



Britain's PM Keir Starmer, left, & First Minister of Wales Eluned Morgan, 2nd left, visit Alltwalis Wind Farm, in Pencader, Wales, on Tuesday



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken speaks to media at the David Kempinski Hotel in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Tuesday



Divers of the Vigili del Fuoco, the Italian Corps of Firefighters, return to Porticello on a small boat, near Palermo a day after the British-flagged luxury yacht Bayesian sank



Members of the LGBTQ+ community and their supporters dance during the annual pride parade, in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Tuesday

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The guitar from the film 'La Bamba' is seen on stage before being donated to the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures by Lou Diamond Phillips during the 'La Bamba' special screening at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, in Los Angeles, California

Thousands of children cut off from school by north Vietnam floods

**HANOI:** Thousands of children in northern Vietnam will struggle to return to school after flash floods and landslides damaged homes, destroyed crops and cut off several communities in the region, a charity warned Tuesday. The country's north suffered through an extremely wet summer, with mountainous areas in the northwest particularly badly hit by heavy downpours and flash floods since early July. Nearly 29,000 houses have been damaged and 90,000 hectares of crops destroyed, Vietnam's General Statistic Office said late last month. In Son La province, about 1.3 million people have been affected, according to Save the Children, who said floods had left the countryside strewn with broken bridges and heavily damaged roads. Eleven people have died in the area, and around 2,670 houses and 29 school buildings were damaged, according to Vietnam's disaster officials.

Kenya serial killer suspect escapes from police custody

**NAIROBI:** A Kenyan man who police claim has confessed to murdering and dismembering 42 women has escaped from a Nairobi police cell, along with a dozen other detainees, police said Tuesday. Collins Jumaishi, 33, described by police as a "vampire, a psychopath", was arrested last month after the horrific discovery of mutilated bodies in a garbage dump in a slum in the Kenyan capital. "They escaped last night, 13 in total, including the key suspect in the dump murder case," Kenya police spokeswoman Resila Onyango told AFP. She said the other 12 detainees who had also escaped from the police station were all Eritreans. Jumaishi had appeared in a court in Nairobi on Friday, where the magistrate ordered him to be held for a further 30 days to enable police to complete their investigations.

Rocket engine explodes during test at UK spaceport

**LONDON:** A rocket engine exploded during a test launch at Britain's new spaceport in northern Scotland, officials said Tuesday, in a setback for the UK's fledgling space sector. No one was injured in Monday evening's incident at SaxaVord Spaceport on the remote island of Unst, said the operator, German rocket manufacturer Rocket Factory Augsburg (RFA). The company hopes to launch the UK's first vertical rocket into orbit from there later this year. Monday's failed test was one of the trials in the run-up to the launch. It comes three months after RFA held its first engine test at the site, which was declared a success. "On Monday evening, RFA conducted a hot fire of its first stage at their launch site at SaxaVord Spaceport," said a spokesperson for the German company.

Unexploded WWII munitions found near Solomon Islands school

**SYDNEY:** Workers at a school in Solomon Islands discovered a buried stockpile of World War II munitions as they "dug a hole for sewage", police said Tuesday. More than 200 rust-caked projectiles - which once belonged to US troops - have been dug up and removed after they were found near a school staff member's house, the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force said. Japan and the United States fought viciously to control the Solomon Islands at the height of World War II, littering the South Pacific archipelago with unexploded ordnance - or UXOs - that still take lives today. Inspector Clifford Tunuki said the long-hidden weapons cache had been ferried away to a safe location and was now "waiting for safe destruction". The discovery was an "eye opener", he added.

Former Nazi secretary loses appeal against conviction

**LEIPZIG, (GERMANY):** A 99-year-old former Nazi camp secretary on Tuesday lost an appeal against her conviction for complicity in the murder of more than 10,000 people, in what could be the last judgement of its kind in Germany. Irmgard Furchner was handed a two-year suspended sentence in December 2022 for her role in what prosecutors called the "cruel and malicious murder" of prisoners at the Stutthof camp in occupied Poland. Her defence appealed to the Federal Court of Justice, but it upheld the ruling. "The conviction of the defendant... to a two-year suspended sentence is final," presiding judge Gabriele Cirener said. An estimated 65,000 people died at the camp near today's Gdansk, including "Jewish prisoners, Polish partisans and Soviet Russian prisoners of war", according to prosecutors.

