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President and MP for the British far right party Reform UK Nigel Farage reacts as he leaves the BBC headquarters in London

Russian missiles hit Ukraine during Palm Sunday celebrations

More than 30 killed in Sumy

AP, KYIV: Russian missiles struck the heart of the Ukrainian city of Sumy as people gathered to celebrate Palm Sunday, killing at least 34 people, officials said, in the second large-scale attack to claim civilian lives in just over a week.

The two ballistic missiles hit around 10:15 am, officials said. Images from the scene showed lines of black body bags on the side of the road, while more bodies were seen wrapped in foil blankets among the debris. Video footage also showed fire crews fighting to extinguish the shells of burned-out cars among the rubble from damaged buildings.

The dead included two children, the State Emergency Service of Ukraine said in a statement. A further 117 people were wounded, including 15 children, it said.

"Only filthy scum can act like this — taking the lives of ordinary people," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

The head of the Ukrainian president's office, Andriy Yermak, said the strike also used cluster munitions in an attempt to kill as many people as possible. The Associated Press was unable to verify the claim.

The attack on Sumy followed a deadly missile strike on Zelenskyy's hometown of Kryvyi Rih on April 4 that killed some 20 people, including nine children.

Zelenskyy called for a global response to the attack. "Talks have never stopped ballistic missiles and aerial bombs. What's needed is an attitude toward Russia that a terrorist deserves," he said.

Other world leaders also condemned the attack, with French President Emmanuel Macron saying that it undermined Washington-led peace talks between the two sides.

"Everyone knows: This war was initiated by Russia alone. And today, it is clear that Russia alone chooses to continue it — with blatant disregard for human lives, international law and the diplomatic efforts of President Trump," he wrote in a statement. Elsewhere in Ukraine, a 62-year-old woman



A Ukrainian rescuer works to extinguish a fire at the site of a missile attack in Sumy, Ukraine, on Sunday

and a 48-year-old man were killed in Russian attacks on the Kherston region, local Gov. Oleksandr Prokudin said Sunday. Another person was killed during Russian shelling on Ukraine's Donetsk region, Gov. Vadym Filashkin said.

The mayor of the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv, Ihor Terekhov, said a Russian strike had hit one of the city's kindergartens, shattering

windows and damaging the building's facade. No casualties were reported.

The strikes come a day after Russia and Ukraine's senior diplomats accused each other of violating a tentative US-brokered deal to pause strikes on energy infrastructure, underscoring the challenges of negotiating an end to the three-year war.

The two countries' foreign ministers spoke at separate events at the annual Antalya Diplomacy Forum soon after US envoy Steve Witkoff met with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss peace prospects.

"The Ukrainians have been attacking us from the very beginning, every passing day, maybe with two or three exceptions," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said, adding that Moscow would provide the US, Turkey and international bodies with a list of Kyiv's attacks during the past three weeks.

His Ukrainian counterpart, Andriy Sybiha, contested that claim, saying Saturday that Russia had launched almost 70 missiles, over 2,200 exploding drones and more than 6,000 guided aerial bombs at Ukraine, "mostly at civilians" since agreeing to the limited pause on strikes.

Russian forces hold the advantage in Ukraine, and Kyiv has warned that Moscow is planning a fresh spring offensive to ramp up pressure on its foe and improve its negotiating position.

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Israel intensifies strikes across Gaza

AP, DEIR AL-BALAH (GAZA STRIP): A wave of Israeli strikes across Gaza on Sunday hit a hospital and other sites, killing at least 21 people, including children, as Israel vowed to expand its security presence in the small coastal strip.

The predawn strike on Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City was the latest of several attacks on northern Gaza's last major hospital providing critical health care.

Hospital director Dr. Fadel Naim said the emergency room, pharmacy and surrounding buildings were severely damaged, affecting over 100 patients and dozens of staff.

One patient, a girl, died during the evacuation following an Israeli warning because staff were unable to provide urgent care,

Gaza's Health Ministry said. Israel said it struck a Hamas command and control centre at the hospital, without providing evidence. Hamas denied the allegations.

Al-Ahli Hospital is run by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, which condemned the attack, saying in a statement it happened on "Palm Sunday, the start of the Holy Week, the most sacred week of the Christian year."

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and worshippers in Gaza City marked it in a church whose gilded trim and intact walls were a contrast to the widespread debris elsewhere.

Associated Press video showed the hospital's caved-in roof surrounded by rubble.

SURPRISE APPEARANCE



Pope Francis during a surprise appearance at the end of the Palm Sunday mass in The Vatican

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PRIVATE JETTY PLAN IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

"We do not require the project. We are with the people. If we have to launch an agitation, then we will go ahead. If the project is going to benefit the locals, then they should be briefed about the perceived benefits," he said.

LEARNED ABOUT THE PROJECT THROUGH MEDIA: KHAUNTE

Expressing his commitment to stand with the people, he said, "It's crucial to understand who authorised the permission, as it cannot be solely based on Central approval without local awareness. I will take up the matter with the Chief Minister to ensure transparency."

