



Members of the support group for UK Veterans Rolling Thunder takes part in gathering in Whitehall, central London



A police stands guard near a truck that was used to attack a police station with explosives in Mondomo, Colombia



US Vice President JD Vance meets with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni at Chigi Palace in Rome, Italy



Members of the religious Kakai minority from Iraqi Kurdistan play music together during a celebration of "Giving day" in the Iraqi-Kurdish city of Halabja

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Citizens walk on the main promenade (The Gospodska street) of the Bosnian North-Western city of Banja Luka

Plane passenger shoots, kills US hijacker on Belize flight

GUATEMALA CITY: A passenger on a small plane from Belize on Thursday shot dead an American armed with a knife who was attempting a hijacking, police in the Caribbean nation said. The would-be hijacker threatened the pilot shortly after the Cessna Grand Caravan from Belize's Tropic Air took off in the morning with 14 on board from the town of Corozal. It was headed for the Belizean island of San Pedro, but the man ordered the pilot to head "out of the country," police commissioner Chester Williams told Channel 5 news. The plane hovered for some time over the international airport of Belize City before landing just as it was about to run out of fuel, at which point the hijacker stabbed two fellow passengers. One had a firearm he was licensed to carry, and shot the attacker dead, according to officials and local media.

Google has illegal monopoly in ad tech, US judge rules

WASHINGTON: A US judge on Thursday ruled that Google illegally wielded monopoly power in the online ad technology market, in a legal blow that could rattle the tech giant's revenue engine. The federal government and more than a dozen US states filed the antitrust suit against Alphabet-owned Google, accusing it of acting illegally to dominate three sectors of digital advertising - publisher ad servers, advertiser tools, and ad exchanges. "Google's monopolies allow it to soak up excessive profits, leaving less for the workers and businesses whose livelihoods depend on online advertising," said New York attorney general Letitia James, whose state took part in the suit. "Everyone from major news organizations to small independent bloggers has taken a financial hit because of Google's conduct."

Indonesia pledges more US imports as part of tariffs talks

JAKARTA: Indonesia said Friday it would boost oil and gas imports from the United States as part of a deal to ease stiff tariffs threatened by Washington, adding that talks would be completed within 60 days. Chief Economic Minister Airlangga Hartarto made the comments after he and other delegates met US Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick, Trade Representative Jamieson Greer and Secretary of State Marco Rubio. "Indonesia will increase the purchase of energy from the US, including LPG, crude oil, and gasoline," Airlangga told an online news briefing in Washington. "Indonesia also plans to keep buying agricultural products from the US, such as wheat, soybeans, and soybean milk." He said the team hoped to meet Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent next week, adding that Indonesia was one of the first countries the US government accepted to negotiate.

US unveils new port fees for Chinese-linked ships

WASHINGTON: The United States unveiled new port fees on Chinese built and operated ships Thursday, in a bid to boost the domestic shipbuilding industry and curb China's dominance in the sector. The move - which stems from a probe launched under the prior administration - comes as the United States and China are locked in a major trade war over President Donald Trump's tariffs and could further ratchet up tensions. "Ships and shipping are vital to American economic security and the free flow of commerce," US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said in a statement announcing the new fees, most of which will begin in mid-October. Under the new rule, per tonnage or per container fees will apply to each Chinese-linked ship's US voyage, and not at each port as some in the industry had worried. The fee will be assessed only up to five times per year, and can be waived if the owner places an order for a US built vessel.

Nude photos of deceased singer spark row in Japan

TOKYO: A Japanese record company is facing a backlash after announcing it would release a CD by a deceased singer that will include nude photographs of her taken privately. The governor of Kumamoto region in southern Japan, where the singer Aki Yashiro was from, slammed the decision as an "unforgivable" act in a blog post published Wednesday. The CD is due to be released on Monday by the record company, which has announced that the product will feature two nude photos of Yashiro, who died in 2023 aged 73, as a "bonus feature".

US revokes over 1,300 international student visas

AP, WASHINGTON: More than 1,000 international students have had their visas or legal status revoked in recent weeks, and several have filed lawsuits against the Trump administration, arguing the government denied them due process when it suddenly took away their permission to be in the US.

The actions by the federal government to terminate students' legal status have left hundreds of scholars at risk of detention and deportation. Their schools range from private universities like Harvard and Stanford to large public institutions like the University of Maryland and Ohio State University to some small liberal arts colleges.