# BNP Secy-General asks India to extradite Sheikh Hasina to face trial

**PTI, DHAKA:** Bangladesh Nationalist Party's Secretary-General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir on Tuesday asked India to extradite deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina to face trial as he accused her of plotting to thwart the country's student-led "revolution".

Hasina, 76, resigned and fled to India on August 5 following massive protests by students and others against her government over a controversial quota system in government jobs.

"It is our call to you that you should hand her over to the government of Bangladesh in a legal way. The people of this country have given the decision for her trial. Let her face that trial," Fakhrul was quoted as saying by the Daily Star newspaper.

Talking to reporters af-

GUNSHOTS, AIRPORT CHAOS: RESIDENTS RECALL MEMORIES OF UNREST AT PEAK

**PTI, DHAKA:** Software engineer Tawhidul Alam says the "historic day of August 5" is indelibly seared in his memories - the sea of humanity in the streets of Dhaka and a chain of events following unprecedented anti-government protests that have set Bangladesh's destiny on a course of change. The Dhaka resident recalled the chaos that prevailed in the Bangladesh capital that day from main streets to the airport which was "closed for six hours" following the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government. "I do not have any political inclination. I just went to see the protests as a citizen of Bangladesh which was suffering. Sea of humanity in the streets of Dhaka, I have never seen such crowds in streets and marching with 'victory' slogans," Alam told PTI here. As anti-government protests reached a crescendo on August 5, Prime Minister Hasina resigned and fled the country.

ter placing a wreath at the grave of former president and BNP founder Zia-ur Rahman in the city, Fakhrul said India is seemingly not keeping its commitment

YUNUS TO HEAD FOUNDATION TO BE SET UP FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN STUDENT-LED PROTESTS

**PTI, DHAKA:** Bangladesh on Tuesday decided to set up a foundation to take care of the families of those killed and injured in the unprecedented student-led violent protests that ultimately led to the ouster of the Sheikh Hasina government. Over 600 people, including 44 police personnel and at least 30 children, have been killed since the massive protest by students over a controversial quota system in government jobs first started in July. Hasina, 76, resigned and fled to India on August 5 following the massive protest by students against the controversial quota system. Yunus, 84, took oath as the Chief Adviser of the Interim Government on August 8. It is my duty and our national duty to stand by their side. We will do whatever is needed to take good care of the wounded and families of the deceased as soon as possible, the BSS quoted Yunus as saying.

student-led "revolution". "It is unfortunate that our neighbouring country has sheltered her. Staying there, Hasina has started a conspiracy to foil the victory of

Bangladesh," he was quoted as saying by the state-run BSS news agency.

India has said that it supports a democratic, stable, peaceful and progressive

Bangladesh.

Over 230 people were killed in the incidents of violence that erupted across the country following the fall of the Hasina-led Awami League government, taking the death toll to more than 600 since the massive protest by students first started in mid-July.

An interim government was formed after the fall of the Hasina-led government, and 84-year-old Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus was named its Chief Adviser.

The BNP secretary general said the people of this country do not consider her offences as minor.

He said they think her "fascist rule has weakened Bangladesh's independence and hindered the country's progress for the last 15 years".

## Fire rages for third day at a Russian oil depot targeted in Ukrainian drone attack

**PTI, KYIV:** Russian authorities struggled Tuesday to put out a massive fire in the southern Rostov region for a third consecutive day after an oil depot was hit by Ukrainian drones as Ukrainian forces push into Russia's Kursk region.

The fire at the depot in the town of Proletarsk burned across an area of 10,000 square meters, according to Russian state news agencies. There are 500 firefighters involved in the operation, and 41 of them already have been

hospitalized with injuries, according to the Russian state-owned news agency TASS, citing local officials.

Ukraine's Army General Staff claimed responsibility Sunday for attacking the oil depot, which was used to supply the needs of Russia's army, calling it a measure to undermine the military and economic potential of the Russian Federation.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the daring Kursk incursion has allowed his army to capture a significant number of pris-

oners who could be used in exchange for captured Ukrainians, expanding on Kyiv's objectives for the mission launched two weeks ago. He earlier said that Ukraine sought to create a buffer zone that might prevent further attacks by Moscow across the border, especially with long-range artillery, missiles and glide bombs.

Zelenskyy said the Ukrainian army has captured 1,250 square kilometers (480 square miles) and 92 settlements of Russia's Kursk region.

