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Trump confirms US to host 2026 G20 Summit in Miami

Washington: US President Donald Trump has officially announced that the United States will host the 2026 G20 Summit in Miami, Florida, coinciding with the nation's 250th anniversary celebrations. During an announcement on Friday (local time) at the White House, where he officially signed an executive order that reverted the Department of Defence's name to the Department of War, Trump expressed his enthusiasm about bringing the high-level global summit to the United States for the first time in nearly two decades.

Thai PM-elect taps veterans to run foreign, energy and finance ministries

Bangkok: Thailand's parliament votes for a new prime minister following the Constitutional Court's removal of PM Paetongtarn in Bangkok. Bhumjaithai Party leader and prime ministerial candidate Anutin Charnvirakul arrives at the parliament ahead of the vote for a new prime minister, following the Constitutional Court's removal of Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra from office for an ethics violation, in Bangkok, Thailand, September 5, 2025.

UAE President, VPs congratulate King of Eswatini on National Day

Abu Dhabi: President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has sent a message of congratulations to King Mswati III of Eswatini, on the occasion of his country's National Day. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, and Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Presidential Court, also sent similar messages to King Mswati III and the country's Prime Minister Russell Mmiso Dlamini on the occasion.

3rd internet shutdown in Balochistan

Balochistan: Authorities in Pakistan have once again suspended 3G and 4G mobile internet services across multiple districts in Balochistan, citing concerns over public safety and ongoing security threats. The temporary shutdown began at 5 PM on Thursday, September 5, and is expected to continue until 9 PM on Friday, September 6, according to The Balochistan Post. According to an official government notification reported by The Balochistan Post, the suspension is due to the prevailing law and order situation and the presence of religious processions in the province.

Lammy named UK's new Deputy PM in cabinet reshuffle

London: Following the resignation of Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer has initiated a major cabinet reshuffle. In the shake-up, Yvette Cooper was named foreign minister. She replaces David Lammy, who will now serve as deputy prime minister and justice minister, according to a cabinet statement. At the same time, Shabana Mahmood, the current justice minister, will take over Cooper's former role as home secretary, which includes managing issues like illegal migration.

UN condemns attacks on peacekeepers in South Sudan

Juba: The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) has condemned an ambush on its peacekeepers in Western Equatoria State by a local armed group, which resulted in the seizure of weapons. In a statement issued Thursday evening in Juba, the capital of South Sudan, UNMISS said the attack occurred on Wednesday as its military personnel were conducting a patrol between Tambura and Mapuse. "The Mission reiterates that its peacekeepers are deployed to protect civilians at a time when access and security remain fragile across Western Equatoria, particularly in and around Tambura. They must not be targeted by armed groups," the statement said.

Khalistani groups receive financial support from Canada for politically motivated violence

Agencies, Ottawa

Several terrorist entities, including Khalistani violent extremist groups, continue to receive financial support originating from Canada for activities linked to politically motivated violence in the country, according to a new report released by the Canadian Department of Finance.

The 2025 Assessment of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Risks places certain Khalistani groups, including Babbar Khalsa International and the International Sikh Youth Federation, under the category of Politically Motivated Violent Extremism (PMVE) and suspects them of exploiting funding networks, including those in the non-profit and charitable sectors, to support their objectives.

The assessment defines PMVE as "the use of violence to establish new



political systems or new structures and norms within existing systems."

These groups are designated as terrorist entities under the Canadian Criminal Code, which is also in-

cludes Hamas and Hezbollah.

It clarifies that while such extremism may include religious elements, it is primarily driven by political self-determination or representation

rather than by racial or ethnic supremacy.

"Several terrorist entities listed under the Criminal Code in Canada that fall under the PMVE category, such as Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Khalistani violent extremist groups Babbar Khalsa International and the International Sikh Youth Federation, have been observed by law enforcement and intelligence agencies to receive financial support originating from Canada," the report read.

