



Protesters hold a sign reading "Who sows racism reaps fascism" during a demonstration on Place de la Republique in Paris



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



Firefighters extinguish a fire at a factory building that has been engulfed in a wildfire in Uiseong, South Korea



Musician Marc Anthony (R), sits courtside with his wife Nadia Ferreira (L), during the Miami Open tennis tournament, in Miami Gardens, Florida

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Fishing boats sail during a demonstration against a projected wood pulp mill by Portuguese pulp and paper industry company Altri, in Pobra do Caraminal, northwestern Spain

French IS jihadist who held journalists gets life sentence

PARIS: A French court on Friday sentenced a French jihadist to life in prison for holding four journalists captive more than a decade ago in war-torn Syria. Mehdi Nemmouche, 39, was convicted of having held the French reporters hostage for the Islamic State jihadist group from June 2013 to April 2014. The sentence carries a minimum term of 22 years before he is eligible for parole. All four journalists during the trial said they clearly recognised Nemmouche's voice and manner of speech as belonging to a so-called Abu Omar, who terrorised them and made sadistic jokes while they were in captivity. Nemmouche denied ever being their jailer, only admitting in court that he was an IS fighter in Syria. From the beginning of the trial last month, he has claimed only to have fought against the forces of former president Bashar al-Assad, who Islamists previously linked to Al-Qaeda helped topple in December.

Tourist killed as boat capsizes off Indonesia's Bali

JAKARTA: A boat carrying 16 people has capsized in rough waters off Indonesia's resort island Bali, killing an Australian woman and injuring at least one other person, authorities said Saturday. The Sea Dragon 2 boat was travelling to Nusa Penida, a popular island near Bali, on Friday morning when it was hit by large waves, the island's police chief Ida Bagus Putra Sumerta told AFP. The passengers, which included 11 Australian tourists, were rescued by a nearby boat. At least two people were rushed to hospital, with one tourist pronounced dead, Ida said. Another was treated for a burn injury. Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said in a statement that at least two Australians were injured and that it was providing consular services to the family of another who was reported dead.

Peru interior minister sacked over violent crime wave

LIMA: Peru's Congress on Friday voted to dismiss the country's interior minister over his failure to contain a spike in violent crime following the murder of a popular singer. MPs voted by 79 votes in favor to 11 against to remove Juan Jose Santivanez from office over "his political responsibility and inability to tackle the wave of citizen insecurity facing the country." Twenty lawmakers abstained. The minister's dismissal comes amid heightened emotions in the South American country following the shooting dead Sunday of cumbia star Paul Flores, 39, by hitmen who attacked his tour bus after a concert outside the capital Lima. Flores's Armonia 10 band was being ransomed by a criminal gang, which had threatened to kill the lead singer unless the group paid it protection money. Friday's vote of no-confidence in the interior minister came just before a demonstration in Lima.

Last of six foreign hikers missing in Philippines rescued

MANILA: Four foreign hikers who had been missing for days in a mountainous area of the central Philippines were rescued Saturday, local authorities said, a day after their two companions were found safe. The six-man group, which included German, British, Russian and Canadian nationals, had set out on Wednesday for what was to be a four-hour excursion in an area of Negros Oriental province officials said was hit by a downpour. "The army rescuers found them in the vicinity of the Silab hydropower plant," said Jose Lawrence Silorio, a rescue official in the municipality of Amlan, near the province's Balinsasayao Twin Lakes Natural Park. Police identified the men as Germans Aldwin Fink, 60, and Wolfgang Schlenker, 67; Russian Anton Chernov, 38; and 50-year-old Canadian Terry De Gunten. Philippine Army personnel found the hikers in a mountainous area thick with vegetation, said investigator Leo Gil Villafranca.