At least 1,024 students at 160 colleges, universities and university systems have had their visas revoked or their legal status terminated since late March, according to an Associated Press review of university statements, cor-

respondence with school officials and court records.

In lawsuits against the Department of Homeland Security, students have argued the govt lacked justification to cancel their visa or terminate their legal status.

Why is the government cancelling international students' visas?

Visas can be cancelled for a number of reasons, but colleges say some students are being singled out over infractions as minor as traffic violations, including some long in the past. In some cases, students say it's unclear why they were targeted.

"The timing and uniformity of these terminations leave little question that DHS has adopted a nationwide policy, whether written or not, of mass termination of student (legal) status," ACLU of Michigan attorneys wrote in a lawsuit on behalf of students at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan.

In New Hampshire, a federal judge last week issued a

US WARNS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO OBEY LAWS OR FACE VISA REVOCATION

PTI, NEW DELHI: Students attempting to go against US laws will face the consequences, including deportation, the country's state department has warned. In a virtual interview with PTI, US Department of State spokesperson Margaret MacLeod said the Trump administration was rigorously enforcing immigration laws, including the Immigration and Nationality Act and the Alien Registration Act. "If you follow the law, America offers opportunities. But those who violate the law will face the consequences," MacLeod told PTI Videos on a question related to the issues faced by Indian students in various US universities. Indian students in the US are grappling with a growing threat of deportation as authorities cancel F-1 visas over a range of issues -- from participation in pro-Palestinian protests to minor legal infractions.

restraining order in the case of a Dartmouth College computer science student from China, Xiaotian Liu, who had his status terminated by the government. Attorneys have filed similar challenges in federal court in Georgia and California.

Homeland Security officials did not respond to a message seeking comment. In some high-profile cas-

es, including the detention of Columbia University activist Mahmoud Khalil, President Donald Trump's administration has argued it should be allowed to deport noncitizens over involvement in pro-Palestinian activism. But in the vast majority of visa revocations, colleges say there is no indication affected students had a role in protests.

US seeks to turn deportations into efficient business like Amazon

AP, JENA: Amid rural Louisiana's crawfish farms, towering pine trees and cafes serving po'boys, nearly 7,000 people are waiting at immigration detention centres to learn whether they will be expelled from the United States.

If President Donald Trump's administration has its way, the capacity to hold tens of thousands more migrants will soon be added around the country as the US seeks an explosive expansion of what is already the world's largest immigration detention system.

Trump's effort to conduct mass deportations as promised in the 2024 campaign represents a potential bonanza for private prison companies and a

challenge to the government agencies responsible for the orderly expulsion of immigrants.

Some critics say the administration's plans also include a deliberate attempt to isolate detainees by locking them up and holding court proceedings far from their attorneys and support systems.

The acting director of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, Todd Lyons, said at a border security conference in Phoenix last week that the agency needs "to get better at treating this like a business" and suggested the nation's deportation system could function "like Amazon, trying to get your product delivered in 24 hours."

COASTAL VIGIL



State police officers patrol a beach as part of a security operation to prevent criminal acts in the face of a wave of violence and protect tourists who visit the beach for Easter vacations in Acapulco, Guerrero state, Mexico

Tourists among 4 killed after Italian cable car crashes into ravine south of Naples



Rescuers work to access the smashed cable car

AP, ROME: Three tourists were among four people who were killed when a mountain cable car plunged

into a ravine south of Naples, an Italian official said Friday.

A British woman and

an Israeli woman were among the three foreign victims identified since Thursday's accident, said Marco De Rosa, the spokesman for the mayor of Vico Equense.

The fourth victim was the Italian driver of the cable car.

Initial reports suggest that a cable car crashed while going up Monte Faito, in the town of Castellammare di Stabia. The reports suggested that a traction cable may have snapped.

The cable car plunged into a ravine after stopping very close to the station at the top of the peak, at around 1,050 metres.

A fifth person, believed to be a second Israeli tourist, was in stable but critical condition at the Naples hospital treating him, officials said. Sixteen passengers were helped out of another cable car that was stuck mid-air near the foot of the mountain following the incident.

Worshippers return to restored Notre Dame for Easter rituals with emotion, awe

AP, PARIS: Four months after its long-awaited reopening, Notre Dame Cathedral welcomed worshippers and tourists alike on Friday for an emotional Easter ceremony centred on the Crown of Thorns, a circular band of branches encased in a golden tube and one of Christianity's most revered relics.

