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Canadians may see less food in grocery stores, but experts say no need to panic

Canadians will likely experience shortages of some food items and increased prices as the Omicron COVID-19 variant snags supply chains and a vaccine mandate takes effect for cross-border truckers, according to industry experts.

However, they say that Canadians should not worry about food availability and that no one needs to panic.

"There is food on the grocery shelves," said Michelle Wayshysen, spokesperson for the Retail Council of Canada, which represents big-box grocery stores in the country.

She said, though, that there could be shortages of certain products, such as soups, cereals, fresh fruits and vegetables, and meats.

Some Canadians may have noticed empty shelves recently, but Wayshysen said that is a result of the winter storm that hit Canada over the previous week.

While weather plays a role in shipment delays, other, long-term issues still persist that has the retail council "concerned," Wayshysen said.

These include labour shortages from absenteeism and the Omicron COVID-19 wave, which has caused workers to have to isolate and imposed penalties.

Fortunately, both British Columbia and Ontario have said that it appears the peak of the fifth wave of the pandemic has been reached, so more workers are expected to return, Wayshysen said.

Trucker vaccine mandate impact
 Another hit likely to impact supply is the COVID-19 vaccine mandate for truckers on both sides of the border.

Canada's mandate came into effect on Jan. 15, while the U.S.'s did a week later, on Jan. 22.

How great an impact the mandate will have on grocery stores is yet to be seen, but Dalhousie University food distribution professor Sylvain Charlebois said on The Roy Green Show that Canada imports \$21 billion worth of food from the U.S. every year, and 70 per cent of that comes across the border on wheels.

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) estimates as many as 32,000 Canadian and American cross-border truck drivers may be taken off the roads due to the mandate. That represents 20 per cent of the 160,000 trucks total and is in addition to nearly 23,000 drivers the industry was short before the mandate, according to StatCan and Trucking HR Canada.

"It's hard to believe that there won't be heavy disturbances," Charlebois said.

Since winter has put a pause on many Canadian crops, we rely heavily on the U.S. for fruits and vegetables, he said, making our food system at this time "way more vulnerable."

Charlebois said the impact of the mandate on grocery stores will vary.

He said most larger grocery companies operate their own fleets and will likely be fine because they probably already have their own vaccine mandates.

However, smaller grocers may be more affected because they don't operate their own fleets and are not "huge customers for transportation companies."

With a reduced amount of drivers, companies will have to choose who will be on grocery stores is yet to be seen, but Challenger Motor Freight Inc. in Cambridge, Ont., has already sounded the alarm on the mandate, telling Reuters that consumers will see that "there's not as many choices on the shelves" within two weeks.

However, Gary Sands, senior vice-president at the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers, which represents about 6,900 businesses across Canada, said some statements from truckers have been alarmist and are "overstating the case."

"When you walk into grocery stores you might see certain areas are bare, where the product has not yet arrived, but it's coming," he said.

He did say that there have been product delays, shortages and some products not arriving at all, and warns that supply shortages are "more acutely felt" in smaller communities.

The trucker vaccine mandate has compounded the issue, Sands said.

Increasing prices
 When there is less supply but the demand remains the same, it's almost certain that food prices will increase, Sands said.

Canada planning technological fixes to make crossing the border faster

Zippering through the Canada-U.S. border in 15 seconds. Facial recognition cameras at the airport to open an electronic gate. Sending your declaration to customs before you even get off the plane.

These are just some of the changes in the works at the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) - partly as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Denis Vinette, vice-president of the CBSA's travellers branch, said the agency had been considering technological changes to the border - but the pandemic has allowed it to break through "glass ceilings" that were in the way.

When COVID-19 hit, the CBSA was confronted with a challenge, Vinette said - how could officers handle the "mountains of paper" and medical information the Public Health Agency of Canada required travellers to present?

The solution was to move to an internet cloud environment and to develop the ArriveCan app, he said.

"ArriveCan, even though we've got low travel volumes, has been really a game-changer," said Vinette. "It's allowed us to deal with information required in a new way and nimble way."

The ArriveCan app also set the stage for a new system that has been introduced already at the Toronto and Vancouver airports. The system allows travellers returning to Canada to voluntarily send their customs declarations to CBSA before their plane even lands.

"By the time I arrive at the airport, all I'll be doing is confirming my identity and my arrival," Vinette said.

"And CBSA and other border authorities will have decided already whether or not we have an interest in having an interaction with you."

