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Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during a meeting with the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Tulsi Gabbard, in Washington

4 killed, 14 wounded in Chicago drive-by shooting: Police

AP, CHICAGO: Four people have died from gunshot wounds and 14 others have been hospitalised following a drive-by shooting in Chicago, police said Thursday. At least three were in critical condition.

The shooting happened late Wednesday in Chicago's River North neighbourhood, a popular nightlife destination with many restaurants and bars. Several media outlets said it happened outside a restaurant and lounge that had hosted an album release party for a rapper.

Someone opened fire into a crowd standing outside, police said, and the vehicle immediately drove away.

"When I arrived last night it was absolute chaos, from people screaming to blood on the streets, to people laying on the streets," said Chicago pastor Donovan Price, who responds to communities and people in crisis.

He described the scene to reporters as "the worst I've seen — just people wanting to find their other people, find who was alive, finding where their phones were because they dropped them in the chaos."

Preliminary information from police said 13 women and five men ranging in age from 21 to 32 were shot, and that the dead included two men and two women. Those shot were taken to multiple hospitals, police said. Video showed people waiting and crying outside of hospitals. Other images showed multiple police and ambulances at the scene of the shooting.

Police said that nine people, including the two women who died, were taken to Northwestern Hospital. Five people, including the two men who died, were taken to John H. Stroger Hospital.



Thailand's suspended PM Paetongtarn Shinawatra arrives at Government House as she takes the oath of office as Minister of Culture in Bangkok



Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni (R), welcomes Malaysia's Prime Minister Anwar bin Ibrahim (L), for a meeting in Rome, Italy

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Brazil's Economy Minister Fernando Haddad speaks with the media outside the house of the Brazilian ambassador in Buenos Aires

Gaza: 94 Palestinians killed, including dozens waiting for aid

and shootings killed 94 Palestinians in Gaza overnight, including 45 who were attempting to get much-needed humanitarian aid, hospitals and the Health Ministry said on Thursday.

Israel's military did not immediately comment on the strikes.

Five people were killed while outside sites associated with the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, the newly-created, secretive American organisation backed by Israel to feed the Gaza Strip's population, while 40 others were killed waiting for aid in other locations across the Gaza Strip.

Dozens of people were killed in airstrikes that pounded the Strip Wednesday night and Thursday morning, including 15 people killed in strikes that hit tents in the sprawling



Children look at smouldering debris at Mustafa Hafez school, sheltering Palestinians displaced by the war, following an overnight Israeli strike in Gaza City

Muwasi zone, where many displaced Palestinians are sheltering.

A separate strike on a school in Gaza City sheltering displaced people also killed 15 people.

Gaza's Health Ministry said the number of Palestinians killed in Gaza has passed 57,000, including

223 missing people who have been declared dead, since the war began on October 7, 2023.

The ministry doesn't differentiate between civilians and combatants in its death count but says that more than half of the dead are women and children.

The deaths come as Israel

and Hamas inch closer to a possible ceasefire that would end the 21-month war.

Trump said on Tuesday that Israel had agreed on terms for a 60-day ceasefire in Gaza and urged Hamas to accept the deal before conditions worsen. But Hamas' response, which emphasised its demand that the war end, raised questions about whether the latest offer could materialize into an actual pause in fighting.

Israeli military The blames Hamas for the civilian casualties because it operates from populated areas. The military said it targeted Hamas militants and rocket launchers in northern Gaza that launched rockets toward Israel on Wednesday.

The war began when Hamas-led militants attacked southern Israel, killing 1,200 people and taking roughly 250 hostages.

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Kuleba said on Telegram. He added that six people had been wounded in the strike. In Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region, strikes killed four people, the regional prosecutor's office said.

"At least nine apartment buildings, three garages, a shop facade and a power line were damaged in the settlements," it added.

In Russia's Lipetsk region, debris from a Ukrainian drone killed a woman and wounded two other people, its governor said Thursday.

The debris fell on a building in Lipetsk, which lies about 400 kilometres (250 miles) southeast of Moscow, killing a woman in her seventies, Igor Artamonov wrote on Telegram.

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Iran diplomat says open to talks if US rules out military action

AFP, TEHRAN: A senior Iranian diplomat said Thursday his country remains open to diplomacy provided the United States offers guarantees it will not resort to military action against the Islamic

The remarks came as US news website Axios, citing two unidentified sources, reported that

White House Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff was planning to meet Iran's foreign minister and chief negotiator, Abbas Araghchi, in Oslo next week.

Neither Tehran nor Washington confirmed the Axios report which said a final date for the talks has yet to be set.

"We are for diplomacy," Iran's

deputy foreign minister, Majid Takht-Ravanchi told NBC News, adding the United States should "convince us that they are not going to use military force while we are negotiating."

