



Emmanuel Bernard, president of the bovine section of Interbev is seen during a visit by China's Vice Premier of a farm in Harquency



Australia's Governor General Sam Mostyn arrives for a swearing-in ceremony at Government House in Canberra



Algeria's Prez Abdelmadjid Tebboune takes part in a welcoming ceremony before a meeting with his Slovenian counterpart in Ljubljana



China's Vice Premier He Lifeng visits the farm of a local breeder in Harquency, northern France

## Trump welcomes 49 white South Africans as refugees

AP, DULLES: The Trump administration on Monday welcomed a small group of white South Africans as refugees, saying they face discrimination and violence at home, which the country's government strongly denies.

The decision to admit the 49 people also has raised questions from refugee advocates about why the group should be admitted when the Trump administration has suspended efforts to resettle people who are fleeing war and persecution and have gone through years of vetting before coming to the US.

The group from South Africa, including children holding small American flags, arrived at Dulles International Airport outside

Washington on a private charter plane and was greeted by Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau and Homeland Security Deputy Secretary Troy Edgar.

"I want you all to know that you are really welcome here and that we respect what you have had to deal with these last few years," Landau told the group in a hangar at the airport, many of them holding U.S. flags. "We respect the long tradition of your people and what you have accomplished over the years."

President Donald Trump told reporters earlier Monday that he's admitting them as refugees because of the "genocide that's taking place."

AP, RIYADH: US President Donald Trump signed a host of economic and bilateral cooperation agreements in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday as he kicked off a four-day Middle East trip with a focus on dealmaking with a key Mideast ally while shared concerns about Iran's nuclear programme and the war in Gaza dragged on in the background.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the Saudi de facto ruler, warmly greeted Trump as he stepped off Air Force One at King Khalid International Airport in the Saudi capital.

The two leaders then retreated to a grand hall at the Riyadh airport, where Trump and his aides were served traditional Arabic coffee by waiting attendants wearing ceremonial gun belts.

"I really believe we like each other a lot," Trump said.

They later signed more than a dozen agreements to increase cooperation between their governments' militaries, justice departments and cultural institutions. Additional economic agreements were expected to be inked later Tuesday at a US-Saudi investment conference convened for the



US President Donald Trump and the kingdom's Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman talk before a coffee ceremony at the Royal Court in Riyadh

occasion.

Prince Mohammed has already committed to some USD 600 billion in new Saudi investment in the US, but Trump teased USD 1 trillion would be even better. Fighter jet escort. The pomp began before Trump even landed. Royal Saudi Air Force F-15s provided an honorary escort for Air Force One as it approached the kingdom's capital - an exceptionally rare sight.

Trump and Prince Mohammed also took part in a formal greeting and lunch at the Royal Court at Al Yamamah Palace, gathering with guests and aides in an ornate room with blue and gold accents and massive crystal chandeliers.

As he greeted business

titans with Trump by his side, Prince Mohammed was animated and smiling.

It was a stark contrast to his awkward fist bump with then-President Joe Biden, who looked to avoid being seen on camera shaking hands with the prince during a 2022 visit to the kingdom.

Biden had decided to pay a visit to Saudi Arabia as he looked to alleviate soaring prices at the pump for motorists at home and around the globe.

At the time, Prince Mohammed's reputation had been badly damaged by a US intelligence determination that found he had ordered the 2018 killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

But that dark moment appeared to be distant

**ISRAEL AND TRUMP AT ODDS OVER IRAN NUCLEAR STRATEGY**  
AFP, JERUSALEM: Israel is threatening military action against Iran while US President Donald Trump pursues diplomacy, exposing a growing rift between the long-time allies over how to confront the Islamic republic's advancing nuclear programme. As a fourth round of indirect talks between Iran and the US kicked off in Muscat on Sunday, Israel's Foreign Minister Gideon Saar emphasised that his country would not allow Tehran, under any circumstances, to develop its nuclear programme. "The most dangerous regime must not be allowed to obtain the world's most dangerous weapon," said Saar. Like Western countries, Israel suspects its arch foe Iran of wanting to acquire nuclear weapons. Tehran denies these allegations, defending its right to civilian nuclear energy. "If military operations are necessary... so be it," said Israeli President Isaac Herzog in an interview published this week by the German newspaper Die Welt, while also stating that he wanted to give "dialogue a chance". In 2015, Iran and several major powers signed an agreement regulating Tehran's nuclear development, including uranium enrichment, in exchange for the gradual lifting of sanctions that had been imposed on the country since the mid-2000s.

memory for the prince as he rubbed elbows with high-profile business executives - including Blackstone Group CEO Stephen Schwarzman, BlackRock CEO Larry Fink and Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk - in front of the cameras and with Trump by his side.

Later, the crown prince will fete Trump with an intimate state dinner at Ad-Diriyah, a UNESCO heritage site that is the birthplace of the first Saudi state and the site of a major development project championed by the crown prince. Oil production

Saudi Arabia and fellow OPEC+ nations have already helped their cause with Trump early in his

second term by stepping up oil production. Trump sees cheap energy as a key component to lowering costs and stemming inflation for Americans. The Republican president has also made the case that lower oil prices will hasten an end to the Russia-Ukraine war.

But Saudi Arabia's economy remains heavily dependent on oil, and the kingdom needs a fiscal break-even oil price of USD 96 to USD 98 a barrel to balance its budget. It's questionable how long OPEC+, of which Saudi Arabia is the leading member, is willing to keep production elevated.

The price of a barrel of Brent crude closed Mon-

day at USD 64.77.