Once the system is rolled out, a family returning from Disney World, for example, could send the CBSA their advanced declaration and digital travel credentials.

"When they arrive, they come up to the kiosk, their identity is confirmed, they grab their bags, they get into the car and then they ask themselves a question - did I just cross the border? Did I forget to talk to the border services officer?" Vinette said.

He said the CBSA plans to expand the system to other airports and to add the advanced declaration function to the ArriveCan app so that travellers can submit both health and customs declarations at the same time.

The CBSA also wants to introduce the advanced declaration system for those travelling by cruise ship and rail, and for those crossing the land border.

Vinette said that, prior to the pandemic, the CBSA had brought the average time spent speaking with a customs officer at the land border down to an average of 55 seconds. With the new technologies, Vinette said, the agency hopes to bring that average time down to 15 seconds.

Facial recognition
 Canadians and Americans with NEXUS trusted traveller cards have long been able to go through customs more quickly than others. Now, the CBSA is planning to add facial

Canada planning technological fixes to make crossing the border faster

recognition to NEXUS kiosks at the airport.

"You will tap your card, it will take a picture and verify it against your passport picture that's on file and confirm your identity and ask you one question - do you have anything to declare above your entitlements?" said Vinette.

In Toronto and Winnipeg, e-gates have been installed which open automatically once your identity is confirmed.

Vinette predicts that, in the future, passengers could use their mobile phones and an app like the current pay-by-phone service to breeze through the process.

"You might have something similar where you've done everything on your phone, you've got your digital travel credential encoded on your phone and you would just swipe your phone," Vinette said. "It will verify that the passport, the travel credential, the person are all the same. Gitgoons."

Passengers also will still be free to opt for the traditional way of crossing the border, or to make their customs declarations verbally to an officer, Vinette said.

Some of the technological innovations the CBSA has in the works will be less visible to travellers.

The agency wants to increase its use of data analytics to help officers distinguish between low-risk individuals who cross the border frequently and those who pose a higher risk. It is also hoping that data analytics can help it detect trends and patterns that can help officers flag people who might be smuggling drugs or guns into Canada.

The Security Screening Automation project will replace manual searches for the immigration department with automated searches. Meanwhile, the CBSA has been implementing its air exit program, through which airlines provide it with information about their passengers. Privacy concerns

Vinette said the CBSA has been working closely with the federal privacy commissioner's office to ensure that the technological innovations it wants to implement respect privacy and IT security standards.

Vito Pilicci, spokesperson for the privacy commissioner's office, said they have been consulted on the ArriveCan app and are about to begin a privacy impact review of CBSA's advanced declaration system.

Pilicci said the office has been back and forth with the CBSA about using facial biometric verification for NEXUS members and the CBSA's increased use of data analytics.

Ann Cavoukian, a former Ontario privacy commissioner who is now executive director of the Global Privacy & Security by Design Centre, said it is important for travellers to consent to providing their images or information and to know how the information is going to be used by the government.

"Privacy and security have to be embedded into all of this," she said.

For example, Cavoukian said, there is a difference between "one to one" facial recognition - where one photo is compared with one face - and "one to many" facial recognition systems used in places like the United Kingdom where someone's face is compared with many other photos in a database.

Cavoukian said the information collected by the CBSA has to be stored securely, the data should be encrypted and it should be clear whether other government departments can access the information and the images collected.

"The potential for privacy problems is significant," Cavoukian said.



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Nearly 60 per cent of Canadians find it difficult to feed their families, poll finds

A new poll has found that nearly 60 per cent of Canadians are having a hard time providing enough food for their families.

The poll from the Angus Reid Institute, released on Friday, shows that 57 per cent of Canadians reported having a difficult time feeding their family recently, an increase from 36 per cent when the question was last asked in 2019.

Inflation plays a role in this figure, the report indicates, as Canadians are dealing with the highest level of inflation in 30 years.

Data released on Wednesday from Statistics Canada found that items such as cooking oil (41.4 per cent) and white sugar (21.6 per cent) have already seen significant price spikes between December 2020 and December 2021.

The Angus Reid Institute also calculated the "Economic Stress Index (ESI)," which combines concern over



debt, housing costs, household financial costs, a participant's financial situation compared to the past year and expected financial situation next year and divides respondents into four categories: thriving, comfortable, uncomfortable and struggling.

Using the ESI, the Angus Reid Institute found that a whopping 59 per cent of those struggling find it difficult to feed their families.

