

# Airstrike in Myanmar kills 27 people, oppn group says

AP, BANGKOK: An airstrike by Myanmar's military on a central village under the control of a pro-democracy resistance group has killed around 27 civilians and injured 30 others, an opposition group and Myanmar's on-line media said Saturday.

The attack occurred Friday at 3 pm in Let Pan Hla village in Singu township, about 65 kilometres north of Mandalay, the country's second-largest city, a spokesperson for the Mandalay People's Defence Force said.

The military did not comment on Saturday.

Myanmar has been in turmoil since the army seized power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi on February 1, 2021, triggering widespread popular opposition. After peaceful demonstrations were put down with lethal force, many opponents of military rule took up arms, and large parts of the country are now embroiled in conflict.

The military government



People trying to extinguish fires following aerial bombardments by Myanmar's military in Singu township in central Myanmar

has stepped up airstrikes against the armed pro-democracy People's Defence Force and ethnic minority guerrilla groups that have been fighting for greater autonomy for decades. The two groups sometimes carry out joint operations against the army. The resistance forces have no defence against air attacks.

The town of Singu was

seized by the Mandalay People's Defence Force (MDY-PDF), which supports Myanmar's main opposition, in July last year.

The group's statement released Saturday on its Telegram social media channel said six children were among the 27 killed in the airstrike that targeted crowded market stalls in Let Pan Hla village.

Osmond, the group's spokesperson, told The Associated Press that about 10 houses near the village market were destroyed by bombs.

"This airstrike was not aimed at a military target, but rather at the market area, where civilians visit daily," Osmond said in a message.

The situation in the village could not be independently confirmed, with access to the internet and cellphone service in the area mostly cut off.

The independently Myanmar Now online media reported that the death toll from the airstrike that hit a tea shop near the village market had reached 30 and seven were in critical condition.

A report issued last month by Nyan Lynn Thit Analytica, a Myanmar research and advocacy organisation, said that since the military's 2021 takeover, 2,224 civilian had been killed and 3,466 wounded in 4,157 airstrikes.

## Mexico says 42 kilos of fentanyl seized near US border

MEXICO CITY: Mexico, under threat of US tariffs if it fails to curb drug trafficking, said Friday that it had seized 42 kilos (92 pounds) of fentanyl near the border.

The fentanyl was found along with seven kilos of heroin in a car carrying three people who tried to escape in Tecate, just south of California, a government statement said.

Authorities arrested

the three alleged members of a criminal group, Security Minister Omar Garcia Harfuch said on social media.

Mexico has seized nearly 108 kilos of fentanyl and detained more than 1,400 people since launching an anti-drug operation along the border in February, officials said.

In return for President Claudia Sheinbaum deploying 10,000 extra soldiers.

## 4 killed in Thailand crane collapse: Police

AFP, BANGKOK: A crane collapsed at a construction site in Thailand's capital on Saturday, killing at least four people, police said, as rescuers worked to retrieve a fifth body from the debris.

The accident occurred in the early hours of Saturday morning on Rama II road, a major highway linking Bangkok to the country's south.

At least four construction workers died at the site, where a tollway was under construction, and dozens were injured, police said.

"We have retrieved four bodies, but one remains trapped in the debris," senior police official Sayam Boonsom told reporters at the scene, adding the fifth was presumed dead.

Among the four people killed, three were Thai nationals, he said.

An investigation was underway to determine the cause of the collapse, Sayam added.

An eyewitness told local outlet Thairath TV he heard two loud bangs before seeing the crane fall.

"Workers were pouring cement when it happened," he said.

## Senior cleric killed, three injured in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa blast

PTI, PESHAWAR: A senior cleric was killed while three others injured in a blast at a seminary cum mosque in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Saturday, less than 24 hours after a bomb exploded during Friday prayers at another mosque in the province.

Cleric Mufti Munir Shakir, the founder of the outlawed Lashkar-i-Islam, succumbed to his injuries, according to hospital authorities.

The blast occurred at the religious seminary in Urmur Bala village in Peshawar district, police said.

A police spokesperson said that personnel from police, bomb disposal unit and Counter-Terrorism Department were present at the scene and evidence was being collected.

In a video message, Mohammad Asim, a spokesman for the Lady Reading Hospital (LRH), said: "Mufti Shakir was brought to LRH in a critical condition and succumbed to his injuries."

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister's Advisor on Health

Ihtesham Ali has expressed grief over the death of Mufti Munir Shakir.

"Deeply saddened to hear about the martyrdom of Mufti Munir Shakir. Mufti Munir Shakir succumbed to his injuries and attained martyrdom," he said.

Lashkar-i-Islam - a Bara-based militant organisation in Khyber tribal region led by Mangal Bagh - was banned in 2008.

A local cleric in Bara, Mufti Shakir formed the Lashkar-i-Islam in December 2004.

However, the cleric was expelled from Bar Qambarkhel area after only six months owing

to his extremist views and differences with Haji Namdar, another militant commander of the area.

Both Mufti Shakir and Pir Saifur Rehman were forced to leave Bara after a jirga (tribal council) of local elders gave a consensus verdict following bloody clashes between the supporters of the two in early 2005.

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## Pope advances Church reforms while recovering in hospital

AP, ROME: Pope Francis entered the fifth week of hospital treatment for double pneumonia on Saturday very much looking ahead as he continued work on a signature priority of his papacy and signs of his recovery remained on a positive trajectory.

Working from the Gemelli hospital, Francis has approved a three-year implementation and evaluation process for his reform project that aims to make the church a more welcoming and responsive place.

The Vatican office for the synod, or gathering of bishops, released a timetable through 2028 to implement the reforms and said Francis had approved the calendar last week.

The Vatican announced on Friday that it would provide medical updates on the pope less frequently, in what it called a positive development. It also has ceased issuing brief morning advisories that the pope had slept well and was starting his day.

Doctors this week said the 88-year-old pontiff was no longer in critical, life-threatening condition, but have continued to emphasize that his condition remained complex due to his age, lack of mobility and the loss of part of a lung as a young man.

Francis was admitted to the hospital on February 14 after a bout of bronchitis that made it difficult for him to speak. Doctors soon added a diagnosis of double pneumonia and a polymicrobial (bacterial, viral and fungal) infection.

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