MUSTREAD

Gunman killed, 3 injured in shooting near Israeli embassy

Amman: A gunman was killed, and three security personnel were injured in a shooting on Sunday morning near the Israeli embassy in Jordan, according to a statement from the Jordanian Public Security Directorate. The statement said that the assailant opened fire on a patrol operating near the embassy and attempted to escape. A chase ensued, leading to an exchange of gunfire in which the gunman was killed. The injured, who were taken to a hospital for treatment, are in moderate condition, said the statement, adding that investigations are ongoing.



2 killed in Colorado patrol plane crash

Los Angeles: Two people were killed and another was severely injured on Saturday in a plane crash in Colorado, the United States, local authority confirmed. Larimer County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Ali Adams said at a briefing that the Civil Air Patrol aircraft with three people onboard crashed at 11:12 am local time (1912 GMT) in the vicinity of Storm Mountain. According to a news release from the governor's office, the three onboard who have all served at the Civil Air Patrol as volunteers were on "a routine training mission training aerial photogra-phy" when the accident occurred. The nonprofit Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

UAE: RTA completes installation of 141 bus shelters, aiming for 762 by 2025

Dubai: Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has completed 141 bus shelters as part of its ambitious plan to deliver 762 shelters across key locations in Dubai. Designed with modern aesthetics and userfriendly features, these shelters enhance comfort and convenience for public transport users. The project is now 40% complete, with full completion targeted by the end of 2025. The newly installed shelters cater to multiple bus routes, with some accommodating over 10 routes per shelter. Once the project is complete, these shelters are expected to serve more than 182 million riders annually.



Indian envoy to Italy welcomes EAM Jaishankar in Rome

Rome: External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar was wel-comed in Rome by India's Ambassador to Italy, Vani Rao, and other officials from the Foreign Ministry. Jaishankar is on an official visit to Italy from November 24 to 26. "Minister of External Affairs, S Jaishankar was welcomed in Rome by Ambassador Vani Rao and officials from the Foreign Ministry," the Embassy of India in Italy said in a post on X.

Israel issues Emirati travel warning after rabbi's murder

Ierusalem: Israel warned its nationals to avoid non-essential travel to the United Arab Emirates after the body of a missing Israeli-Moldovan rabbi was discovered on Sunday. Israel's National Security Council (NSC) had already designated the UAE's threat level to Israeli citizens as "moderate." The NSC urged Israelis to avoid businesses and venues associated with Israelis or Jews, not to overtly display Israeli or Jewish symbols or share travel details on social media, and to be vigilant in public areas. Israel announced that the body of Rabbi Tzvi Kogan was found.

Legal threats close in on Israel's Netanyahu

Could impact ongoing wars

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu faces legal perils at home and abroad that point to a turbulent future for the Israeli leader and could influence the wars in Gaza and Lebanon, analysts and officials say.

The International Criminal Court (ICC) stunned Israel on Thursday by issuing arrest warrants for Netanyahu and his former defence chief Yoav Gallant for alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in the 13-month-old Gaza conflict.

The bombshell came less than two weeks before Netanyahu is due to testify in a corruption trial that has dogged him for years and could end



his political career if he is found guilty. He has denied any wrongdo-

While the domestic bribery trial

has polarised public opinion, the prime minister has received wide-spread support from across the po-litical spectrum following the ICC move, giving him a boost in troubled

Netanyahu has denounced the court's decision as antisemitic and denied charges that he and Gallant targeted Gazan civilians and deliberately starved them.

"Israelis get really annoyed if they think the world is against them and rally around their leader, even if he has faced a lot of criticism," said Yonatan Freeman, an international relations expert at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. "So anyone expecting that the ICC ruling will end this government, and what they see as a flawed (war) policy, is going to get the opposite," he added.

Kishida launches new group within ruling LDP



Japan's former Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has launched a new group within the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in an apparent move to "maintain his influence" as Shigeru Ishiba leads a minority government in the country, local media reported

The Kishida-led group, which reportedly aims at promoting asset management in the country, held its inaugural meeting at the Diet building on Friday. It was attended by around 20 LDP lawmakers, including former LDP Secretary-Genera Toshimitsu Motegi, as well as LDP Election Strategy Committee chief Seiji Kihara and others who belonged to a now-disbanded LDP faction that was led by Kishida.

Kishida, in his speech at the meeting, spotlighted his achievements during three years as prime minister and party president.

"We have begun to see encouraging signs of a new economic phase, including the highest wage increases in 33 years... We must show the world our strong commitment to continuing ef forts to make Japan a major asset man agement nation," Japan's leading daily The Japan Times' quoted Kishida as saying during the meeting.

