WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

BEIRUT PORT BLAST

An initial large explosion in the port area of Beirut took place around 6:00 pm, resulting in a fire, several small blasts and then a colossal explosion that flattened the harbour front and surrounding buildings. Seismologists measured the event, which blew out windows at the city's international airport nine kilometres (more than five miles) away, as the equivalent of a 3.3-magnitude earthquake.

WHY SUCH A BIG BLAST?

Lebanon's Prime Minister Hassan Diab said 2,750 tonnes of ammonium nitrate, an agricultural fertiliser, stored in a portside warehouse had blown up. Ammonium nitrate is an odourless crystalline substance that has been the cause of numerous industrial explosions over the decades. When combined with fuel oils, it creates a potent explosive widely used in the construction industry, but also by insurgent groups such as the Taliban for improvised explosive devices. Lebanon's General Security chief Abbas Ibrahim said the material had been confiscated years earlier and stored in the warehouse, located close to Beirut's shopping and nightlife districts.

WAS IT DELIBERATE?

There has been no indication from Lebanese officials that the explosions were caused deliberately. US President Donald Trump said late Tuesday that US generals had told him the explosions appeared to have been caused by a "bomb of some kind." But a Pentagon spokesman, when asked about the president's remarks, told AFP that "we don't have anything for you" and "you will have to reach out to the White House for clarification.

HOW MANY CASUALTIES?

The blasts killed more than 100 people and injured over 4,000, the Lebanese Red Cross said. Injuries were recorded right across the city, with glass blown out of buildings in multiple districts. Lebanon's national defence council has declared Beirut a disaster zone.

Twin triumphs for Hindu nationalists

Work starts for Ayodhya temple as Kashmir marks first anniv of lost autonomy

AFP, Ayodhya

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi took centre stage yesterday at a ceremony laying the foundations for a temple at a flashpoint holy site exactly a year after imposing direct rule on Muslim-majority Kashmir -- twin triumphs for his Hindu nationalist government.

The site at Ayodhya, and divided Kashmir, have been two of the most divisive communal issues of the past 30 years in India, and Modi has attempted to draw a line under both.

For his fans, both steps confirm Modi -- elected to a second-straight term in a landslide last year -- as a decisive, visionary and heroic leader, and India's most important in decades.

His critics see him as remoulding the officially secular country of 1.3 billion as a Hindu nation at the expense of India's 200 million Muslims, and taking it an authoritarian direction.

"Modi has certainly been India's most transformative leader in recent memory," Micheal Kugelman, from the Wilson Center, told AFP, making him "wildly popular, but also highly controversial and quite divisive".

The holy city of Ayodhya in northern India has long been a religious tinderbox, providing the spark for some of its worst sectarian violence.

In 1992, a Hindu mob destroyed a

centuries-old mosque there that they his country's annals is Kashmir, divided believed had been built on the birthplace of Ram, an important deity. This triggered religious riots that killed 2,000 people,

most of them Muslims. A lengthy legal battle ensued, but in November -- in a major victory for Modi's BJP party -- India's top court awarded the site to Hindus, allowing a temple "touching the sky" to be built.



Yesterday's elaborate religious ceremony was shown live on television. Small

celebrations also took place across India. A masked Modi, 69, shared the stage with the head of the RSS, the militaristic hardline Hindu group that is parent to the BJP and which Modi joined as a young

"(Modi) is going to make his position permanently in history purely on the strength of this temple," his biographer Nilanjan Mukhopadhyay told AFP.

Further cementing Modi's place in

between India and Pakistan since 1947 and the spark for two wars and the source of much bloodshed.

The BJP had long seen the special status enjoyed by the part of Kashmir controlled by India as a historical wrong, and on August 5 last year, Modi abolished it.

An accompanying security operation turned the region into a fortress for weeks, with all telecommunications cut and thousands taken into custody.

People from outside Kashmir are now being granted the right to buy land for the first time. This has ignited fears that Modi wants to change Kashmir's demographic makeup with an Israel-style "settler" project.

Fearing protests ahead of the anniversary, on Tuesday thousands of Indian troops imposed a tight curfew in Kashmir. The streets were all but deserted the following

Other actions have also alarmed Modi's critics and delighted his fans.

Last year, a new law made it easier for millions of illegal immigrants from three neighbouring countries to get citizenship but not if they are Muslims.

More may be in the pipeline, including a mooted nationwide register obliging people to prove they are Indian, and a uniform civil code doing away with Islamic rules in areas such as marriage.

'Clearly, it's full speed ahead with the Hindu nationalist agenda," Kugelman said.

