



Russian President Vladimir Putin gives a speech at the International Arctic Forum in Murmansk, Russia



French far-right politician Marion Marechal attends a conference on antisemitism in Jerusalem



British PM Keir Starmer speaks after meeting with Ukraine's Prez on the sidelines of a summit for 'coalition of the willing' at the British embassy in Paris



US Secretary of State Marco Rubio speaks during a press conference with Guyanese President Irfaan Ali (not pictured), in Georgetown, Guyana

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Brigitte Macron (left), the wife of France's President Emmanuel Macron, welcomes the First Lady of Brazil Rosangela Lula da Silva (right), the wife of Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, to the Elysee Palace, in Paris, on Friday

5 wounded in stabbing in Amsterdam, 1 person arrested

THE HAGUE: At least five people have been wounded in a stabbing in Amsterdam, police in the Dutch city said on Thursday. The stabbing happened near Dam Square in central Amsterdam. One person has been arrested. Police have cordoned off the area and multiple ambulances have responded to the event. A trauma helicopter called to the scene has landed on the square. "A motive is currently still unclear, but part of our investigation," the police said in a post on social media. Local media reported that a city council meeting involving Amsterdam Mayor Femke Halsema was interrupted because of the stabbing.

Woman, 3 children killed in domestic shooting in South Florida, police say

PEMBROKE PARK (FLORIDA): A woman and three children were killed in a domestic shooting and two others were taken to a hospital, authorities said in South Florida. The shooting in Pembroke Park took place at about 8 pm Wednesday, Michael Kane, the Broward Sheriff's Office fire rescue battalion chief, told news outlets. An adult male and a girl were transported to a hospital. Their conditions weren't immediately clear. The sheriff's office has not released the names or ages of the victims. Authorities have also not said whether the shooter was one of those who was killed or injured. Evan Ross, a spokesperson for Pembroke Park Police, described the shooting as domestic, according to news reports.

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OLD GOA: CALL FOR FIR ON 'UNAUTHORISED' EXCAVATION

"The tourism department is trying to encroach upon the powers of a religious institution, viewing the issue solely from a tourism perspective. Much of what is being proposed under the PRASAD scheme already exists. Instead of supporting local businesses, the plan seems aimed at creating facilities that will be handed over to outside interests focused solely on profit," Viegas explained.

Local resident Glean Cabral, a staunch advocate for preserving Old Goa's heritage, expressed frustration over the government's approach to the project. "The authorities are making plans and consulting local bodies only afterwards," Cabral said. "This government is pushing forward with its plans, and when people oppose them, they shift the blame onto the citizens."

Cabral further criticised the government's handling of the proposed project, citing a 2020 plan to build a structure on 2,000 square metres of land. "When we opposed it, they reduced the plan to 1,000 square metres. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) shown in the Assembly was never discussed in the gram sabha," he claimed. "Now, with historical artefacts being discovered, we stand firm in our opposition to this project."

Protests over the proposed project gathered steam after cannon balls were found during excavation at the site last Saturday, prompting Archaeological Survey of India to seal the site till an evaluation is conducted to assess the historical importance of the artefacts. However, protesters under the SOGAC umbrella have been claiming that before the ASI clampdown, multiple trucks carried away artefacts from the site to an unknown location, and they have demanded that all the materials have to be returned.

AFTER HC ORDER, GOVT LENS ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ALONG HIGHWAYS

The High Court in its order has directed the government to take phased action against illegal constructions, starting with roadside structures. Accordingly, the Directorate of Municipal Administration (DMA) and the Directorate of Panchayats have issued notices to their officials to initiate action and to ensure strict compliance.

The High Court has classified illegal constructions into eight categories for enforcement action. The first category includes illegal structures along roadsides, highways or major roads in municipal areas, while the second covers similar constructions in village panchayat areas. The third category consists of illegal commercial structures in

Not all European allies agree on proposed force for Ukraine: Macron

AP, PARIS: Ukraine's European allies did not all agree Thursday on the proposed deployment of troops in the country to back up an eventual peace deal and only some want to take part, French President Emmanuel Macron said Thursday.

"It is not unanimous," he said after wrapping up a summit on strengthening Kyiv's hand and its military as it pushes for a ceasefire with Moscow. "We do not need unanimity to achieve it."

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The summit hosting the leaders of nearly 30 countries plus NATO and European Union chiefs comes at a crucial juncture in the more than three-year war, with intensifying diplomatic efforts to broker ceasefires, driven by pressure from US President Donald Trump to end the fighting.

But the conflict is raging on.

Before the leaders met in the luxury of the French presidential palace, Russian drone attacks overnight wounded more than 20 people and heavy shelling Thursday afternoon killed one person and knocked out electricity in parts of Kherson, Ukrainian officials said.