Shigeru Ishiba, the leader of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), was elected as the country's Prime Minister in a parliamentary vote, last month, succeeding Kishida.

At least 20 killed, 66 injured in Israeli airstrike in Beirut

At least 20 people were killed and 66 others injured on Saturday in an Israeli airstrike on a residential building in the Lebanese capital Beirut, Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health reported.

The air raid at dawn targeted the eight-story building in the Basta Fawka neighborhood, destroying it and damaging the buildings nearby, the ministry said, noting Civil Defence teams are still working to remove the rubble in search of victims.

Israeli media outlets reported that the airstrike was aimed at targeting a prominent Hezbollah official

In a statement, Hezbollah lawmaker Amin Sherri said "there was no party figure, neither military nor civilian, in the targeted building in

On Saturday night, two paramedics were killed, and four others



injured in Israeli airstrikes in the village of Ain Baal in Tyre district, southern Lebanon, according to the Public Health Emergency Operations Center affiliated with the min-

Israeli forces arrest 5 Jewish settlers in West Bank

Jerusalem (UNI): The Israeli military and police arrested five Israeli settlers on Saturday for rioting near the Jewish settlement of Itamar in the West Bank, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said in a statement.

The arrests were made after dozens of Israeli settlers, some of whom were masked, instigated a violent riot, "hurling stones towards the IDF and Israel Border Police forces who arrived at the scene," the statement said. Israel's state-owned Kan TV News reported that during the incident, a soldier was punched by one of the rioters.

On Friday, five other Israeli settlers were arrested after they tried to attack Commander of the IDF's Central Command Avi Bluth and accompanying soldiers in the city of Hebron, southern West Bank.

Jewish extremist settlers occasionally clash with Israeli security forces in the West Bank to protest actions or policies they see as favoring Palestinians, such as the evacuation of illegal Jewish outposts or the arrest and expulsion of rioters from the area.

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz on Saturday condemned the attempted attack, stating that "harming IDF commanders and soldiers, who dedicate their lives to the security of Israel and its citizens, is an attack on the entire country." He added, "I expect law enforcement authorities to bring those involved in the incident to justice without delay, and call on the settlement leadership to condemn such phenomena strongly."

Iran to hold nuclear talks with three **European powers**

Dubai: Iran plans to hold talks about its disputed nuclear programme with three European powers on Nov. 29 in Geneva, Japan's Kyodo news agency reported on Sunday, days after the U.N. atomic watchdog passed a resolution against Tehran.

Iran reacted to the resolution, which was proposed by Britain. France, Germany and the United States, with what government officials called various measures such as activating numerous new and advanced centrifuges, machines that enrich uranium.

Kyodo said Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian's government was seeking a solution to the nuclear impasse ahead of the inauguration in January of U.S. President-elect Don-

Romanians vote in first round of presidential election



Bucharest (UNI)

Romanians headed to the polls Sunday for the first round of the presidential election, choosing from 14 candidates to lead the country for the next five years. According to the Permanent Electoral Authority of

Romania, over 18 million registered voters are expected to cast their ballots at nearly 19,000 polling stations from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. local time (0500

Overseas voting began Friday, with a record number of 950 polling stations abroad, according to the electoral authority. Under the Romanian Constitution, if no candidate secures a majority, a runoff will be held between the top two contenders in two weeks. The candidate who gets the most valid votes will be the winner.

Bucharest residents are also voting in a referendum on local governance and public health initiatives, including funding for drug prevention programs in schools.

Ukraine needs better air defences, Zelenskiy says after Russian drone attack

Agencies, Kyiv

President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Sunday Ukraine needs to strengthen its air defenses to protect people after its air defense units shot down 50 of 73 Russian drones launched overnight over many regions. "An air alert has been sounded almost daily across Ukraine this week," Zelensky said on Telegram messenger.

Over the past week Russia used more than 800 guided aerial bombs. about 460 attack drones, and more than 20 missiles of various types, Zelensky said.

"Úkraine is not a testing ground for weapons. Ukraine is a sovereign and independent state. But Russia



still continues its efforts to kill our people, spread fear and panic, and

military said earlier on Sunday that air defense units had destroyed more than 10 Russian drones that were targeting Kyiv in an overnight attack.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries as a result of the attack, Kyiv's military adminis-tration posted on Telegram.

Reuters witnesses heard explosions in Kyiv in what sounded like air defense units in operation.

The UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) were flying in different direc-tions toward Kyiv," said Serhiy Pop-ko, head of Kyiv's military administration. "The air raid alert in the city lasted for more than three hours.

Israeli citizen goes missing in UAE

Tel Aviv: An emissary of the Jewish religious movement Chabad has disappeared in the United Arab Emirates, the Israeli government said on Saturday, adding that the version of a terrorist attack is being investigated.

