



Israel's Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar addresses a joint press conference at the Foreign Ministry in Vilnius



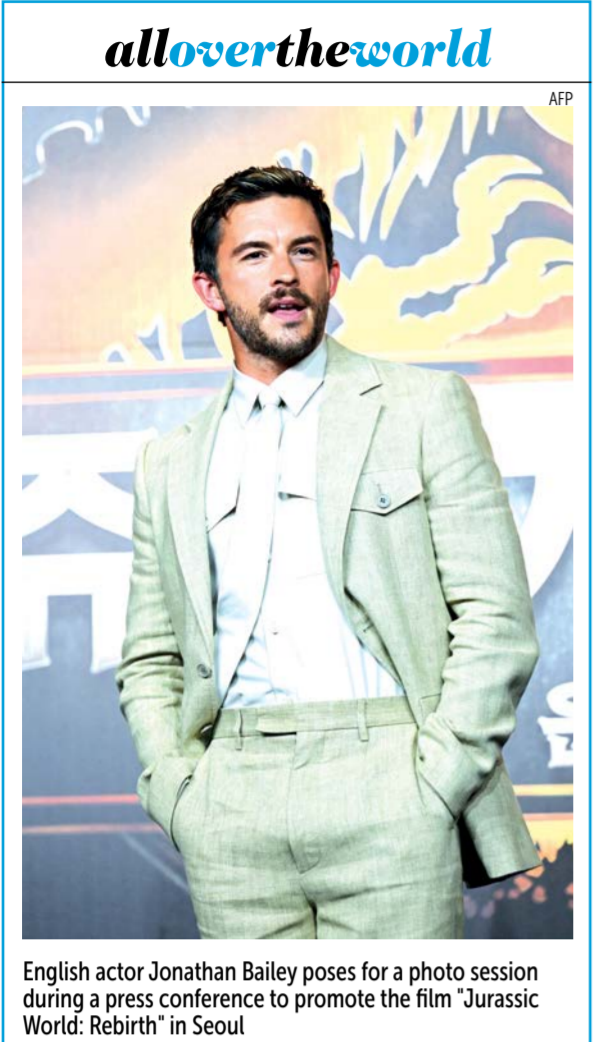
Artist Barbara Rae poses with their medal and insignia after being appointed a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in Edinburgh



Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez holds a press conference during the United Nations 4th International Conference on Financing and Development in Seville



Austrian Foreign Minister Beate Meisl-Reisinger holds a press conference with the Palestinian Authority's foreign minister in Ramallah



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English actor Jonathan Bailey poses for a photo session during a press conference to promote the film "Jurassic World: Rebirth" in Seoul

### NASA eyes summer streaming liftoff on Netflix

WASHINGTON: Streaming giant Netflix said Monday it will soon allow viewers to binge rocket launches and spacewalks through a partnership with US space agency NASA. "Whether you're a die-hard space nerd or someone who just really, really enjoys seeing Earth glow from 250 miles up, the countdown has officially begun," Netflix said in a blog post announcing the new NASA+ feed. Programming will include "jaw-dropping Earth views from the International Space Station (ISS), astronaut spacewalks that make your palms sweat" and rocket launch livestreams, according to Netflix. NASA said its partnership with the entertainment company, which reported over 300 million subscribers in December, aims to "bring space a little closer to home."

### Ecuador's ex-VP sentenced to 13 years in latest corruption case

QUITO: An Ecuadorian court on Monday handed former vice-president Jorge Glas a 13-year sentence for corruption, following his arrest in a dramatic raid last year on the Mexican embassy where he had been given asylum. Glas, 55, served as vice president of the South American country under former socialist leader Rafael Correa from 2013 to 2017 and also briefly served as vice-president under Correa's successor Lenin Moreno. The latest decision marks his fourth conviction since 2017. He has yet to complete his cumulative eight-year sentence on two prior corruption cases, one relating to millions of dollars in bribes he took from Brazilian construction giant Odebrecht. His former boss Correa, who lives in self-imposed exile in Belgium, was sentenced in absentia to eight years in prison, for taking bribes. Both men deny the charges.

### Apple loses bid to dismiss major US antitrust case

WASHINGTON: A federal judge on Monday denied Apple's motion to dismiss a major antitrust lawsuit brought by the US government, allowing the case challenging the tech giant's alleged smartphone monopoly to move forward. District Judge Julien Neals of New Jersey ruled that the government had adequately demonstrated that Apple maintains monopoly power in smartphone markets and engages in anticompetitive conduct to maintain that dominance. The lawsuit, filed in March 2024 by the US Department of Justice's antitrust division and 20 states, accuses Apple of illegally monopolizing smartphone markets through restrictions on app developers and device makers that limit competition and innovation.

