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Indonesia steps up search for missing helicopter

**Jakarta:** A joint rescue team of about 80 people continued for a third day of the search for a missing helicopter in Indonesia's South Kalimantan province, the National Search and Rescue Agency (BASARNAS) said Wednesday. The team, divided into two air and three ground units, focused its operations in the Mentewe Forest area. "Before beginning the search, the ground units installed a repeater to strengthen radio communication in the field," said Arianto, an official with the local BASARNAS office. The ground units are combing an area of 100 square nautical miles in the forest, while air units conducted searches at 3,000 feet using parallel and sector patterns over designated coordinates.

Police arrest murderer of family members in W Afghanistan

**Kabul:** Police have apprehended the murderer of three members of his family in western Afghanistan's Herat province, provincial police spokesman Ghulam Nabi Nabizada said Wednesday. The murderer has admitted to his crime during preliminary investigation and said that he killed his wife, mother and daughter, the official added. Without providing more details, the official added that the alleged murderer would be referred to the judiciary for further investigation.

3 killed in stabbing attack in S-Korea

**Seoul:** Three people were killed in a stabbing attack in South Korea's capital Seoul on Wednesday, according to multiple media outlets. A man stabbed two other men and a woman with a knife at a restaurant in southwestern Seoul at about 10:57 a.m. local time (0157 GMT). The victims, seriously injured in the abdomen, were taken to a nearby hospital but died. The suspect also suffered a serious injury after attempting to take his own life. Police believed that the suspect was motivated by a business dispute, and planned to investigate the suspect according to the progress of his treatment.

US Delta Air Lines restarts flights to Israel

**Jerusalem:** U.S. airline Delta Air Lines has resumed operations to Israel with a flight taking off from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport and landing at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv on Tuesday. Delta Air Lines suspended flights to Israel on June 13, following the outbreak of the 12-day conflict between Israel and Iran. "Delta is continuously monitoring the evolving security environment and assessing our operations based on security guidance and intelligence reports," the airline said in a statement. Delta is the second U.S. carrier to restart flights to Israel, following United Airlines' return in July.

Fiji to inaugurate Jerusalem embassy in mid-September

**Tel Aviv:** Fiji will open its first embassy in Jerusalem on September 17, Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar announced. Fijian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sitiveni Rabuka will attend the inauguration. Sa'ar welcomed the decision, calling Jerusalem "the eternal capital of the Jewish people," and said Israel will continue efforts to bring additional embassies to the capital.

Car bomb attack targets military HQ in W. Libya

**Tripoli:** A suicide car bomb targeted the headquarters of Libya's 444th Combat Brigade in Bani Walid, about 170 km southeast of the capital Tripoli, the brigade said Tuesday. In an official statement posted on its Facebook page, the brigade said a suicide attacker detonated himself inside the vehicle in front of the headquarters. The statement, accompanied by photos showing the aftermath of the attack, said the situation is under control and that the headquarters continues to perform its duties. The 444th Combat Brigade is one of the military units affiliated with the Libyan army in the western region, under the authority of the UN-recognised Government of National Unity (GNU) based in Tripoli.

China displays its military might

Beijing/New Delhi (UNI)

In a display of its military might to mark 80 years since World War II ended, China today held a massive parade at the historic Tiananmen Square in Beijing showcasing its latest generation of missiles, tanks, drones and fighter jets.

US President Donald Trump was quick to react to China's show of strength and described it as a 'conspiracy.'

More than 10,000 soldiers of the Peoples' liberation Army (PLA), Chinese Air Force and Navy and nearly 100 aircraft participated in the parade commemorating the "80th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War."

Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un were among the 26 world leaders who attended the event which followed the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit held in the port city of Tianjin in North China on August 31-September 1. Prime Min-

Trump calls it 'conspiracy' against US



ister Narendra Modi who also attended the SCO Summit, however, did not attend the military parade today and had returned home on September 1 after the conclusion of the SCO Summit.

PLA's new system of services and

arms were displayed at the parade for the first time. These included unmanned intelligence equipment, hypersonic missiles and electronic jamming systems. This was the second time since 2015 that China has held a military parade to commemo-

rate the victory in the "Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War."

Helicopters flew over Tiananmen Square carrying banners that read "Justice Prevails," "Peace Prevails" and "The People Prevail."

In his speech, President Xi said the PLA should provide strategic support for China's rejuvenation. He reiterated China's commitment to peaceful development saying humanity is again faced with a choice of peace or war, dialogue or confrontation and win-win outcomes or zero-sum games, according to China's government readout.

