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Putin opponent Navalny freed after 30 days in jail



Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny leaves the detention centre in Moscow

Moscow, Russia

Kremlin critic Alexei Naval-ny was released yesterday after serving 30 days in jail for planning opposition protests, which have grown into a movement that has shaken Moscow since last month.

Police were present outside the prison on his release but Moscow on July 24 as he left made no move to re-arrest him, as they have when other flowers for his wife's birthday. opposition figures were freed recently.

his supporters to take to the laws on the organisation of streets, which could lead au- demonstrations. thorities to detain him once again.

smiling, wearing a sweatshirt allergic reaction", while Navand sports trousers and with alny said he might have been a bag slung over his shoulder.

The opposition leader and anti-corruption campaigner immediately condemned "acts of terror" by Russian authorities in putting down protests in Moscow in recent weeks.

"The movement will continue to grow and the regime will strongly regret what it has done," he told journalists.

Navalny was arrested in his home to go jogging and buy

The 43-year-old Yale-educated lawyer was sentenced But he has continued to urge to 30 days in jail for violating

During his incarceration, he was treated in hospital for Navalny emerged from jail what doctors called a "severe "poisoned".

Erdogan to continue gas search off Cyprus

The discovery of huge gas reserves in the eastern Mediterranean has triggered a race

Cyprus is divided between Republic of Cyprus and a breakaway state set up after the 1974 Turkish invasion

Istanbul, Turkey

urkish President Re- ... is not harming us but itself," measures to punish Ankara for kara. drilling activities in the eastern Mediterranean and vowed to the exploration activities and coup sponsored by the military press ahead with gas search in will continue to do so with the junta then ruling Greece. the region.

Brussels unveiled last month measures including cutting reserves in the eastern Medi- shared between both commu-145.8 million euros (\$164 mil- terranean has triggered a race nities. lion) in pre-accession financial to tap the region's underwater funds to Turkey allocated for resources and sparked a dispute 2020.

The move came after Turkey defied warnings from the Eu- ships, as well as two seismic aimed at easing tensions. ropean Union and the United exploration ships to the region, States to stop its drilling activities off Cyprus.

nounced so-called measures said.



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Cyprus is divided between cep Tayyip Erdogan on Erdogan told a televised press the internationally recognised Thursday hit out at EU conference in the capital An-Republic of Cyprus and a breakaway state set up after the 1974 Turkish invasion, following a

"We are continuing right now same determination," he said.

The discovery of huge gas sources should be equally rejected as "unacceptable" a between Turkey and Cyprus. Turkish Cypriot proposal to

Ankara has sent two drilling share offshore energy resources whose security is ensured by

Erdogan on Thursday said no project that excludes Turkey or the Turkish naval and air forces northern Cyprus in the eastern "The EU which has an- elements, the Turkish leader Mediterranean could be put into practice.

Sri Lanka ends emergency Colombo, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka has ended a four-month state of emergency declared after Easter suicide bombings by Islamist extremists that killed 258 people, officials said Fridav.

President Maithripala Sirisena has been extending the emergency on the 22nd of each month since the April 21 attacks on three hotels and three churches.

Six EU nations agree to take 356 Ocean Viking migrants On board the Ocean Viking, Undefined

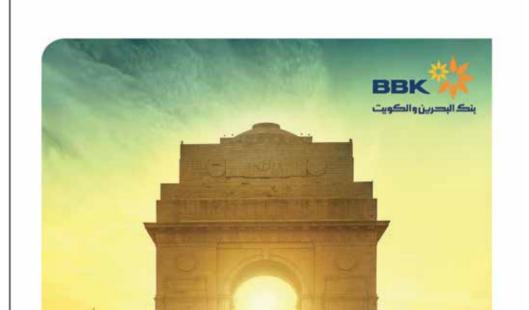
Six EU countries Friday agreed to take in 356 migrants stranded on a rescue ship in the Mediterranean after a two-week standoff again exposed the failure of European leaders to quickly deal with desperate people fleeing conflict and poverty in Africa.

The Norwegian-flagged Ocean Viking, run by charities MSF and SOS Mediterranee, had been seeking a port after rescuing four boats of migrants off the Libyan coast between August 9 and 12.

The migrants screamed with joy as the news broke.



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