Trump picked the kingdom for his first stop, because it has pledged to make big investments in the US, but he ended up travelling to Italy last month for Pope Francis' funeral. Riyadh was the first overseas stop of his first term.

The three countries on Trump's itinerary — Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates — are places where the Trump Organisation, run by Trump's two oldest sons, is developing major real estate projects.

They include a high-rise tower in Jeddah, a luxury hotel in Dubai and a golf course and villa complex in Qatar.

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## PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK



The sky turns red as the sun sets behind a tree on a winter day in Canberra

## Bangladesh bans Hasina-led Awami League

PTI, DHAKA/NEW DELHI: Bangladesh on Monday officially disbanded deposed premier Sheikh Hasina's Awami League under an overnight revised anti-terrorism law, two days after Muhammad Yunus's interim government slapped a ban on its "activities" under the previous version of the law.

"A gazette notification has been issued in this regard today," home adviser Lt Gen (ret'd) Jahangir Alam told a media briefing on Monday.

A home ministry official said as per the notification, the Awami League and its affiliated organisations were banned under the Anti-Terrorism Act 2025 until Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal (ICT-BD) completed the trial of its leaders and activists.

He said Section 18 of the revised law empowered the government to declare any "entity" or organisation alongside an individual if



they were found involved in terrorism based on reasonable grounds.

The original Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009 did not have the provision of banning the "entity".

The Election Commission (EC), meanwhile, said it scrapped the Awami League's registration as well, disqualifying the party from contesting polls.

"Today, the Ministry of Home Affairs banned the activities of Bangladesh Awami League and its affiliated organisations. In continuation of this, the Election Commission decided to suspend the registration of Awami League," EC secretary

Akhtar Ahmed said hours after the government notification.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin two days back told reporters, "We will have to decide to go with the spirit of the present Bangladesh."

The Awami League leaders were charged with committing crimes against humanity over the deaths of hundreds of people during last year's anti-government protests by a student platform. The protests resulted in the ouster of Hasina's 16-year-long regime on August 5.

On Saturday, the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government's Council of Advisers or the cabinet slapped

a ban on "all activities of Awami League", including in cyberspace, under an anti-terrorism law.

It said the ban would stay in place until the special tribunal completes a trial of the party and its leaders.

The next day, the Awami League rejected the interim government's decision and vowed to carry on its activities in an appropriate manner.

Monday's development came as Bangladesh overnight promulgated an ordinance banning the publication or dissemination of statements of individuals or organisations charged under a revised terrorism law.

On Sunday night, President Mohammed Shahabuddin promulgated an ordinance amending the Anti-Terrorism Act, prohibiting any form of publicity, including press statements, social media content, or public gatherings in support of any individuals or entities tried in the act.

## Expired ammunition explodes during disposal in Indonesia, killing 13 people

AP, JAKARTA: An explosion during the disposal of expired munitions in Indonesia's West Java province on Monday killed at least 13 people, including four soldiers, military officials said.

The cause of the blast was not immediately clear.

Members of the Indonesian army were carrying out the disposal of unusable and expired ammunition - which had been stored in a military warehouse centre - in an environmental conservation area in Sagara village of Garut district.

The initial explosion was shortly followed by another blast, said Maj Gen Kristomei Sianturi, the Indonesian military spokesman.

Nine civilians and four army members were killed, Sianturi said, adding that several other people were being treated for various injuries.

The cause of the incident is still being investigated, with a focus on whether the standard procedure for ammunition disposal was followed, Sianturi said.

The location - vacant land under the management of West Java's Natural Resources Conservation Agency - is far from residential areas and often used for munitions disposal.

However, such activities often attract the attention of nearby residents, who often take metal fragments, copper or scrap iron from grenades and mortars, Sianturi said, "And there might be an unexpected second explosion after that."

Local television footage showed an explosion lighting up the sky and thick black smoke, followed by a second blast a few minutes later. Another video showed ambulances evacuating the injured victims and the dead.

## Pope Leo XIV visits the HQ of his Augustinian order

AP, ROME: Pope Leo XIV met with members of his Augustinian religious order on Tuesday, visiting the congregation's headquarters outside St Peter's Square.

Leo was seen exiting a black Volkswagen Tiguan in the driveway of the Agostinianum, the pontifical institute that also serves as the Rome-based residence and

headquarters of the Order of St Augustine.

The ethos of the order, which includes a contemplative spirituality, communal living and service to others, is traced to the fifth century St Augustine of Hippo, one of the theological and devotional giants of early Christianity.

## Elephant death sparks calls for wildlife crossings

AFP, KUALA LUMPUR: Viral images of an elephant trying for hours to save her calf in vain after it was hit by a truck in Malaysia has prompted calls for dedicated wildlife crossings in the animal-rich country.

The truck collided with the elephant calf early on Sunday morning on a major highway in the north of the country. Images of the elephant mother trying to move the truck after the incident was one of the most-viewed items on newspaper websites - and

tugged on the heartstrings of many Malaysians.

The adult animal was later sedated and moved to rejoin its herd while authorities removed the calf's carcass, news reports said.

Wildlife activists called on the government to step up efforts to provide wildlife crossings on the highway, which already has signs warning motorists of the potential dangers.

"Every year we witness tragic incidents where animals like tapirs

are struck by vehicles while crossing roads in search of food," said Lee Lam Thye, a prominent former politician and wildlife activist.

"These collisions not only result in the loss of precious wildlife, but also pose a significant risk to drivers," he said in a statement to The Star daily paper.

The head of the University of Putra Malaysia's Road Safety Research Centre said motion sensors, rumble strips and elevated crossings could help.