



Japan's PM Shigeru Ishiba gives a speech to senior Japan Self-Defence Force commanders during a visit to the Ministry of Defence in Tokyo



German Minister for Digitalisation and State Modernisation Karsten Wildberger smiles as he visits the digital engineering in Potsdam



Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Jeenbek Kulubayev with counterpart Sirojiddin Mukhriddin at the summit of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Cholpon-Ata



German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius stands in front of his plane after landing in Copenhagen for a visit to Denmark

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US-South African actress Charlize Theron attends Theron's Africa Outreach Project Block Party at Universal Studios backlot in North Hollywood, California

More than 50 arrested ahead of banned Istanbul pride parade

ANKARA: Police arrested more than 50 people in Istanbul Sunday ahead of a banned LGBTQ+ pride march, the city's bar association said. "Before today's Istanbul Pride march, four of our colleagues, including members of our Human Rights Centre, along with more than 50 people, were deprived of their liberty through arbitrary, unjust, and illegal detention," the Istanbul Bar's Human Rights Centre posted on X. Earlier Sunday, police arrested protesters near the central Ortakoy district. AFP journalists observed on the scene. Once a lively affair with thousands of marchers, Istanbul Pride has been banned each year since 2015 by Turkey's ruling conservative government.

Norwegian fund bars US, German arms makers over Gaza war

OSLO: Norway's biggest pension fund KLP said Monday it had dropped US group Oshkosh Corporation and Germany's ThyssenKrupp from its investment portfolio for selling weapons and equipment used by Israel's military in Gaza. KLP -- which is separate from Norway's sovereign wealth fund, the world's largest -- said Oshkosh Corporation was supplying trucks to the Israeli military, which adapts them into armoured troop transport vehicles. The fund also accused ThyssenKrupp of agreeing to supply Israel's navy, before the outbreak of the war in Gaza, with corvettes and submarines.

Serbian police dismantle anti-govt protesters' barricades

BELGRADE: Serbian police said on Monday they had cleared barricades that anti-government protesters had set up at the weekend, after clashes between officers and demonstrators demanding early elections. Thousands of people blocked major roads in Belgrade and other Serbian cities late on Sunday to protest at police handling of a mass anti-government demonstration on Saturday. The events were the latest in six months of near daily student-led protests over the collapse of a train station roof that killed 16 people. The disaster in Novi Sad in November, which followed extensive renovation work at the station, was widely blamed on poor construction and entrenched corruption.

Venezuela police arrest suspect in TikTok user's murder

CARACAS: Venezuelan police have arrested an alleged accomplice in the murder of a TikTok influencer who was killed during a livestream after denouncing members of the Tren de Aragua criminal gang and allegedly corrupt police officers. Jesus Sarmiento, who had more than 77,000 followers on the social media platform, was broadcasting live when armed men entered the residence where he was staying and shot him. Attorney General Tarek William Saab announced Sunday on Instagram the arrest of Pierina Uribarri, whom he described as the partner of Adrian Romero, the alleged gunman.

Uganda MP 'alive but weak' after abduction

KAMPALA: A Ugandan member of parliament critical of President Yoweri Museveni has been found 'alive but very weak' after being abducted over the weekend, his wife told AFP on Monday. Uganda has seen increased pressure on opposition figures ahead of presidential elections in January, when Museveni will seek to extend his nearly 40 years in power. On Sunday, the Uganda Law Society raised the alarm over the "enforced disappearance" of Barnabas Tinkasimire, a lawyer and MP. In a statement, the country's bar association said a family source confirmed Tinkasimire was picked up by "heavily armed, drone-operating security operatives" at a petrol station in the capital Kampala.

EU warns Armenia about Russian 'hybrid threats'

YEREVAN: The EU's top diplomat Kaja Kallas urged Armenia to protect its democratic values amid "hybrid threats" from Russia on a visit to Yerevan on Monday. Ties between Armenia and its traditional ally Russia have been strained since Azerbaijan's 2023 offensive on Nagorno-Karabakh, in which Moscow did not intervene. Russia has for years been the main mediator between Armenia and Azerbaijan. But Brussels has played a stronger role recently, with Russia tied up with its Ukraine invasion. Kallas visited several days after Armenia arrested a powerful cleric accused of plotting a coup against Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan.

Trump signals end to tariff pause on most countries after July 9

AP, WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump says he is not planning to extend a 90-day pause on tariffs on most nations beyond July 9, when the negotiating period he set would expire, and his administration will notify countries that the trade penalties will take effect unless there are deals with the United States.