Covid-19 cases in youth triples in 5 months: WHO

Young people who are hitting nightclubs and beaches are leading a rise in fresh coronavirus cases across the world, with the proportion of those aged 15 to 24 who are infected rising three-fold in about five months, the World Health Organization said. An analysis by the WHO of 6 million infections between Feb. 24 and July 12 found that the share of people aged 15-24 years rose to 15% from 4.5%. Among those aged 5-14 years, about 4.6% were infected, up from 0.8%, between Feb. 24 and July 12, the WHO said, at a time when testing has risen and public health experts are concerned that reopening of schools may lead to a surge in cases.

Third of Afghans estimated to have contracted virus

Nearly a third of Afghanistan's population -- or 10 million people -- has been infected with the coronavirus, according to health ministry estimates published yesterday. The figure comes from a survey based on antibody tests on around 9,500 people across the country, with technical support from the World Health Organization, health minister Ahmad Jawad Osmani said at a press briefing. The survey estimated that 31.5 percent of the population had contracted the virus.

Four killed as Tropical Storm Isaias pounds US Northeast

Tropical Storm Isaias killed at least four people on Tuesday as it made its way up the US Atlantic Coast, including two deaths at a North Carolina trailer park that was struck by a tornado spun off by hurricane-force winds. The storm knocked out power to more than 2.8 million homes and businesses from New York to North Carolina, according to electric companies.

US jails man who bought Lamborghini with virus loan



Instead of speeding off in a \$200,000 Lamborghini Urus, a Texas man got a slower ride to jail Tuesday after US authorities arrested him for using \$1.6 million in government pandemic aid to go on a spending spree. Lee Price III, 29, made global headlines in July after he spent the loan money on luxury items and cars. He was charged with fraud after he secured two loans under the Paycheck Protection Program to pay employees he did not have, the Justice Department said in a statement. Instead he spent the funds on lavish goods like a sports car and a Rolex watch, as well as real estate, an F-350 pickup truck, and thousands of dollars at Houston strip clubs, the statement said.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

India slams Pak for J&K map

Pak PM brands India an 'oppressor' on Kashmir 'annexation' anniv

India has described as "political absurdity" a map released by Pakistan that includes Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and parts of western Gujarat.

New Delhi tore into the map, which it called a "ridiculous assertion without any global credibility" and emerged on the first anniversary of the decision to scrap special status for J&K under Article 370.

The map was released Tuesday evening by Pakistan Prime Minister

"We have seen a so-called "political map" of Pakistan that has been released by Prime Minister Imran Khan. This is an exercise in political absurdity, laying untenable claims to territories in the Indian state of Gujarat and our Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and of Ladakh," the government said.

assertions "These ridiculous



have neither legal validity nor international credibility. In fact, this new effort only confirms the reality of Pakistan's obsession with territorial aggrandisement supported by crossborder terrorism," its response added.

Earlier on Tuesday, Imran Khan unveiled the map that, he claimed, negated India's "illegal action of August last year" - a reference to the withdrawal of special privileges to J&K under Article 370. He claimed the map had been endorsed by Pakistan's cabinet, was backed by its political leadership

and would be used in schools.

Kashmir, a disputed Himalayan territory, has been split since 1947 between India and Pakistan, both of which claim it in full and have fought wars over it.

Yesterday, Imran Khan branded India an "oppressor and aggressor" yesterday, a year after New Delhi nposed direct rule on Indianadministered Kashmir.

"India stands exposed before the world, yet again, as an oppressor and aggressor," Khan said in a statement.

"Its so-called secular and democratic credentials stand fully discredited," he added, calling India's action last year a "crime against humanity".

Khan accused India of trying to turn Kashmir's Muslim majority into a minority by ending restrictions on outsiders buying up property "in blatant violation of... UN Security Council Resolutions and international laws".

US plan for 'highest level' Taiwan visit angers China

The United States yesterday announced its highest-level visit to Taiwan since it switched diplomatic recognition to China in 1979, a move Beijing blasted as a threat to "peace and stability".

The visit, headed by health chief Alex Azar, comes as relations between the world's two biggest powers plunge to historic lows.

"This marks... the first Cabinet member to visit in six years, and the highest level visit by a US Cabinet official since 1979," said Washington's de facto embassy, the American Institute in Taiwan, with no date yet given

Washington remains the leading arms supplier to the island but has historically been cautious in holding official contacts with it. Beijing views Taiwan as its own territory -- vowing to one day seize it --

and bristles at any moves by other countries to recognise or communicate "China firmly opposes official exchanges between the US and Taiwan,"

Wang Wenbin, a spokesman for China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said as he called for the visit to be cancelled. "We urge the US to abide by the one-China principle... to avoid seriously endangering Sino-US relations, as well as peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.'