Notably, Canada's financial intelligence agency, FINTRAC, in its 2022 Operational Alert, had identified Hezbollah as the second most frequently identified international terrorist group receiving funds from Canada.

The new 2025 assessment elaborates on the financing methods employed by PMVE groups.

Israeli military urges Gaza City residents to leave

Agencies, Tel Aviv

The Israeli military on Saturday said Palestinians in Gaza City should leave for the south, as its forces advance deeper into the enclave's largest urban area.

Israeli forces have been carrying out an offensive on the suburbs of the northern city for weeks after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered the military to capture it.

Netanyahu says Gaza City is a Hamas stronghold and capturing it is necessary to defeat the Palestinian Islamist militants, whose October 23 attack on Israel sparked the war.

The assault threatens to displace hundreds of thousands of Palestinians sheltering there from nearly two years of fighting. Before the war, around a million people, nearly half



of Gaza's population, lived in the city.

Israeli military spokesperson Avichay Adraee wrote on X that residents should leave the city for a designated coastal area of Khan Younis in southern Gaza, assuring those fleeing that they would be able to receive food, medical care and shelter there.

The designated area was a "hu-

manitarian zone", Adraee said. On Thursday, the military said it had control over almost half of the city. It says it controls about 75% of all of Gaza. Many of those in Gaza City were displaced earlier in the war only to later return. Some residents have said that they refuse to be displaced again.

The military has been carrying out heavy strikes on the city for weeks, advancing through outer suburbs, and this week forces were within a few kilometres of the city centre.

Netanyahu, backed by right-wing coalition allies, ordered the capture of Gaza City against the advice of Israel's military leadership, according to Israeli officials. Despite its hesitation, the military has called up tens of thousands of reservists to support the operation.

US appeals court says Trump cannot continue foreign aid cuts

Agencies, Washington

A U.S. appeals court on Friday declined to block a lower court ruling that said President Donald Trump's administration could not unilaterally cut billions of dollars of foreign aid, requiring the administration to quickly move to spend funds on projects authorized by Congress.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit made its ruling just days after a lower court ruled that the administration should take steps to spend roughly \$1 billion on foreign aid projects before Congressional authorization for the spending expires in September.

The appeals court did not explain its decision, saying only that the Trump administration had not "sat-

Iran executes man involved in 2022 uprising over women's rights

Tehran: Iran on Saturday executed a man accused of killing a security officer during unrest sparked by the 2022 death of Mahsa Amini, the judiciary's Mizan website reported.

Rights groups say authorities often rely on forced confessions obtained under torture to convict protesters.

Mizan said Mehran Bahramian was among the attackers on a security forces vehicle in the Semerrom area of Isfahan province that led to the shooting death of officer Mohsen Rezai in December 2022. Several others were injured, it added.

Saturday's execution brings to at least 10 the number of people hanged over the protests that erupted in mid-September 2022 after 22-year-old Amini died in the custody of Iran's morality police for allegedly violating the hijab law.

Her death triggered nationwide demonstrations under the slogan "Woman, Life, Freedom".

Egypt says describing displacement of Palestinians as voluntary is 'nonsense'

Cairo: Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdellatif, whose country is a key mediator in efforts to end the Gaza war, said on Saturday that describing the displacement of Palestinians as voluntary was "nonsense".

Israel earlier called on Gaza City residents to leave for the south, as its forces advance deeper into the enclave's largest urban area.

"If there is a manmade famine (in Gaza), it is to push residents out of their land. It is nonsense to say that this is voluntary displacement," Abdellatif said in a joint press conference with the commissioner-general of the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees, Philippe Lazzarini.

He did not detail any of the countries involved, reports BBC.

Putin sought to quash the allies' initiative, with a warning that any troops deployed to Ukraine would be "legitimate targets", especially if they appeared now, even though there are



no plans for an immediate deployment.

As a result, there seems little hope of a ceasefire for now, after last month's summit in Alaska between Putins and US President Donald

Trump briefly raised hopes of a meeting with Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky and a potential peace deal.