Highlighting his concern that significant decisions are being made without the knowledge of the local representatives, Khaunte said, "If necessary, I will also write to the Centre to ascertain whether there has been any misrepresentation of facts."

As per reports, the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) issued the first digital No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the project on April 9 to Marina India Infrastructure Pvt Ltd. The project, designed to boost river cruise tourism, was approved under new IWAI regulations that facilitate private jetties on national waterways.

GOVT NOT TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION AROUND OLD GOA CHURCHES

SOGAC Coordinator Peter Viegas said, "The minister should clarify whether the State is for State monuments or national monuments. Heritage site at Old Goa is a world heritage site and comes under ASI. If the government is so firm then it should be incorporated in the Regional Plan 2021. This has not been done purposely to allow different types of schemes."

He said the demarcation will be done according to the RP 2021. Simply making a statement is not going to fulfil any purpose. It only shows how the Town and Country Planning (TCP) department deals with monuments."

Last month, after activists held a protest, the Goa government announced putting on hold the work on the proposed tourist amenity centre at Old Goa heritage site. The issue was raised in the State Assembly also and Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte assured the House that the work won't

continue until clearance is granted by the Archaeological Survey of India and church authorities approve it again.

WILL NOT ALLOW HIGHWAY EXPANSION: BHOMA RESIDENTS

Local resident Kishore Naik drew parallels with Khapreshwar and questioned the silence of many. "Why are so many people staying home and not attending the meeting? Saving our village is not politics. Bhoma residents must stay united and protect our village and culture for future generations."

Shantu Bhomkar added emotionally, "How will our children know Bhoma's heritage if the village and our culture are wiped out for highway expansion? The government might as well bury us while carrying out the widening."

Mariano, a Corlim resident, accused politicians of adopting a divide-and-rule policy for their own interests. Another elderly resident, Putu Gaude, asked pointedly, "How will this project benefit the people of Bhoma? We will save our village and culture from destruction."

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION DISALLOWED IN DELHI, CATHOLIC BODY SLAMS MOVE

The annual procession, held from St Mary's Church to Sacred Heart Cathedral, commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ and draws thousands of faithful, Michael noted.

The denial of permission has drawn criticism from political leaders, including the Congress and Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Vijayan condemned the Delhi Police's decision, calling it a violation of constitutional guarantees of religious freedom and secularism. "Such actions, which undermine the religious beliefs of minorities, are not in line with a pluralistic society," he said.

Congress General Secretary KC Venugopal also criticised the move in a letter to Union Home Minister Amit Shah. He alleged that the denial amounted to a "serious attack on religious freedom" and reflected "selective targeting" aimed at silencing minority voices.

"The Sacred Heart Cathedral in Delhi has been holding this peaceful religious procession for the last 15 years. Denying permission without concrete reasons raises questions about the government's commitment to upholding the fundamental right to practice and profess one's religion freely," Venugopal wrote.

Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs George Kurian defended the decision, stating that the denial was based on security concerns. He also noted that permission was not granted for the Hanuman Jayanti procession, scheduled for Saturday. "All provisions of this nature have been restricted," Kurian said.

'PROTECTED WITNESS' LIKELY TO CONFRONT RANA DURING GRILLING

As per a report, the identity of the witness has been kept confidential even in court documents, given the threat posed by Pakistan's State actors and terror groups like LeT. Investigators cited in the report have noted that confronting Rana with the witness could be key to unearthing how he enabled Headley's surveillance activities in Mumbai ahead of the coordinated assault.

This marks the first time that Rana is being interrogated by Indian authorities. In 2010, an NIA team had questioned Headley in the US, but Rana had remained out of reach until his extradition was secured after years of legal proceedings. The NIA chargesheet also says Rana was in touch with another conspirator, 'Major Iqbal', the news channel reported. Rana faces several charges in India, including conspiracy, forgery, murder, and terrorism.

FINMIN: 18% GST ON FLAT UPKEEP OVER RS 7,500

In cases where the monthly maintenance amount exceeds Rs 7,500, GST is levied on the entire amount, not just the excess. For example, if the charges are Rs 9,000 per month per member, the full Rs 9,000 will be subject to 18% GST.

The GST Council had, in its 25th meeting held on January 18, 2018, increased the exemption limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs 7,500 to provide relief to RWAs and housing societies.

Additionally, the Ministry emphasised that under the GST regime, the tax burden on RWAs is lower, as they are eligible to claim Input Tax Credit (ITC) on the GST paid for capital goods such as generators, water pumps, and lawn furniture, as well as goods like taps, pipes, and other fittings, and input services like repair and maintenance. This was not possible under the pre-GST VAT regime, where taxes paid on such purchases were a direct cost to the RWAs. ITC allows RWAs to reduce their tax liability by offsetting the GST paid on relevant purchases.