

NEWSIN brief

Swiss tourists suffer brutal attack in India

AFP, New Delhi
A Swiss tourist has been left with a fractured skull after he and his girlfriend were attacked near the Taj Mahal during a holiday in India, police said yesterday. A group of men approached the couple near a local railway station and demanded selfies with the woman before attacking them with stones.

Myanmar seizes \$4.6m of crystal meth

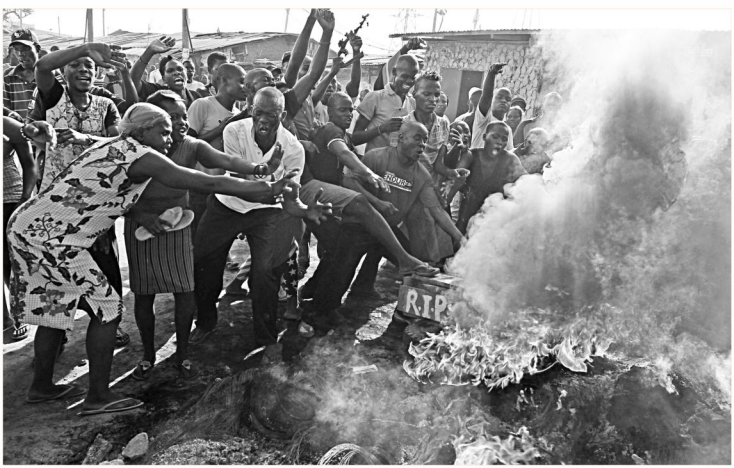
AFP, Yangon
Myanmar said yesterday it had seized \$4.6 million worth of crystal methamphetamine in the heart of the drug-producing 'Golden Triangle' zone that has long been a source of opium and meth that are smuggled across porous borders to countries around Asia.

Boko Haram kills 8 Nigerian soldiers

AFP, Kano
At least eight soldiers were killed in heavy fighting when Boko Haram raided a military camp and looted food from villagers in northeast Nigeria, a military source disclosed yesterday. The attack in Sasawa village, Adamawa, happened at about 5:00 pm on Tuesday.

Venezuelan opposition wins rights prize

AFP, Strasbourg
Venezuela's democratic opposition won the European Parliament's prestigious Sakharov human rights prize yesterday, sources told AFP. The prize was awarded to the Venezuelan National Assembly, dominated by opposition parties, and to political prisoners, several of whom were sentenced to life imprisonment.



People gesture near tyres set on fire during a protest against a presidential election re-run in Bangladesh area in Changamwe, Mombasa, Kenya, yesterday.

Shooting, tear gas mar Kenya election re-run

Three killed; several polling stations stood empty

AFP, Nairobi
At least three people were shot dead yesterday during clashes over Kenya's re-run election, which has been boycotted by the opposition and shunned by many voters, sparking a crisis that has polarised the east African hub.

In stark contrast to the first ballot in August, which was overturned by the Supreme Court, several polling stations in key areas stood empty or welcomed only a handful of voters in an election likely to face more legal battles after its conclusion.

In western Kisumu, an opposition stronghold, 19-year-old George Odhiambo died from blood loss after being shot in the thigh in clashes which erupted after protesters barricaded roads and polling stations to block the vote, police and hospital sources said.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, the senior police source said there had been three deaths. Four other people sustained gunshot wounds, a medic said at Kisumu's main hospital.

Police fired water cannon and teargas to disperse angry demonstrators in several opposition strongholds in the west and in Nairobi's slums, who had ignored calls by opposition leader Raila Odinga to stay at home on election day.

The chaos likely to return Uhuru Kenyatta as president of East Africa's chief economic and political powerhouse.

The election is the chaotic climax of a political drama that began when the Supreme Court overturned the victory of Kenyatta in the August 8 elections.

Kenyatta, who turned 56 yesterday, is almost assured victory after veteran opposition leader Odinga withdrew, citing fears the poll would be marred by the same falls that saw the August vote overturned.

It cited 'irregularities' and mismanagement by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).

"Today, no fair election can take place. The government wants to force us to vote, but we did not want to do it and we will not do it," said Austin Olang, a 26-year-old maths teacher in Kisumu.

Saarc is a 'jammed vehicle'

Says India's foreign secretary Jaishankar

PTI, New Delhi

India's Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar said yesterday that Saarc is a 'jammed' vehicle as 'one country' (an obvious reference to Pakistan) is not connected to the other members of the South Asian regional bloc on the key issue of terrorism.

He also said that unlike South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc), the other seven-nation regional grouping Bimstec has members that are 'broadly aligned' and 'articulate similar aspirations'.

His comments come at a time when India is trying to make the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (Bimstec) more relevant as an alternative to Saarc.

"Neighbours need to be connected, but if you look at the vehicle in which all had expectations (it) was Saarc. But the Saarc vehicle has been jammed because of two big issues - terrorism and connectivity... but specifically one country is not on the same page with others," Jaishankar said without naming Pakistan.

Catalan crisis deepens

Region's president rules out snap polls

REUTERS, Madrid/Bercelona

Catalonia's leader Carles Puigdemont yesterday said he would not hold a new regional election to break the deadlock between Madrid and separatists wanting to split from Spain, sharpening a political crisis that could turn into direct confrontation.

