



Thailand's PM Paetongtarn Shinawatra speaking to troops during a visit to the Royal Thai Army's Morakot Operations Base in Ubon Ratchathani province



Rear Admiral Takashi Natsui, commander of Escort Flotilla Four of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force at the international port in Manila



Iran foreign minister Abbas Araghchi during the 51st session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Istanbul



United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi gives an interview with reporters in Damascus

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Arnold Schwarzenegger attends a SiriusXM Town Hall hosted by Andy Cohen at SiriusXM Studios in New York City

**Billions of login credentials leaked online, Cybernews researchers say**  
**NEW YORK:** Researchers at cybersecurity outlet Cybernews say that billions of login credentials have been leaked and compiled into datasets online, giving criminals "unprecedented access" to accounts consumers use each day. According to a report published this week, Cybernews researchers have recently discovered 30 exposed datasets that each contain a vast amount of login information – amounting to a total of 16 billion compromised credentials. That includes user passwords for a range of popular platforms including Google, Facebook and Apple.

**Panama declares state of emergency over deadly pension protests**  
**PANAMA CITY:** Panama on Friday declared a state of emergency in western Bocas del Toro province, where anti-government protesters are accused of setting fire to a baseball stadium and of looting businesses, including a provincial airport. The protests that erupted two months ago in Bocas del Toro, a major banana-producing region, intensified this week, culminating in clashes with police that left one person dead and around 30 people, including several officers, the police said. Over 50 people were arrested over the unrest. The clashes came after a huge police contingent was deployed to try clear roads that the protesters had blocked with tree trunks for weeks.

**Water levels plummet at drought-hit Iraqi reservoir**  
**DUKAN:** Water levels at Iraq's vast Dukan Dam reservoir have plummeted as a result of dwindling rains and further damming upstream, hitting millions of inhabitants already impacted by drought with stricter water rationing. Amid these conditions, visible cracks have emerged in the retreating shoreline of the artificial lake, which lies in northern Iraq's autonomous Kurdistan region and was created in the 1950s. Dukan Lake has been left three quarters empty, with its director Kochar Jamal Tawfeeq explaining its reserves currently stand at around 1.6 billion cubic metres of water out of a possible seven billion.

**France arrests five over cryptocurrency kidnapping**  
**LYON:** French authorities have arrested five people on charges of kidnapping the father of an influencer and cryptocurrency entrepreneur, prosecutors said on Saturday. In recent months France has seen several kidnappings and attempted abductions targeting cryptocurrency businesspeople and their families, and authorities have been under huge pressure to act. On December 31, 2024, five armed people attacked a man and a woman in their home in the eastern town of Saint-Genis-Pouilly near the Swiss border. In exchange for their release, the attackers demanded a ransom from their son, an influencer living in Dubai, prosecutors said at the time.

**Wildfire erupts in Croatia, sparking evacuations**  
**ZAGREB:** A wildfire erupted early Saturday in southern Croatia near its second city Split, officials said, leading to the evacuation of residents and tourists in some villages. The blaze began in the area of Pisak and Marusic, about 40 kilometres (25 miles) from Split, and "could not be controlled", the firefighting department said. "The situation is very serious. We have activated state forces and police," Slavko Tucakovic, chief firefighting commander told state news agency HINA. Two firefighting planes were deployed to douse the flames. According to deputy prefect of Split-Dalmatia county, Stipe Cogelja, 12 houses had been burnt down.

**Exiled former Tunisia leader sentenced to 22 years: reports**  
**TUNIS:** A Tunis court has sentenced exiled former president Moncef Marzouki in absentia to 22 years in prison for offences related to "terrorism", Tunisian media reported on Saturday. Four other defendants, including his former adviser Imed Daimi and former head of the national bar association Abderrazak Kilani, were also handed the same sentence late Friday. A staunch critic of President Kais Saied who has been living in France, Marzouki had already been sentenced in absentia to 12 years in prison in two separate cases, one involving "provoking disorder". The latest ruling came after a press conference held in Paris, during which he, along with Daimi and Kilani, sharply criticised state institutions and members of the Tunisian judiciary, reports said.

# Israel hits Iranian nuclear research facility

**AP, TEL AVIV:** Israel's military said on Saturday it struck an Iranian nuclear research facility overnight and killed three senior Iranian commanders in targeted attacks, while emphasising it was preparing for the possibility that the war could turn into a lengthy campaign.

