



People displaced by gang violence take refuge at a Mormon church converted into a shelter in Port-au-Prince, Haiti



Vice President JD Vance, centre, speaks at a rally about America's industrial resurgence, at Vantage Plastics in Bay City, Michigan



Supporters of impeached South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol attend a rally to oppose his impeachment in Seoul, South Korea



Greece's Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis addresses a ministerial cabinet meeting at the Maximou mansion, in Athens

US mulling travel ban affecting 43 nations: Report

AFP, WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump's administration is mulling a new travel ban that would affect citizens from dozens of countries to varying degrees, the New York Times reported.

The red category of countries whose citizens would be completely barred from entering the United States includes Afghanistan, Bhutan, Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen. Another 10 countries in the orange category - Belarus, Eritrea, Haiti, Laos, Myanmar, Pakistan, Russia, Sierra Leone, South Sudan and Turkmenistan - would see their visas sharply restricted

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"In those cases, affluent business travellers might be allowed to enter, but not people travelling on immigrant or tourist visas," the New York Times said.

Citizens from countries on the orange list would also have to undergo in-person interviews to receive a visa.

Another 22 countries on a yellow list would have

60 days to address US concerns or risk being moved up to one of the more stringent categories.

"The officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive internal deliberations, cautioned that the list had been developed by the State Department several weeks ago, and that changes were likely by the time it reached the White House," the New York Times said.

As one of his first acts

in office, Trump froze the United States' refugee admission program and almost all foreign aid.

Trump ordered the US government to identify countries whose nationals should be banned from entering on security grounds, a move akin to the so-called "Muslim ban" of his first term.

That ban -- which in 2017 targeted citizens of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen -- ignited international outrage and led to domestic court rulings against it.

Iraq and Sudan were dropped from the list, but in 2018 the Supreme Court upheld a later version of the ban for the other nations -- as well as North Korea and Venezuela.

Russia, Ukraine exchange aerial strikes amid ceasefire talks

AP, KYIV: Russia and Ukraine traded heavy aerial blows overnight, with both sides reporting Saturday more than 100 enemy drones over their respective territories. The attacks come less than 24 hours after Russian President Vladimir Putin met with US envoy Steve Witkoff to discuss details of the American proposal for a 30-day ceasefire in the war with Ukraine.

Putin told a press conference on Thursday that he supported a truce in principle but set out a host of details that need to be clarified before it is agreed.

Kyiv has already endorsed the truce proposal, although Ukrainian officials have publicly raised doubts as to whether Moscow will commit to such a

deal. Speaking to reporters in Kyiv on Saturday, after virtual talks between Western allies hosted by UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy voiced Ukraine's support for the 30-day full ceasefire proposal to discuss a longer-term peace plan, but said Russia would attempt to derail talks with conditions and "buts".

Starmer has told allies to "keep the pressure" on Putin to back a ceasefire in Ukraine, hailing Ukraine as the "party of peace." Starmer said Putin will "sooner or later" have to "come to the table."

In a statement earlier on Saturday, Zelenskyy had accused Moscow of building up forces along the border.

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DEATH

Maria Rosada Fernandes
Jaeae Juee apts., Vasco

Wife of: late Bertalinho Godinho
Mother of: Tereza/Lancy, Delis/Tony, Lortia/Cruz, Seby/Felicia (Celebration Needs), Grandmother of: Zinia/Rio, Meghal/Sam, Savio, Lexter, Cheslon, Lenushka, Delton, Delvin, Denzil, & Shania

Funeral Cortège will be taken directly to St. Andrew's Church, Vasco for an Eucharistic celebration followed by burial on Sunday, 16th March 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation



RETURNED TO THE LORD

SYLVESTER CELESTINHO D'SOUZA

BORN: 21/06/1961 - DIED: 15/03/2025
AFRAMENT WARD, VERLA

Beloved husband of Augustina (Tina) D'Souza. Loving father of Daniel D'Souza.

Funeral cortege will leave the residence TODAY, 16th March 2025 to St. Anne's Church, Parra for the Eucharistic celebration at 4.00 p.m. followed by burial.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

ADIEUS MOGACHEA BHAVA

Though our time together has ended the memories we shared will be forever remain, a testament to the love that bound us.

