



Protesters shout slogans during a rally in support of Istanbul's arrested mayor in Istanbul Municipality



Demonstrators from several anti-abortion groups attend a demonstration with the slogan 'Yes to Life', in Madrid



A member of the Jewish community prays at a synagogue in Orleans, central France, the day after an attack to the rabbi of Orleans



Men play Go, a board game with two players competing for territory using black and white stones, at Jongmyo Park in Seoul

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Bolivia's President Luis Arce hoists the Bolivian flag during the commemoration of the 146th anniversary of the Battle of Calama, during a four-year war with Chile in which Bolivia lost its access to the sea, at the Eduardo Avaroa square in La Paz

Three dead, 15 hurt in New Mexico mass shooting

LOS ANGELES: Three people were killed and 15 others injured in a late-night shooting at an unsanctioned car show in a park in New Mexico, police said Saturday, adding that no arrests have been made. The shooting happened at about 10:00 pm Friday in Las Cruces, located about 200 miles (120 kilometers) south of Albuquerque, where about 200 people had gathered for the car show, featuring races and trick driving. "The investigation so far reveals that there was an altercation between two groups of people, and that altercation escalated to gunfire between both groups. Several other people were also injured in the crossfire," said Las Cruces Police Chief Jeremy Story. He told reporters there had been "some type of ill-will between these groups" prior to Friday's shooting. All of the 15 people wounded are between the ages of 16 and 36. Seven of them were transported to hospitals in El Paso, Texas for further treatment, fire chief Michael Daniels said.

Venezuela agrees to again accept US deportation flights

CARACAS: Venezuela announced Saturday it had reached an agreement with Washington to accept additional deportation flights from the United States, one week after more than 200 Venezuelans accused of being gang members were sent to El Salvador. The flights were suspended last month when US President Donald Trump claimed Venezuela had not lived up to its promises, and Caracas subsequently said it would no longer accept the flights. But then Washington deported 238 Venezuelans accused of belonging to the Tren de Aragua gang, which Trump has designated a foreign terrorist organization, to a maximum-security prison in El Salvador, a move deeply criticized by Caracas. Sunday's trip will be the fifth flight of migrants arriving in Venezuela since Trump took office in January.

Bomb kills two members of pro-junta armed group in Mali

DAKAR: Two members of an armed group allied to Mali's ruling junta were killed Saturday when their motorbike hit an improvised explosive device, according to a statement from their movement. The two victims, members of the Movement for the Salvation of Azawad (MSA) were killed in the northeast of the country, said the statement issued from Menaka, the main town in that region. They had been working as security on a convoy of food bound for Menaka, the statement added. The group reaffirmed its support for the armed forces of Mali. Azawad is the name of a territory claimed by separatists in the north of the country. Defeated in Kidal by an army enjoying Russian mercenary support in November 2023, the rebels retreated farther north towards the Algerian border, from where they have launched their attacks.

Four political activists abducted in Burkina Faso: NGO

ABIDJAN: Four political activists in Burkina Faso, belonging to a political movement denouncing civilian massacres blamed on the army and allied militias, have been kidnapped, their group said on Sunday. Their abduction follows that of another member of the same Servir et Non Se Servir (SENS) movement on Tuesday, and added to numerous other kidnappings of people viewed as critical of the country's military rulers. "On Saturday March 22, four other members of the national coordination committee, including two mothers with families, were abducted and taken to an unknown location," the movement said. The abduction on Tuesday was of another member of the same national coordination committee, journalist Idrissa Barry, who was seized close to the capital, Ouagadougou.

Ecuador ministry says new Amazon fuel leak an 'attack'

QUITO: Ecuador found a new leak in a fuel pipeline in the Amazon region on Saturday and dubbed it an "attack," days after another spill affected hundreds of thousands of people. The energy ministry did not report the size of the new spill nor say whether it extended to the Coca River, where the country's main hydroelectric plant is located. In a statement, the ministry said "a leak of oil derivatives" had happened in the eastern province of Napo. It attributed the leak to sabotage.