Early Saturday, smoke could be seen rising from an area near a mountain in Isfahan, where a local official said Israel had attacked the nuclear research facility in two waves.

The target was two centrifuge production sites, and the attacks came on top of strikes on other centrifuge production sites elsewhere in recent days, according to an Israeli military official speaking on condition of anonymity under army guidelines to brief reporters.

It was the second attack on Isfahan, which was hit in the first 24 hours of the war as part of Israel's goal to destroy the Iranian nuclear program.

Akbar Salehi, Isfahan province's deputy governor for security affairs, confirmed the Israeli strikes

**WOULD BE 'VERY DANGEROUS FOR EVERYONE' IF US GETS INVOLVED IN WAR WITH ISRAEL: IRAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER**

**AP, TEL AVIV:** Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi says it would be "very, very dangerous for everyone" if the United States becomes actively involved in the war with Israel. US President Donald Trump is weighing American military involvement, which Araghchi said "would be very unfortunate." Araghchi was speaking to reporters in Istanbul on his way home from talks in Geneva, which failed to produce a diplomatic breakthrough. As the talks ended, Araghchi said he was open to further dialogue but emphasised that Tehran had no interest in negotiating with the US while Israel continued attacking.

had caused damage to the facility but said there had been no human casualties.

Iran launched a new wave of drones and missiles at Israel but there were no immediate reports of significant damage, and the Israeli official called it a "small barrage" that was largely intercepted by Israel's defences.

The official said part of the reason that Iran's overnight attack had been relatively small was that the military had been targeting its launchers, and estimates it has now taken out more than 50 per cent of them.

"We've been able to take out a large amount

of their launchers, creating a bottleneck – we're making it harder for them to fire toward Israel," he said. "Having said all that, I want to say the Iranian regime obviously still has capabilities."

Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service said Saturday an Iranian drone hit a two-story building in northern Israel, but there were no casualties.

Later, the Israeli military's chief spokesman, Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin, said the army had been told by Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir to be prepared for a "prolonged campaign" to destroy its targets, including nuclear sites, enrichment



Israeli soldiers and first responders inspect the damage at the site of an Iranian strike in Beit She'an

**ISRAELI BUILDING HIT IN WAVE OF DRONE ATTACKS: RESCUE SERVICES**

**AFP, JERUSALEM:** Israel's rescue services said Saturday that an Iranian drone had struck a residential building in the north of the country following a wave of attacks reported by the military. "A drone strike hit a two-story residential building in northern Israel", the Magen David Adom said in a statement, referring to an impact site in the Beit She'an valley by the northeastern border with Jordan. Israel's sophisticated air defences have intercepted more than 450 missiles fired at the country by Iran, along with around 400 drones, since the start of the war on June 13, according to official figures. The locations of strikes in Israel are subject to strict military censorship rules and are not always provided in detail to the public. The National Public Diplomacy Directorate, which is overseen by Israel's prime minister, has acknowledged 50 impact sites.

ment facilities and missile infrastructure.

"We are deepening our strikes night after night and

we have amazing achievements," he said. "We will continue until the threat is removed."

## US stealth bombers head over Pacific as Trump mulls Iran strikes

**AFP, WASHINGTON:** US stealth bombers were flying Saturday across the Pacific Ocean, according to tracking data and media reports, fueling speculation over their intended mission as President Donald Trump considers joining Israel's attack on Iranian nuclear sites.

Multiple B-2 bomber aircraft left a base in the central United States overnight and were later tracked flying off the California coast along with aerial refueling jets, The New York Times and specialist plane tracking sites reported.

The B-2 is capable of carrying America's heaviest payloads, including the bunker-busting GBU-57, a 30,000-pound (13,607 kg) warhead capable of penetrating 200 feet (61 meters) underground before exploding.

Such a bomb, which Israel is not known to possess, is the only weapon capable of destroying Iran's deeply buried nuclear facilities.

When reached for comment, the Pentagon referred AFP to the White House, which did not immediately respond.

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#### LANDSLIDE FEARS STALK REIS MAGOS AS VILLA PROJECT REARS ITS HEAD

To add to their woes, the villagers fear that the construction of 62 villas each having individual swimming pool will put additional pressure on the existing infrastructure as the village reels under drinking water scarcity during summer and due to irregular water supply.

