



Britain's Lieutenant General John Mead, deputy commander of the NATO Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum, speaks to media in Germany



Staff from the public Garrahan Pediatric Hospital hold a candlelit demonstration to demand better salaries & increased govt funding, in Buenos Aires, Argentina



Annalena Baerbock of Germany addresses the UN General Assembly after she was elected as president of the 80th session of the body



Detectives and forensic investigators work at the scene of a suspected explosive attack in Kampala, Uganda

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A child maintains his balance as he walks along a pipe over the Buriganga river in Dhaka, Bangladesh

Hundreds killed in South Sudan cattle raids: UN

JUBA: Hundreds have died since December in escalating intercommunal conflict in South Sudan linked to cattle rustling and revenge attacks, the UN said on Tuesday. Clashes over access to resources and cattle rustling are frequent in the poverty-stricken east African nation, which also faces extreme droughts and floods. Conflicts among cattle herders have become rampant in Tonj East, located in Warrap State in northwestern South Sudan, causing "hundreds of deaths, the destruction of homes and widespread displacement," according to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). In March, more than 200 people are estimated to have died during the intercommunal conflict, UNMISS said in a statement. "Urgent intervention is needed from the national government to prevent the conflict from escalating to catastrophic levels and to bring communities together to peacefully resolve grievances," said Guang Cong, the UNMISS deputy special representative.

Nigeria flooding death toll rise to 200



Peoples belongings damaged in floods after heavy rainfall in the market town of Mokwa, north-central Nigeria

ABUJA: Flash flooding in north-central Nigeria last week killed more than 200 people, the Niger state humanitarian commissioner said Tuesday, while hundreds more remain missing and are feared dead. The town of Mokwa was hit with the worst flash flood in living memory Thursday from overnight rains, with more than 250 homes destroyed and swathes of the town wiped out in a single morning. Climate change has made weather swings in Nigeria more extreme, but residents in Mokwa said human factors were also at play. Water had been building up for days behind an abandoned railway track that runs along the edge of the town, residents told AFP. Floodwaters would usually pass through a couple of culverts in the mounds and run into a narrow channel.

Mongolia PM resigns after anti-corruption protests

ULAANBAATAR: Mongolian Prime Minister Luvsannamsrain Oyun-Erdene resigned on Tuesday following weeks of anti-corruption protests in the country's capital. The landlocked democracy in northern Asia has battled deep-seated corruption for decades, with many arguing that wealthy elites are hoarding the profits of a years-long coal mining boom at the expense of the general population. Frustrations have flared since last month as public suspicions over the supposedly lavish lifestyles of the prime minister's family have fuelled persistent demonstrations in the capital Ulaanbaatar.

Ukraine claims fresh attack on Crimean bridge

AFP, KYIV: Ukraine said on Tuesday that it had hit the bridge connecting Russia and the occupied Crimean Peninsula with explosives planted underwater, in its third attack on the vital supply line for Moscow's forces since the full-scale war began in 2022.



The explosion of the Kerch Bridge connecting Crimea with Russia following a special operation carried out by the Ukrainian Security Service

Ukraine's security service, the SBU, said on Telegram that its agents had mined the piers of the road and rail Crimean Bridge, also called the Kerch Bridge, and detonated the first explosive at 4.44 a.m. Tuesday. The whole operation took several months, it added.

The agency said it had used 1,100 kilograms of explosives which "severely damaged" the underwater pillars supporting the bridge.

Traffic on the bridge was suspended early Tuesday morning, then again mid-afternoon, before resuming shortly before 6 p.m. local time. Although the scale

of the damage was not immediately clear, Tuesday's attack is the latest example of the SBU's attempts to blindside Moscow and demonstrate that there are costs to continuing its war.

On Sunday, the SBU launched an audacious drone attack on Moscow's fleet of nuclear-capable bombers, stationed at various Russian airfields thousands of miles away from Ukraine.

Vasul Malyuk, the head of the SBU, said that attack caused an estimated \$7 billion in damage and had struck 34% of Russia's strategic cruise missile carriers, which have been used to pummel Ukrainian cities throughout the war.