President Trump says 90-day tariff pause will not be extended beyond July 9, signaling return of trade penalties on most nations

Letters will start going out "pretty soon" before the approaching deadline, he said. "We'll look at how a country treats us -- are they good, are they not so good -- some countries we don't care, we'll just send a high number out," Trump told Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures" during a wide-ranging interview taped Friday and broadcast Sunday.

Those letters, he said, would say, "Congratulations, we're allowing you to shop in the United States of America, you're going to pay a 25% tariff, or a 35% or a 50% or 10%."

Trump had played down the deadline at a White House news conference Friday by noting how difficult it would be to work out separate deals with each nation. The administration had set a goal of reaching 90 trade deals in 90 days. Negotiations continue, but "there's 200 countries, you can't talk to all of them," he said in the interview.

Trump also discussed a potential TikTok deal, relations with China, the strikes on Iran and his immigration crackdown.

"We have a buyer for TikTok, by the way. I think I'll need, probably, China approval, and I think President Xi (Jinping) will probably do it," Trump said.

Trump did not offer any details about the investors, calling them "a group of very wealthy people."

"I'll tell you in about two weeks," he said when asked

CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER CARNEY SAYS TRADE TALKS WITH US RESUME AFTER RESCINDING TECH TAX

AP, TORONTO: Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said late Sunday trade talks with US have resumed after Canada rescinded its plan to tax US technology firms. US President Donald Trump said Friday that he was suspending trade talks with Canada over its plans to continue with its tax on technology firms, which he called "a direct and blatant attack on our country." The Canadian government said "in anticipation" of a trade deal "Canada would rescind" the Digital Services Tax. The tax was set to go into effect Monday. Carney's office said Carney and Trump have agreed to resume negotiations. "Today's announcement will support a resumption of negotiations toward the July 21, 2025, timeline set out at this month's G7 Leaders' Summit in Kananaskis," Carney said in a statement. Carney visited Trump in May at the White House, where he was polite but firm. Trump traveled to Canada for the G7 summit in Alberta, where Carney said that Canada and the US had set a 30-day deadline for trade talks.

Earlier this month, Trump signed an executive order to keep TikTok running in the US for 90 more days to give his administration more time to broker a deal to bring the social media platform under American ownership.

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DAYLIGHT ACID ATTACK ON 17-YR-OLD BOY IN PERNEM

GMC Medical Superintendent Dr Rajesh Patil said, "The boy has suffered deep burns to his right eye, nose, cheek, arm and shoulder. The burns are deep, and the patient was brought on an incubator from Mapusa Hospital. He was first admitted to the burns ward and later shifted to the ICU. He is on a ventilator. Multi-disciplinary teams are working to provide him with the best treatment possible."

Pernem MLA Pravin Arlekar, who visited the GMC Hospital, told the media that, according to the victim's family, a love affair may be the motive behind the attack. He added that it is still unclear whether the substance used was acid or another black-coloured hazardous liquid.

PSI Sahil Naik is conducting further investigation under the guidance of Pernem PI Sachin Lokre and the overall supervision of Pernem SDPO Salim Shaikh and SP North Rahul Gupta, IPS.

Police have registered a case under Sections 124(1) and 109 of the BNS and Section 8(2) of the Goa Children's Act.

As the news spread, it sparked outrage across Goa. Opposition leaders condemned the incident, calling it a grim reflection of deteriorating law and order in the State.

Goa Pradesh Mahila Congress (GPMC) president Dr Pratisha Khalap said, "This is not just an isolated act of violence -- it is a terrifying signal that Goa is no longer the safe, peaceful State we once knew. An acid attack on a young boy is unthinkable and absolutely unacceptable. It speaks volumes about the increasing sense of impunity among criminals."

She added, "What is most disturbing is the fearlessness with which such crimes are committed. When culprits know they can get away due to delayed investigations and easy bail, they are emboldened. There is no deterrence -- and this is where the state has failed its people."

GPMC Vice President Sunil Kawthankar echoed similar concerns. "The acid attack on a youth is only a reflection of the collapsed law and order in the BJP government led by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant. In addition to numerous rapes, murders, and robberies, this is taking Goa toward being the crime capital of the country. I strongly condemn this heinous crime and failed governance."

Political analyst Trajano D'Mello also condemned the brutal attack. "The question is why such dastardly crimes are happening in broad daylight? In my opinion, fear of law enforcement agencies is on the decline, leading to a breakdown in law and order. The Chief Minister should review his Home Department and put it in order."

