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**Bangladesh shakes again within 24 hours of earthquake**

**Dhaka:** Less than 24 hours later, another earthquake was felt in Bangladesh. The tremors were recorded by the Earthquake Observation and Research Centre of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department. A 3.3 magnitude tremor on the Richter scale was recorded at 10:36 am on Saturday in Bypile, Ashulia, Dhaka. Nizam Uddin Ahmed, an official at the Earthquake Monitoring and Research Centre, confirmed this information. He said, "This is a minor earthquake. Its epicentre is Bypail."

**Indonesia declared Polio-free by WHO**

**Jakarta:** The World Health Organisation (WHO) has officially declared the end of Indonesia's poliovirus type-2 outbreak, marking a major milestone in the country's public health efforts after years of low vaccination coverage. The announcement came on 19 November after no poliovirus was detected in children or the environment since June 2024. According to the Ministry of Health, nearly 60 million additional doses of polio vaccine were administered nationwide as part of the emergency response, as per the WHO. Health Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin credited the achievement to the dedication of healthcare workers, the cooperation of parents, and support from global partners, according to WHO.

**Rising Kabul-Islamabad tensions fuel crackdown on Afghan migrants**

**Kabul:** Rising tensions between Kabul and Islamabad have intensified difficulties for Afghan migrants living in Pakistan, with several reporting a spike in harassment and forced removals, Tolo News reported. Migrants say the strained political climate has increasingly shaped their day-to-day treatment. According to Tolo News, some Afghan migrants allege that police mistreatment has grown more severe in recent weeks. Hamed, an Afghan migrant in Pakistan, said, "Pakistani police severely harass Afghan migrants. They arrest them on roads, in shops, and in their homes. They extort bribes and demand large sums of money."

**EU urged to stop rewarding Pakistan's human rights abuses with trade privileges**

**Brussels:** At a demonstration organised by the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM) outside the European Parliament in Brussels, Jamil Maqsood, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the United Kashmir People's National Party (UKPNP), delivered a speech condemning Pakistan's worsening human rights situation and urging the European Union to enforce stricter accountability measures under the GSP+ scheme.

**Terrorist, member of the Palestinian police shot dead**

**Tel Aviv:** Members of the counter-terrorism unit eliminated a terrorist in the village of Tel, near Nablus who had yesterday shot and moderately wounded an IDF soldier. He was an officer in the Palestinian police. In the same area, Givatli reconnaissance unit fighters arrested another operative from the Palestinian security apparatus who is suspected of assisting the terrorist. Additional operations by security forces in Samaria resulted in the arrest of other terrorists active in the Palestinian security apparatus in the village of Burkin near Jenin and in the al-Faraa camp.

**Kyrgyzstan authorities detain opposition figures ahead of snap election**

**Bishkek:** Kyrgyz law enforcement on Saturday carried out a series of arrests, searches and interrogations of opposition figures and journalists as part of what authorities said was a probe into calls for "mass unrest" ahead of a snap parliamentary election on Nov 30. Though authorities did not link the arrests to the upcoming election, the vote is expected to consolidate the power of President Sadyr Japarov, a populist and nationalist who has clamped down on dissent in what was traditionally Central Asia's most democratic country.

**G20 Summit begins in Johannesburg**

**Amid war of words between South Africa and US over Trump's boycott**

Johannesburg (UNI)

The G-20 Summit began here on Saturday amid war of words between South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and the US over President Donald Trump's boycott of the Summit.

The two-day Summit of the world's 20 most powerful economies, being organized for the first time in South Africa, is being attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, French President Emmanuel Macron, Turkish President Recep Erdogan, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, China's Premier Li Qiang, French President Emmanuel Macron, Germany's Chancellor Friedrich Merz, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi among others.

The US President boycotted the



Summit in protest against the allegations that South Africa's Black majority government "persecutes its white minority." South Africa vehemently denies the allegations. The US also objected to any mention of climate or renewable energy in the discus-

sions at the Summit. Ramaphosa had said on Thursday that the US had reached out to South Africa at the last minute to discuss the possible participation. He did not elaborate.

However, US spokesperson Karo-

line Leavitt said there was no change in the US position and Ramaphosa was "running his mouth." She said the South African leader's comments were "not appreciated by the US President or his team."

Significantly, US which is a founder member of G20, will Chair the G20 Summit in 2026. Leavitt said the US will be sending an official for the handover ceremony.

President Ramaphosa hit back saying South Africa will hand over the Chairmanship to an "empty chair" rather than giving it to an official. The Chairmanship is normally handed over to the Head of State. He said the US is a member of G20. They are an original member of G20 and have every right to attend the Summit.