"That is an essential element for our leadership to be in a position to decide about the future round of talks," he

Tehran and Washington had held five rounds of nuclear talks since April 12 and were set to hold a new round two days before Israel launched a bombing campaign against Iran on June 13.

The Israeli strikes targeted Iranian nuclear sites and killed sev-

eral senior military officials and nuclear scientists.

On June 22, Israel's ally the United States launched unprecedented strikes of its own on Iranian nuclear facilities at Fordo, Isfahan and Natanz.

More than 900 people were killed in Iran during the conflict, according to the judiciary.

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1K PROPERTIES MAY REVERT TO RP '21 AFTER HC ORDER

Additionally, 694 properties were reverted based on recommendations made by a government-appointed Review Committee during the tenure of Calangute MLA Michael Lobo, who then served as chairman of the North Goa Planning and Development Authority (NGPDA) in the 2012-2019 period. There were 377 conversions under former Town and Country Planning (TCP) Secretary Rajesh Naik, during the drafting of the 2022 Outline Development Plan (ODP). Naik is currently under a vigilance inquiry

RELENTLESS RAINS BATTER GOA, DAILY LIFE DISRUPTED

PWD's Executive Engineer Division VI. Fatorda, was ordered to promptly clean and desilt all drains, culverts, and water flow and implementing flood prevention measures. A compliance report is expected within 48 hours.

Simultaneously, the Electricity Department's Executive Engineer W.D-VII, Quepem, was instructed to inspect power infrastructure, including poles and transformers, in the flooded zones. The department is to ensure safety, provide round-theclock monitoring, and immediately report any hazards or outages to the Deputy Collector and SDO-II, Salcete.

The Deputy Collector has been tasked with coordinating efforts between both departments to guarantee full compliance with the order. The DDMA's intervention comes amid ongoing monsoon rains that have raised alarm over public safety and the state of vital infrastructure across Goa.

Waterlogging was also reported at Gogol Housing Board, Margao, with residents expressing frustration over persistent flooding issues.

In North Goa's Bhatwadi area of Arambol, heavy rains caused severe water accumulation on the main road, creating major difficulties for commuters. With no proper drainage system, stagnant water remained for days, leading to multiple accidents involving two-wheelers. The area was visited by MLA Jit Arolkar and Arambol Panchayat SarpanchAnupamaMayekar.

Paniim and its surrounding areas also was not free of water logging, forcing motorists to wade through flooded streets. A retaining wall collapsed in Chimbel, adding to the woes.

Over the 24 hours ending at 8:30 am on July 3, 2025, several regions recorded heavy rainfall: Mapusa (6.9 inches), Pernem (4.6), Panjim (6), Old Goa (7.3), Sanquelim (6.4), Ponda (6.6), Dharbandora (9), Canacona (5), Dabolim (5.5), Margao (7.3), Mormugao (4.5), Quepem (6.1), and Sanguem (6.8).

The IMD issued an orange alert for July 4, warning of heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places in both North and South Goa, along with gusty winds reaching 50

INDIAN TECHIE ACCUSED OF SERIAL MOONLIGHTING

Justin Harvey of AlVideo and Adish Jain of Mosaic both admitted nearly hiring Parekh, who had impressed during interviews but ultimately proved unreliable. Warp, another startup, cancelled a trial engagement with him after hearing the allegations.

Adding fuel to the debate, AI investor Deedy Das weighed in, calling Parekh "the tip of the iceberg" and highlighting the rise of remote workers holding multiple jobs. Das shared tactics used by such individuals, including mouse jigglers, blocked calendars, AI-generated work, and strategic calendar management to maintain the illusion of productivity. He referenced Reddit forums where users openly boast about juggling multiple jobs and earning hefty salaries — some claiming to make over \$800,000 annually.

The incident has sparked broader discussions about remote work ethics, over-employment, and the growing use of AI tools to bypass accountability. While some on social media questioned why moonlighting was a problem if the work got done, Doshi and others insisted Parekh repeatedly misled employers and delivered little value

ONE MONTH AFTER CEILING COLLAPSE, NO **CLARITY ON WHEN MARGAO RAVINDRA BHA-VAN WILL OPEN**

Several members of the tiatr community believe the delay reflects a broader disregard for Goa's cultural identity. They warn that such indifference could have long-term impacts on the state's vibrant performing arts scene.

Responding to the criticism, Rajendra Talak, Chairman of Ravindra Bhavan Margao (RBM), said the process is moving forward. "The expenditure estimation is nearly complete. We are monitoring the matter daily and are committed to starting repairs at the earliest," he stated.

RIPPLES IN GOA AS KEJRI SAYS NO COALITION WITH CONGRESS

In contrast, the Congress struck a more measured tone. Manikrao Thakare, AICC General Secretary in charge of Goa, dismissed Kejriwal's comments as "their issue", insisting that Congress continues to support Opposition

unity in principle. "Arvind Kejriwal is AAP's national convener and it is their internal matter. As far as Congress is concerned, the INDIA Bloc was formed for the Lok Sabha elections and the High Command will decide policy and alliance matters going forward," Thakare told O Heraldo.