### Man dies in flash flood in northern Italy

ROME: A man in northwestern Italy was killed Monday in a flash flood caused by heavy rains, the authorities announced, adding that extreme weather events were becoming more frequent. The 70-year-old man was hit by a torrent of water and mud after he got out of his van in the alpine town of Bardonecchia in the region of Piedmont, located some 90 kilometres (56 miles) west of Turin near the French border. "We are increasingly faced with emergency situations due to weather events that we used to call exceptional but are now more and more frequent," said the president of the region, Alberto Cirio, on social media. "Today a water bomb hit the town of Bardonecchia suddenly, causing damage and unfortunately a victim," he said. Video images showed churning black water rushing down the waterway, sending up plumes of water and mud over its banks.

# Israeli strikes kill 74 people seeking food in Gaza

AP, CAIRO: Israeli forces killed at least 74 people in Gaza on Monday with air-strikes that left 30 dead at a seaside cafe and gunfire that left 23 dead as Palestinians tried to get desperately needed food aid, witnesses and health officials said.

One airstrike hit Al-Baqqa Cafe in Gaza City when it was crowded with women and children, said Ali Abu Ateila, who was inside.

"Without a warning, all of a sudden, a warplane hit the place, shaking it like an earthquake," he said.

Dozens were wounded, many critically, alongside at least 30 people killed, said Fares Awad, head of the Health Ministry's emergency and ambulance service in northern Gaza.

Two other strikes on a Gaza City street killed 15 people, according to Shifa Hospital, which received the casualties. A strike on a building killed six people near the town of Zawaida, according to Al-Aqsa hospital.



Gaza Strip after an Israeli strike on the besieged Palestinian territory

The cafe, one of the few businesses to continue operating during the 20-month war, was a gathering spot for residents seeking internet access and a place to charge their phones.

Videos circulating on social media showed bloodied and disfigured bodies on the ground and the wounded being carried away in blankets.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces killed 11 people who had been seeking food in

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### 5 DEAD IN HIMACHAL CLOUDBURSTS, FLASH FLOODS

Deputy Commissioner, Mandi, Apoorv Devgan said that several people have been rescued and shifted to safe places as cloudbursts and flash floods following heavy rains caused extensive damage at some places in the district.

Two teams each of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) along with police and home guards are engaged in search and rescue operations in the district.

All the rivers and streams in the district are in full spate and over 1.5 lakh cusecs of water has been released from the Pandoh Dam over Beas river.

The water was released after the water level of Pandoh Dam reached 2,922 feet against the danger mark of 2,941 feet.

The Chandigarh-Manali four-lane road is currently blocked at multiple locations, including nine miles, Dwada, Jhalogi, and Banala while the route via Kamand-Kataula-Bajaura is open for Light Motor Vehicles (LMVs) only. Commuters are facing inconvenience due to traffic issues at several places.

So far, Himachal Pradesh has suffered losses to the tune of Rs 500 crore since the onset of monsoon season on June 20, said Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while talking to reporters in Hamirpur.

There has been an increase in cloudburst incidents in the last two-three years, which is worrying and the reason behind this is being reviewed, he said and appealed to the people not to go to the river banks and drains.

Meanwhile, 51 people, including 30 labourers, stranded in Ballah village in Hamirpur district were also rescued following a sudden surge in the Beas river inundated low-lying areas of Ballah early in the day after water was released from Pandoh Dam.

Reports of losses to 'kutcha' houses, water supply and power schemes are also coming in from Hamirpur district and people are forced to move on foot as the road from Sujampur Tira to Sandhol on the left bank of Beas river is partially submerged and blocked for vehicular traffic.

In the wake of heavy rains, the district administrations of Mandi and Hamirpur have closed schools on Tuesday. However, some students had already reached schools as information to this effect was not delivered on time in Hamirpur district, according to locals.

The weather department has warned of low to moderate flash-flood risk in parts of six districts of Chamba, Hamirpur, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmour and Solan in the next 24 hours.

The Met office has issued an orange warning of heavy to very heavy rains, thunderstorms and lightning at isolated places in three districts of Kangra, Solan and Sirmour on Wednesday and four districts of Una, Hamirpur, Kangra and Mandi on Saturday and yellow warning of heavy rains in most of the districts till July 5.

