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Teenage girl arrested after fatal stabbing north of Sydney

Sydney: A teenage girl has been arrested after another teenager was fatally stabbed north of Sydney. Police in the state of New South Wales (NSW) said on Tuesday that emergency services were called to reports of a stabbing in Edgeworth, a suburb of the city of Newcastle 110 km north of Sydney, at about 10:20 p.m. on Monday. Officers arrived at the scene and found a teenage girl with an injury to her torso. She was treated by ambulance paramedics before being taken to the hospital in a critical condition, where she later died from her injuries.

1 dead, 1 critical after workplace incident

Sydney: A man died and another was hospitalised in a critical condition after a concrete pump fell on them at their workplace in northwest Sydney today, local media said. Emergency services were called to the incident spot at a construction site in Carlingford, 18 km northwest of central Sydney, around 9 a.m.. They arrived to find two men with critical injuries. Local media reported that a concrete pump had fallen on the two men. Ambulance paramedics arrived and treated both men, aged 40 and 30, before transporting them to hospital.

Police arrest 7 drug smugglers in E-Afghanistan

Kabul: Police have arrested seven individuals on charges of involvement in drug smuggling and selling the contraband to locals in the eastern Afghanistan Laghman province, said a news release of the provincial police office on Tuesday. The alleged smugglers were smuggling and selling a variety of illegal drugs, including methamphetamine, stimulant tablets locally known as “tablet K,” the news release said.

Hong Kong issues top rainstorm warning

Hong Kong: The Hong Kong Observatory on Tuesday morning issued the black rainstorm warning signal, the fourth time within eight days. This is the highest level in the observatory's three-tier heavy rain alert system. This indicates that heavy rain has fallen or is expected to fall generally over Hong Kong, exceeding 70 mm in an hour, and is likely to continue. Due to seriously flooded roads and inclement weather conditions, people are advised to take shelter in a safe place. An emergency coordination center of the Home Affairs Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government is in operation.

UAE aid ship ‘Khalifa’ arrives in Al Arish Port

Al Arish, Egypt: The eighth UAE aid ship, Khalifa, reached Al Arish Port in Egypt on Tuesday as part of “Operation Chivalrous Knight 3,” in preparation for delivering its cargo to the Gaza Strip, in continuation of the UAE's humanitarian support for the Palestinian people. The ship was received by a delegation of representatives from humanitarian and charitable organisations, along with Ahmed Sari Al Mazrouei, Secretary-General of the Emirates Red Crescent (ERC), and Egyptian officials.

Mexico: 7 killed, 11 injured in prison riot

Mexico City: A deadly riot in Mexico's Tuxpan prison left seven inmates dead and eleven injured, following clashes between prisoners and the criminal gang Grupo Sombra, Khaama Press reported on Tuesday. International media reported a deadly riot at the Tuxpan prison in Veracruz state, Mexico, that resulted in the deaths of at least seven inmates and left eleven others injured.

302 dead, 727 injured as Pakistan battered by Monsoon rains

Islamabad: The relentless monsoon rains in Pakistan have claimed at least 302 lives and injured 727 people across the country, according to the latest figures released by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Geo News reported. The death toll includes 104 men, 57 women, and 141 children, while the injured comprise 278 men, 207 women, and 242 children.

Bangladesh’s Yunus urges building a new nation in address to people

Dhaka (UNI)
Bangladesh's Chief Advisor Mohammed Yunus, unveiling the so-called July Declaration, delivered a national address in Bangladesh and urged the countrymen to never bow their heads to oppression, while calling for the construction of a new, more humane, non-discriminatory, democratic nation.
“Build a state which will always work for the public welfare,” he said, highlighting his vision and noting that they have not come just to remember the past, but they have come to take an oath, reports Business Standard BD.
The declaration, which is being unveiled today also marks one year of the July uprising, resulting in the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Awami League government.



The 86-year-old CA paid his tribute to those who died during the mass uprising last year, and described August 5 not just as a day of

remembrance, but an occasion for national commitment.
“August 5 is not just a commemorative day, it is a tale of mass awak-