Palestinian death toll in Gaza's war passes 50,000 as Israel expands new airstrikes

PTI, DEIR: More than 50,000 Palestinians have now been killed in the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, the territory's Health Ministry said Sunday, as new Israeli airstrikes killed at least 26 Palestinians overnight, including a Hamas political leader and several women and children.

Israel's military also sent ground troops into part of the southern city of Rafah as thousands of Palestinians fled after new evacuation orders.

Israel ended the latest ceasefire last week with a surprise wave of strikes that killed hundreds, and it has launched ground incursions in northern Gaza. The military claimed to have eliminated dozens of militants in recent days.

Israel's Cabinet late Saturday approved a proposal to set up a new directorate



Palestinians look at smoke billowing from Israeli strikes on a makeshift displacement camp in central Gaza City

for advancing the voluntary departure" of Palestinians in line with US President Donald Trump's proposal to depopulate Gaza and rebuild it for others. Palestinians say they do not want to leave their homeland, and rights groups say the plan could amount to expulsion in violation of international law. 'Displacement under

fire' The military ordered people to leave Rafah's already heavily destroyed Tel al-Sultan neighbourhood on foot along a single route to Muwasi, a sprawling area of squalid tent camps. The war has forced most of Gaza's population of over 2 million to flee within the territory, often multiple times.

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fire, said Mustafa Gaber, a journalist who left with his family. He said tank and drone fire echoed nearby.

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Hamas because it operates in densely populated areas.

Strikes kill Hamas leader, women and children Hamas said Salah Bardawil, a well-known member of its political bureau, was killed in a strike in Muwasi that also killed his wife. Israel's military confirmed that.

Hospitals in southern Gaza said they received a further 24 bodies from strikes overnight, including several women and children.

Gaza's Health Ministry said 50,021 Palestinians have been killed in the war and over 113,000 have been wounded. That includes 673 people killed since Israel's bombardment on Tuesday shattered the ceasefire.

Dr. Munir al-Boursh, the ministry's general director, said the dead include 15,613 children, with 872 of them under 1 year old.

Canadian PM Mark Carney, opponent kick off election campaigns

AP, TORONTO: New Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and his Conservative opponent kicked off their election campaigns Sunday against the backdrop of a trade war and annexation threats from US President Donald Trump.

Carney announced there will be a five-week election campaign before the vote on April 28.

The governing Liberals had appeared poised for a historic election defeat this year until Trump declared a trade war. Trump has repeatedly said that Canada should become the 51st US state and he acknowledged Friday that he has upended Canadian politics.

Trump's almost daily attacks on Canada's sovereignty have infuriated Canadians and led to a surge in Canadian nationalism that has bolstered Liberal poll numbers.

"President Trump claims that Canada isn't a real country. He wants to break

us so America can own us. We will not let that happen," Carney said.

The governing Liberals had appeared poised for a historic election defeat this year until Justin Trudeau announced his resignation in January and Trump declared a trade war. Carney has said the government campaign in a time of crisis needs a strong and clear mandate.

"The next election will be one of the most consequential in our lifetimes," he posted on social media overnight.

The election campaign for 343 seats or districts in the House of Commons will last 37 days. While other parties are running, the Liberals and the Conservatives are the only two that have a chance to form a government. The party that commands a majority in Parliament, either alone or with the support of another party, will form the next government and its leader will be prime minister.

7 killed in Ukraine after Moscow launches drone attack ahead of ceasefire talks

PTI, KYIV: At least seven people were killed after Russia launched a barrage of drones across Ukraine overnight on Sunday, according to local Ukrainian officials and emergency services.

The attacks, including on the capital, Kyiv, came ahead of ceasefire negotiations in Saudi Arabia in which Ukraine and Russia are expected to hold indirect US-mediated talks on Monday to discuss a pause in long-range attacks targeting energy facilities and civilian infrastructure.