He, however, said "We will not be bullied."

In his inaugural address the South African President emphasised the importance of the Summit which is focused on issues including climate change, debt burdens for developing countries and global wealth inequality.

**Trump sets Nov 27 deadline for Ukraine**

Agencies, Washington

US President Donald Trump has set November 27 as the deadline for Ukraine to respond to Washington's 28-point peace plan aimed at ending the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. The move comes after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that Ukraine face a very difficult choice, "either losing dignity or risk losing a major partner."

Speaking to Fox News Radio on Friday, Trump said the deadline could be flexible only if negotiations show progress. "I've had a lot of deadlines, but if things are working well, you tend to extend the deadlines. But Thursday (November 27) is it, we think an appropriate time," he said.

Trump has effectively given Zelenskyy five days to decide, as Zelen-

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skyy said Ukraine must choose whether it wants to risk its dignity or lose a key ally. Trump also warned that Ukraine was losing territory and "will lose in a short period of time."

**Brazil ex-president Bolsonaro detained preventatively by police**

**Brasilia:** Former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro was taken into federal police custody on Saturday, his lawyer told Reuters, ending months of house arrest as he appealed a Supreme Court conviction for attacks on Brazil's democracy.

Bolsonaro's attorney Celso Vilardi did not give a reason for the detention. A person familiar with the matter said it was a preventative measure related to the terms of his house arrest. A federal police representative confirmed Bolsonaro was undergoing intake exams in Brasilia on Saturday morning. The former right-wing leader was sentenced in September to 27 years and three months in prison for plotting a coup to remain in power after losing the 2022 election to leftist President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

**Japanese PM's erroneous Taiwan-related remarks destabilizing to regional security: Robert Barwick**

Sydney (UNI)

Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's erroneous remarks on China's Taiwan are very destabilizing and undermine the security of the entire region, Australian Citizens Party's National Chairman Robert Barwick has said.

"One of the cornerstones of regional security since World War II has been Japan's pacifist constitution, which Takaichi has a long record of trying to water down, and has continued trying to do so as prime minister," Barwick told Xinhua in a recent interview.

On top of that, Takaichi has shown her sympathy for the Japanese war criminals who committed atrocities against Chinese, Koreans, Australians and others in World War



II, Barwick said. "Her statement is therefore very destabilizing to regional security," he said, adding that it "undermines both Japan's security, and the security of the entire region." Takaichi said on Nov. 7 during a

**COP30 climate summit deadlocked as EU rejects draft deal**

Agencies, Belem, Brazil

The outcome of Brazil's COP30 climate summit was left hanging in the balance, with the European Union refusing to accept a draft deal it said would fail to advance global efforts to curb greenhouse gas emissions driving climate change.

The two-week conference being held in the Amazon city of Belem had been scheduled to end Friday evening, but blew past that deadline as negotiations continued late into the night.

Brazil has cast the summit as a make-or-break moment for global climate cooperation, urging nations



to bridge divides on issues including the future of fossil fuels and to send a message that concerted global action is the best way forward.

"This cannot be an agenda that divides us," COP30 President André Corrêa do Lago told delegates in a public plenary session before releasing them for further negotiations.

"We must reach an agreement between us."

Some emerging economies hit back at the EU's position, demanding the bloc commit more finance to help poorer nations cope with climate change.

**EDF abandons plan to end cooperation with Russia on reprocessed Uranium**

**Paris:** EDF, the French energy company that operates the country's nuclear power plants, has abandoned its plan to sever ties with Russia in the production of reprocessed uranium, French media reported.

The company had intended to reduce its reliance on Russia by developing a uranium conversion plant in Western Europe.

However, according to La Tribune, EDF's plan to expand the use of recycled uranium is now "largely compromised."

EDF had initially planned to utilize part of the capacity at a uranium conversion plant owned by the U.S. company Westinghouse Electric, located in Springfield, UK. However, the French firm was asked to commit additional funds for the project.

**Greene announces resignation from Congress after clash with President**

Washington (SPUTNIK/UNI)

Former Donald Trump ally Marjorie Taylor Greene announced Friday that she was stepping down from her Georgia seat in the US Congress after her clash with the President in a move that will force a special election and could further fracture loyalties within the ruling Republican party.

"I have too much self respect and dignity, love my family too much, and do not want my sweet district to have to endure a hurtful and hateful primary against me by the President we all fought for, only to fight and win my election while Republicans will likely lose the midterms," Greene said in a statement she read out on the X platform, formerly known as Twitter.



