

## Six dead, 9 injured in US shooting

AFP, San Francisco

At least six people were killed and nine more wounded in a shooting in the California state capital of Sacramento early yesterday, police said.

"Officers located at least 15 shooting victims, including 6 who are deceased," Sacramento police said in a statement on Twitter.

In an earlier tweet at just after 4:00 am they had called for people to avoid the area "as a large police presence will remain and the scene remains active."

A video posted online showed people scuffling in the street, then starting to run as gunfire can be heard.

The shooting occurred in the downtown area, which has many bars and restaurants, police said.



Protestors beat utensils as a sign of protest during a march against the surge in prices and shortage of fuel and other essential commodities in Colombo, Sri Lanka, yesterday. Armed troops in Sri Lanka had a tense confrontation with a crowd protesting a worsening economic crisis yesterday, after a social media blackout failed to halt anti-government demonstrations.

PHOTO: AFP

## Ukraine-Russia war will affect food

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Russia as the lead producer. Supply chain and logistical disruptions on Ukrainian and Russian grain and oilseed production and restrictions on Russia's exports will have significant food security repercussions around the world. This is especially true for some 50 countries that depend on Russia and Ukraine for 30 percent or more of their wheat supply. Many of them are least developed countries or low-income, food-deficit countries in Northern Africa, Asia and the Near East. Many European and Central Asian countries rely on Russia for over 50 percent of their fertilizer supply, and shortages there could extend to next year. FAO has five policy recommendations to address this situation: keep global food and fertilizer trade open; find new and more diverse food suppliers; support vulnerable groups, including internally displaced people; avoid ad hoc policy reactions; and strengthen market transparency and dialogue.

DS: What is the FAO's strategy for Bangladesh and South Asia, a densely populated region that faces the threats of climate change and decline in farmland amid rapid urbanisation and industrialisation?

Dongyu: FAO's mission for the next 10 years is to support the 2030 Agenda through the transformation of agri-food systems and making

them more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable. The approach to agriculture is now not production-oriented approach but much more holistic. While production needs to increase to meet the demands of a growing population, agriculture needs to reduce its carbon footprint, use natural resources optimally and provide decent livelihoods. FAO's updated strategy on climate change takes a sustainable agri-food systems approach and places small holders and family farmers at the centre and promotes country-driven climate actions for sustainable results.

DS: With the new farming technologies, food productivity level has almost reached its peak. How far can food productivity increase through use of modern technology to feed the ever increasing population?

Dongyu: Many exciting farming systems innovations to increase productivity and technologies such as digitalisation to improve efficiencies have emerged in the last decade. Traditional knowledge such as about good cultural practices, enhancing biodiversity and cropping patterns is contributing to enhancing resilience. FAO promotes both old and new innovations that are relevant to various country contexts and is developing a science and innovation strategy to upscale work in this area. Besides, we

can produce more food by using less resources, these innovations can also conserve natural resources and mitigate adverse environmental impacts. No size fits all. Countries with ageing populations will need solutions such as smart farming while those with young populations need more emphasis on skill development and entrepreneurship.

DS: How is FAO working and how should the countries work in tackling climate change-related challenges in terms of food production?

Dongyu: FAO is developing a five-year Action Plan in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). To respond to the growing number of climate and food security challenges, countries need to increase biodiversity, implement actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions as committed at COP26 and other agreements, improve policy and governance on climate actions and mobilise more funding for climate finance including from the private sector.

DS: Bangladesh has significantly increased food production in the last few decades. Do you think that it has equally improved the level of nutrition and food safety? If not, why and what can Bangladesh do?

Dongyu: The Asia-Pacific Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition in 2020 showed that more than 40 percent

of the population in the region cannot afford a healthy diet. This, in turn, contributes to multiple burdens of malnutrition in a region which otherwise has shown good economic growth even during the Covid-19 pandemic. Countries in the region including Bangladesh need to do more to ensure that all citizens can access healthy diets through a judicious mix of nutritious crops and sources of protein such as meat and fish. Bangladesh should be justifiably proud of having achieved the MDGs and ensuring availability of safe and nutritious diets will be vital to achieve the SDGs.

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## RECORD COVID SURGE

# Shanghai asks its 26m residents to self-test

REUTERS, Shanghai

Shanghai yesterday ordered its 26 million residents to undergo two more rounds of tests for Covid-19 as public anger grows over how authorities in China's most populous city are tackling a record coronavirus surge.

Residents should self-test using antigen kits and report any positive results, Shanghai government officials told a news conference, while a nucleic acid test would be conducted citywide today.

"The main task is to completely eliminate risk points and to cut off the chain of transmission so that we can curb the spread of the epidemic as soon as possible," said Wu Qianyu, an inspector from Shanghai Municipal Health Commission.

Essentially all of China's financial capital is locked down after the city began curbing movement in its eastern districts last Monday, extending the restrictions to the entire city days later



Shanghai's lockdown has massively disrupted daily life and businesses, even as healthcare workers and volunteers work round the clock trying to test the entire population and supply residents with groceries.

China's Covid caseload remains low by international standards, but spikes in places like Shanghai are testing its previously successful approach of stamping out the virus through strict curbs and aggressive testing and tracing.

Most of Shanghai's infections have been asymptomatic, according to official data, but China's "dynamic clearance" approach requires authorities to test, trace and centrally quarantine all positive cases.

Shanghai yesterday reported 7,788 daily locally transmitted asymptomatic cases, up from 6,501 the day before, while symptomatic cases rose to 438 from 260.

The city accounted for the bulk of mainland China's 11,781 daily locally transmitted asymptomatic cases and nearly one-third of its 1,506 symptomatic cases.

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