President Xi said China's rejuvenation is "unstoppable" and humanity's cause of peace and development will prevail. "The Chinese people will stand firmly on the right side of history and on the side of human progress, adhere to the path of peaceful development, and join hands with the rest of the world to build a community with a shared future for humanity," he said.

14 killed, 35 injured in blast in SW Pakistan



Islamabad (UNI)

At least 14 people were killed and 35 others injured when a blast went off in Pakistan's southwest Balochistan province, health and police officials said here on Wednesday.

Confirming the casualties, Waseem Baig, media coordinator of the provincial health ministry, told media that the death toll might further rise as several among the injured are in critical condition.

The explosion occurred near a political gathering in the Shahwani Stadium area of the provincial capital city of Quetta, police sources told

media.

According to the government officials, the explosion appeared to be a suicide bombing, saying an investigation has been launched into the incident to ascertain the exact nature of the cause and apprehend the perpetrators of the deadly attack.

After the attack, the law enforcement agencies and rescue teams reached the scene and the injured were taken to the hospital for treatment. The security forces have cordoned off the area and begun collecting evidence. No group has claimed responsibility for the blast yet.

Six killed in attack on passenger vehicle in Lower Kurram

At least six people were killed when unidentified assailants opened fire on a passenger vehicle in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's (KP) Lower Kurram area, police said here on Wednesday.

The incident occurred in the Ahmad Khan Kale area when the vehicle, travelling from Para Chamkani to Sadda, came under attack by the attackers.

According to police, the motive behind the shooting was not immediately clear, adding that a heavy police contingent was dispatched to the area as an investigation was underway.

Police shifted the bodies to the tehsil headquarters hospital in Sadda for medico-legal formalities, Geo news reported.

Acting Thai PM seeks to dissolve lower house for general election

Bangkok (UNI)

Thailand's acting Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai announced on Wednesday that his caretaker government has moved to dissolve the lower house of parliament, potentially leading to an early general election. Speaking to reporters at the government house, Phumtham confirmed that a decree to disband the House of Representatives was submitted to King Maha Vajiralongkorn on Tuesday and now awaits royal approval.

Given ongoing challenges, Phumtham said restoring political stability was essential to prevent further economic decline, stressing that the appropriate course of action would be to return decision-making authority to the electorate after discussions with the legal team.

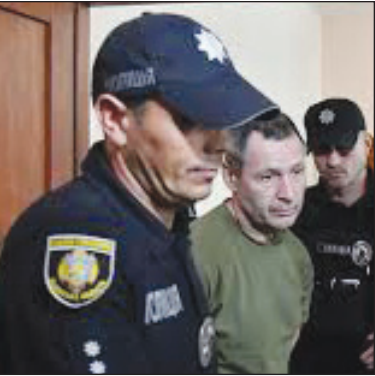
"In my capacity as acting prime minister, I have reviewed all these opinions thoroughly and decided to report the situation to the King for



his consideration in resolving the problem in accordance with the democratic process under the constitution," he said.

The move to seek parliament dissolution came as the ruling Pheu Thai Party lost its majority in the lower house and is struggling to form a new government following a constitutional court ruling that removed Paetongtarn Shinawatra from her premiership over ethics violations last week.

Suspect admits killing Ukrainian lawmaker



Kyiv (UNI)

The suspected killer of Ukrainian lawmaker Andriy Parubiy admitted his role in the politician's death on Tuesday, claiming to have carried out the crime in an act of "revenge"

against the country's authorities.

Parubiy, a prominent nationalist politician who was previously the chair of Ukraine's parliament, was shot dead in what police called a "carefully planned" attack in the western city of Lviv on Saturday last, reports CNN.

The suspect, a 52-year-old resident of Lviv whose name has not been released by police, told journalists on Tuesday that he was responsible for Parubiy's death, video from inside the court showed.

He described the killing as his "personal revenge against the Ukrainian authorities".

"Yes, I admit I killed him," he told reporters inside the court, while refuting speculation that he worked with any Russian special services to carry out the killing.

N-Korea releases propaganda video

Pyeongyang (UNI)

Just days before Kim Jong Un is due to stand with Russia's Vladimir Putin to witness a display of China's military might, North Korea has released a propaganda film praising its troops' efforts fighting for Russia in its war against Ukraine.

The 20-minute video, released by North Korean state media KCTV, showed heavily dramatized shots of soldiers on the snow-covered battlefield - handling weapons, holding meetings with Russian soldiers and installing bombs on trees, reports CNN.