The ritual, held during Holy Week, included liturgical chants, candlelight, and a solemn procession of clerics carrying the Crown of Thorns through the alleys of the cathedral.

Tourists queued in a line that stretched across the Seine, waiting to enter the renovated Gothic landmark. Inside, ushers struggled to



Archbishop of Paris Laurent Ulrich (CL) carries the Crown of Thorns during the procession at the Cathedral Notre-Dame de Paris, as part of Good Friday celebrations, in Paris

gently enforce a separation between curious visitors and the faithful.

Notre Dame's rector, Rev. Olivier Ribadeau Dumas, said this week's crowd ex-

ceeded expectations.

"Before the fire, we saw about 20,000 pilgrims a day," he said. "Now it's closer to 30,000. The joy people feel rediscovering the ca-

thedral - you can see it on their faces as they leave."

Among the worshippers was Marylene Portet, 63, a Paris native who has attended Easter Mass at Notre Dame since childhood. She frowned as a group of tourists pulled out their phone to snap photos from areas where the faithful were gathered. "This is a sacred moment," she said. "You don't just take a picture of the relic and move on."

Cong urges EAM to address US student visa revocations

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Congress on Friday expressed concern over the American Immigration Lawyers Association's claim that out of the 327 visa revocation cases of international students collected by it so far, 50% are Indians, and asked whether External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will take up the issue with his US counterpart.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh shared on X a press statement issued on Thursday by the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and said it is "cause for concern to us in India".

"Out of the 327 visa revocation cases of international students collected by the organisation so far, 50% are Indians. The reasons for revocation are random and unclear. There is growing fear and apprehension," Ramesh said.

"Will the External Affairs Minister take note and raise the concern with his US counterpart? Ramesh said and tagged Jaishankar.

"The Department of State (DOS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are aggressively targeting international students, including those without a history of protest, for visa revocation, termination of their status, and removal," the American Immigration Lawyers Association statement said.

"Of these reports - 50 percent of these students were from India, followed by 14 percent from China. Other significant countries represented in this data include South Korea, Nepal, and Bangladesh," the statement said.

"Based on these reports, it is clear that transparency, oversight, and accountability are needed to prevent further arbitrary visa revocations and SEVIS record terminations. Finally, there should be a way for students to appeal SEVIS terminations that are inaccurate without facing a gap in their employment or requiring the university to be involved, given the sheer numbers of those impacted," it said.

Over 172,000 Pakistanis leave country for jobs

PTI, ISLAMABAD: More than 172,000 Pakistanis left their homeland in the first quarter of 2025 to seek job opportunities abroad, with nearly 100,000 individuals categorised as general labourers, according to official data.

The Bureau of Immigration and Overseas Employment (BI&OE) updated on its website the details of Pakistanis who went out of the country in the first three months of 2025. The report showed that 172,144 individuals left the country between January and March in search of better work opportunities abroad.

Saudi Arabia emerged as the top destination for Pakistani workers, attracting the highest number of job seekers at 121,190. Oman followed in second place as it saw 8,331 Pakistanis

seeking employment, while the United Arab Emirates welcomed 6,891.

Qatar also proved to be a popular choice, with 12,989 Pakistanis finding work there, and Bahrain saw an influx of 939 Pakistani workers.

Other notable destinations included the United Kingdom (1,454), Türkiye (870), Greece (815), Malaysia (775), China (592), Azerbaijan (350), Germany (264), the United States (257), Italy (109), and Japan (108).

In a breakdown of the professions of those who secured overseas jobs, 99,139 individuals were categorised as general labourers. Among skilled labour, 38,274 were drivers, 1,859 masons, 2,130 electricians, 1,689 cooks, 3,474 technicians, and 1,058 welders.

PAKISTAN PM SHEHBAZ PLEDGES TO CRUSH TERROR THREAT

PTI, ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday vowed to deliver a crushing defeat on terrorists so that they never "dare cast an evil eye" on Pakistan again. He chaired a meeting on the law and order situation in Islamabad, reported Radio Pakistan. "Pakistan's enemies are scared of our economic achievements," Shehbaz said. He vowed to inflict a "crushing defeat on terrorists so that they never dare cast an evil eye on Pakistan again", the report quoted him as saying. The prime minister declared that the struggle to eradicate terrorism from the country will continue and commended all institutions and provincial governments for their robust measures against it. Shehbaz praised security forces for their sacrifices in combating terrorism, noting that "brave officers and soldiers are confronting terrorists day and night, laying down their lives for the country".