## Biden passes baton to Harris, says she will be a historic president

**PTI, CHICAGO:** Kamala Harris will be a "historic president", US President Joe Biden has said, as he passed the baton of the Democratic Party to her and made a strong pitch to American voters to vote for her to preserve democracy. Biden, 81, received an emotional standing ovation when he came on stage at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago on Monday night.

Harris, 59, is scheduled to formally accept the Dem-

ocratic Party's presidential nomination on Thursday to take on Republican rival Donald Trump, 78, in the November 5 election.

Biden said Harris would be a "historic president".

She'll be a president respected by world leaders because she already is. She'll be a president we can all be proud of, and she will be a historic president who puts her stamp on America's future, he said.

"We need to preserve our democracy. We need you to

beat Donald Trump and elect Kamala and Tim as President and Vice President of the United States," Biden said.

He said Trump will find out women's power in 2024. Harris will soon serve as the 47th President of the United States, Biden said, amidst cheers from his party members and leaders.

We saved democracy in 2020 and we must do it again in 2024," he said urging his countrymen that America's future is in their hands.

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### HC STAYS ILLEGAL LAND FILLING IN LOW-LYING PADDY FIELDS AT CALANGUTE

The petitioner brought to the notice of the Court that Nitin Ganerival and Tarun Gupta had carried out an illegal construction of a road at Agarvaddo, Calangute, in Survey No. 344/1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 and Survey No. 341/1, 2, 3 and 346/1 of Calangute village by filling up low-lying paddy fields belonging to the Comunidade of Calangute and its tenants. This development activity was carried out in a command area without obtaining No-Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Command Area Development Board and thereby violating the Goa Command Area Development Act, 1997, and Rules 1999.

The petitioner stated that the illegality was confirmed by the Water Resources Department (WRD) works division VIII, Karaswada, Bardez, who inspected the site with the technical staff and observed that asphaltic road was built in Survey Nos. 343/1, 2, 3, and 346/1, which were notified as command areas. There was also verification that the low-lying paddy field belonging to the Comunidade of Calangute and its tenants was filled up with mud and rubble soling to construct a asphaltic road of 20 metres width and 60 metres length from the main road with concrete parapet walls for the construction of a hotel project on the low-lying area belonging to Ganerival and Gupta.

Arguing on behalf of the petitioners, Adv Rohit Bras De Sa said that even after conducting site inspection and submitting a representation, the authorities concerned were refusing to initiate action and register an FIR against the two respondents, and to restore the paddy field fall-ing in the command area to its original condition.

The Court has now posted the matter for further hearing on September 10.

### REIS MAGOS LOCALS WANT HILL CUTTING IN VILLAGE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY

The residents of Reis Magos have demanded to immediately stop the hill cutting which has been going on in the village without obtaining any permission from the competent authorities. Earlier, several complaints were submitted by the villagers with the authorities concerned against illegal approvals for construction in the said property by resorting to rampant hill cutting and thereafter the construction was stopped and the matter was referred to the Vigilance Department, However, the authorities had now turned a Nelson's Eye to their complaints. Referring to the statement made by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant that the Talathi concerned and the District Collector will be held responsible if any illegal hill cutting take place, villagers Rajesh Dabholkar and Advino Fernandes said that outsiders were indulging in cutting the hills without showing any mercy to the environment and the local villagers. If one peruses the proposed sub-division plan, it could be seen that the area involved was more than one lakh square metres and as such the Environmental Clearance (EC) was a must, but the developer had advertised sale of villas much to the chagrin of the villagers.

### GOA MEIN SAB CHALTA HAI: DAY TIME BLOODY DRUNKEN BRAWL OF TWO TOURIST SIBLINGS, STAINS GOA'S IMAGE YET AGAIN

The Goan further asked, "Is he your friend? What would you do if he died? Do you come here to drink and fight?"

The police confirmed that they hailed from Kerala. "Since no complaint has been filed no arrests have been made. One of the brothers has been sent to the Goa Medical College for treatment," police stated.

The incident invited the ire of eyewitnesses, who expressed concerns about the negative impact of such brawls on Goa's reputation and questioned the tourists' behaviour.

Eyewitnesses said that due to brawls between drunken tourists, the image of Goa is getting spoiled. They should drink to their limit, they said.

### DOCS CALL OFF STRIKE AFTER HEALTH MIN ASSURES TO FULFIL DEMANDS ON HEALTH WORKERS' SAFETY

The strike was withdrawn after assurance given by Health Minister Vishwajit Rane that a special one-member committee will be appointed to address the issues faced by women doctors.