China has ramped up diplomatic, economic and military pressure on Taiwan ever since the 2016 election of President Tsai Ing-wen, who rejects Beijing's view that the island in part of "one China".

A police officer wearing a protective mask is seen as people wait in a line to cast their vote, outside a polling station in Colombo, Sri Lanka, yesterday. Sri Lanka voted yesterday for a new parliament as the ruling Rajapaksa brothers seek a fresh mandate to cement their grip on power. PHOTO: REUTERS

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CBI to probe Bollywood star's death

REUTERS, Mumbai

India's federal investigative the death of a Bollywood actor, its top prosecutor said yesterday, the latest twist to a murky case that was reported as a suicide and has dominated Indian social media for over a month.

Sushant Singh Rajput, 34, was found dead at his residence in Mumbai on June 14 which police termed an "accidental death". Local media said he was found hanging from the ceiling and described his death as a suicide.

Yesterday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the Indian Supreme court that the federal government had approved a request from the government of Bihar, Rajput's home state, to turn the inquiry over to the federal investigation agency (CBI).

CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC IN PERU Hundreds of girls, women go missing

More than 900 women and girls have gone missing in Peru during its coronavirus lockdown, a top women's rights official said on Tuesday, calling for the creation of a national missing persons register to address the "alarming" number of disappearances.

Records must be kept to track those who go missing, whether they are found alive or dead and whether they are victims of sex trafficking, domestic violence or femicide, said Isabel Ortiz, a women's rights commissioner in the National Ombudsman's office, an independent body that monitors Peru's human rights.

A total of 915 people - 606 girls and 309 women - have been reported missing from the start of lockdown on March 16 through June 30, Ortiz said.

"The figures are really quite alarming," Ortiz told the Thomson Reuters Foundation in a telephone interview. Countries worldwide have reported increases in domestic

violence under coronavirus lockdowns, prompting the United Nations to call for urgent government action. Latin America and the Caribbean are known for high

rates of femicide and violence against women, driven by a macho culture and social norms that dictate women's roles, Ortiz said. Before the pandemic, hundreds of thousands of women

throughout Latin America, including Peru, were staging mass street demonstrations demand government action against gender-based violence.

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CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment has been made in the International Tender Notice No. 18/2020 Dated 02-07-2020 regarding Procurement & Commissioning of 04 Nos. Refrigerated Aircraft Catering High Lift Van which was published in the Daily Ittefag and The Daily Star on 03-07-2020. In the terms & conditions of the tender Clause No. 2(xvi), delivery point was mentioned as ICD Kamlapur, Dhaka. Now the point of delivery is changed to CIF Chattogram Sea Port, Bangladesh.

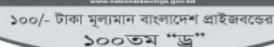
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>	দরপর খোলার স্থান	জেল সুপারের কর্মোলয়, নারায়গগঞ্জ জেলা কারাগার।
50	দরপর দলিলের মূল্য	৫০০/- (পাঁচশত টাকা) মাত্র।
22	নিরাপন্তা জামানতের পরিমাণ	কঞ্চপ-৩৫,০০০/-, খঞ্চপ-১৫,০০০/-, গঞ্চপ-৩৫,০০০/-, মঞ্চপ- ৩৫,০০০/-।
25	কার্যাদেশের সময়সীমা	১.৭.২০২০ খ্রিস্টাব্দ হতে ৩১.১২,২০২০ খ্রিস্টাব্দ পর্যন্ত।
১৩	দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত কাগজপরাদি	দরপর সিভিউলে সংযুক্ত টেকার ভকুমেন্টে বর্ণিত শর্ভ মোভাবেক।
28	দরদাতাদের প্রতি বিশেষ নির্দেশবদী	কারা কর্তৃপক্ষের স্টোর অর্ভার মোতাবেক মালামাল সরবরাহে বাধ থাকবেন।
50	দরণর আহ্বানকারীর নাম	সূভাষ কুমার ঘোষ, জেল সূপার, নারায়ণগঞ্জ জেলা কারাগার।
3/6	দরপর দলিল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ ভারিখ	১৬/৮/২০২০ খ্রিন্টাম্ব ভারিধ বেলা ২,৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
59	দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৭/৮/২০২০ প্রিস্টান্দ ১২,০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
36	দরপত্র বাস্ত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১৭/৮/২০২০ খ্রিস্টাব্দ দুপুর ১২,৩০ ঘটিকা।
29	দরপত্র মূল্যাছদের তারিখ ও সময়	১৭/৮/২০২০ খ্রিস্টাব্দ দুপুর ০২,০০ ঘটকা।
50	কারা কর্তুপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যেকোন/সকল দরপত্র বাতিল/গ্রহণ করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন	

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