"For those who are Thriving, food

fell into the struggling category, compared to 24 per cent in each of the thriving and comfortable categories, and 25 per cent in the uncomfortable category.

"In Newfoundland and Labrador, where nearly half (45%) are classified as struggling, many are without jobs," the poll notes. "The province's unemployment rate was nearly double the national average in December, and oil production fell last year despite a rebound in energy prices."

On the other side, Quebec had the highest proportion of residents considered as thriving (31 per cent) and the fewest considered struggling (19 per cent).

The poll also found that 39 per cent of Canadians believe their financial standing worsened in the past year, which marks the highest number of Canadians reporting a worse-off financial situation in the 13 years of tracking from the Angus Reid Institute.

Overall, people in Alberta (49 per cent), Saskatchewan (47 per cent) and Newfoundland and Labrador (47 per cent) were most likely to report a worsening financial situation in the last year.

partially immunized people in many countries. It provides good conditions for the virus to mutate."

Epidemiologist Caroline Colijn, a Canada 150 research chair in mathematics for evolution, infection and public health at Simon Fraser University, said the potential for future variants makes it hard to know how the pandemic will play out as this Omicron-driven wave subsides.

Colijn said she also doesn't expect Omicron's trajectory to line up with that of South Africa, which experienced one of the world's first surges of the variant.

That country's wave rose and fell sharply but the timing of Omicron's arrival in Canada - right before the busy winter holidays - put us on a different path, as well as the return of millions of kids and young adults to schools and universities.

"That will flatten the peak of that wave and extend it a little bit more," Colijn said.

In the long-term, she said, Canada will need strategies to tackle future waves - which may or may not be smaller than this Omicron surge, depending on how the virus evolves.

"Most of us will probably want some COVID testing and surveillance of the virus... maybe we're willing to live with masks in some settings, and to support and wear cleaner air," she continued.

Canada loaning \$120M to Ukraine, looking at further actions in face of Russian aggression

Canada will loan the Ukraine government up to \$120 million in the face of Russia's ongoing attempts to destabilize Ukraine, and continues to explore "other" ways to get involved, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Friday.

"Russia is aiming to destabilize Ukraine, including economically. This loan will help support Ukraine's economic resilience," Trudeau said. "We are also exploring other options to provide financial and other support."

The prime minister said that the federal government is still assessing other requests for assistance from Ukraine, including appeals to extend and expand the Canadian military training mission UNIFIER, provide "defensive weapon and equipment," and impose "new" sanctions to raise the cost of any further Russian action.

"We are of course looking to do more, and we will have more to say as the situation unfolds," Trudeau said.

Canada has also offered Ukraine a "technical assistance grant of up to \$6 million to support the implementation of the loan," with officials in talks about the terms of the sovereign loan and its rollout.

This is the first time Canada has loaned Ukraine money. In 2014 and 2015 a total of \$400 million was provided and it was repaid with interest as of 2020, according to the government.

Facing a series of questions from reporters on the developing situation, Trudeau wouldn't specify what Canada's line would be for sending further military assistance or weapons, whether an incursion of tanks over the border, or Russian troops entering Kyiv - saying he wouldn't engage in hypotheticals.

"Any movement of Russian troops into Ukraine will be absolutely unacceptable and met with a clear response from the international community," he said.

"We have been engaged in significant diplomatic efforts as a global community and been very, very clear that it is not in the interest of Ukraine people, it's not in the interests of the Russian people, to see a conflict in which Russian and Ukrainian soldiers are killing each other."

The buildup of thousands of



Russian troops at Ukrainian borders and revived concerns over Russian-based cyber attacks and political interference have prompted concerted, daily attention from NATO countries including Canada and the United States, despite claims from Russia that it has no intention of invading.

In a statement released Friday, the Ukrainian Embassy in Canada said that there has been a flurry of visits and bilateral calls and consultations with NATO-member countries in recent days.

When it comes to further armed support, the embassy said the U.K. and U.S. have already shipped military equipment to help equip their Territorial Defence Forces, and they would like to see Canada follow suit.

"We have hundreds of Russian tanks and armoured vehicles deployed along the Ukrainian border and in the occupied parts of Ukraine's territory. Facing the risk of a further Russian invasion, we need to defend our land," reads the statement.

Reacting to the latest news, Conservative MP James Bezan, who was among 13 Canadian politicians banned from Russia in 2014, called on the federal Liberals to be decisive on Ukraine's other requests for assistance.