In view of heavy rains, the office of Director General of Police issued special directives to the district police to provide immediate relief to stranded people and evacuate them, remain on high alert, ensure safety of relief camps, regulate traffic and monitor rumours on social media.

### CURCHOREM SEWAGE PLANT BUILT WITHOUT ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

Dessai alleged that the STP's construction near the Zuari River has already caused significant damage, including the illegal filling of riverbeds and destruction of mangroves within the high tide line. He claims this violates Section 24(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

Dessai further cited a Rajasthan High Court order dated October 24, 2024, which prohibits unauthorised construction and encroachment on riverbeds, floodplains, and catchment areas. The order also directed all state chief secretaries and the Ministry of Jal Shakti to strictly enforce these environmental protections.

### TELANGANA PHARMA PLANT EXPLOSION TOLL RISES TO 36

"Thirty-six people have lost their lives. Some are still missing. Officials are in the process of collecting information," the CM said, adding that stringent action will be taken against those responsible for the incident.

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"The state government will talk to the company management to ensure that each Rs 1 crore compensation is paid to the deceased families. I have issued orders that from both the government side and company side Rs 1 Crore compensation will be paid," Reddy said.

He said the state government will pay Rs 1 lakh each to the family of the deceased and Rs 50,000 to the injured to meet any immediate and emergency expenses. He also visited a hospital where some injured people are undergoing treatment.

There were 143 people at the time of the blast out of which 56 are in touch with the officials. Search is on for the rest of the people. Most of the deceased were from Odisha, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana, he said.

Sangareddy police have registered an FIR against the factory management in connection with the explosion under Sections 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), 110 (attempting to commit culpable homicide), and 117 (Voluntarily causing grievous hurt) of BNS. The investigation is ongoing.

A senior official of the Department of Factories, Telangana, said they will be booking a case against the license holder and manager of the unit under the Factories Act 1948.

Revanth Reddy accompanied by Ministers Sridhar Babu, Damodara Raja Narasimha, G Vivek, and P Srinivasa Reddy visited the factory blast site and reviewed the situation with senior officials.

The blast site at Pashamylaram was filled with people, anxiety written on their faces, waiting for information about their loved ones as rescue teams were clearing the debris with heavy equipment. The area was littered with debris, including concrete blocks and iron rods. The police have barricaded the factory site, preventing people from venturing into it.

It has been an agonizing wait for Pooja Kumari, a seven-month pregnant woman from Bihar, who is desperately seeking information on four missing family members — her husband, two uncles, and her brother — following the devastating blast.

The CM sought a comprehensive report on the incident, including details of past similar occurrences and preventive measures taken. He found fault with the senior management of the firm for their absence during the crisis.

"Major accident has taken place. He (senior management) has to come. He has to visit the deceased persons' families. You can not avoid the situation. He has to come. Ask him to come," Reddy fumed.

Replying to the Chief Minister's query, a company official said the Founder and Executive Chairman of Sigachi was here on Monday.

The state government will also bring a transparent policy to prevent such incidents in the future, the Chief Minister said, adding that he already ordered officials to conduct periodic inspections in companies to avert fire accidents.

Earlier in the day, District Superintendent of Police Paritosh Pankaj told PTI that rescue operations were still going on.

When contacted, a senior official of Pranaam Hospitals in Miyapur said they received 21 patients on Monday with burns and head injuries. However, two were declared brought dead, and one succumbed this morning.

A senior official of Dhruva Hospitals in Patancheru told PTI that they received 11 patients on Monday, out of which two were referred to superspecialty hospitals.

"Out of the Nine patients, five are on ventilators. We have seven patients with 40 to 80 per cent burns and two with 10 per cent burns," the official said.

According to a revenue department official, the identities of only 14 bodies have been established so far, while the remaining need to undergo DNA profiling.

Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy, along with Telangana BJP's new president N Ramachander Rao, visited the blast site and a hospital where some of the injured are being treated.

Sigachi Industries Limited is a pharmaceutical company dedicated to pioneering advancements in Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs), Intermediates, Excipients, vitamin-mineral blends, and Operations and Management (O&M) services, according to the company's website.

## Trump vows firm stance with Netanyahu on ending Gaza war

AFP, WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump vowed Tuesday to be 'very firm' in his stance on ending the war in Gaza when he meets next week with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The remarks by the president, made during a tour of a migrant detention center in Florida, came after he said earlier that he was hoping for a truce in the nearly 21-month conflict by 'sometime next week'.