Puigdemont had been expected to announce an election to head off moves by Madrid to take direct control of the autonomous region in the next few days.

But, speaking in the courtyard of the regional government headquarters in Barcelona, Puigdemont said the central government had not provided sufficient guarantees that holding an election would prevent the imposition of direct rule.

"I was ready to call an election if guarantees were given. There is no guarantee that justifies calling an election today," Puigdemont said.

He said it was now up to the Catalan parliament to move forward with a mandate to break from Spain following an independence referendum that took place on October 1 - a vote which Madrid had declared illegal and tried to stop.

Some independence supporters are pushing him to unilaterally declare independence.

Puigdemont's stand sets the stage for the Spanish Senate today to approve the take-over of Catalonia's institutions, and police, and give the government in Madrid the power to remove the Catalan president.

But this could spark confrontation on the streets as some independence supporters have promised to mount a campaign of civil disobedience.

ANTI-CORRUPTION ALLEGATIONS

Pak court issues arrest warrant for ex-PM Sharif

Imran apologises to EC for scandalous remarks

AGENCIES

A Pakistani court issued an arrest warrant for ousted Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif after he failed to appear before the court over anti-corruption allegations, local media said yesterday, but he can avoid arrest by paying bail.

In Pakistan, 'bailable arrest warrants' often act as a warning to deter abuses from court, but a judge can later issue non-bailable warrants that are more serious and could see Sharif arrested when he returns to Pakistan.

Sharif missed the hearing as he is undertaking a religious pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia, Dawn and other English-language newspapers reported. Sharif had spent previous weeks tending to his wife in London, where she is receiving cancer treatment, reported Reuters.

Sharif faces three separate corruption charges from the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), an anti-corruption body which has its own courts. Sharif's two sons and his daughter Maryam, who is viewed as Sharif's heir-apparent, are also facing NAB trials.

Sharif, 67, resigned in July after the Supreme Court disqualified him from holding office over an undeclared source of income, but the veteran leader maintains

his grip on the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party.

The Sharifs have called the corruption proceedings against them a conspiracy, hinting at intervention by the powerful military, but opponents have hailed it as a rare example of the rich and powerful being held accountable. The army denies playing a role.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's election commission yesterday warned Opposition leader Imran Khan to be careful in his choice of words in future after accepting an apology from him for his scandalous remarks against the top poll body.

Grievance-turned-politician Khan appeared before the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) yesterday in two contempt cases, about two weeks after non-bailable arrest warrant issue against him with direction to appear before it on October 26, reported PTI.

Though, the Islamabad High Court last week suspended the non-bailable arrest warrant still Khan appeared before the five-member ECP bench led by Chief Election Commissioner retired Justice Sardar Muhammad Raza.

The ECP had issued the contempt notice to 64-year-old Khan on January 24 over his scandalous remarks about the commission.



The Great Victory Chariot carrying the royal urn of Thailand's late King Bhumibol Adulyadej is pictured during the royal cremation ceremony near the Grand Palace in Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday.

Indian 'Anna' enters Oxford dictionary

TNN, Hyderabad

Anna, meaning elder brother in Tamil and Telugu, has finally found recognition in the Oxford English Dictionary (OED). In all, 70 new Indian words from Telugu, Urdu, Tamil, Hindi and Gujarati have been added to the dictionary in the latest update that happened a month ago.

So far, Anna exists in the dictionary as a noun, which means a former minister of India and Pakistan, equal to one's eldest (also a) nephew, and a person who is a brother, often used as a respectful title or form of address.

Sea of black in Bangkok Thais bid final goodbye to beloved King Bhumibol

AFP, Bangkok

A solemn but colour-splashed procession streamed through Bangkok's historic heart yesterday as Thailand bade farewell to King Bhumibol Adulyadej in an elaborate, ritual-laden funeral that gripped a nation mourning the loss of its chief unifying figure.

Some 300,000 black-clad mourners packed the streets from early yesterday, many weeping and prostrating themselves on the ground as a golden chariot carrying the royal urn slowly snaked through the blazing heat.

Pipers, drummers and soldiers in a dazzling array of costumes joined Buddhist monks, Brahmin priests and the new King Maha Vajiralongkorn as the procession made its way to the spectacular funeral pyre.

King Vajiralongkorn led royal junta leaders and foreign dignitaries up the central tower to lay sandalwood flowers at the pyre ahead of the cremation, scheduled for 10:00pm, to a haunting accompaniment


chanted by traditional singers. The \$90 million funeral drew a 'Who's Who' of Thai power - royals, generals and establishment figures - as well as scores of foreign guests including Great Britain's Prince Andrew and Japan's Prince Akishino and Princess Akishino.

For the public, the lavish affair was a chance to say a final goodbye to a monarch cherished as the 'father of the nation'.

Bhumibol, who was crowned in 1950, towered over decades of Thai history before his death last October aged 88 seeded uncertainty in a country ruled by a divise junta.

A brew of palace propaganda and a harsh lese majeste law burnished the king's reputation throughout his reign.

But Bhumibol's intimate connection with his subjects was on display yesterday. "He was perfect. He helped the country and Thai people so much. Seventy million Thai people are united in their love for him," said 65-year-old Wachiradej Tangboonlakhun, who like most Thais knew no other monarch before Bhumibol's death.



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