Central Spanish town under threat from flooding

MADRID: The city of Avila near Madrid was partially under water on Saturday as authorities mobilised to deal with the flooding, caused by weeks of intense rainfall across Spain. Television images showed several neighbourhoods in Avila, a city famous for its fortifications located about 100 kilometres from the Spanish capital, and surrounding agricultural areas completely flooded by overflow from the Adaja River. "We have maintained a state of emergency and alert in the city of Avila," Mayor Jesus Manuel Sanchez Cabrera said on public television, referring to the authorities' mobilisation efforts. Authorities fear that melting snow from the surrounding mountains will further exacerbate the situation, though low temperatures could delay the impact.

Lebanon fires rockets, Israel retaliate 'severely'

AP, BEIRUT (LEBANON): Israel struck Lebanon on Saturday in retaliation for rockets targeting Israel, killing two, including a child, in the heaviest exchange of fire since the ceasefire with the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah. Earlier, rockets were fired from Lebanon into Israel, for the second time since December, sparking concern about whether the fragile ceasefire would hold. A Hezbollah official told The Associated Press Saturday that it was not responsible for the attack, calling it "primitive," speaking on condition of anonymity as they are not authorised to speak to the media.

Israel had said that it would respond "severely" to the attack from Lebanon early Saturday morning, when rockets were fired into northern Israel. Israel's army said the intercepted rockets targeted the Israeli town of Metula. Lebanon's health ministry said Saturday that the strike in the southern village of Toulina also wounded eight others.



Smoke billows from the site of Israeli artillery shelling that targeted the area of the southern Lebanese village of Yohmor

Hezbollah began launching rockets, drones and missiles into Israel the day after Hamas' October 7, 2023 attack out of Gaza ignited the war there. The Israel-Hezbollah conflict boiled over into an all-out war in September as Israel carried out massive

waves of airstrikes and killed most of the militant group's senior leaders. The fighting killed more than 4,000 people in Lebanon and displaced about 60,000 Israelis. Under the ceasefire reached in November, Israeli forces were supposed to withdraw from all Lebanese territory by late January. The deadline was then extended to February 18 by agreement between Lebanon and Israel. But since then, Israel has remained in five locations in Lebanon, across from communities in northern Israel, and has carried out dozens of airstrikes on southern and eastern Lebanon, saying it attacked Hezbollah. Lebanon has appealed to the UN to pressure Israel to fully withdraw from the country.

FLOAT BUILDERS



Residents of the San Jose neighbourhood, known as 'Sapos,' participate in the construction of a float in preparation for the annual Parrandas de Camajuani festivities in Camajuani, Villa Clara province, Cuba

UK government orders probe into Heathrow shutdown

AP, LONDON: The British government on Saturday ordered an investigation into the country's "energy resilience" after an electrical substation fire shut Heathrow Airport for almost a day and raised concerns about the UK's ability to withstand disasters or attacks on critical infrastructure. While Heathrow Airport said it was "fully operational" on Saturday, thousands of passengers remained stuck, and airlines warned that severe disruption will last for days as they scramble to relocate planes and crews and get travellers to their destinations.

Inconvenienced passengers, angry airlines and concerned politicians all want answers about how one seemingly accidental fire could shut down Europe's busiest air hub. "This is a huge embarrassment for Heathrow airport. It's a huge embarrassment for the country that a fire in one electricity substation can have such a devastating effect," said Toby Harris, a Labour Party politician, who heads the National Preparedness Commission, a group that campaigns to improve resilience.



A British Airways plane takes off as Heathrow Airport slowly resumes flights after a fire cut power to Europe's busiest airport in London

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More than 340 held after mass protests in Turkey

AFP, ISTANBUL: More than 340 people were arrested following Turkey's biggest street protests in over a decade sparked by the detention of Istanbul's powerful opposition mayor, a minister said Saturday. Hundreds of thousands of people hit the streets across the country late Friday, sparking clashes with riot police in Turkey's three largest cities: Istanbul, the capital Ankara and the western coastal city of Izmir.

Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said "343 suspects were caught in the protests that took place in Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Adana, Antalya, Canakkale, Eskisehir, Konya and Edirne," warning that those who sought to sow "chaos and provocation... will definitely not be tolerated."