Israeli cabinet may order complete Gaza takeover

Agencies, Jerusalem
Israel's cabinet could authorise on Tuesday a complete military takeover of Gaza for the first time in two decades, media reported, despite international pressure for a ceasefire to ease appalling conditions in the besieged Palestinian territory.
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is leaning towards an expanded offensive and taking control of the entire enclave after 22 months of war against militant group Hamas, Israeli Channel 12 reported.
A senior Israeli source told Reuters on Monday that more force was an option following the collapse of indirect ceasefire talks with Hamas.
Seizing the entire territory would reverse a 2005 decision by Israel to pull settlers and military out of Gaza while retaining control over its borders - a move right-wing parties blame for Hamas gaining power there.
It was unclear, however, whether a potential full takeover of Gaza would entail a prolonged occupation or a short-term operation aimed at dismantling Hamas and freeing



hostages.
Israel's coalition government is regarded as one of the most right-wing in its history, with the cabinet including parties that seek to annex both Gaza and the West Bank and encourage Palestinians to leave their homeland.
The country's military has throughout the war pushed back against the idea of Israel trying to fully occupy Gaza and establish military rule there, which would require it to take over long-term governance. The military has also struggled

with manpower issues as the war has dragged on, with reservists being repeatedly called up and putting a strain on capabilities.
The conflict was triggered by a Hamas attack on October 7, 2023, when gunmen stormed the border from Gaza, killing more than 1,200 people and seizing around 250 hostages according to Israeli tallies.
Israel's military campaign has devastated the tiny, crowded enclave, killing more than 60,000 people according to Palestinian health authorities.
It has forced nearly all of Gaza's over 2 million people from their homes and caused what a global hunger monitor called last week an unfolding famine.
That has caused widespread international anger and prompted several European countries to say they would recognise a Palestinian state next month if there was no ceasefire.
Inside Gaza on Tuesday, Israeli gunfire and strikes killed at least 13 Palestinians, local health authorities said, including five people in a tent in Khan Younis and three aid seekers near Rafah in the south.

Israel says it will allow controlled entry of goods into Gaza via merchants

Israel says it will allow gradual and controlled entry of goods to Gaza through local merchants, an Israeli military agency that coordinates aid said on Tuesday, as global monitors say famine is unfolding in the enclave, impacting the hostages Hamas holds.
Israel's COGAT said a mechanism has been approved by the cabinet to expand the scope of humanitarian aid, allowing the entry of supplies to Gaza through the private sector.
The agency said the approved

goods include basic food products, baby food, fruits and vegetables, and hygiene supplies.
“This aims to increase the volume of aid entering the Gaza Strip, while reducing reliance on aid collection by the U.N. and international organisations,” it added.
It was unclear how this aid operation would work given the widespread destruction in Gaza.
Palestinian and U.N. officials say Gaza needs around 600 aid trucks to enter per day to meet the humanitarian requirements - the number

Israel used to allow into Gaza before the war.
Images of starving Palestinians including children have alarmed the world in recent weeks, while a video released by Hamas on Sunday showing an emaciated captive drew sharp criticism from Western powers.
Israel in response to a rising international uproar, announced last week steps to let more aid reach Gaza, including pausing fighting for part of the day in some areas, approving air drops and announcing protected routes for aid convoys.

Brazil's SC orders house arrest for ex-Prez Jair Bolsonaro

Brasilia: The Supreme Court of Brazil has ordered the house arrest of former President Jair Bolsonaro, who is on trial over an alleged plot to overturn the results of the 2022 presidential election. Justice Alexandre de Moraes issued the order Monday, saying Bolsonaro had failed to comply with restrictions previously imposed on him by the court, including use of social media and cell phones, CNN reports.
The order said Bolsonaro recorded speeches to be posted on other users' social media accounts in which his ankle monitor is visible, which Moraes said defied an order prohibiting “exploitation of interviews or public or private speeches posted on third parties' social media.” The former president is also prohibited from using a cell phone, directly or through third parties.

Hong Kong reels from heaviest August rain since 1884

Agencies, Hong Kong
Blackened skies unleashed record-breaking rains on Hong Kong and the high-tech cities surrounding South China's Pearl River Delta on Tuesday, disrupting hospitals and shuttering schools and law courts across the Asian financial hub.
More than 350mm (13.8 inches) of rain had drenched Hong Kong by 2 p.m. (0600 GMT), the city's weather authorities said — the highest daily rainfall for August since 1884.
Videos showed torrents of water cascading down steep hillsides in the former British colony, breaking into white-water streams as they rushed down the many staircases linking Hong Kong's multi-tiered cityscape.
The deluge prompted the weather bureau to extend its highest “black” rainstorm warning until 5 p.m.
The water had risen to ankle-height outside Hong Kong's largest



hospital, as medical authorities announced they would be closing clinics across the city due to the downpour.
Extreme rainfall and catastrophic flooding, which meteorologists link

to climate change, pose mounting challenges for officials in mainland China, sweeping people to their deaths, displacing thousands, and threatening billions of dollars in economic losses.