The Ukrainian delegation is expected to meet with US officials in Saudi Arabia a day ahead of the indirect talks, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said. Ukraine is planning to send technical teams to discuss the details of the partial ceasefire.

Speaking on Fox News Sunday, Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff said he expected some real progress at the talks in Saudi Arabia, particularly as it affects a



Rescuers stand in front of a damaged residential building following a drone attack in Kyiv

Black Sea ceasefire on ships between both countries, and from that you'll naturally gravitate into a full-on shooting ceasefire.

Asked about concerns that Russian President Vladimir Putin may be looking beyond Ukraine and could press further into Europe, even if Russia is awarded territory within Ukraine now, Witkoff said he has been asked his opinion on what Putin's motives are on a large scale.

I simply have said that I just don't see that he wants

Pak, Afghan officials discuss issues in bilateral ties

PTI, ISLAMABAD: Officials from Pakistan and Afghanistan held talks in Kabul to improve ties strained due to differences over handling of militancy, transit trade, refugees and other bilateral issues, it emerged on Sunday.

According to the Foreign Office, Pakistan's special envoy for Afghanistan, Ambassador Muhammad Sadiq is visiting Afghanistan from March 21-23 at the direction of Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar "to discuss Pakistan-Afghanistan bilateral relations".

Sadiq held talks with Acting Afghan Foreign Minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi. The two sides emphasised the importance of holding joint meetings and exchanging delegations to resolve outstanding issues, according to a statement from the Afghan Foreign Ministry.

that he wants peace.

Residential buildings hit by debris Russia launched 147 drones across Ukraine overnight, according to the Ukrainian Air Force. Ukrainian air defences shot down 97, and 25 others didn't reach targets due to Ukrainian countermeasures. The attacks struck the Kharkiv, Sumy, Chernihiv, Odesa and Donetsk regions, as well as the capital, Kyiv.

Three people, including a 5-year-old child, were killed and 10 others were injured in a drone attack on Kyiv, the city's military administration said.

Extended sounds of explosions were heard across the Ukrainian capital in the early hours as the air raid blared for over five hours. Russian drones and debris from shot-down drones, which were flying at lower altitudes to evade air defences, fell on residential buildings.

Residents in Kyiv surveyed the damage done to their homes and neighborhoods on Sunday morning.

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CITIZENS PLEDGE TO SAVE OLD GOA'S HERITAGE

Se Old Goa panch member Ambar Amonkar said, "It is sad that we have to take to the streets repeatedly. This project was discussed at the gram sabha six months ago. The gram sabha had proposed amendments to the project, which were sent to the authorities, who assured us that they would get back to us. But till date we have been kept in the dark. Few days ago, the work was started without intimidating the panchayat. I assure that the Se Old Goa Panchayat will not issue permission to the project."

He said, "The panchayat will issue a stop-work notice to the authorities in the next two to three days. It is the panchayat's responsibility and we will do it. The government wants to impose this project on us despite people protesting against it. Similarly, a garbage treatment plant is coming up. The sentiments of people have to be respected. I would like to urge the government to take the people into confidence and then take decision with regards to the project."

Sarika Naik, a panch member also assured that the panchayat will not issue permission to the project and a stop work order will be issued soon.

Avertino Miranda, environmentalist and the convener of the Goa Green Brigade said, "We need to wake up or else Goa will be destroyed. Government must listen to the voice of the people. We will not allow the destruction of Goa at any cost. We are ready to sacrifice our lives but will not allow the destruction of Goa. It takes years for the trees to grow."

Activist Swapnesh Sherlekar, "We need to be in a fighter mode and be ready for a battle daily. Consistent fighting with a focus is very important. We will have to ensure that all the permissions given so far should be set aside."