Greene's resignation means a special election will have to be held for her seat as there is no provision in the US Congress to temporarily fill a seat with an unelected person.

The midterms that she referred to is the regular biannual election held in the middle of a presidency to choose members for the US House of Representatives. The next midterms are in November 2026.

Greene was once Trump's biggest ally, supporting some of his most controversial ideas and plans.

**Central Vietnam death toll rises to 55 from flooding, landslides**

**Vietnam:** The death toll from torrential rain, flooding and landslides in central Vietnam has risen to 55, with 13 people reported missing, the country's disaster agency said on Saturday. Rainfall exceeded 1,900 mm (74.8 inches) in some parts of central Vietnam over the past week. The region is a major coffee production belt and home to popular beaches, but it is also prone to storms and floods.

Nearly half of the fatalities were in Dak Lak province, where 27 people have died, while 14 people have died in Khanh Hoa province. The government estimates the flooding has cost the economy around 8.98 trillion dong (\$341 million). Over 235,000 houses were flooded and nearly 80,000 hectares of crops were damaged, Vietnam's disaster agency said.

**China, US hold military maritime consultative talks in Hawaii**

Beijing (UNI)

The Chinese and US militaries held the second working group meeting and annual session of the China-U.S. Military Maritime Consultative Agreement (MMCA) for 2025 from Nov 18 to 20 in Hawaii, the United States, the Chinese navy said on Saturday.

The exchanges were conducted based on equality and respect, and the two sides had a candid and constructive exchange of views primarily on maritime and aerial security situations of China and the United States, the Chinese navy said in a statement.

They reviewed typical cases of encounters at sea and in the air, evalu-



ated the execution of the Rules of Behavior for Safety of Air and Maritime Encounters, and discussed measures to improve maritime military security between the two countries, the statement said.

Both sides agreed that the MMCA mechanism has helped frontline forces of the two militaries interact more professionally and safely, reduce misunderstandings, avoid misjudgments, and manage risks, the statement said.

The Chinese side reiterated its firm opposition to any actions carried out under the pretext of freedom of navigation or overflight that could jeopardise China's sovereignty and security.

**Israeli airstrikes kill 14 people in Gaza, medics say**

Agencies, Cairo

Israeli airstrikes in Gaza killed at least 14 people and wounded several others, local health authorities said on Saturday, in a further test of a fragile ceasefire between the Palestinian militant group Hamas and Israel.

Witnesses and medics said the first attack hit a car in the densely populated Rimal neighbourhood, setting it ablaze. It was not immediately clear whether the five dead were passengers of the car or included passersby. Dozens of people rushed to extinguish the fire and rescue the victims.

Shortly after the attack on the car, the Israeli air force carried two separate airstrikes on two houses in Deir Al-Balah city and Nuseirat camp, in the central Gaza Strip, killing at least five people and wounding several others, medics said.



Later on Saturday a new Israeli airstrike on a house in western Gaza City killed at least four Palestinians and wounded others, medics said, taking today's death toll to at least

14. The Israeli military said a gunman had crossed into Israeli-held territory in Gaza and exploited "the humanitarian road in the area through

which humanitarian aid enters southern Gaza", calling it a "blatant violation of the ceasefire agreement."

The military said it was striking targets in Gaza in response. A Hamas official in Gaza rejected the Israeli military's allegations as baseless and an "excuse to kill", saying the group was committed to the ceasefire agreement.

Israel and Hamas have repeatedly accused each other of violating the truce, concluded more than six weeks ago.

Hamas said in a statement earlier in the day that Israel's "escalating violations" put a responsibility on mediators and the U.S. to confront it and preserve the ceasefire.

The October 10 ceasefire in the two-year Gaza war has eased the conflict, enabling hundreds of thousands of Palestinians to return to Gaza's ruins.

**Pakistan: Faisalabad glue factory explosion leaves 20 dead**

**Faisalabad, Pakistan:** At least 20 people, including seven members of a single family, were killed and seven others injured after a massive steam-er explosion, apparently caused by a gas leak, ripped through a glue factory in Faisalabad on Friday morning, according to Dawn. The blast at the Crystal Chemical Factory also flattened four nearby industrial units and nine houses in the Malikpur area.

Rescue teams and police shifted the deceased and the injured, including three in critical condition, to the burn unit of Allied Hospital. Officials told Dawn that the victims ranged in age from one year to 62 years. A crime scene team and forensic experts examined the site, while the factory owner, Qaiser Chughtai, and administrative staff allegedly went into hiding for several hours.