Pak police arrest 120 workers of ex-PM Imran Khan’s party Ahead of protest

Agencies, Lahore
Police arrested 120 activists of Pakistan's main opposition party in raids overnight, security officials said, ahead of protests planned for Tuesday, the second anniversary of the jailing of their leader, Imran Khan.
Most of the detentions, made on Monday night and early on Tuesday, were in the eastern city of Lahore, two police officers told Reuters, where Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party vowed its biggest demonstration, as well as protests elsewhere.
At least 200 activists had been arrested from Lahore, said party spokesperson Zulfikar Bukhari, adding that the protest would go ahead.
Lahore is the capital of the eastern province of Punjab, the country's most politically important region and home to half its population.



The Punjab government and the provincial police did not respond to requests for comment on Tuesday.
In a statement on Monday, police said large contingents of police were providing security in all the province's major cities.
Khan's party had always created “chaos”, Uzma Bukhari, a spokesperson of the provincial government, told a press conference on Monday.

“No political party can be barred from politics in Pakistan, but a terrorist organisation disguised as a political party is not allowed to disrupt Pakistan's peace,” Bukhari added.
In a message attributed to Khan on his party's X account on Monday, he urged supporters to “come out and hold peaceful protests until a true democracy is restored in the country”.
The former cricket star was elected prime minister in 2018 but, once in office, fell out with Pakistan's powerful military and was ousted in 2022 through a vote in parliament.
His arrest in May 2023 sparked protests against the military nationwide, leading to a crackdown on the party.
Khan, who denies any wrongdoing, dismisses as politically motivated the dozens of cases against him, ranging from terrorism to disclosure of official secrets.

UK to start returning some migrants to France within days under new deal



Agencies, London
Britain said it will begin implementing a deal to return some migrants who arrive on small boats to France within days, a key part of its plans to cut illegal migration, after a treaty on the arrangement is ratified on Tuesday.
Under the new deal, France has agreed to accept the return of un-

Hundreds of Israeli ex-officials appeal to Trump to help end Gaza war

Jerusalem: A group of some 600 retired Israeli security officials, including former heads of intelligence agencies, have written to US President Donald Trump to pressure Israel to immediately end the war in Gaza, reports BBC.
“It is our professional judgement that Hamas no longer poses a strategic threat to Israel,” the officials said.
“Your credibility with the vast majority of Israelis augments your ability to steer Prime Minister [Benjamin] Netanyahu and his government in the right direction: End the war, return the hostages, stop the suffering,” they wrote.
Their appeal comes amid reports that Netanyahu is pushing to expand military operations in Gaza as indirect ceasefire talks with Hamas have stalled.
The latest intervention by the top former Israeli officials came after videos of two emaciated Israeli hostages were released by Hamas and Islamic Jihad militants.

Mass shooting in Los Angeles kills 2 people, injures 6 after music fest

Los Angeles (UNI)
At least two people died, and six others were injured in a mass shooting in downtown Los Angeles following the Hard Summer music festival, the Los Angeles Police Department confirmed to The Hollywood Reporter.
A “large party” in the 1100 block of 14th Place was first shut down around 11 p.m. on Sunday after officers saw a person possibly armed with a gun go inside the venue. The person was arrested at the scene, according to the LAPD.
At around 1 a.m. on Monday, officers were dispatched back to the area following reports of gunfire.
The officers found eight people were shot upon their arrival. One



man was declared dead at the scene and seven others were taken to the hospital. One woman later died from her injuries while at the hospital.

Brazil to challenge US tariffs at WTO, mulls relief package

Brasilia (UNI)
Brazil is preparing to formally challenge the newly imposed US tariffs at the World Trade Organization (WTO) while keeping the door open to negotiations, officials said.
The move comes after US President Donald Trump announced a 50 per cent tariff on a range of Brazilian exports, including coffee, beef and petrochemicals, set to take effect Wednesday.
The measure affects roughly 35 per cent of Brazil's exports to the United States, though key products such as energy products and certain minerals were excluded.
Brazil's Chamber of Foreign

Trade approved a proposal on Monday to begin a formal consultation with the World Trade Organization, the first step in a dispute settlement process.
The chamber's council of ministers forwarded the decision to President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who will determine “how and when” to present the complaint to the trade body.
Vice President Geraldo Alckmin said that Brazil is working to reduce the new tariff's impact and has already met agribusiness representatives to coordinate strategies. The government will also continue talks with affected sectors.

Japan sets record high temperatures, worries mount over rice crops

Tokyo: Japan recorded its highest-ever temperature of 41.8 degrees Celsius (107.2 degrees Fahrenheit) on Tuesday, prompting the government to advise residents to stay indoors and promise steps to ease weather-related damage to rice crops.
Readings in the eastern city of Isesaki, in Gunma prefecture, surpassed the previous high of 41.2 C marked last week in the western city of Tamba in Hyogo prefecture, the country's meteorological agency said. So far this summer, more than 53,000 people have been taken to hospital for heat stroke, according to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency.