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Armed men gun down 5 family members in E. Afghanistan

Kabul: Unknown armed individuals shot and killed 5 civilians, all members of the same family, in eastern Afghanistan's Ghazni province, a provincial government spokesman confirmed Monday night.

34 Indian fishermen detained by Bangladeshi Navy

Dhaka: Thirty-four Indian fishermen have been detained by the Bangladesh Navy for allegedly entering the maritime boundary of Bangladesh and fishing illegally in the Bay of Bengal, a news report said.

Over 2,313 fresh candidates joined Afghanistan's security forces post military training

Kabul: A total of 2,313 young men have joined Afghan security forces after completing military training over the past two days, the Defence Ministry said.

Typhoon Nari makes landfall over Japan's Hokkaido

Tokyo: Typhoon Nari crossed the Hokkaido coast on Tuesday, the first landfall by a typhoon on Japan's northern main island since 2016, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency.

Helicopter passenger killed by bird strike in northern Australia

Canberra: A man died after the helicopter he was traveling in struck a bird during a flight in Australia's Northern Territory (NT). NT Police said in a statement on Monday night that emergency services received reports around 2 p.m. local time that a helicopter carrying two occupants had made an emergency landing at the remote Lake Evella airstrip, over 500 km east of the NT capital city of Darwin.

Man found stabbed to death in front garden of Australian beachside home

Sydney: Australian police are investigating the murder of a man who was found with stab wounds in the garden of his east coast home. A police statement said on Tuesday that emergency services were called to an address in the beachside suburb of Warana, 80 km north of Brisbane, after a neighbor found the man unresponsive in the front garden of the home at around 7:35 p.m. on Monday.

End Ukraine war or face 100 pc tariffs: Trump tells Russia

Washington (UNI)

Frustrated with Russian President Vladimir Putin for not ending the war with Ukraine, President Donald Trump today said that the US will impose 100 per cent tariffs on countries that do business with Russia if there is no peace deal to end the war in Ukraine within 50 days.

During a meeting with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte in the Oval Office, Trump said, "We're going to be doing secondary tariffs if we don't have a deal within 50 days. It's very simple. And they'll be at 100 per cent."

"We are very unhappy, I am, with Russia," the President explained. Trump reiterated that he had called up Putin several times. "I always hang up and say, 'Well, that was a nice phone call.' And then missiles are launched into Kyiv or some other city, and I say, 'That's strange.' And after that happens three or four times, you say the talk doesn't mean anything," he said.



"He is, I don't want to say he's an assassin, but he's a tough guy," Trump said of Putin, adding, "but he didn't fool me." "Ultimately, talk doesn't work; it's got to be action, it's got to be results," Trump said. "It's actually more now, mostly soldiers but a lot of people in cities and towns that are getting blown up to it's a horrible war and it should be stopped. And so if it's not done, if we don't have an agreement in 50 days, that's what we're doing secondary tariffs and they're biting and I hope we don't get to the point where we do, but I've been hearing so much talk. It's all talk. It's all talk and then missiles go into Kyiv and kill 60 people. It's got to stop," Trump said.

Donald Trump threatens to strip comedian Rosie O'Donnell of citizenship amid renewed feud



Washington D.C. (UNI)

President Donald Trump has reignited his infamous feud with comedian and television personality Rosie O'Donnell, suggesting he is seriously considering revoking her American citizenship, a move legal experts swiftly condemned as unconstitutional.

"Because of the fact that Rosie O'Donnell is not in the best interests of our Great Country, I am giving serious consideration to taking away her Citizenship," Trump wrote. "She is a Threat to Humanity, and should remain in the wonderful Country of Ireland, if they want her. GOD BLESS AMERICA!"

2 explosive drones crash in oil field in N. Iraq

Baghdad: Two explosive-laden drones crashed on Monday evening at the Khurmala oil field in Erbil province in northern Iraq's semi-autonomous region of Kurdistan, said local authorities.

According to a statement from the regional Directorate General of Counter Terrorism, two drones crashed in the oil field at 8:20 p.m. and 8:25 p.m. local time (1720 and 1725 GMT).

No casualties were reported, and no group has yet claimed responsibility for the attack.

Meanwhile, a statement from the Security Media Cell, a media outlet affiliated with the Iraqi Joint Operations Command, said the incident caused only material damage, and coordination is underway to investigate the attack.

3 Israeli soldiers killed in Gaza tank blast during Jabalia assault

Jerusalem/Gaza (UNI)

Three Israeli soldiers were killed in a tank explosion during a ground offensive in Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip on Monday, the Israeli military said.

Hamas' armed wing, the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, said on its Telegram channel that three died after "the resistance targeted their tank during the battles in the Gaza Strip."

The military identified the soldiers as Staff Sergeant Shoham Menaheem, 21, Sergeant Shlomo Yakir Shrem, 20, and Sergeant Yuliy Faktor, 19, all from the 52nd Armored Corps Battalion of the 401st Brigade. An officer was also seriously wounded in the incident.

Antisemitic posts appear on Elmo's X account after hack

New York (UNI)

The hacking of Elmo's X account has caused the beloved "Sesame Street" character to appear to post expletive-filled antisemitic rants and anti-Trump statements.