SHOCK AND TRAUMA STALK DHARGALIM

"His family moved here just a year ago, and not many locals live in the area. With new people coming in for airport jobs, we're increasingly surrounded by strangers," said Viren Raut, another resident.

Outside GMC, the acid attack victim's mother, Vidya, stood stunned, replaying the last moments with her son. "He had just returned to pick up his phone, then left again saying he'd see me later. Minutes later, we got a call saying he'd met with an accident. We never imagined he had been attacked," she said.

"I never noticed anything to suggest he was involved with anyone romantically," she added. "Whoever did this is pure evil. But I believe my son will fight through this."

His father, Umesh, a staffer at the Pernem Police Station, is equally devastated. "I had just seen off my younger daughter on her school bus. I thought he would leave soon after. When I was told he had met with an accident, I didn't think much of it. But when I saw him... it was unbearable," he said, visibly shaken. "Who would do something so cruel to a boy like him?" While official investigations are underway, many locals are unwilling to accept the theory that the attack stemmed from a romantic dispute.

"Even if he was in love, there are better ways to deal with it. This is not just about a boy and a girl -- it reflects how we've let go of our values. Social media and modern distractions are leading to moral collapse," said Gadgil. For now, Dhargalim remains on edge, as the victim's friends, family, and neighbours pray for his recovery. As his neighbour Harlankar put it, "Hem aami jaupak deunk shakona -- we cannot allow this to happen."

YOGA GURU-TURNED-DRUG DEALER HAD EYE ON POLITICS

Businessmen who had long eyed the prime beachside

plot say Tarun clinched the deal by making the landlord an unbeatable offer. Soon, the place was up and running under the respectable façade of a 'yoga centre' that attracted foreign tourists.

Despite the visible signs of sudden wealth and the circulation of rumours in local circles for years, Goa's authorities appear to have taken no steps to verify his finances or investigate the source of his money.

Attempts to reach Canacona Police Inspector Harish Raut Desai over phone calls for an update on whether an inquiry has been started against Tarun's yoga retreat and resort at Patnem beach failed on several occasions. O Herald also tried to contact Tikam Singh Verma, South Goa SP, over the phone but did not get a response.

Dongargarh Police in Chhattisgarh, who have arrested Tarun in the NDPS case, expressed surprise at the fortune he seems to have amassed while running his Goa beach operation.

"Definitely we are going to investigate if he has accumulated wealth through wrong means anywhere in the country," Jitendra Verma, Police Inspector of Dongargarh Police Station, told O Herald.

Shockingly, locals in Canacona also revealed that Tarun was planning to contest the 2022 Goa Legislative Assembly election.

"We have seen him roaming in some parts of Canacona wearing all-white outfit like politicians, saying he was planning to contest elections," said a police officer who had been on election duty in the area.

Dongargarh Police also revealed to O Herald that Tarun was even claiming that he will contest the next Assembly election after coming out on bail. "We are not aware about his plans in Goa of contesting elections but now, here at the Police Station he tells everyone that he will contest election in Chhattisgarh," Dongargarh Police said.

KERALA LIVE-IN COUPLE ARRESTED FOR 'KILLING THEIR 2 NEWBORN'

"Suspecting something serious, we verified his claims that night itself. By morning, it was clear that two children had been killed," Kumar said.

Investigations revealed that Bavish and Aneesha became friends on social media in 2020 and later moved in together. Their marriage plans did not materialize. Police said the first baby was born in November 2021 and was allegedly strangled to death by Aneesha and buried near her home. Eight months later, she reportedly dug up the remains and handed some bones to Bavish. The second baby was born in August 2024 and was similarly killed and buried in a different spot.

Police believe Bavish disclosed the killings due to a fallout with Aneesha, a lab technician. He allegedly suspected her of having an affair and feared she planned to marry someone else, prompting him to approach the police.

13 KILLED, 34 INJURED IN TELANGANA PHARMA PLANT BLAST

Venkatswamy said 12 of the 34 injured people were critical and put on ventilator support in the hospitals. The respiratory system of these victims is under stress due to the burn injuries, he said.

The government is hopeful that the remaining 22 people will recover soon, he added.

Expressing grief over the tragedy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi conveyed condolences to those who lost their loved ones in the incident. He wished an early recovery to the injured.

In a post on X, he announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for the next of kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 for the injured. The company said it deeply mourns the loss of lives and extends heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased. Asserting that the unit was fully insured, the firm assured all possible support to those affected.