AJAY TALAVNEKAR

(Canca, Parra)

Born: 27/08/1981
Died: 14/03/2025



Loving son of Ramesh Talavnekar and Sabina Fernandes Talavnekar. Brother of Amit/ Aditi Talavnekar, Late Avi Talavnekar, Grandson of Late Vicente Fernandes/ Julia Fernandes, Nephew of Bertha/ Late Guilherme Fonseca, Gregorio/ Esmeralda Fernandes, Severina/ Sylvester Fernandes, Lourдина/ Late Evaristo Fernandes, Late Prakash/ Suman Talavnekar, Pramila. Caring cousin of Ivone/ Late Nolasco, Cynthia/ Edward, Dominic/Concey, Vicente/ Pricilla, Violet / Leo, Adelaide/Austin, Seon, Abigail, Aristotle/ Anuvea. Uncle of Swara, Leah, Maryliza, Alynn, Bianca, Edlyn, Velroy, Viviano, Archippus.

The cremation will be held on Monday 17th March 2025 at 11:30am at Hindu crematorium near Sai Baba Temple Canca, Parra.

ONE YEAR WITH THE LORD

"You may be gone, but the love & laughter you gave will stay with us forever"

Lafa Fidelina Viegas

(George waddo, Carmona)



There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the Soul of our beloved Mai/Nana on Monday, 17th March (TOMORROW) at 7.30 am at Our Lady of Succour Church, Carmona followed by prayers and blessing of the grave. Offered by her Sorrowful Daughters, Son-in laws, Grandchildren & Great-grand Children.

Family & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Condolence

JOSINHO PEREIRA
(PAJIMOL SANGUEM GOA)



Everyday in some way, Memories of You come our way For each of us you did your best for you we plead eternal rest

You will be missed forever by your cousin

JERRY DIAS AND FAMILY

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Serbia's capital braces for massive anti-graft rally

AFP, BELGRADE: Tens of thousands of protesters began converging in Serbia's capital Belgrade Saturday, the latest in a series of anti-corruption demonstrations to upend the Balkan country in recent months.

The stage was set for what could be the largest single protest since the anti-graft movement first coalesced after 15 people were killed when a railway station roof collapsed in the city of Novi Sad in November.

But with supporters of President Aleksandar Vucic's embattled government also mobilising in the capital as well, there was growing concern about the risk of clashes.

In statements issued on social media, students urged those attending the rally to act "in a calm and responsible manner".

"The purpose of this movement is not an incursion into institutions, nor

to attack those who do not think as we do," read one statement.

"This movement must not be misused."

The rally was due to start at 4:00 pm (1500 GMT) and run to 9:00 pm.

The European Union and the United Nations on Friday appealed to the government ahead of the rally to respect the right to demonstrate.

The railway station disaster ignited long-simmering bitterness over alleged corruption and lax oversight in construction projects.

For weeks, the student-led protesters have criss-crossed the country, holding rallies in Serbia's major cities.

They have also taken their anti-corruption crusade to the rural villages and towns that have long been the backbone of support for Vucic's government.

US imposes sanctions on Thai officials

PTI, WASHINGTON: The US State Department on Friday announced sanctions on an unknown number of current and former Thai officials for their role in deporting at least 40 Uyghur men to China despite worries that they could be jailed or even face death there.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio said he was immediately moving to impose visa restrictions on current and former officials responsible for or complicit in the deportations. No Thai official has been named. The visa restrictions were not explained but can entail a denial of entry to the US.

We are committed to combating China's efforts to pressure governments to forcibly return Uyghurs and other groups to China, where they are subject to torture and enforced disappearances, Rubio said in a statement.

Avalanche alert issued for high altitude areas in four Himachal districts

PTI, SHIMLA: An avalanche alert has been issued for some high altitude areas in Himachal Pradesh for the next 24 hours, the Met office here said on Saturday as it predicted a wet spell in the state till Thursday. Since Friday evening, parts of the state has witnessed light snow. Gondla and Kukumseri in the tribal district of Lahaul and Spiti received 8 cm and 4.2 cm of snow, respectively while it was 2 cm in Kinnaur's Kalpa. The Defence Geoinformatics Research Establishment, Chandigarh, on Saturday issued an "orange" alert for possibility of avalanches in high altitude areas of Chamba, Kullu, Kinnaur, and Lahaul and Spiti districts in the

next 24 hours. Snowfall since February 26 has made life tough for tribals in Chamba's Pangi valley. With the closure of roads, the villagers have been forced to carry the sick to hospital on palanquins.

It was reported that on Friday, Sham Singh, a patient from Pungto village, was taken to Civil Hospital in Killar on a palanquin. Earlier, villagers from Hudan panchayat had carried two patients, Sher Singh and Hira Lal, to the hospital on their backs.

