70, faced multiple alle- as the wife of the chairman of a conglomerate, the victims, as drivers or housekeepers, had no choice but to endure Lee's uncording to Yonhap news agency.

It added Lee had "admitted Seoul Central District Court her responsibility" and reached factors which were taken into consideration.

The most notable incidents involving the family have centred on Lee's two daughters -who previously held management positions at Korean Air -- who became viral sensations for temper tantrums dubbed the "nut rage" and "water rage" scandals.

Her younger sister Cho Hyunmin was accused two years ago of throwing a drink into an advertising agency manager's face during a business meeting.

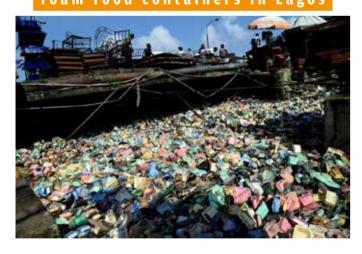


Cho Hyun-ah, the elder daughter, made global headlines



in 2014 for kicking a cabin crew chief off a Korean Air plane after she was served macadamia nuts in a bag rather than a bowl.

Channel blocked with disposable foam food containers in Lagos



People walk past a drainage channel blocked with disposable foam food take away containers in Lagos

China rushes to contain floods after record rainfall

Flooding along the river -- the world's third longest -- has been an annual summer scourge since ancient times

Shanghai

C oldiers erected sandbag flood Dbarriers in a city near China's itation in the Yangtze river balargest freshwater lake after the heaviest rainfall in nearly six 1961," he told a news briefing decades drenched the swollen in Beijing. Yangtze River basin.

Flooding along the river -- first emerged in the city. been an annual summer scourge decreasing after the crest passed lapsed, state television reported. change may lead to more dan-

year's inundation has been especially severe.

The downpours have intensified since last week, causing dozens of Yangtze-basin waterways to post record-high water levels, while more than 400 had Minister of Emergency Management Zheng Guoguang said on Monday.

"Since June, average precipsin has been the highest since Authorities had been moni-

The vast Yangtze drainage toring a flood crest as it neared State media reported that construction of dams and levarea has been lashed by torren- Wuhan, the metropolis of 11 more than 100,000 people -- ees that have cut connections tial rains since last month, leav- million that the Yangtze winds including rescue personnel, between the river and adjacent ing 141 people dead or missing through and which had already soldiers, and ordinary citi- lakes and floodplains that for and forcing the evacuation of suffered the vast number of zens -- had been thrown into centuries had helped absorb the millions more across several China's deaths and cases in the flood-control efforts in Jiangxi. summer surge. coronavirus pandemic, which

since ancient times, but this Wuhan on Monday with no re-

Record rainfall

Concern was now shifting piled as high as a man. downstream to Poyang Lake, which drains into the Yangtze in ceeded only by the Nile and the exceeded warning levels, Vice hard-hit Jiangxi province and is Amazon, and its drainage basin the largest freshwater lake fully within China's borders.

State-run Xinhua news agenbroke a record set in 1998, when routine annual flooding. more than 4,000 people were in recent decades.

Around half of those were dethe world's third longest -- has They said river levels were many dikes and levees had col- alayan glaciers due to climate

In the city of Jiujiang, near gerous summer flooding.

ports of major new flooding where the lake drains into the Yangtze, soldiers wearing orange life vests fortified the river bank with a wall of sandbags

> The Yangtze's length is exis home to around 400 million

Summer rains and seasonal cy said water levels at a key hy- glacial melt in the river's Tibetdrological station on the lake an plateau headwaters cause

But environmentalists say the killed in China's worst flooding threat has worsened over the decades due in part to rampant

Conservationists also warn ployed at Poyang Lake, where that the rapid melting of Him-

Police patrolling a street in Medellin



Women wearing personal protective equipment look at mounted police patrolling a street in Medellin amid the COVID-19 pandemic.



Chinese soldiers erect a sandbag barrier along the shore of Poyang lake after heavy seasonal rains in Jiujiang, in China's central Jiangxi province