



Philippine Senate Prez Francis Escudero talks during a press conference on the impeachment case of Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte, at the Senate in Pasay



German Chancellor Friedrich Merz sits at his seat prior to the start of the weekly meeting of the German cabinet at the Chancellery in Berlin



Britain's Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson leaves after a cabinet and spending review meeting, in central London



Poland's Prime Minister Donald Tusk speaks in Parliament before the vote of confidence for his cabinet in Warsaw

Trump says trade deal with China 'is done'

US to 55% tariff, China to get 10

PTI, BEIJING/WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced that a deal with China "is done" after two days of talks in London, marking a turnaround in the trade war between the two major economies.

"Our deal with China is done, subject to final approval with President Xi (Jinping) and me," Trump posted on his social media platform Truth Social.

His post came after the negotiating teams from both sides concluded two-day talks in London, where they agreed to resolve their trade disputes.

"Full magnets, and any necessary rare earths, will be supplied, up front, by China. Likewise, we will provide to China what was agreed to, including Chinese students using our colleges and universities (which has always been good with me!)" Trump said.

"We are getting a total of 55 per cent tariffs, China is getting 10 per cent. Relationships are excellent! Thank you for your attention to this matter," he said. "President Xi and I are



US Secretary of Treasury Scott Bessent and Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng shake hands as they pose for a photo during trade discussions at the Lancaster House in London

going to work closely together to open up China to American Trade. This would be a great WIN for both countries!!", he said.

The London talks focussed on both sides reaching a deal on China resuming supplies of rare earth metals, the key elements needed to manufacture mobile phones, semiconductors and missiles, besides automobile production.

Following the talks, US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said the deal between the two countries should result in restrictions on rare earth minerals and

magnets being resolved. While China blocked rare earth exports, the US restricted Beijing's access to US goods such as semiconductors and other related technologies linked to artificial intelligence (AI).

"We have reached a framework to implement the Geneva consensus," Lutnick told the media, according to a BBC report.

"Once the presidents approve it, we will then seek to implement it," he said.

Rare earths are a group of metals consisting of 17 elements. Though present in several countries, their

extraction is costly and messy, causing massive amounts of pollution.

According to the International Energy Agency, China accounts for 61 per cent of global mined rare earth production but controls 92 per cent of the global output.

Ahead of talks with the US, China last Saturday approved a certain number of export license applications for rare earth-related metals.

The approval was granted considering rising global demand for medium and heavy rare earth elements driven by industries such as robotics and new energy vehicles, a spokesperson of the Ministry of Commerce said in Beijing.

China's recent restrictions on the exports of key metals caused widespread disruption in the manufacturing of automobiles and semiconductor chips in a host of countries, including India.

While China is negotiating with the US and the EU, Beijing reportedly has not yet responded to India's request to resume exports of the key rare-earth elements.

Police arrest 25 in downtown LA during nighttime curfew

AFP, LOS ANGELES, UNITED STATES: Downtown Los Angeles was largely calm overnight into Wednesday, with police arresting at least 25 people for violating a curfew after a fifth day of protests against President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown.

Heavily armed security officers, including several riding horses, patrolled near government buildings, while men boarded up storefronts after dark on Tuesday to protect against vandalism.

Looting and vandalism in the second-biggest US city have marred the largely peaceful protests over ramped-up arrests by immigration authorities.

The demonstrations, which began Friday, and isolated acts of violence prompted Trump to take the extraordinary step of sending in troops, over the objection of the state governor.

One protester told AFP the arrest of migrants in a city with large immigrant and Latino populations was the root of the unrest.

"I don't think that part of the problem is the peaceful protests. It's whatever else is happening on the other side that is inciting violence," she said Tuesday.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass said the curfew - meant to stop vandalism and looting - was in effect within one square mile (2.5 square kilometers) of the city's more than-500 square mile area from 8:00 pm and 6:00 am (0300 to 1300 GMT).



Police officers in riot gear form a line near City Hall as a curfew is in effect following days of protests in response to federal immigration operations in Los Angeles

That zone was off-limits for everyone apart from residents, journalists and emergency services, she added.

Protests against immigration arrests by federal law enforcement have also sprung up in cities around the country, including New York, Atlanta, Chicago, San Francisco and Austin.

On Tuesday, in the Atlanta suburb of Brookhaven, dozens of demonstrators waved American and Mexican flags and held signs

against US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the federal agency that has ramped up arrests and deportations of migrants under Trump.

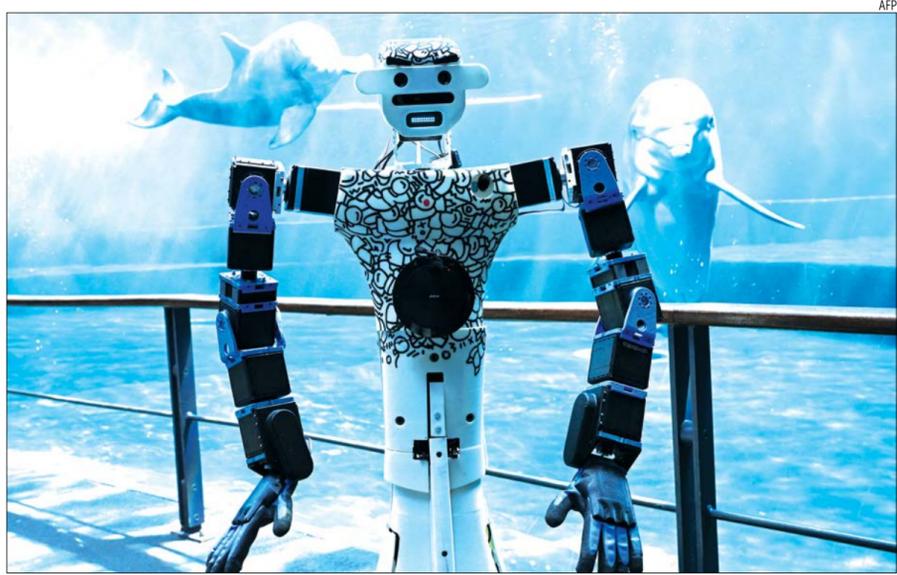
"You got people that are being arrested on the street by (immigration) agents that don't wear badges, wear masks... it makes me really angry," 26-year-old protester Brendon Terra told AFP.