He reiterated that the Congress wants all like-minded parties to come together to avoid splitting anti-BJP votes, even as the future of such cooperation remains uncertain.

The latest round of tensions stems from the Visavadar bypoll in Gujarat, where AAP candidate Gopal Italia defeated the BJP's Kirit Patel by over 17,000 votes. The Congress came in a distant third, fueling Kejriwal's allegations of collusion and irrelevance.

Kejriwal used the bypoll victory to sharpen his attack on both the BJP and Congress, promising a sustained grassroots campaign leading up to the Gujarat Assembly polls in 2027.

"The BJP has ruined Gujarat during its 30-year rule. Congress has failed to challenge them. AAP is now the only credible alternative. From today, we launch our 'Gujarat Jodo Abhiyan' to mobilize the youth and end corruption," Keiriwal said.

PUNE TECHIE RAPED AT HOME BY MAN POS-ING AS DELIVERY AGENT

"Probe is on to find out whether the man was really from a courier firm, or whether he knew the woman. We are also scanning the footage of CCTV cameras on the premises and the gate management app used by the housing society," said Shinde.

A case was registered against an unidentified person under Bharativa Nyaya Sanhita sections 64 (rape), 77 (voyeurism) and 351(2) (criminal intimidation). Pune police commissioner Amitesh Kumar, who visit-

ed the crime spot on Thursday, said about a dozen teams have been formed to investigate the case. "Our teams are working on different leads and we are sure we will soon detect the case by nabbing the accused,"

he added. Forensic teams have collected nasal and oral swabs of the woman to check if any chemical substance was used to make her unconscious, the commissioner said to a question.

Asked if any sketch of the suspect was being prepared from the description given by the woman, Kumar said it would be done once her medical examination is over

SECOND PONTOON ARRIVES TO SALVAGE SUNK FERRY

Earlier attempts to salvage the ferry using hired pontoons were unsuccessful due to the shallow depth of the riverbank, which made it difficult to position the equipment. Additional efforts by RND staff, divers, and a crane salvager were also thwarted by high tide and technical issues.

Now, with improved infrastructure in place, there is renewed hope that the Betim ferry can finally be lifted and transported to the RND workshop for necessary repairs.

DELHI FUEL BAN FOR OLD VEHICLES REVOKED

The minister citing various challenges and problems faced in implementing the ban on refuelling of overage vehicles since July 1, said, "We have told CAQM that we are not able to implement this."

The Delhi government from July 1, banned fuel for endf-life vehicles -- 10 years or older for diesel vehicles and 15 years or older for petrol vehicles -- that are deregistered and not allowed to ply on the roads, following a court order.

In his letter to the CAQM chairperson, Sirsa also suggested that fuel ban on overage vehicles should be implemented across the National Capital Region (NCR). The transport department and traffic police since July

1 have been impounding end-of-life vehicles (ELVs) stopning at fuel numps. Sirsa, writing to the CAQM on the behalf of the Delhi government, urged the Commission to put on hold en-

forcement of its April 23 direction. As far as the implementation of fuel ban, there are several critical operational and infrastructural challenges, and it will not be "feasible to implement this order at this juncture," Sirsa said in his letter. The move could even be

potentially counterproductive, he said. "Because of the technological inconsistencies of this extremely complex system and lack of integration with neighbouring states, there is public discontent and outcry and in the said circumstances, it is not feasible to implement this system to end of life vehicles identified through ANPR cameras installed at Petrol pumps in Delhi," said the

He said that the automated number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras have been installed at most of the fuel stations, but the system is facing problems like technological glitches, camera placement, sensor and speaker malfunction, which prevent identification of the overage vehicles without high security registration plates.

Moreover, the system is also not yet fully integrated with the databases of neighbouring NCR states. These issues require proper trial and error corrections before the same can be implemented in Delhi, Sirsa said.

The minister said the ban in Delhi will not serve its purpose as owners of overage vehicles may get fuel from NCR cities like Gurugram, Faridabad, and Ghaziabad, where there's no such imposition.

The ANPR camera system is also not implemented in the neighbouring states which will again be an issue when the fuel ban is implemented there.

The minister in his letter listed several steps taken by the Delhi government to combat air pollution, including implementation of a new pollution under control (PUC) certificate regime to ensure stricter compliance, particularly for out of state vehicles

The government is also trying to create a system which sends an SMS to the owners of overage vehicles 2-3

months ahead to plan a phase-out. "We strongly urge the Commission to put the implementation of its direction on hold with immediate effect till the ANPR system is seamlessly integrated across the entire NCR," he said.

Sirsa also blamed the previous AAP government in Delhi for enforcing the overage vehicle ban instead of challenging it before the court and the National Green Tribunal.