Several places in the state received intermittent rains.

Kalpa received 22.6 mm of rain, Manali (18 mm), Kotkhai (16.1 mm), Rohru

(15 mm), Saloni (14.2 mm), Theog and Kufri (12 mm each), Kasauli (11 mm), Seobagh (10 mm), Bhuntar (8.6 mm), Shimla (8.2 mm), Solan (7 mm) and Chamba (6 mm).

Thunderstorms were observed in Bhuntar, Jot and Palampur, while Kufri witnessed hailstorms. Kukumseri recorded the lowest night temperature of minus 2.6 degrees Celsius. Dhaulakuan in Sirmour district was the hottest during the day with a high of 26.7 degree Celsius.

From March 1 to 15, Himachal Pradesh has received 60.7 mm of rainfall, compared to 57.4 mm which is normal during this period, marking an excess of 6 per cent.

Deadly storm sweeps US, spawning tornadoes and fires, killing 17

AP, OKLAHOMA CITY (US): Violent tornadoes

that ripped through parts of the US proved deadly as whipping winds moved east into the Mississippi Valley and Deep South on

Saturday, with at least 17 people killed and scores of homes decimated. The most fatalities as of Saturday morning were in Missouri, authorities said,

which was lashed by twisters overnight that resulted in at least 11 deaths. The Missouri State Highway Patrol also reported that multiple people were injured.

The deaths included a man who was killed after a tornado ripped apart his home.

"It was unrecognisable as a home. Just a debris field," said Coroner Jim Akers of Butler County, describing the scene that confronted rescuers when they arrived.

"The floor was upside down. We were walking on walls."

Rescuers managed to save a woman in the home, Akers said. Officials in Arkansas said on Saturday morning that three people died in Independence County and 29 others were injured across eight counties as storms passed through the state overnight.

"We have teams out surveying the damage from last night's tornadoes and have first responders on the ground to assist," Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders said on X.

She and Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp declared states of emergency in their respective states. Kemp said he was making the declaration in anticipation of severe weather moving toward the state later Saturday.

On Friday, meanwhile, authorities said three people were killed in car crashes during a dust storm in Amarillo in the Texas Panhandle.

The deaths come as a massive storm system moving across the country unleashed winds that triggered deadly dust storms and fanned more than 100 wildfires.

Extreme weather conditions - including hurricane-force winds - are forecast to affect an area home to more than 100 million people. Winds gusting up to 80 mph (130 kph) were predicted from the Canadian border to Texas.

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GOVERNMENT NOT TO CHALLENGE HC VERDICT ON TCP ACT SEC 17 (2): RANE

Addressing a hurriedly called press conference, Rane said that this decision was taken after a detailed discussion with Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State President Damodar 'Damu' Naik.

Rane expressed his happiness that the High Court had praised Section 39 (A) of the TCP Act, which according to him, is a positive development for the State.

"Under Section 39 A of the TCP Act, zone changes can be made in the Regional Plan after keeping applications open for suggestions and objections for 30 days," he said.

"I am very happy with the overall verdict of the High Court," he said. Stating that the new Regional Plan will not be formulated in the State, Rane said that instead zoning plans will be prepared.

Rane said that he will soon chair a TCP Board meeting and based on the High Court's judgment, the Board will frame the guidelines and rules and bring them into force by notifying them.

INDIAN AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SELF-DEPORTS AFTER VISA IS REVOKED

The Department of State had revoked her visa on March 5. The Department of Homeland Security said it has obtained video footage of Srinivasan using the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Home App to self-deport on March 11.

Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem said in the statement that it is a "privilege to be granted a visa to live and study in the United States of America." "When you advocate for violence and terrorism, that privilege should be revoked, and you should not be in this country. I am glad to see one of the Columbia University terrorist sympathisers use the CBP Home app to self-deport," Noem said.

The Department of Homeland Security had, on March 10, launched the CBP Home app with a self-deportation reporting feature for those illegally staying in the country. Such people can use the CBP Home mobile phone application to submit their intent to depart the country. The CBP app gives such individuals the option to "leave now and self-deport, so they may still have the opportunity to return legally in the future and live the American dream. If they don't, we will find them, we will deport them, and they will never return," the Homeland Security Department said.

Another student, Leqaa Kordia, a Palestinian from West Bank, was arrested by ICE HSI Newark officers for overstaying her expired F-1 student visa. Her visa terminated on January 26, 2022 for lack of attendance. Previously, in