The Los Angeles protests again turned ugly Tuesday night, but an hour into the curfew only a handful of protesters were left downtown, with police making several arrests as they warned stragglers to leave. "Multiple groups contin-

ue to congregate" within the designated downtown curfew area, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) wrote on X late Tuesday. "Those groups are being addressed and mass arrests are being initiated." Police arrested at least 25 people on suspicion of violating the curfew as of Tuesday evening, the Los Angeles Times reported, citing an LAPD spokesperson.

At their largest, the protests have included a few thousand people taking to the streets, but smaller groups have used the cover of darkness to set fires, daub graffiti and smash windows.

AQUATIC INNOVATION



Alter-Ego, a humanoid robot developed by the Italian Institute of Technology (IIT), standing in front of dolphins during a test event at the Aquarium of Genoa, northern Italy. The robot interacted with visitors by providing information on the characteristics of cetaceans and their conservation, with particular attention to the bottlenose dolphin

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Pak warns Afghan citizens, illegal foreigners to leave voluntarily

PTI, PESHAWAR: Pakistan on Wednesday warned Afghan citizens and all illegal foreigners to voluntarily leave the country and issued a stern warning against those obstructing the repatriation process.

"Dignified treatment is being ensured for those returning to their home countries," a statement by the Interior Ministry said, adding that arrangements have been made for their food and healthcare needs, particularly for women, children, and the elderly.

Earlier this year, the interior ministry asked all "illegal foreigners" and Afghan Citizen Card (ACC) holders to leave Pakistan before March 31, warning that they would otherwise be deported from April 1.

ACC is a document launched in 2017 to grant temporary legal status to Afghan refugees. Authorities subsequently started deporting thousands of Afghan nationals from all parts of the country.

A total of 11,02,441 illegal foreigners have been sent back since the launch of the Illegal Foreigners Repatriation Programme (IFRP) on April 1, 2025, according to the Interior Ministry's statement.

The statement also warns individuals against "employing illegal foreigners, providing them rental accommodations or hotel stays, or engaging in business with them." "Such violators will be dealt with strictly in accordance with the law," the ministry added.

At least four dead in wave of explosions outside police stations in Colombia

AP, BOGOTA: At least four people were killed in Colombia on Tuesday as rebel groups detonated bombs near police stations in the city of Cali and the neighbouring Cauca province, according to authorities.

Military and police spokespeople blamed the attacks on the FARC-EMC, a group led by former members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia who broke away from the group after it signed a peace deal with the government in 2016.

Authorities said the rebels placed bombs in cars and motorcycles that were parked near police stations.



A cop stands guard by an armored vehicle that was damaged by a bus that exploded next to a police station in Colombia

The attacks on the police stations come just days after Miguel Uribe, a conservative presidential candidate, was shot during a rally in Bogota. Authorities say they are investigating who was behind the attack on Uribe, who is in a critical condition in hospital in Bogota.

Colombia's government has struggled to contain violence in urban and rural areas as several rebel groups try to take over territory abandoned by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia following its peace deal with the government.

Colombian authorities on Tuesday charged a 15-year-old with attempted murder for the assassination attempt on Miguel Uribe, the conservative presidential candidate who was shot in the head this weekend and is now in critical condition. The Attorney General's office said the teenager shot at Uribe during a rally in Bogota's Modelia neighbourhood and was captured fleeing the scene with a gun. The teenager, whose name has not been released, pleaded not guilty to the charges. He is currently recovering in a hospital from leg wounds. Colombia's Defence Minister said on Tuesday that authorities are still investigating who may be behind the attack on Uribe, a 39-year-old senator and one of the nation's most visible opposition figures.

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7 die as floods and snow hit South Africa

AP, CAPE TOWN: At least seven people have died in flooding in South Africa after a weather front bringing heavy rain and snow hit eastern and southern provinces, officials said on Tuesday.

A bus carrying high school students was swept away in the floods in the Eastern Cape province and an unknown number of children were missing, the provincial government said in a statement. Three children were rescued after they clung onto trees, according to the South African National Taxi Council, which said the bus was operated by one of its members.

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Writer first to die under Italy's fast-track assisted suicide law

AFP, ROME, ITALY: A writer suffering from Parkinson's disease has become the first to die through medically assisted suicide under a fast-track regional law in Italy, campaigners said Wednesday.

Daniele Pieroni died at home on May 17, three months after the new legislation, which means that obtaining permission to die is difficult and can take years.

In February, Tuscany - ruled by the centre left - became the first of Italy's 20 regions to set out its own rules streamlining and speeding up the request process.

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