Sigachi Industries also said production at its Hyderabad plant would be paused for around 90 days to restore affected equipment and structures.

In addition to the human impact, the incident also caused damage to certain ancillary equipment and civil structures within the facility, it said in a regulatory filing.

Y Nagi Reddy, Director General of the Telangana State Disaster Response and Fire Services, said it was suspected that the blast occurred in the drying unit of the plant. However, Inspector General of Police (Multizone) V Satyanarayana told reporters that it was a case of reactor explosion.

Twenty bodies, some headless, found in Mexican cartel bastion

AFP, CULIACÁN: Twenty bodies, several of them decapitated, were found on a highway bridge in a part of Mexico where factions of the Sinaloa drug cartel are fighting each other, authorities said Monday.

Four headless corpses were found by the roadside while 16 bodies were discovered inside an abandoned vehicle, the Sinaloa state prosecutor's office said. Five human heads were found inside a bag at the scene.

Violence has soared in the northwestern state since the capture almost a year ago of cartel co-founder Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada.

The veteran drug trafficker claimed he was kidnapped in Mexico by a son of notorious druglord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman and flown to the United States in a private plane against his will.

Criminal violence, most of it linked to drug trafficking, has claimed around 480,000 lives in Mexico since 2006 and left more than 120,000 people missing.

"Industrial experts are saying that during the drying process, or a handling process, the pressure could have built up, followed by the blasting of the material that led to the blasting of the entire building," Reddy told reporters.

He said efforts were also on to search and rescue those trapped in the collapsed three-story building.

Satyanarayana said the impact of the blast was felt for about five km in the Pashamylaram area.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy expressed anguish over the incident and directed officials to take all steps to save the trapped workers and provide them advanced medical care, an official release said.

Meanwhile, the state government has also appointed a five-member committee headed by Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao to monitor the ongoing rescue efforts in the blast incident.

DELHI HC LETS MINOR RAPE SURVIVOR ABORT PREGNANCY

It came on record that the medical board was not in favour of allowing the termination of pregnancy in view of the advanced gestational age requiring most likely a caesarean section procedure which could adversely affect the girl's future reproductive health.

The medical board opined that the girl was otherwise physically fit.

The girl and her mother, however, insisted on not continuing with the pregnancy.

She moved the court after the doctors expressed their inability to proceed due to the statutory restrictions provided under the MTP Act, limiting such procedures to 20 weeks in ordinary cases and 24 weeks in certain categories such as rape survivors.

According to the girl's lawyer, the minor was sexually assaulted by a man during Diwali in 2024 but she did not disclose the incident to anyone.

The second incident took place in March when she was sexually assaulted by another person and the pregnancy was the result of this incident, the lawyer said.

She learnt about the pregnancy only when she went to a doctor with her sister and when her family members got to know, she confided in them about the sexual assault, leading to the filing of the FIR.

At the time of the FIR in June, the gestational age exceeded the prescribed 24-week limit.

The police arrested the accused of the March sexual assault incident whereas the man who assaulted her last year is yet to be nabbed, the court was informed.

The high court in its order recorded judgments, including that of the Supreme Court, in which pregnancy was allowed to be terminated in cases where gestational period exceeded 27 weeks and even of 33 weeks.

"The situation in this case is unfortunate. The girl was subjected to sexual assault for the first time on Diwali but she did not divulge about this to anyone and she was again subjected to sexual assault in March by another person," the court said.

The order continued, "It is not difficult for this court to comprehend and understand the grave mental injury inflicted upon the minor."

The AIIMS doctors, as a result, were ordered to maintain a complete record of the procedure aside from preserving the fetus tissue, which could be required for DNA identification and investigation purposes.

POST STAMPEDE, THOUSANDS RETURN

Priyadarshi is an ADG-rank officer who has been given the responsibility of overseeing the police arrangement during Rath Yatra. He was assigned the task by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi after the stampede.

Devotees believe that they can wash away their sins if they have a darshan of Lord Jagannath seated atop the 'Adapa Mandap'.

According to a statement issued by the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA), the doors will remain closed for the devotees from 9 pm to 2 am during which a ritual called 'Banakalagi' will be performed.

'Banakalagi', also called 'Srimukha Singhar Niti', is a ritual in which facial decoration using natural colours and cleaning of the deities is conducted.

At least three persons, including two women, were killed and around 50 others injured in a stampede near Shree Gundicha temple in Puri on Sunday morning during a ceremony related to the ongoing Rath Yatra festivities, officials said.