After breaking fast, volunteers use Ramadan as opportunity to give in Detroit

PTI, DEARBORN: After a nightly iftar meal with family members breaking fast together during Ramadan, Nadine Daoud noticed full pots and trays of untouched leftover food lining the shelves of her grandmother's refrigerator. "Too often, she felt the food was quickly forgotten and then wasted. The observations inspired her 2017 creation of The Helping Handzzz Foundation that brings volunteers together each year during the Islamic holy month. They round up

spare food from families in Dearborn where nearly half the 110,000 residents are of Arab descent and bring it to people without homes in neighbouring Detroit. Daoud said the group's efforts are emblematic of Islam's emphasis on respecting and valuing resources such as food and matches Ramadan's focus on self-discipline and empathy toward those less fortunate."

Every family cooks a lot of food to end the night when you're breaking your fast, Daoud said. And a lot of food gets left over. And we noticed that a lot of this food was just getting stored in the fridge and forgotten about the next day. What I decided to do was instead of sticking it in the fridge and forgetting about it or throwing it in the trash, I said, Let me take it. I always see people on the corners. Let me help out and give it to them instead with a drink and a nice treat on the side." One recent night, Helping Handzzz board members Hussein Sareini and Daoud Wehbi and four others en-

joyed an iftar prepared by Sareini's mother.

When the meal ended, several attendees said some of the daily prayers. Then, Wehbi hopped in Sareini's truck, and they stopped at several area homes to pick up untouched dishes. From there, they drove to the parking lot of a nearby mosque, where Nadine Daoud and others organized the food. A caravan of vehicles then visited several spots in Detroit where people without housing regularly can be found.

3 dead, 14 hurt in New Mexico park shooting

AP, LAS CRUCES: At least three people were killed and 14 others were injured in a mass shooting at a park in the desert city of Las Cruces, New Mexico, police said. Police were asking Saturday for bystanders to share videos and other tips as they continued to seek a suspect or suspects in the attack, which occurred at about 10 pm on Friday in the city's Young Park, a music and recreation venue.

Gunshot victims were sent to all three local hospitals, as well as to University Medical Center of El Paso, the regional trauma centre, according to police and hospital officials. Six patients arrived at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces by ambulance and private car, said marketing and communications director Andrew Cummins, and five of those have been transported to El Paso.

In a post to Instagram on Saturday, Las Cruces City Councilor and Mayor Pro Tem Johana Bencomo put numbers to the tragedy. "Part of me wanted to write that this is something you never really think this is going to happen in your city, but that actually feels deeply untrue," she wrote. "Honestly now days a tragedy like this feels like a nightmare just waiting to come true at any possible moment, yet also always praying and hoping it never will."

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Venezuela agrees to accept US deportation flights again

AFP, CARACAS: Venezuela announced Saturday it had reached an agreement with Washington to accept additional deportation flights from the United States, one week after more than 200 Venezuelans accused of being gang members were sent to El Salvador. The flights were suspended last month when US President Donald Trump claimed Venezue-

la had not lived up to its promises, and Caracas subsequently said it would no longer accept the flights.

But then Washington deported 238 Venezuelans accused of belonging to the Tren de Aragua gang, which Trump has designated a foreign terrorist organization, to a maximum-security prison in El Salvador, a move deeply criticized by Caracas.

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THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY In loving Memory of JUSTINA SOARES TISK, PONDA, GOA There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved JUSTINA on Monday (Tomorrow) 24th March, 2025 at 8.15 am at St. Anne's Church, Ponda followed by prayers at the grave offered by her husband Adv. Nelson Soares, children, grandchildren and family.

CONDOLENCE We deeply mourn the sad demise of JOAQUINA CARMELINA FERNANDES E FURTADO (ANNIE FURTADO) beloved mother of our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Patrick Furtado S.A.C. and convey our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family. A tribute of love from: Asst. Parish Priest Rev. Fr. David Fernandes S.A.C., Fabrica, PPC, all Associations & Parishioners of Our Lady of Assumption Church, Sarzora. Rebelto Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992

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