

KARACHI Two children, woman killed in a blast in Pakistan's Balochistan



Two children and a woman were killed and 13 people, including two policemen, were injured on Saturday when a blast occurred at a market in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province.

TRIPOLI Libyan armed groups, authorities reach deal on security in Tripoli



Libyan armed groups and authorities reached an accord in Tripoli to secure important infrastructure, following UN concerns over recent fighting and a crisis surrounding the central bank.

MONTPELLIER Police officer injured following a blast outside French synagogue



Two cars set on fire outside a synagogue in southern France on Saturday caused an explosion in which a police officer was injured.

KYIV Moscow, Kyiv swap 230 prisoners of war in a deal brokered by UAE



Russia and Ukraine exchanged 115 prisoners of war each, just over two weeks after Kyiv launched a surprise incursion into Russia's Kursk region.

Floods push 3 lakh into Bangladesh relief centres

Agence France-Presse FENI

Nearly 3,00,000 Bangladeshis were taking refuge in emergency shelters on Saturday from floods that inundated vast areas of the low-lying South Asian country.

The floods were triggered by heavy monsoon rains and have killed at least 42 people in Bangladesh and India since the start of the week.

"My house is completely inundated," Lufton Nahar, 60, said from a relief shelter in Feni, one of the worst-hit districts near the border with India's Tripura State.

"Water is flowing above our roof. My brother brought us here by boat. If he had not, we would have died."

The nation of 170 million people is criss-crossed by hundreds of rivers and has seen frequent floods in recent decades.

Monsoon rains cause widespread destruction every year but climate change is shifting weather patterns and increasing the number of extreme weather events.

Infra affected

Highways and rail lines were damaged between the capital Dhaka and the main port city of Chittagong, making access to badly flooded districts difficult.

The flooding also comes just weeks after a student-led revolution toppled Bangladesh's government.

Among the worst affected areas is Cox's Bazar, a district home to around a million Rohingya refugees from neighbouring Myanmar.

Iran will seek to 'manage tensions' with U.S.: Araghchi

Agence France-Presse TEHRAN

Iran's new government will seek to "manage tensions" with its arch-enemy the United States to help reduce pressure and neutralise crippling sanctions.

Israeli strikes kill dozens in Gaza ahead of ceasefire talks

Among the 69 dead were 11 members of a family in Khan Younis, including two children; experts are meeting on technical issues ahead of today's high-level talks mediated by U.S., Egypt and Qatar

Associated Press CAIRO

Multiple Israeli air strikes killed at least three dozen Palestinians in southern Gaza, health workers said on Saturday, as officials including a Hamas delegation gathered for high-level cease-fire talks in neighbouring Egypt.

Among the dead were 11 members of a family, including two children, after an airstrike hit their home in Khan Younis, according to Nasser Hospital, which received a total of 33 bodies from three strikes in and around the city that also hit tuk-tuks and passers-by.

Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital said it received three bodies from another strike.

The Israeli military said it was looking into the reports.



War toll: Palestinians inspect damage in the Qatari-funded Hamad City, following an Israeli raid in Gaza on Saturday. REUTERS

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Three stabbed to death, 8 injured at German street fest

Agence France-Presse SOLINGEN

German police on Saturday said they detained one person as they hunted for a man who stabbed three persons to death and wounded eight others at a street festival in the city of Solingen.

The knifeman went on a rampage in the western town of Solingen late on Friday, as thousands had gathered for the first night of a "Festival of Diversity", part of a series of events to mark the town's 650th anniversary.

On Saturday, the police in the city of Duesseldorf,

On person arrested after a knifeman goes on a rampage in Solingen where thousands gathered

which lies just west of Solingen, announced they had detained a person as part of their investigation and were verifying whether they had "a connection with the crime".

Solingen's centre was closed off after Friday's attack, as special forces and other security personnel swarmed the city centre.

Zelenskyy vows more 'retribution' against Russia

Agence France-Presse KYIV

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy vowed more "retribution" against Russia on Saturday and signed a law banning the Moscow branch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church as the country celebrated its third independence day since the Russian invasion.

Mr. Zelenskyy released a video filmed in a forested border area from where Ukraine launched a surprise incursion into Russia on August 6.

Independence from the Soviet Union in 1991 is being marked with the war at a particularly tense moment, with Ukraine pursuing its incursion into the Kursk region as Russia targets towns in eastern Ukraine.

Standing in a hilly area near where Ukrainian forces entered Russia, Mr. Zelenskyy said "Russia was seeking one thing: to destroy us."

"Instead, today we celebrate the 33rd Independence Day of Ukraine. And what the enemy brought to our land has now returned to its home."

The Ukrainian leader later held official celebrations on Kyiv's Sofia Square, with Polish President Andrzej Duda and Lithuanian Prime Minister Ingrida Simonyte.

He announced that Ukrainian forces had carried out "successful" tests of a new drone missile - the Paliyantsia - and that the "enemy was defeated".

Mr. Zelenskyy said he had also signed a Bill to give "full support for all our soldiers operating on the territory of the aggressor state."

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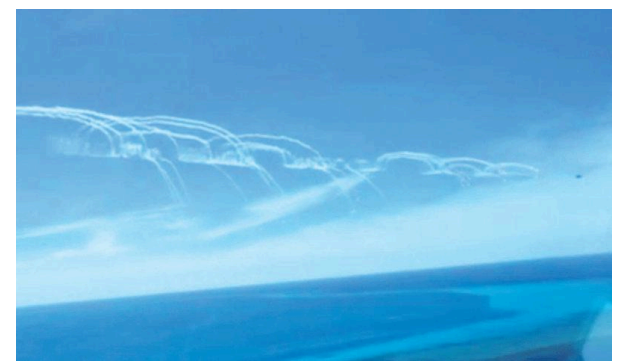
Agence France-Presse MANILA

The Philippines accused China on Saturday of recently firing flares at one of its aircraft as it patrolled over the South China Sea.

Beijing claims most of the strategic waterway and has been involved in tense maritime confrontations with Manila in recent months, sparking fears of armed conflict that could draw in the U.S., a Filipino military ally.

A Chinese fighter jet "engaged in irresponsible and dangerous manoeuvres" on August 19 as the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) plane flew near Scarborough Shoal, the National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea said.

The unprovoked Chinese "harassment" includ-



Dangerous manoeuvre: A Chinese air force fighter jet deploying flares near a Philippine plane over the South China Sea. AFP

ed "deploying flares multiple times at a dangerously close distance of approximately 15 metres from the BFAR Grand Caravan aircraft".

Flares were also launched near the same plane from the China-held Subi Reef on August 22 as the patrol craft was "monitoring and intercepting poachers encroaching

upon the Philippines' Exclusive Economic Zone and the territorial seas", it added.

In a post on X, U.S. Ambassador to Manila Mary-Kay Carlson said her country "stands firmly with the (Philippines) in condemning the PRC (People's Republic of China) for launching flares at (Philippine) aircraft".

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