

Quote of the day



“Thus far, the signals are a bit encouraging. But we have really got to be careful before we make any determinations that it is less severe, or it really doesn't cause any severe illness, comparable to Delta.”

US PANDEMIC ADVISER DR ANTHONY FAUCI ONOMICRON COVID VARIANT



Former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir and president of People Democratic Party (PDP) Mehbooba Mufti (C) along with party leaders takes part in a protest against the abrogation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 and 35A and the killing of civilians, in New Delhi, India yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

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Hong Kong warns WSJ of 'incitement' in editorial

Hong Kong's government has warned the Wall Street Journal it may have broken the law by publishing an editorial that said casting blank ballots was one of the "last ways" for residents to voice dissent. The warning letter, which the US media outlet published yesterday, comes as China's ruling Communist Party transforms the business hub into something more closely resembling the authoritarian mainland. Erick Tsang, Hong Kong's Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, took exception to an editorial the Journal ran last week titled: "Hong Kong Says Vote -- or Else". The editorial previewed the city's upcoming legislature election slated for this month that reduces Hong Kong's already limited democratic opportunities.

Scholz names Germany's first gender-equal cabinet

Olaf Scholz, due to be elected this week to succeed Angela Merkel as German chancellor, yesterday named the country's first gender-balanced cabinet, with women taking key security portfolios. Scholz, a Social Democrat (SPD), unveiled his party's line-up for the first government led by the centre-left in 16 years, with outspoken pandemic expert Karl Lauterbach tapped as health minister. "Equality is important to me and that is why of 16 ministers there will be eight men and eight women," said Scholz, who describes himself as a "feminist". After the Greens, partners in the incoming coalition government, named their co-leader Annalena Baerbock as foreign minister, the SPD's Christine Lambrecht, until now justice minister, will take on the defence brief.



US Congressman condemned for Christmas guns photo

A US congressman is under fire for posting a picture of his family smiling and holding guns in front of a Christmas tree days after a deadly school shooting rocked the country. Thomas Massie, a representative for the staunchly Republican state of Kentucky, posted the photo of himself and six members of his family, each grinning and gripping a gun, on Saturday with the words "Merry Christmas! ps. Santa, please bring ammo." The post triggered a swift outcry, with parents of school shooting victims and fellow lawmakers accusing Massie of insensitivity days after a teenager shot dead four fellow high school students in Oxford, Michigan. "Disgraceful," wrote John Yarmuth, a Democratic congressman from Kentucky, saying such messages from pro-gun Republicans "openly rub the murder of children in our faces like they scored a touchdown."

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

BOTCHED AMBUSH IN NAGALAND

Mourners defy curfew to bury 14 civilians

Hundreds of mourners yesterday defied a curfew to bury 14 civilians shot dead by the Indian army during a botched ambush and confrontation with a crowd angered by the attack. An elite military commando unit shot dead six coal miners returning to their homes in remote northeastern Nagaland state on Saturday, believing they were targeting insurgents. Another eight people were killed by the troops when they were confronted by a furious crowd, with a soldier also killed and a military vehicle set alight. Hundreds of locals carried the victims' coffins to a public ground in Mon district to conduct prayers, ignoring a round-the-clock curfew and internet blackout imposed after the violence. The mourners were later joined by Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, who has slammed the military over the killings and ordered an investigation. At least two other protesters were shot dead and another 10 injured on Sunday after an angry crowd attacked and set alight an army installation in the region. Street protests across the state were held for a second day yesterday, the morning after a candlelight march for the victims in state capital Kohima. A police source told AFP that the situation was "tense but under control". Union Home Minister Amit Shah yesterday told Parliament the Centre regretted the deaths of 14 civilians, reports NDTV. India's army has said the miners were killed after they laid an ambush following "credible intelligence" of an armed insurgent group moving in the area.