It is pertinent to note that a board put up by Goa Tourism Development Corporation reads, "Development of amenities at Basilica of Bom Jesus Old-Goa, under PRASAD Scheme, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. Proposed parking lot under survey nos 154/1 (part), 154/2 (part) and 154/3 of Ella Village, Tiswadi Goa."

HIT BY ENFORCEMENT DRIVE, AGONDA LOCALS TO HOLD MARCH IN CANACONA

"This is not a protest against the government or its agencies. Our fight is against those whose actions have led

to the sealing of shacks and other establishments, causing hardship to the local community," said one of the organisers of the protest.

The organisers further called for unity, urging the residents to gather in large numbers and demonstrate their collective resolve. "Let us stand firm and make it known that we will not be silenced," they added.

It is pertinent to note that earlier this week, Speaker Ramesh Tawadkar, who is also the Canacona MLA, along with BJP Canacona Mandal president Prabhakar Gaonkar, Kushawant Bhagat, Gaurav Bhagat, and others, called on Chief Minister Pramod Sawant regarding the recent sealing of establishments in Agonda including shacks, to convey the grievances of the affected community, who are seeking relief from the government.

BUDGET SESSION BEGINS TODAY

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, who also holds the finance portfolio, will seek a vote on account on March 26, he said.

The last Assembly session was held on February 6 and 7. The session commenced with the Governor's address and had just two sittings. Business relating to Private Members' Bills and Resolutions was transacted on February 7.

However, the government has been drawing flak with the Opposition complaining that the short duration of the assembly does not allow it to raise public issues on the floor of the House. The Opposition had expressed its strong disapproval of the brief session held last month.

CASH ROW: SECOND STAGE OF INQUIRY TO DECIDE FATE OF DELHI HC JUDGE

"If so, whether a deeper probe is called for. The first stage does not contemplate an in-depth examination of the allegations. It requires merely an assessment based on the contents of the complaint, and the response of the concerned judge. All that the Chief Justice of the High Court is required to do is to determine whether a deeper probe is required. This is to be done, on the basis of a logical assessment made on a consideration of the response of the concerned Judge (with reference to the allegations levelled in the complaint)," it had said.

The top court had said it is the "second stage of the in-house procedure" relating to sitting judges of high courts which could lead to serious consequences.

The second stage is monitored by none other than the CJI, it had said.

Only if the Chief Justice of India endorses the view expressed by the Chief Justice of the high court, that a deeper probe is called for, he would constitute a "three-member Committee", and thereby take the investigative process to the second stage.

This committee will comprise two Chief Justices of the High Courts (other than the concerned High Court), besides a Judge of a High Court. The second stage postulates a deeper probe, it had said.

The top court had said even though the three-member panel is at liberty to devise its own procedure, the inherent requirement provided for is that the procedure evolved should be in consonance with the rules of natural justice.

INDIAN-ORIGIN MAN, DAUGHTER KILLED IN US STORE SHOOTING

The man was pronounced dead at the scene. The woman, who was not identified, was transported to the Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries, the report said.

Accomack County Sheriffs announced late Thursday that they arrested a man in connection with the shooting. George Frazier Devon Wharton, 44, of Onancock, is currently held in Accomack Jail without bond, according to Sheriff W Todd Wessells.

He was charged with first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder, possession of a firearm by a felon and two counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

A motive for the shooting was immediately not revealed. Paresh Patel, who identified himself as the owner of the store, said both victims were his family members, WAVY-TV, a television station in Virginia, reported.

"My cousin's wife and her dad were working this morning and some guy came here and they just shot," the TV station quoted Paresh as saying. "I don't know what to do."

Another relative of the victims, Paul Patel, said he believes this was a senseless act of violence.

"They never had a problem with anyone ... their community says that they were so good," Paul was quoted as saying by the WBOC-TV. "They were so friendly, always smiling."

The incident sent shockwaves among the Indian community members in the United States after the news spread through Facebook, the report said.