US-brokered agreements this week to safeguard shipping in the Black Sea and last week to halt long-range strikes on energy infrastructure were greeted as a first step toward peace. But Ukraine and Russia have disagreed over the details and accused each other of deal violations, foreshadowing a long and contentious process ahead.

France and the United Kingdom are pushing a separate initiative to build a coalition of nations willing in one way or another to support the deployment of a European armed force in Ukraine, with the aim of se-



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky, France's President Emmanuel Macron and Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer speak at the Elysee Palace, in Paris, on Thursday

curing any peace deal by dissuading Russia from attacking the country again.

Some European countries are more comfortable with a potential deployment than others — not least because a big unknown is whether Trump would allow American forces and intelligence agencies to back up any European contingent with air and logistical support and other assistance.

Building a force big enough to act as a credible deterrent — UK officials have talked about possibly 10,000 to 30,000 troops — would also be a considerable effort for nations that shrank their militaries after the Cold War but are now rearming.

There would also be questions to resolve

about who would command the force and how it might respond to a major violation by Russia of any peace agreement.

The office of UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who's driving the European initiative together with Macron, said that military planners from Europe and beyond have been drilling down into details of how such a force might be put together, examining "the full range of European military capabilities including aircraft, tanks, troops, intelligence and logistics."

In the face of enduring pressure from Trump on European nations to increase military spending and rely less on US forces, dating back to his first presidency, the proposed contingent is also seen as a test

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of Europe's ability to defend itself and its interests.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky posted an image from inside the summit of him and other leaders standing together with the caption: "Europe knows how to defend itself. We must prove it."

Macron said Wednesday that the proposed European force could deploy to "important towns, strategic bases" in Ukraine and that it could "respond" to a Russian attack if Moscow launched one.

Macron didn't specify what sort of response he envisaged. But he suggested that a Russian attack might not go unanswered, even though the European troops wouldn't be deployed to the front lines.

"If there was again a generalized aggression against Ukrainian soil, these armies would, in fact, be under attack and then it's our usual framework of engagement," Macron said. "Our soldiers, when they are engaged and deployed, are there to react and respond to the decisions of the commander in chief and, if they are in a conflict situation, to respond to it."

"So we are not on the front lines, we don't go to fight, but we are there to guarantee a lasting peace. It's a pacifist approach," he said. "The only ones who would, at that moment, trigger a conflict, a bellicose situation, would be the Russians if they decided again to launch an aggression."

The meeting in Paris came as Russia has demanded lifting sanctions to meet its terms for the Black Sea ceasefire.

At least 6 dead after submarine carrying tourists in Red Sea sinks off Egypt

AP, CAIRO: A recreational submarine taking 45 tourists on an underwater cruise of coral reefs in the Red Sea sank off the Egyptian resort town of Hurghada on Thursday, leaving six Russians dead, the provincial governor said. The remaining tourists, more than two dozen of whom were injured, were rescued, he said.

The cause of the sinking was not immediately known. The Russian consulate said it took place about 1,000 meters offshore.

Russia's Tass news agency earlier said the Russian dead included at least two children, citing the country's consul in Hurghada. The consulate

had said all 45 tourists on board were Russian, but the Egyptian governor said they also included Indian, Norwegian and Swedish citizens.

The submarine was carrying 45 tourists and five Egyptian crewmembers when it sank, Red Sea governor Maj. Gen. Amr Hanafi, said in a statement, adding that rescue teams were quickly sent.

He said all six dead were Russians, and that 29 of the 39 tourists rescued were injured and taken to hospitals. No one was still missing from the vessel, he said, suggesting the crew had also been rescued. Hurghada is a major destination for divers, snorkelers

and other tourists drawn by the Red Sea's extensive coral reefs.

The submarine, named "Sindbad," runs 1- to 3-hour tours, usually cruising at about 20-25 meters underwater with panoramic windows on the bottom to give views of the marine life, according to the website of the company that the Russian consulate identified as running the vessel.

The company did not respond to phone calls seeking comment.

In November, a tourist yacht sank in the Red Sea after warnings of rough waters, Egyptian officials said. At least four people drowned, while 33 were rescued.

panchayat areas, and the fourth includes such structures in municipal areas and the fifth category pertains to illegal constructions in paddy fields. The sixth category includes illegal construction of government property, seventh category is illegal construction on Comunidade property and the eighth category is illegal construction on tenanted lands.

IMMIGRATION AND FOREIGNERS BILL GETS LOK SABHA NOD

He also hit out at the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and previous Congress government at the Centre for allowing Rohingya and Bangladeshis enter India on the basis of Aadhaar cards and voter cards earlier from Assam and now West Bengal. He said while security forces are blamed, the real culprits are the TMC government in West Bengal and the earlier Congress government in Assam.