Omicron drives new wave in South Africa

Hospitals get ready for more admissions; Nepal detects first two cases of the Covid variant

South Africa is preparing its hospitals for more admissions, as the Omicron coronavirus variant pushes the country into a fourth wave of Covid-19 cases, President Cyril Ramaphosa said yesterday. Omicron was first detected in southern Africa last month and has triggered global alarm as governments fear another surge in infections. South Africa's daily infections surged last week to more than 16,000 on Friday from roughly 2,300 yesterday. Ramaphosa said in a weekly newsletter that Omicron appeared to be dominating new cases in most of the country's nine provinces and urged more people to get vaccinated against Covid-19. "South Africa now has sufficient supplies of vaccines, ... vaccination is essential for our economic recovery because as more people are vaccinated more areas of economic activity will be opened up," he said. The government would soon convene the National Coronavirus Command Council to review the state of the pandemic and decide whether further measures are needed to keep people safe,

Ramaphosa said. Scientists in South Africa and other countries are racing to establish whether Omicron is more contagious, causes more severe disease and is more resistant to existing vaccines. But some anecdotal accounts from doctors and experts in South Africa are reassuring, suggesting that many infections it causes are mild, reports Reuters. "We are keeping a close eye on the rates of infection and hospitalisation," Ramaphosa said. Meanwhile, Nepal has detected its first two cases of the Omicron variant, the health ministry said yesterday. A 66-year-old foreigner, who had entered Nepal from a country with confirmed Omicron variant on November 19, and another 71-year-old person who was in close contact with him tested positive for Omicron on Sunday, the ministry said in a statement. It did not identify their nationalities. Argentina has detected its first case of the Omicron coronavirus variant in a person who had travelled from South Africa, the South American country's Health Ministry said late on Sunday.



STALLED NUKE TALKS

Iran rejects 'blame game'

Iran said yesterday it was ready to resume nuclear talks but based on draft proposals it submitted last week, accusing Western powers of stalling negotiations in Vienna. Last week, the Islamic republic returned to international talks in Vienna aimed at reviving the 2015 nuclear deal after a five-month pause. On Wednesday it submitted two draft resolutions on the lifting of US sanctions and nuclear-related measures. But at the weekend the United States, as well as European participants at the Vienna talks, accused Iran of backtracking. A senior US administration official said the proposals "walked back any of the compromises that Iran had floated" during the previous six rounds of negotiations. Yesterday, Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh hit back. "Our texts are fully negotiable," he told a news conference about the draft proposals, "also charging that the other parties 'want to play a blame game'."

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নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ঃ বিবি মোতাবেক প্রদেয় ভাতাদিসহ ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের রেজিস্ট্রারের অফিসের শূন্য পদগুলো পূরণের জন্য ৫০/- (পঞ্চাশ) টাকার বিনিময়ে রেজিস্ট্রারের দপ্তরে প্রাপ্তব্য নির্ধারিত ফরমে বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

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Palestinian killed after ramming car

REUTERS, Jerusalem

Israeli soldiers shot dead a Palestinian teenager who rammed a car into a military checkpoint in the occupied West Bank yesterday, seriously injuring an Israeli guard, Israel's defence ministry said. The incident occurred at a roadblock between Israel and the central West Bank near the Palestinian city of Tulkarem. Speaking at the weekly cabinet meeting in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh accused Israel of "cold-blooded murder". He gave no details of his own on what transpired at the checkpoint. In a statement, the defence ministry said: "At 1:20 a.m., a 16-year-old terrorist rammed his car into a checkpoint and seriously injured one of the security guards." Other guards at the scene then quickly opened fire, killing the teenager, it said. The injured guard, the ministry said, was taken to hospital and was expected to survive.

Indonesia volcano erupts again

AFP, Lumajang

Indonesia's Mount Semeru spewed more ash yesterday, hampering the search for survivors as aerial images showed the extent of the devastation unleashed by the volcano's deadly weekend eruption. The biggest mountain on the island of Java thundered to life Saturday, ejecting a mushroom of volcanic ash high into the sky and raining hot mud as thousands of panicked people fled their homes. At least 15 were killed. Aerial photos showed entire streets filled with grey volcanic ash and mud, which had swallowed many homes and vehicles, including whole trucks. Indonesia's national disaster agency said 27 people were still missing. "I'm still hoping my son will be found... Every time I hear victims have been found, I hope it is my son," said Maskur Suhri of Sumberwuluh village, who was collecting palm tree sap when Semeru erupted. "There's a very small chance he survived... Maybe it's my son's fate, but I still hope he will be found, even just his body."

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