"Today, Justin Trudeau failed to announce lethal defensive weapons for Ukraine, the use of Magnitsky sanctions, or RADARSAT imagery. We are facing the prospect of a full invasion of Ukraine by Russia and Justin Trudeau is sitting on the fence," he said in a statement.

The NDP said Friday they are in support of Canada offering Ukraine the loan, but are calling for the government to keep pressuring Russia

to back down, rather than moving to arm Ukrainians.

"This situation will only be resolved with a unified front by increasing sanctions and diplomatic pressure," said NDP MP Heather McPherson in a statement.

Russia's Ambassador to Canada Oleg Stepanov said in an interview on TV News Channel's Power Play Thursday that the threat of western sanctions in response to a military buildup along the Ukrainian border carries no weight and wouldn't influence the country's future actions.

Canada has imposed sanctions on more than 440 individuals and entities related to Russia dating back to Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014.

Asked about Stepanov's comments, Trudeau said that in his view, sanctions on Russia have had an impact.

"We know that the Russian people do not want to see Ukraine invaded, do not want to see deaths in a conflict that should be avoided. That's why we're calling on Russia to deescalate, calling on diplomatic conversations," Trudeau said.

Senior officials in this country, including International Development Minister Harjit Sajjan, Defence Minister Anita Anand, and Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Wayne Eym, have been co-ordinating on Canada's response.

Foreign Affairs Minister Melanie Joly travelled to Ukraine this week to discuss the situation with her counterpart, and according to the prime minister, the loan was discussed during these talks, before she continued on to meet with French and European Union allies in Paris and Brussels.

COVID-19: Starting Jan. 22, all Canadians must be fully vaccinated to enter the U.S.

Starting Jan. 22, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will require all Canadian and non-U.S. individuals to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to enter the country.

This means anyone wanting to enter the U.S. at land borders or ferry terminals at the U.S.-Mexico and U.S.-Canada borders must provide proof of vaccination whether they are travelling for essential or non-essential reasons, DHS said in a release.

"These updated? travel? requirements? reflect the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to protecting public health while safely facilitating the cross-border trade and travel that is critical to our economy," Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas said.

These changes were first announced in October 2021, bringing the rules for essential travellers in line with those that took effect earlier that month for leisure travellers when the U.S. reopened its borders to fully vaccinated individuals.

They will also align with the rules that govern incoming international air travel.

The DHS states non-U.S. individuals travelling to the United States via land ports of entry or ferry terminals, whether for essential or non-essential reasons, must "verbally attest to their COVID-19 vaccination status."

"Provide proof of the CDC-approved COVID-19 vaccination," as outlined on the CDC website; "Present a valid Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)-compliant document, such as a valid passport, Trusted Traveler Program card, or Enhanced Third-Country."

"Be prepared to present any other relevant documents requested by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officer during a border inspection."

Canada 'may' have passed peak of Omicron wave, says top doctor

Canada may have passed the peak of the Omicron wave but the number of people hospitalized because of COVID-19 is now at its highest level since the pandemic began, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Theresa Tam said today.

"In the weeks since the modelling update, there are early indications that infections may have peaked at the national level, including daily case counts, test positivity, R1 or the effective reproduction number and wastewater surveillance trends," Tam said today.

Nationally, the average daily case count has decreased by 28 per cent since last week. Tam warned that, because lab testing can't keep up with demand as Omicron spreads, that count may underestimate the actual number of cases.

Tam also said that test positivity at 22 per cent and the seven-day average of daily cases at almost 27,000, COVID-19 is widespread throughout the country.

While the current wave may have passed its peak, Tam said hospitalization rates are still rising

quickly and many hospitals across Canada are under "intense strain."

"Over the past week, an average of over 10,000 people with COVID-19 were being treated in our hospitals each day, surpassing peak daily numbers for all previous waves of the pandemic," Tam said.

"This includes over 1,100 people in intensive care units, which is higher than all but the third wave peak."

Tam also encouraged all unvaccinated Canadians and those who haven't yet received boosters to stop.

Asked about a report from the University of Washington saying that the pandemic is winding down, Tam said it's "possible" but called for caution.

"There are many experts in the world trying to work out this question. I don't think [this is] necessarily the scenario, but it is a possible scenario, so I think we need to prepare for different potential futures," she said.

