

Comprehensive Practice 46

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【Model Sentences】

The European Union (EU) has encouraged citizens across the continent to stockpile food, water and other essentials to last at least 72 hours as war, cyberattacks, climate change and disease increase the chances of a crisis.

The call to action for the EU's 450 million citizens comes as the 27-nation bloc rethinks its security, especially after Donald Trump's US administration warned that Europe must take more responsibility for it.

In recent years, the EU has been forced to deal with the coronavirus pandemic, and the threat from Russia, including its attempts to exploit Europe's dependence on its natural gas to weaken support for Ukraine.

NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte has warned that Russia could be capable of launching another attack in Europe by 2030.

"Today's threats facing Europe are more complex than ever, and they are all interconnected," said Preparedness and Crisis Management Commissioner Hadja Lahbib as she shared a new strategy for dealing with future disasters.

While the commission is keen not to be seen as alarmist, Lahbib said it's important "to make sure people have essential supplies for at least 72 hours in a crisis." She listed food, water, flashlights, ID papers, medicine and radios as things to stock.

Lahbib said the EU should build up a "strategic reserve" and stockpile other critical resources including firefighting planes; medical, energy and transport equipment; and specialized assets against chemical, biological and nuclear threats.

The EU's plans are similar to those in France, Finland and Sweden.

Last year, Sweden updated its civil emergency advice "to better reflect today's security policy reality" such as what to do in case of nuclear attack.

Not all EU countries have the same level of crisis preparedness, and the commission also wants to encourage them to coordinate better in case of emergency.

President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, said: "New realities require a new level of preparedness in Europe."

She added: "Our citizens, our Member States, and our businesses need the right tools to act both to prevent crises and to react swiftly when a disaster hits."

【Further Practice】

1. 私たちは彼にもっと真剣に仕事に取り組むよう促す必要がある。そうでなければ、彼はすぐに閑職に追いやられるだろう。
2. 彼女に単身渡米を思いとどまらせる手立てを考えねばならない。あの向こう見ずな性格では、何が起こるか分からないから。
3. 社長の気まぐれによる理不尽な命令のせいで、私たちは2週間もの間、残業を余儀なくされた。
4. 言い訳しても無駄ですよ。うちの社員を、顧客ごとあなたの会社に移るようそそのかしているところを、あなたは見られていたんですよ。
5. 言い訳しても無駄ですよ。うちの社員を、顧客ごとあなたの会社に移るようそそのかしている一部始終を、あなたは聞かれていたんですよ。
6. つらい気持ちを打ち明けてくれてありがとう。君が少しでも楽になるように僕に何ができるか、よく考えてみるよ。
7. 新しい雇用方針を役員会で発表する前に、担当部署でもう少し詰めた方がいいんじゃないでしょうか。
8. なぜ彼がその職に就くことにあんなに熱心だったのか、やっと分かりましたよ。
9. あなたがなぜ彼をそんなに評価するのか、私には理解できませんね。
10. あなた自身が締切に遅れないのは当然のことです。問題は、部下たちが確実に締切を守るようにできるかどうかですよ。
11. 非常の場合には個人の権利が制限されるということを是とするか非とするかは、非常に難しい問題だ。

12. 渋滞にはまった場合は、イライラしても仕方ないので、音楽でも聴きながらリラックスするのが自分の流儀だと彼は言った。

【Further Practice】

1. We need to encourage him to take the task more seriously. Otherwise, he will soon be relegated to an unimportant position.
2. I have to think of how I can discourage her from going to the U.S. on her own. You never know what might happen because she is such a reckless person.
3. We were made to work overtime for two weeks because of unreasonable orders based on the president's whims.
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4. There is no point in making excuses. You have been seen seducing our employees to move to your company with all our clients.
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6. Thank you for sharing your painful feelings with me. I'll think hard about what I can do to make you feel a little better.
7. Before sharing the new employment policy with the board members, shouldn't they work on it a little more in the department in charge?
8. I finally understood why he was so keen to get the position.
9. I don't understand why you are so keen on him.
10. It is only natural that you yourself will not miss deadlines. The question is whether you can make sure that your colleagues meet them.

11.It is a very difficult question to decide whether it is right or wrong to restrict individual rights in case of emergency.

12.He said in case he was caught in a traffic, he made it a rule to listen to music and relax because there was no point in getting frustrated.