The SBU said Malyuk had also overseen Tuesday's attack.

"God loves the Trinity, and the SBU always sees things through to the end

RUSSIAN ROCKET STRIKE KILLS 3

AP, KYIV: A Russian attack targeted the Ukrainian city of Sumy on Tuesday, killing at least three people and leaving many injured, officials said. Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy denounced the assault, saying it underscored that Moscow has no intentions of halting the three-year war. Ukrainian authorities said a barrage of rockets struck apartment buildings and a medical facility in the centre of the northeastern city, a day after direct peace talks made no progress on ending the 3-year war.

and never does the same thing twice. We previously struck the Crimean Bridge twice, in 2022 and 2023. So today we continued this tradition, this time underwater," Malyuk said.

Lee Jae-myung elected S Korea's new president



South Korea's Democratic Party's presidential candidate Lee Jae-myung, gestures as his supporters gather outside of the National Assembly in Seoul, South Korea

AP, SEOUL: South Korea's liberal opposition candidate Lee Jae-myung was elected president early Wednesday, a victory that would cap months of political turmoil triggered by the stunning but brief imposition of martial law by now-ousted conservative leader Yoon Suk Yeol. It was unclear whether Lee's election would cause any major, immediate shift in South Korea's foreign policy. Lee, previously accused by critics of tilting toward China and North Korea and away from the US and Japan, has repeatedly stressed South Korea's alliance with the US as the foundation of its

foreign policy. The toughest external challenges awaiting a new president are US President Donald Trump's tariff policy and North Korea's advancing nuclear programme. But experts say whoever becomes president can't do much to secure major progress in South Korea's favour on those issues.

With nearly 95 per cent of ballots counted as of 2:40 am Wednesday, Lee, the Democratic Party candidate, led with 48.86 per cent of votes. The main conservative candidate, Kim Moon Soo, had 41.98 per cent.

AERIAL INNOVATION



Drones are displayed on the sidelines of a memorandum of understanding signing event at the National Chung Cheng University in Chiayi

Over 200 inmates escape high security jail after quake in Pak

PTI, KARACHI: Over 200 prisoners have escaped from a high-security jail in Pakistan's port city of Karachi after chaos erupted following an earthquake, a minister said on Tuesday.

Hundreds of prisoners broke down the doors of their cells after they felt tremors at Malir Jail in Karachi, which was hit by three low-intensity earthquakes on Monday, police said.

Sindh Home Minister Zia-ul Hasan Lanhjar confirmed on Tuesday that 216 prisoners had escaped the jail. He added that 78 prisoners were re-captured in

TEENAGE SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER SHOT DEAD IN PAKISTAN

PTI, ISLAMABAD: A teenage social media influencer, who had more than a million followers across TikTok and Instagram, was shot dead at her residence in Islamabad, officials said on Tuesday, in a third such incident in Pakistan in the last five months. Sana Yousaf, 17, was mercilessly shot dead on Monday at her house in Islamabad's Sector G-13/1, falling under the jurisdiction of the Sumbal police station, police said. She has over 740,000 followers on TikTok and close to 500,000 on Instagram. Islamabad police arrested an accused, identified as Umar Hayat, also known by his nickname "Kaka", in Faisalabad, Geo TV reported on Tuesday.

24 hours. Lanhjar said that when the tremors occurred on the night of Monday

night, prisoners panicked and started resorting to violence to come out of their cells.

Philippines warns of health emergency as HIV cases soar

AFP, MANILA: Philippine medical authorities on Tuesday warned of a looming "public health emergency" as HIV infections have soared this year, with young males especially hard-hit.

On average, 57 new cases a day were tallied in the country of 117 million people over the first three months of 2025, a 50 percent jump from a year earlier, health department data shows. "We now have the highest number of new cases here in the Western Pacific," Health Secretary Ted Herbosa said in a video message released Tuesday.

What is frightening is, our youth make up many

of the new cases," he said. "It would be in our interest to (declare) a public health emergency, a national emergency for HIV to mobilise the entire society, the whole of government to help us in this campaign to reduce the number of new HIV cases," Herbosa added.