The posts have since been deleted, but widely circulated screenshots show Elmo apparently calling for violence against Jews and calling for the release of files related to the Jeffrey Epstein case, reports CNN.

"Elmo's X account was compromised on Sunday by an unknown hacker who posted disgusting messages, including antisemitic and racist posts," a spokesperson for Sesame Workshop, the makers of "Sesame Street," told CNN in a statement. "We are working to restore full control of the account."

Zelensky calls for action to cut off Russia's war financing during talks with Trump

Washington/ Kyiv (UNI)

Termining his telephonic conversation with US President Donald Trump a "very good conversation", Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the US and Ukraine share a commitment to ending Russia's war against Ukraine, and called for firm international action to dismantle Russia's war financing.

"I spoke with President Trump. It was a very good conversation. I thanked him for his willingness to support Ukraine and for his commitment to working together to stop the killings and establish a lasting and just peace," Zelenskyy said in a series of posts on X. "President Trump also shared details of his meeting with the NATO Secretary General. It's important that we maintain such strong relations, and that the Alliance countries continue to increase their defense spending."

Zelenskyy added that he and Trump discussed "the necessary means and solutions" to better protect Ukrainian civilians from Russian attacks and to strengthen Ukraine's defensive positions.

46 killed, 37 injured in paramilitary attack on village in W. Sudan: volunteer groups

Khartoum (UNI)

At least 46 civilians were killed and 37 others wounded in an attack by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on a village in North Kordofan State, western Sudan, volunteer groups reported on Monday.

The Sudanese Doctors Network, a volunteer organization, reported that the attack took place on Sunday in Hillat Hamid village. Among the 46 fatalities were five women, and the wounded numbered 37. The group said local residents had to bury the victims in mass graves.

The group condemned what it described as a "heinous massacre," stating, "This crime is part of a continued pattern of grave violations that the RSF has been committing against civilians across Sudan."

The network called on the RSF to immediately cease such attacks and urged the international community to act swiftly to protect civilians by imposing deterrent sanctions on RSF leaders.

Meanwhile, the voluntary



Emergency Lawyers Group confirmed in a statement on Monday the number of deaths in RSF's attack on the village.

The group added, "The village was stormed under a barrage of gunfire, followed by widespread burning of homes and farms, and looting of property — in a recurring pattern aimed at terrorizing and forcibly displacing the population."

The group condemned what it described as "systematic massacres" and held the RSF leadership fully accountable, asserting that the attacks amount to genocide and crimes against humanity under international law.

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11 missing after speedboat capsizes off Mentawai Islands in Indonesia's West Sumatra

Jakarta: Eleven people are missing and 7 others have survived after a speedboat capsized off the coast of the Mentawai Islands in Indonesia's West Sumatra province on Monday, according to Dio Ulwi Finanda, head of the emergency unit of the local search and rescue office.

The speedboat was traveling from Sikakap Island to Sipora Island, both part of the Mentawai Islands, when it went down in the waters between the two, Finanda told Xinhua early Tuesday morning.

"The sea incident occurred at around 11:00 a.m. Jakarta time," he said. "But seven of the boat's occupants managed to swim to shore. They arrived at around 5:00 p.m."

UN report shows insufficient progress on SDGs

United Nations (UNI)

With only five years to go, merely 35 percent of the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are on track, while nearly half are stalling and 18 percent have regressed, according to a UN report released on Monday.

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18 Syrian soldiers killed in clashes in Suwayda - Defense Ministry

Beirut: At least 18 Syrian army soldiers were killed and multiple others were wounded in an attack by an armed group on military positions in the province of Suwayda in southern Syria, Syrian Defense Ministry spokesman Hassan Abdul Ghani said on Monday. "While the army units were carrying out their assigned tasks to end the conflict, our positions came under attack from illegal armed groups, resulting in the death of 18 of our soldiers and injuries to several others," Ghani said. The spokesman said that the armed conflict stems from a months-long power vacuum in Suwayda. Earlier in the day, the Syrian Defense Ministry said that more than 30 people were killed and more than 100 others injured in clashes in Suwayda province.

"We did that through trade": Trump reiterates claim of ending IndiaPak conflict

Agencies, Washington DC

US President Donald Trump reiterated his claim on Monday (local time) that he stopped the escalation of the recent India-Pakistan conflict after the Pahalgam terror attack.

Trump made these remarks during his meeting with the Secretary General of NATO, Mark Rutte.

"We have been very successful in settling wars, India, Pakistan... India, by the way, Pakistan would have been a nuclear war within another week, the way that was going. It was going very badly," Trump stated.

He pointed to his strategy of using trade as leverage, stating, "We



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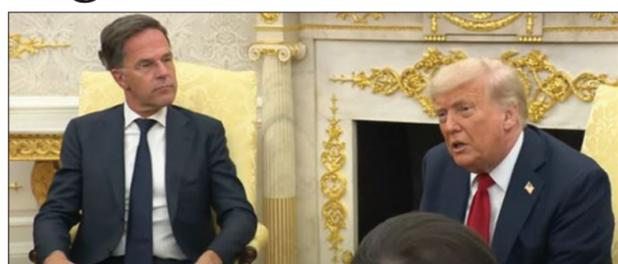
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