"India's border with Bangladesh is 2,216 km long, out of which fencing work has been completed on 1,653 km. Out of the remaining 563 km, fencing is not possible on 112 KM due to geographical conditions.

"But fencing in 412 km is incomplete because Bengal government is not giving land," the minister told the House.

Shah rejected demands of opposition members to refer the bill to a parliamentary panel, saying members had sufficient time to give suggestions between the time when it was introduced and Thursday when it came up for consideration.

He said the government will have the right to debar some persons from India based on inputs by various agencies. Those who feel they have not been heard can move court, he added.

Shah said getting up-to-date information about every foreigner visiting India is important.

"This is very important. The main issue is that the immigration is not an isolated subject but it is directly or indirectly linked to various issues. The bill will ensure a close monitoring of everyone who visits India, why do they visit India and how long they want to stay in India. It is absolutely necessary to know the details of every foreigner visiting India," he said after the over three-hour-long debate.

"I welcome everyone who wants to visit India as a tourist, for education, for health care, for R&D, for business. But those who comes as a threat to the country, we will keep a close look at them and take strong action against them."

Opposition MPs claimed that some provisions of the bill seeking to streamline various services related to immigra-

tion and foreigners give "arbitrary powers" to immigration authorities and demanded it should be sent to a joint parliamentary committee for detailed scrutiny.

Initiating a debate on the Bill, Congress MP Manish Tewari said its provisions give "arbitrary powers" to the government for exempting certain categories of foreigners from the law.

The proposed legislation also provides for mandatory reporting of information about foreigners by hotels, universities, other educational institutions, hospitals and nursing homes to enable tracking of overstaying foreigners.

"Whoever knowingly uses or supplies a forged or fraudulently obtained passport or other travel document or visa for entering into India or staying in or exiting from India, shall be punishable with an imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than two years, but may extend to seven years and shall also be liable to fine which shall not be less than one lakh rupees, but may extend to 10 lakh rupees," according to the bill.

COLUMBIA VARSITY LET ME DOWN: SELF-DEPORTED INDIAN STUDENT FEELS BETRAYED

Srinivasan flew out of New York to Canada on March 11, four days before Noem's post, after concluding that she could be arrested. A grainy security camera footage from New York's LaGuardia Airport showing her dragging a suitcase went viral throughout the world.

Srinivasan is currently living with her friends and family in Canada, still hoping to complete her course from Columbia.

BAR LEADERS MEET CJI AGAINST JUSTICE VARMA'S TRANSFER

"Don't worry at all. This is a very big statement by five senior judges," Tiwari added.

He said the bar body would reconsider whether or not to continue with the indefinite strike.

"I do not know what decision will be taken," he said.

The CJI referred to the reasons behind collegium's recommendation to transfer Justice Varma to his parent high court at Allahabad, Tiwari added.

The CJI said in any case, Justice Varma, who was de-rostered by the Delhi High Court following a directive from him, wouldn't be discharging any judicial function at the Allahabad High Court as well, he said.

The bar body would discuss about the strike in its general body meeting for a "collective decision".

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Lord I Am Coming Home



Maria Angela Filomena de Sa (Anju)

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." --2 Timothy 4:7

Most beloved wife of Leonardo Terezinha Charly de Sa. Loving mother/mother-in-law of Leo/Rina, Litzzy/J.R.Serra, Lyndon/Lizette, Lenin/Valerie. Doting grandmother of Roxanne, Kendrick, Lincoln, Serena, Sevilen, Laquita, Leander, Elizabeth & Ethan. Sister/Sister-in-law of late Pascoal/Marceline (Cooky).

Passed away peacefully on 25th March 2025. Funeral Cortege will leave her residence on Friday, 28th March, 2025, at 3:45 p.m., to Our Lady of Rosary Church, Davorim, for Eucharist Celebration at 4:00 p.m. and thereafter to the cemetery for burial.

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SAD DEMISE



MARIA SARA (SARITA) PROENÇA

CALANGUTE

Beloved wife of late Joao (Joaozinho) Proença. Mother/mother-in-law of Elvis / Lorraine, Isa / Owen and Maria Elin (Marlene) / Richard.

Adorable grandmother of Kimberly / Billy and Melissa.

Loving Sister/Sister-in-law of Norbert / Lavinia and Maria Helena / late Dr Tito. Sister-in-law of late Amelia / late Nemesio, late Celia / late Benjamin, late George / Edilda and Fatima / late Francisco.

Expired peacefully on 26th March 2025. Funeral cortege will leave her residence at 3.45 pm on Saturday 29/03/2025 for St. Alex Church, Calangute for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.

In lieu of flowers, donation can be given to St. Alex Orphanage, Calangute.

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