The Republican leader is set to host Netanyahu at the White House on July 7 and the swift resolution of Israel's 12-day war with Iran has revived hopes for a halt to the Gaza fighting.

Almost relentless combat in the Palestinian territory since Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel has created dire humanitarian conditions for the population of more than two million.

Trump was asked Tuesday by reporters if a ceasefire could be in place before Netanyahu's visit. "We hope it's going to happen, and we're looking for it to happen sometime next week," he said before departing for Florida.

Trump has previously urged Israel to 'make the deal in Gaza', but on the ground, Israel has continued to pursue its offensive across the Palestinian territory.

The end of Israel's 12-day war with Iran — which followed a US bombing mission on Tehran's nuclear sites — has provided a window of opportunity for a deal, with Trump keen to add another peace agreement to a series of recent deals he has brokered.

Asked at the detention center how firm he will be with Netanyahu on ending the war, Trump replied: 'Very firm.'

"But he wants it too.... He wants to end it too," Trump added.

The visit next Monday will be Netanyahu's third since Trump returned to power in January, and comes on the heels of the US president making a rare intervention into domestic Israeli politics.

### CAT QUASHES IPS OFFICER'S SUSPENSION ORDER

"Sufficient time was not given to the police. Suddenly, the RCB created the aforesaid type of nuisance without any prior permission," the CAT further noted.

The Tribunal then held that the Royal Challengers are "prima facie" responsible for the tragic events unfolded later in the evening near the stadium.

"Therefore, prima facie it appears that the RCB is responsible for the gathering of about three to five lakh people. The RCB did not take the appropriate permission or consent from the police," the CAT noted.

"Suddenly, they posted on social media platforms and as a result of aforesaid information the public were gathered," added the CAT.

The RCB management was not available to make a comment on this development.

Earlier, charges were pressed against RCB and the Karnataka State Cricket Association officials with regard to the gruesome events, leading to the resignation of KSCA secretary A Shankar and treasurer Jayaram.

IPS officer Vikash had challenged the government's June 5 suspension order before the Tribunal, which also included the names of then Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayananda and DCP Shekar H Tekkannavar.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, reacting to the latest development, told reporters that there is an opportunity to go for an appeal against the CAT order.

The Bengaluru bench of the tribunal comprising Justice B K Shrivastava and administrative member Santhosh Mehra, had reserved its verdict on June 24. On Tuesday, it set aside Vikash's suspension.

Vikash's counsel, senior advocate Dhyan Chinappa, said, "The tribunal has allowed the petition and annulled the suspension, affirming that he is entitled to all benefits as per service rules."

The CAT also noted that its findings could be extended to the cases of Dayananda and Tekkannavar, opening the door for their potential reinstatement.

"... in view of this Tribunal, the order has been passed in a mechanical manner and the order is not based upon the convincing materials. The police officers have been suspended without any sufficient material or grounds. Hence, the aforesaid order is liable to be quashed," the order said.

"We allow the present petition, and quash the order dated June 4, in relation to the suspension of Vikash Kumar Vikash, (IPS, Inspector General & Additional Commissioner of Police, West, Bengaluru City)."

The CAT then directed the government to reinstate the applicant immediately and said the period of suspension shall be treated as duty with full pay and allowances.

State Home Minister G Parameshwara said he will review the order and consult with the CM regarding further legal action, as the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) comes under the CM.

Meanwhile, BJP leader and Leader of Opposition R Ashoka said, the CAT order revoking IPS officer Vikas Kumar's suspension is a "slap" on the face of the Siddaramaiah government.

"This isn't just about one officer, it exposes how the Congress government tried to scapegoat the police department and tried to shift blame onto honest officers to cover up and shield its own criminal mismanagement in the Bengaluru Stampede tragedy," he said in a post on 'X'.

The BJP was right all along that it was government "mismanagement", not police action, that led to the loss of innocent lives at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Ashoka claimed. "The blood of 11 Kannadigas is on the hands of CM Siddaramaiah and DCM D K Shivakumar"

Following the stampede incident, the CM announced the suspension of Commissioner of Police of Bengaluru city Dayananda, Additional Commissioner of Police Vikash Kumar, who was in charge of the stadium, Deputy Commissioner of Police of central division Shekhar H Tekkannavar, Assistant Commissioner of Police C Balakrishna, and Circle Police Inspector of the Cubbon Park Police station A K Girish.

The government had suspended the three IPS officers under the All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969; while action against the ACP and PI was pursued under the Karnataka State Police (Disciplinary Proceedings) Rules, 1965.

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