"Zvi Kogan, an Israeli-Moldovan citizen, the Chabad representative in the UAE, has been missing since Thursday, November 21, 2024. The Mossad has updated that since his disappearance, and given informa-tion indicating that this is a terrorist incident, an active investigation has been going on in the country," a statement issued of behalf of the Israeli National Security Council (NSC) read.

The Israeli authorities previously issued a travel warning for the UAE, recommending that people avoid unnecessary travel to the country due to a medium-level threat, the

Islamabad locked down ahead of protests seeking ex-PM Imran Khan's release

Agencies, Islamabad

Pakistan's capital was put under a security lockdown on Sunday ahead of protests by supporters of jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan calling for his release.

Highways leading to Islamabad through which supporters of Khan, led by members of his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, are expected to approach the city and gather near the parliament, have been blocked. Most major roads of the city have

also been blocked by the government with shipping containers and large contingents of police and paramilitary personnel have been deployed in riot gear, while mobile phone services have been suspend-

Gatherings of any sort have been



banned under legal provisions, the Islamabad police said in a statement.

Global internet watchdog Net-Blocks said on X, formerly known as Twitter, that live metrics showed WhatsApp messaging services had been restricted ahead of the protests. A key Khan aid, Ali Amin Ganda-

pur, who is the chief minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province and is expected to lead the largest convoy into Islamabad, called on people to gather near the entrance of the city's red zone, known as "D Chowk".

Islamabad's red zone houses the country's parliament building, important government installations, as well as embassies and foreign institutions' offices.

"Khan has called on us to remain there till all our demands are met," he said in a video message on Satur-

day.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's demands include the release of all its leaders, including Khan, as well as the resignation of the current government due to what it says was a rigged election this year.

7 killed in northern Peru bus crash

Lima: At least seven people were killed and over 30 others injured early Saturday morning in a bus crash in northern Peru's San Martin region, said the country's Interior Ministry.

The crash happened on the Fernando Belaunde Terry Highway in Moyobamba province, the ministry said on X, noting that the police are conducting search and rescue oper-

ations at the scene.

The bus collided with a van at a dangerous curve known as "El Triunfo," causing the driver to lose control and the vehicle to veer off the road,

local media reported.

The injured have been taken to hospitals for treatment, according to

the Ministry of Health. The bus left the Piura region on Friday afternoon carrying 58 passengers, including around 23 students

from San Jacinto de Vice school who were on a school trip to Tarapoto.

COP29 agrees to triple public finance to developing countries to fight climate disaster

Baku (UNI)

The 29th UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) agrees to triple public finance to developing countries to fight climate disaster.

The 29th UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) closed in Azerbaijan's capital on Sunday with a new finance goal to help countries against climate disasters.

COP29 was scheduled to conclude on Friday, settling the demand of developing countries to have a New Collective Quantified on Cli-mate Finance (NCQG) to the tune of 1.3 trillion USD, including 600 billion USD grants of public finance from the developed countries, but finally

The COP29 Presidency extended the negotiation for two days, and on



Sunday morning, nearly 200 countries in Baku reached an agreement to triple public finance to developing countries, from the previous goal of USD 100 billion annually to USD 300

billion annually by 2035. Simon Stiell, UN Climate Change Executive Secretary in the Closing Plenary of COP29, said that the

countries would secure efforts of all actors to work together to scale up finance to developing countries, from public and private sources, to the amount of USD 1.3 trillion per year by 2035.

"This new finance goal is an insurance policy for humanity, amid worsening climate impacts hitting every country. But like any insurance policy, it only works if premiums are paid in full and on time. Promises must be kept to protect billions of lives," Stiell stated.

It will keep the clean energy boom growing, helping all countries to share in its huge benefits: more jobs, stronger growth, cheaper and cleaner energy for all. The International Energy Agency expects global clean energy investment is set to exceed USD 2 trillion for the first time in 2024

Iran condemns US illegal interventions in Venezuela internal affairs

Tehran (UNI)

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei on Saturday con-demned U.S. "illegal interventions"

in Venezuela's internal affairs. He made the remarks in a post on social media platform X while reacting to a post earlier this week by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who said his government recognized Venezuelan opposition candidate Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia as the South American country's "president-elect.'

"We condemn illegal interventions by the United States and some of its allies in Venezuela's internal affairs, which is reminiscent of (the) malign and divisive interventions of 2019 via recognition of a parallel government (in the country), and express our solidarity with Venezuela's



legitimate and elected president Nicolas Maduro," said Baghaei. Baghaei said Iran considered any

foreign intervention in Venezuela's internal affairs as contrary to international law and the principles of the United Nations Charter and a blow to peace and stability in the South American country.