Tam pointed out that Canadians who've recovered from the virus or have received booster shots will now

have stronger immune responses. She also warned that uncertainty over how quickly that increased immunity wanes, and the threat of new variants emerging, complicate the business of making predictions.

After Omicron peaks "There will be future variants. That's a characteristic of viral infections - they continually mutate and form new variants," said Dr. Corey Neufeld, a professor of epidemiology at the University of Saskatchewan.

"We could have a longer period where a significant [portion] of the population is immune to new waves... We will see more waves of COVID coming our way in the next year or two, but signs are pointing to smaller, less severe."

Neufeld agreed with Tam's call for Canadians to get their booster shots when eligible. He also called for more emphasis on vaccine equity worldwide to minimize the risk of future variants emerging abroad.

"A lot of the global population is still fully susceptible," he said. "We're at a dangerous stage right now, with this combination of immunized and

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Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas welcomed their baby girl 12 weeks early

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas announced on Friday that they have become parents to a baby through surrogacy. The couple refrained from revealing the gender of their child but a recent report suggests that the actress and the singer have welcomed a baby girl.

According to a Daily Mail report, their daughter was born 12 weeks early at a Southern California hospital outside LA, where she will remain till she is healthy enough to return home. The couple was reportedly expecting their baby in April and Priyanka had even cleared her work schedule to accommodate the birth.

Announcing the arrival of their child on Friday, Priyanka-Nick had shared in a statement, "We are overjoyed to confirm that we have welcomed a baby via surrogate. We respectfully ask for privacy during this special time as we focus on our family. Thank you so much."

Though the news comes as a surprise, Priyanka had already hinted about her baby in November 2021. The Jann Brothers - Nick, Joe and Kevin offered themselves up for the small comedy genre called a roast that month. However, Priyanka's statement about expecting garnered much attention. Priyanka said on the Jann Brothers Family Roast, "If you don't know, we're the only couple who doesn't have kids yet, which is why I'm excited to make this announcement." She further continued and said, "Sorry, babe, Nick and I are expecting... To get drunk tonight and sleep in tomorrow!"



Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas with their newborn baby girl.

Dhanush's father claims Dhanush and Aishwaryaa Rajinikanth aren't having a divorce

Dhanush's father Kasturi Raja has denied that the actor and his producer wife Aishwaryaa Rajinikanth are going to divorce each other. On Monday, Dhanush and Aishwaryaa announced their separation through their respective social media accounts. A few days after the announcement, Dhanush's father termed the split as a routine family quarrel.

Talking to a leading newspaper, Kasturi Raja said, "Dhanush and Aishwaryaa are not divorced. It's just a fight between them due to differences of opinion. So it was a routine family fight. Presently both are out of town and staying in Hyderabad. I talked to them via phone and advised them too."

Dhanush and Aishwaryaa announced that they are ending their 18 years long marriage on Monday, January 17. The note shared by Dhanush on his Twitter reads, "Eighteen years of togetherness as friends, couple, as parents and well-wishers to each other. The journey has been of growth, understanding, adjusting, and adapting. Today we stand at a place where our paths separate. Aishwaryaa and I have decided to part ways as a couple and take time to understand us as individuals for the better. Please do respect our decision and give us the needed privacy to deal with this. Om Namah Shivaya! Spread love, D."

England's Hobart drinking session video has faced unfair public scrutiny: Jason Gillespie

Former Australia pacer Jason Gillespie feels the video of England players in the drinking session with their opponents has faced unfair public scrutiny.

In the video, England captain Joe Root, senior pacer James Anderson and Australia players Alex Carey, Travis Head and Nathan Lyon were asked to go to their hotel rooms from the terrace by the Hobart police at around 6 am on January 17 after a police complaint was received for playing loud music.

"Playing Ashes cricket allows great rivalries but also great friendships to form and so it was disappointing that the post-series drinks shared by Joe Root, Jimmy Anderson and some Australian players was scrutinized in the public domain this week," wrote Gillespie in his column for Daily Mail on Sunday. "Some of the focus was on the fact that they were out until 6am but you must remember the game didn't finish until 10.30 at night and the teams were still in the dressing rooms until the early hours before heading back to their hotel."



England players in a drinking session.

added Gillespie, who played 71 Tests for Australia. Gillespie believes players should be given some respect as they played the Ashes in a bio-bubble environment. "Arguably it would not have been given such protection but for the emergence of video footage but what should be remembered is that these guys had given their all in Ashes battle over seven weeks of living in restricted bubbles, they were being respectful to their opponents and observed all the COVID protocols between fellow pro-sportmen."