Putin said on Friday he was ready for contact with the Ukrainian leader "but I do not see much point. Why? Because it is nearly impossible to reach agreement with the Ukrainian side on key issues".

Trump then posted on social media that it "looks like we've lost India and Russia to deepest, darkest China" above an image of the three countries' leaders at a summit in Tianjin on Tuesday.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, praised Trump's "very constructive efforts" in finding a solution, but attacked "the outrageous efforts of European countries to provoke continuation of the war".

Japan says US trade deal not settled, awaits pharma, chip orders

Agencies, Tokyo



While a presidential order has been issued concerning adjustments to general tariffs as well as automobile and auto parts tariffs, presidential orders for most-favoured-nation status for pharmaceuticals and semiconductors have not been issued," Ryo-sei Akazawa told reporters after returning from talks in Washington.

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"Therefore, it cannot be said that this is settled," said Akazawa, Japan's minister for economic policy, adding that Tokyo would continue to press for the remaining orders.

Pakistan: Floods force suspension of train operations on five sections in Punjab

Lahore: Train operations on five rail sections in Punjab have been suspended due to damage caused to railway tracks and infrastructure by ongoing floods and heavy rains in the province, Dawn reported.

According to an internal report compiled by the Pakistan Railways (PR) and cited by Dawn, the Narowal-Sialkot section has remained closed since August 27 after floodwater breached a portion of the track. The report said a Girder Span of bridge No 7 near Aik Nullah was also misaligned, allowing floodwater to maintain a high level and overtop the track. Repair works are underway and operations are expected to resume by September 12.

Tamil Nadu CM Stalin visits BR Ambedkar House in London

Agencies, London

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Saturday visited the BR Ambedkar House in London, the residence where Babasaheb had stayed while pursuing his studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

In a post on X, Stalin said he felt a deep sense of awe to visit the place where Ambedkar "rose through" his knowledge.

"Walking through its rooms, I felt a deep sense of awe. This was where a young man, once suppressed by caste in India, rose through knowledge to command respect in London and later became the chief architect of the Constitution of India," Stalin said.

He added, "What touched me most was seeing the historic picture of Thanthai Periyar (EV Ramaswamy) and Dr Ambedkar in conversation."

Stalin also paid his respects to Karl Marx during his visit, sharing a quote from the great philosopher who laid down the theory of Communism.

Serbian police use teargas to disperse anti-govt protesters

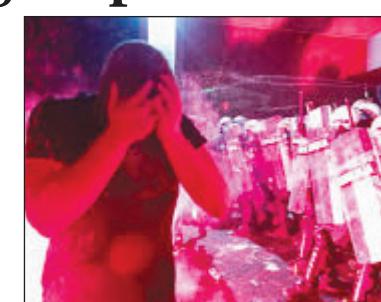
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in front of the philosophy faculty and threw flares while police used teargas and stun grenades to push the crowd away.

"We are not going to allow destruction of the state institutions," Vucic told reporters. "Serbia is a strong and responsible state."



WhatsApp - whose owner, Meta, is designated an extremist organisation in Russia - is especially popular with older people because of how easy it is to register and use. In some parts of Russia, particularly in remote and sparsely connected places in the Far East, WhatsApp is much more than chatting

with friends and colleagues. Mobile browsing is sometimes painfully slow, so people use the app to coordinate local matters, order taxis, buy alcohol and share news.

Both apps offer end-to-end encryption which means that no third party, not even those who own them, are able to read messages or listen to calls. Officials argue the apps refused to store Russian users' data in the country, as required by law, and they have claimed scammers exploit messaging apps. Yet Central Bank figures show most scams still happen over regular mobile networks.

Telecom experts and many Russians see the crackdown as the government trying to keep an eye on who people talk to and potentially what they say.

Agencies, Novi Sad, Serbia

Serbia's police used teargas and stun grenades at a university campus in Novi Sad to disperse protesters who demanded snap vote they hope would oust president Aleksandar Vucic and his ruling Serbian Progressive Party (SNS).

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