Activist Advino Fernandes said, "I complained to TCP Department regarding fraudulent sale of 332 sq mts of land belonging to Comunidade of Nerul by M/s Reis Magos Estate Pvt Ltd to the previous Blue Coast Infrastructure Development Ltd to secure access to the Phase I project of bungalows."

Fernandes said that they have challenged the Sanad issued in 1994 as it was granted for construction within one year. He argued that the project area being huge, an environmental clearance is a must.

He said that after their complaint, a site inspection was carried out by the local Talathi, who confirmed the hill cutting activity and construction of a retaining wall.

"Digging of the hill went even 12 metres deep in some areas to reduce the gradient, though the TCP Department did not register any details of this despite an inspection in 2012. The hill was dug at various spots during the last couple of decades and more," he said.

Sidhesh Govekar, a villager said, "We are apprehensive of the major construction activity on the partly lateritic soil. The huge wall will also load and pile pressure on the fragile hillside. My house is situated near the project and we face the imminent danger."

Jonathan Crasto, another villager pointed out that the construction of over 60 bungalows with individual swimming pools will put additional pressure on the existing infrastructure.

"I do not know from where the company will fetch huge quantities of water. We face water scarcity during the summer season, and are forced to rely on PWD water twice a week released late at night. The company has already dug bore wells and we are experiencing a change in water taste. The water table in the village is also depleting. The villagers are yet to realise the severity of this problem."

When contacted a company official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said, "We have obtained all permissions for the construction of 62 bungalows. We have resolved all the issues and we were not issued any stop work order. We have dug only three bore wells as we require water for gardening and landscaping."

When asked how the company would manage huge quantities of water for its swimming pools and other requirements, the official said, "We have paid crores of rupees infrastructure tax to the government for the ground level reservoir including laying of pipelines."

The property, originally under Survey No. 87/1 and 86/1, spanning 1,50,615 square metres, was owned by M/s Reis Magos Estate Pvt Ltd. In 1994, the company converted the hilly land into a settlement zone.

Around 2008, DLF's M/s Delanco Home & Resorts Pvt Ltd and M/s Bhamini Real Estate Developers Pvt Ltd acquired a portion of the property under Survey No. 87/1 from Blue Coast Infrastructure Development Limited.

Construction of bungalows began a few years later, facing stiff objections from villagers and support from the then Leader of the Opposition, late Manohar Parrikar. The work ceased after the TCP Department forwarded a complaint to the Department of Vigilance, which started an investigation.

In 2012, the Navy raised security concerns about the project on the hill, but work continued. In 2020, DLF secured approvals for construction of bungalows and commenced work. However, in 2022, DLF requested cancellation of these approvals, instead obtaining permission from the TCP Department to develop about 50 plots of various sizes (1,200 sq mts). The incomplete structures were sub-

sequently demolished.

The company asserted that all necessary approvals have been obtained, including an EIA (silver grading) from the Ministry of Environment and Forest & Climate Change on September 12, 2008. Permission for hill cutting was issued by the TCP Department on November 20, 2009.

#### DESPITE CLAMPDOWN, ANJUNA CLUB BLARES MUSIC ALL NIGHT

After receipt of this message: "Dear User, Your request to 112 is registered with id GA20250620000146 for services (police services) and is dispatched." Loud music continued till the early hours of June 21, 2025.

Since the contempt petition was filed in 2018, there have been complaints filed by local's disturbed and falling sick because of the loud music being played and the authorities have tried to show that they are doing their best to see that the Supreme Court orders are adhered to.

Agnes D'Souza, who lives nearby and claims to be a victim said, "This story of lies to the High Court must stop. Would we be filing complaints to 112 in the middle of the night if we were sleeping?"

The GSPCB in its affidavit filed on June 19, 2025 to the High Court of Bombay at Goa placed the inspection report of visits made to 20 establishments along with the petitioner to verify the, "operational status of Online Monitoring , CCTV camera and Display Board between June 4 and 9, 2025."

The report states that the petitioner was not allowed to enter W Goa during the inspection on June 4, 2025, though they could check the display board. House of Chapora was closed during both the days of inspection and when the team went to visit Slique the noise and meter board was "not present in the Unit". "Unit is operating in the name of Mayfair" was the remark alongside Slique.