The 46-year-old revealed that Head and Carey soaked in a lot of losses from speaking to Root and Anderson. "Speaking to Travis Head and Alex Carey, two players I coach at South Australia, they said the opportunity to sit and talk cricket with Root and Anderson, legends not only of English cricket but the world game, was invaluable."

"It was not as if the five players involved were sozzled, they were just enjoying each other's company, sharing cricket stories and discussing their journeys in the game. Travis and Alex are both relatively new to international cricket in comparison to Joe, Jimmy and Nathan Lyon. They were like kids in a candy store."

Amitabh Bachchan's Granddaughter Navya Naveli Nanda Takes Pride In Flaunting Her White Hair: 'Mama' Abhishek Bachchan REACTS-PICS Inside

Amitabh Bachchan's granddaughter Navya Naveli Nanda is known for her striking presence on social media. Although she is away from the glitz and glamor of the showbiz world, Navya enjoys a huge fan base on her Instagram handle. She often treats her fans and followers to her stunning photos that speak volumes about her fashion sense. On Saturday, Navya shared a series of her beautiful pics where she flaunted her white hair. Not just netizens, even her 'mama' Abhishek Bachchan is left impressed by her recent look.



Navya Naveli Nanda with white hair.

Taking to her Instagram handle, Navya shared her photos where she is nailing a traditional look. She looks ravishing as ever donning an elegant saree with a beautiful necklace. Alongside the photos, she wrote, "It, my white hair."

Navya's makeup game looked on point. As soon as she shared the post, netizens took to the comments section to shower compliments on her, calling Navya the 'epitome of beauty'. Notably, Abhishek Bachchan and filmmaker Zoya Akhtar dropped heart emojis on the post. Actor Anagad Bedi wrote, "Sooo soooo nice."

Shoaib Akhtar: Virat Kohli was forced to leave captaincy of India

Former Pakistan cricketer Shoaib Akhtar has stated that Virat Kohli was forced to leave the captaincy of India. Last year, Kohli had stepped down as the T20I captain and then he was named as the ODI leader as the selectors wanted a more experienced white-ball format. Kohli then last week stepped down as India's Test captain after leading the side for seven years.

Akhtar who is currently participating in the Legends League Cricket, while talking to ANI said: "Virat didn't leave captaincy but was forced to do so. This is not the best of times for him but he needs to prove what he is made of. Is he made of steel or iron? He is a great guy and a cricketer. Do not try too many things, just go out there and play cricket. He is a great batsman and has achieved more than anyone else in the world. He just needs to go out there and play with his natural flow."

"He plays a lot with his bottom hand and I think when the form is out, bottom hand players usually are the first ones to get in trouble. I think he's gonna come out of this. He should move forward from this and not keep any bitterness against anyone. Just forgive everybody and keep moving," he added.



Virat Kohli and Shoaib Akhtar.

Talking about India's next Test captain, the pacer said: "I know BCCI will make a smart decision regarding this." The schedule for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 was announced on Friday. The Men in Blue will be looking for Pakistan in their first match of the tournament on October 23 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

Deepak Chahar's fifty in vain as South Africa beat India by 4 runs, complete 3-0 whitewash

Deepak Chahar's fighting fifty (54 off 34 balls) went in vain as South Africa beat India by four runs in the third and final ODI to complete a 3-0 whitewash in the three-match series, here on Sunday.

A fantastic century by Quinton de Kock (124 off 130) helped South Africa post a challenging 287 in 49.5 overs. Apart from de Kock, Rassie van der Dussen (52 off 59) and David Miller (39 off 38) also played vital knocks for the Proteas.

Prasidh Krishna (3/59), Jasprit Bumrah (2/52), Deepak Chahar (2/53), and Yashwanth Chahal (1/47) were the wicket-takers for India. In reply, Shikhar Dhawan (61 off 73) and Virat Kohli (65 off 84) played important knocks but India were in deep trouble at one point after losing quick wickets during middle overs. However, Deepak Chahar's knock under pressure ignited hopes and kept India in the game till the time he was at the crease.

Once Deepak got out in the first ball of the 48th over, it was curtains for India as South Africa cleaned up the last two wickets too quickly to send a 3-0 whitewash. In the end, the hosts were bowled out for 283 in 49.2 overs. Andile Mkhuluza's 3/40 was the most successful bowler for South Africa.

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