The health department said 95 percent of newly reported cases were male, with 33 percent aged 15-24 and 47 percent aged 25-34. The government did not explain the causes behind the surge, which it said had set back government attempts to hit global targets set by a United Nations campaign to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

Trump undercuts his own envoy's proposal to Iran, vows no Uranium enrichment allowed

AP, WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump on Monday appeared to undercut a proposal that was offered by his special envoy to Iran, saying he will insist that Tehran fully dismantle its nuclear enrichment programme as part of any deal to ease crushing sanctions.

Trump and Steve Witkoff, who is leading the negotiations for the US, have repeatedly offered inconsistent public messages about whether Iran would be allowed to retain the capacity to enrich uranium to lower levels for civilian purposes.

The Trump administration maintains that it will not allow Iran to develop a nuclear weapon. The negotiations have been framed by Trump as both countries' best chance to avoid direct military conflict over Iran's nuclear programme. Tehran, which denies seeking a nuclear weapon, has insisted that it will not agree to any deal that fully scraps its enrichment program

Addressing the seeming contradiction, a White House official said Trump was speaking the "cold, hard truth." The official said the terms the US gave the Iranians were "very tough" and would make it impossible for them to obtain a nuclear bomb.

Trump's post comes after media reports that Witkoff's latest proposal to Tehran would allow Iran to retain low levels of enrichment

for civilian uses like nuclear medicine and commercial power if it agrees to shut down its heavily protected underground sites for a period of time. The US and Iran have engaged in several rounds of direct nuclear talks for the first time in years.

Senior officials, including Witkoff and Trump himself, have said within the last few weeks that Iran would not be able to keep enriching uranium at any level.

The proposal, reported by Axios and confirmed by a US official, called for the creation of a regional consortium to handle uranium enrichment for civilian uses - a plan first studied more than a decade ago in negotiations that led to the 2015 Iran nuclear deal.

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Mount Etna erupts, spewing towering plumes of smoke and ash over Sicily

AP, MILAN (ITALY): Sicily's Mount Etna put on a fiery show Monday, sending a cloud of smoke and ash several kilometres (miles) into the air, but officials said the activity posed no danger to the population.

The level of alert due to the volcanic activity was raised at the Catania airport, but no immediate interruptions were reported. An official update declared the ash cloud emission had ended by the afternoon.

Italy's INGV National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology said the spectacle on Europe's most active volcano was caused when part of the southeast crater collapsed, resulting



Smoke billows from Mount Etna volcano, Italy

in hot lava flows. It was the 14th eruptive phase in recent months.

The area of danger was confined to the summit of Etna, which was closed to

tourists as a precaution, according to Stefano Branca, an INGV official in Catania.

Sicily's president, Renato Schifani, said lava flows emitted in the eruption had not passed the natural containment area "and posed no danger to the population."

The event was captured in video and photos that went viral on social media. Tremors from the eruption were widely felt in the towns and villages on Mount Etna's flanks, Italian media reported.

Video showed tourists running along a path on the flank of the vast volcano with smoke billowing some distance in the background. Excursions are popular on Etna, which is some 3,300 metres (nearly 11,000 feet) high, with a surface area of some 1,200 square kilometres (about 460 square miles).

5.8-magnitude quake hits Turkey coast; teen dead, dozens injured

AP, ANKARA: A magnitude 5.8 earthquake shook a coastal town in Turkey on Tuesday, causing panic among residents, officials said. Dozens were reported injured after jumping from windows or balconies to get out of their homes while a teenager died after being taken to the hospital.

No major damage was reported. The Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency said the quake hit at 2:17 am and was centred in the Mediterranean Sea, off the holiday resort of Marmaris. It was felt in neighbouring regions, including on the Greek island of Rhodes, waking many from their sleep.

Turkish Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said on X that a 14-year-old girl was taken to hospital and died there after what he said was an anxiety attack. It was not known if she had any underlying conditions.

Nearly 70 other people were treated for injuries after jumping from windows or balconies in panic, he said. There were no reports of damage to buildings, he added. Turkiye sits on top of major fault lines and earthquakes are frequent.