The Noise meter box was found to be kept inside the box at Diaz and Mayan Beach Club and at a unit called Gypsea , the inspectors found that the "Display Board was not working." The "reading was found to be as low as 22Db" read the remark at the side of a unit called Noah.

During the hearing on Thursday, petitioner of WP 412/2024 Jawish Monis through an affidavit brought to the notice of the judges that despite the Anjuna Police filing two FIRs against W Hotel, the Supreme court orders are still being violated regularly .

"I presented a copy of the complaint from the Range Forest officer , a Government officer, to the GCZMA clearly stating the loud music was played by W Hotel on 21/02/2025 and yet attempts are being made to fool the courts that action is being taken," moaned Monis.

Most locals afflicted by the loud music being played at night and day and night during the season , claim to have some respite due to the intervention of the High Court but feel the authorities could do more instead of just lying to the high court to cover up their inaction.

"The sick and the elderly have been lucky to an extent due to the intervention of the High Court. The situation was hopeless before. At least now, we go to bed with the hope to get a full night's sleep until loud music wakes us up. But we live in hope of God and the judges of the High Court," summed up Janie Crasto from Vagator.

#### OPPOSITION SLAMS GOVERNMENT FOR CURTAILING MONSOON SESSION

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had presented the State Budget 2025-26 on March 26 this year and had taken Vote on Account for five months.

Slamming the government for curtailing duration of the session to 15 days, down from 18 sittings last year, Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemoa termed the curtailment an escape route to avoid exposure and an endorse-

ment of the government's failures in every sector, be it the State's financial position or unemployment. Holding a session for just 15 days despite an assurance to hold a 21-day session is detrimental to the State's interests, the Opposition stated.

The government is not interested in the session at all, and it is convening session that the gap between the two sessions of Assembly cannot be more than six months, it said.

#### KILLED THREE IRANIAN COMMANDERS, SAYS ISRAEL

Israel said it had attacked Iran's Isfahan nuclear site for a second time after its air force said it had also launched salvos against missile storage and launch sites in central Iran.

Iran's health ministry said on Saturday at least 350 people had been killed in the Israeli strikes including military commanders, nuclear scientists and civilians.

Iran has responded with barrages which Israeli authorities say have killed at least 25 people. Overnight, Iran said, in an eighteenth wave of strikes, it targeted central Israel with drones and missiles.

A hospital in the Israeli port of Haifa reported 19 wounded, including one person in a serious condition, after the latest Iranian salvo.

Israel's National Public Diplomacy Directorate said more than 450 missiles have been fired at the country so far, along with about 400 drones.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said they had targeted military sites and air force bases.

Western powers have repeatedly expressed concerns about the rapid expansion of Iran's nuclear programme, questioning in particular the country's accelerated uranium enrichment.

The International Atomic Energy Agency's chief Rafael Grossi has said that Iran is the only country without nuclear weapons to enrich uranium to 60 per cent.

However, it added that there was no evidence Tehran had all the components to make a functioning nuclear warhead.

#### RAHUL ACCUSES EC OF 'DELETING EVIDENCE'

Gandhi has been demanding voter lists, poll data and video footage from the election commission, alleging irregularities in Maharashtra assembly elections.

The Congress leader's reaction came after the poll body instructed its state poll officers to destroy CCTV, webcasting and video footage of the election process after 45 days if the verdict is not challenged in courts within that period, saying it feared the use of its electronic data to create "malicious narratives".

In a letter to state chief electoral officers on May 30, the EC said it has issued instructions for recording various stages of the election process through multiple recording devices – photography, videography, CCTV, and webcasting during the election process.

While electoral laws do not mandate such recordings, the commission uses them as an internal management tool during various stages of the electoral process.

"However, the recent misuse of this content by non-contestants for spreading misinformation and malicious narratives on social media by selective and out-of-context use of such content, which will not lead to any legal outcome, has prompted a review," it said.

It has now told its state poll chiefs that the CCTV data, webcasting data and photography of election processes at various stages will be preserved for 45 days.

"If no election petition is filed in respect of a particular constituency, then the said data may be destroyed," it instructed.

Any person can file an "election petition" challenging the poll verdict in the concerned high court within 45 days.