GARD had commenced the protest on August 16, demanding justice to the 31-year-old doctor from Kolkata who was raped and brutally murdered at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital.

Earlier, the GARD submitted a representation to the Health Minister demanding swift address of safety and security complaints of residents by a Grievance Redressal Committee by appointing a Doctor Relation Officer (DRO).

The GARD also demanded improvement of lighting, extra CCTVs, computer based reporting system to mitigate the role of interns collecting reports to ensure safety of interns and residents especially during night working hours, security check, police verification training to handle situation of all security guards before being appointed, posting of additional security at crowded places and enforcement of visitors pass, among others.

Meanwhile, speaking to mediapersons, Health Minister Vishwajit Rane said that he will take the issues to Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and also to the cabinet so that they are discussed and addressed.

"We are totally with the GARD. They have given us a list of several issues pertaining to the type of security which is required. They have demanded appointment of a Doctor Relation Officer. So one of the doctors will be identified in the next two days," he said.

He said the commitment of the government will be given to GARD in writing and he will see that the issues raised by the doctors are addressed.

### FOUR SENIOR CYCLISTS COVER 475 KMS IN JUST 3 DAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN NAGUESHI SARVAJANIK BHAJANI SAPTAH

On August 17, they took the route to Malkapur and crossed Anushkara Ghat and arrived in Kharepatan in Konkarn. At night they halted at Kanakavali on August 18. On the following day, they started early to reach Goa by evening.

Despite a minor incident involving a dog bite, they received medical attention and continued their journey, reaching Nagueshi by 7 pm.

Damodar Bhatkar, the President of Nagesh Sansthan welcomed and felicitated them, providing them with ac-

commodation and tokens of appreciation.

The cyclists expressed their delight in participating in the Saptah and described their pleasant journey through Konkarn's natural landscapes.

They were presented with the photos of the deity.

Speaking to O Herald, Dr Nirupama Bhavne said, "Our journey was very pleasant despite the weather being cloudy. We are happy to come here at Nagueshi, which is very serene and full of spiritual and religious vibes."

Dattatraya Potdar, said, "The journey through Konkarn was joyuous. We did not face any issues. Jayashri Jadhav was very excited to see the Saptah and all had come with full of energy. Arun Nevaseam had visited Nageshi Saptah last year, in 2023. The atmosphere and loving nature of people made him to spread the experience and share it with fellow cyclists."

The cyclists said that they will carry back happy memories of Goa, particularly Nagueshi.

### NAGUESHI SAPTAH CELEBRATIONS BEGIN

**PONDA:** The traditional seven-day Akhand Maha Bhajani Saptah at the revered Shree Nagesh Maharudra Devasthan in Nagueshi-Bandora, Ponda, commenced on Tuesday. This event not only features well-known artistes, but also sees active participation from all the villagers of Bandora.

The saptah began with the lighting of a traditional lamp in the temple premises, with local MLA and Power Minister Sudin Dhavalikar emphasising that this event, rooted in age-old traditions, serves as a platform for the community to come together in unity and harmo-ny. The seven days are filled with bhajans and spiritual activities, culminating in a grand procession and the breaking of the dahi handi at the Shree Nagesh Maharudra Temple. Villagers shared that the inception of this Saptah was driven by a resident's vision to foster peace and solidarity within the locality.

### THIS IS A MOMENT FOR NATIONAL CATHAR-SIS: SC ON PEOPLE'S PROTESTS IN KOLKATA

The bench also comprising justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, observed that when his conduct was under scrutiny, how was he appointed to another college immediately?"

The bench said what has taken place in Kolkata is not just a horrific murder but an incident which has raised systemic issues about the safety of doctors.

"We are deeply concerned that there is a virtual absence of safe work conditions across the country, particularly in public hospitals. Most of the young doctors have to put in 36 hours of work. We find that there are no duty rooms available, or separate restrooms for men and women doctors and nursing staff. We must evolve a national consensus that there must be a national standard protocol so that safe work conditions are provided," the bench said.

"If women cannot go to their place of work safely, then we are denying them equality," the apex court said.

The top court asked the West Bengal government to not take coercive action against people holding peaceful protests and speaking up on social media.

The trainee doctor's body with severe injury marks was found inside the seminar hall of the hospital's chest department on August 9. A civic volunteer was arrested by the Kolkata Police the following day for his alleged involvement in the rape-murder incident.