It also showed aerial footage purported to be of damage inflicted by North Korean soldiers, with clips of explosions and targeted strikes.

Other parts of the video emphasized the soldiers' patriotism - with

Praising its soldiers who fought for Russia



one shot appearing to show soldiers gazing at a framed portrait of Kim, and another showing a soldier pressing his cheek to the North Korean flag.

It's unclear how much of the

Rift between Netanyahu & Israel's military deepens over assault on Gaza City

Jerusalem (UNI)

Tensions between Israel's military and political leadership have sharply escalated over the past week, with the military chief directly confronting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a recent meeting over plans to expand the Gaza war, Israeli officials told CNN.

Tens of thousands of Israeli reservists have begun reporting for duty to prepare for the massive operation, despite the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir repeatedly voicing reservations about the decision to take over Gaza City after almost two years of fighting.

According to Israeli officials who were briefed on the exchange in two recent security cabinet meetings about the Gaza City operation, Za-

ramifications.

In the most recent stormy security cabinet meeting on Sunday evening, Zamir once again urged the ministers to consider the latest ceasefire proposal put forward by Egyptian and Qatari mediators that has been accepted by Hamas, the officials told CNN.

"There is a framework on the table, and we should take it," he said. However, Netanyahu chose not to raise the proposal or to put it on the cabinet's agenda, but Zamir nevertheless insisted on making his case.

The officials said the IDF chief also warned that the decision to take over Gaza City will eventually lead to a full Israeli military occupation of the Gaza Strip, with Israel bearing complete responsibility for its entire population.



mir challenged the decision to carry out the offensive, focusing on the potential risks to the 48 Israeli hostages remaining in Gaza, and to soldiers on the battleground.

He also raised objections to the displacement of up to one million Palestinians in the process and its potential humanitarian and strategic

UN issues statement on Israeli attack on peacekeepers

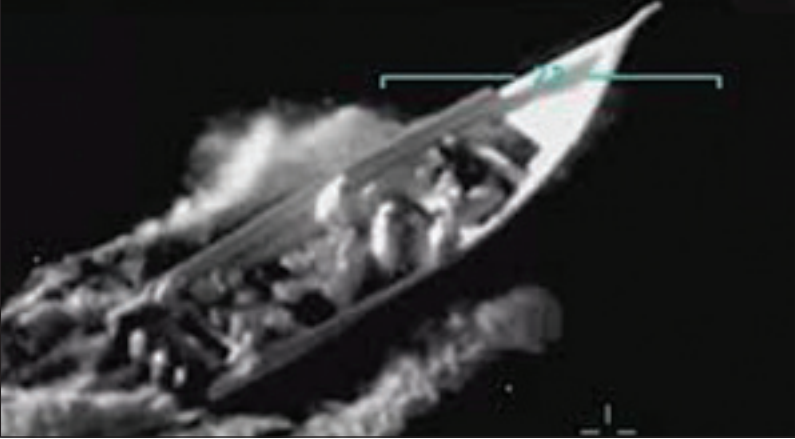
**Beirut:** The United Nations on Wednesday issued a statement condemning an Israeli drone attack on its peacekeepers in southern Lebanon a day earlier, calling it one of the most serious incidents targeting its personnel and assets since the cessation of hostilities agreement reached last November.

Israel Defence Forces (IDF) drones dropped four grenades Tuesday morning near peacekeepers under the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

The peacekeepers were clearing roadblocks blocking access to a UN position close to the Blue Line, a border demarcation between Lebanon and Israel established by the UN in 2000.

One grenade landed within 20 meters of UN personnel and vehicles, while three others fell within about 100 meters.

US kills 11 in strike on Venezuelan cartel's boat carrying drugs



the United States and Western Hemisphere," Trump said in a post on Truth Social.

"Please let this serve as notice to anybody even thinking about bringing drugs into the United States of America. BEWARE!" he added.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio described the "lethal strike" as taking place in the "southern Caribbean" targeting "a drug vessel which had departed from Venezuela."

"As the President of the US just announced moments ago, today the U.S. military conducted a lethal strike in the southern Caribbean against a drug vessel which had departed from Venezuela and was be-

ing operated by a designated narco-terrorist organisation, Rubio said in post on X.

The State Department has designated Tren de Aragua, which originated in Venezuela, as a foreign terrorist organisation and specially designated global terrorists in February, as per CNN.

The US has deployed a large number of military assets around the Caribbean and Latin America, drawing strong criticism from Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro.

Speaking before his departure for trips to Mexico and Ecuador on Tuesday, Rubio said the "counter-drug mission" would continue.