

FLOOD DISASTER  
Fears mount of  
surging death  
toll in Libya

REUTERS, Near Derna

Bodies were washing ashore in eastern Libya yesterday, swelling the death toll from a storm that swept whole neighbourhoods out to sea, with thousands already confirmed dead and many thousands more still missing.

The flood torrent, unleashed by a powerful storm on Sunday night that burst dams, obliterated around a quarter or the Mediterranean city of Derna. Whole multi-storey buildings were swept away with sleeping families inside.

The "sea is constantly dumping dozens of bodies", Hichem Abu Chkiouat, minister of civil aviation in the administration that runs eastern Libya, said. "We have counted more than 5,300 dead so far, and the number is likely to increase significantly and may even double because the number of missing people is also thousands," he added.

Tens of thousands of people had been made homeless, he said, adding that Libya did not have the experience to deal with the aftermath of such a disaster.

VIETNAM APARTMENT  
Fire kills 56  
people, 37 hurt

REUTERS, Hanoi

A fire at an apartment block in Vietnam's Hanoi has killed 56 people, among them children, and injured 37, police said yesterday.

The fire broke out during the night in a nine-storey building, home to about 150 residents, according to the official Vietnam News Agency, which said the blaze was contained by 2:00 am.

Television images showed firefighters equipped with hoses and ladders at the scene by night, while a column of thick, dark smoke billowed from the building by day.

Several of the victims were admitted to local hospitals with multiple injuries after having jumped from their windows to escape the fire, state media said, citing Vu Hoang Phuong of Hanoi Medical University Hospital.



In this pool photo distributed by Sputnik agency, Russia's President Vladimir Putin and North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un visit the Vostochny Cosmodrome in Amur region, Russia yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Russia will win against  
'evil' in Ukraine

N Korea's Kim tells Putin; leaders discuss military matters, satellites

REUTERS, Vladivostok

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un yesterday told Russian President Vladimir Putin via a translator that he was sure that the Russian army and people would triumph against "evil", in what he cast as the West's imperialism in the war in Ukraine.

Before proposing a toast to Putin's health, the victory of "great Russia", Korean-Russian friendship and the health of all those present, Kim said he was confident Russia would win in what Moscow calls its "special military operation" in Ukraine.

"I am deeply convinced that the heroic Russian army and people will

brilliantly inherit the tradition of victory, confidently demonstrate invaluable dignity and honour on the fronts of the special military operation," Kim said via a translator before raising a glass of wine.

"The Russian army and people will certainly win a great victory in the sacred struggle for the punishment of a great evil that claims hegemony and feeds an expansionist illusion," Kim added.

Both leaders discussed military matters, the war in Ukraine and possible Russian help for the secretive Communist state's satellite programme, according to Kremlin reporters.

At the opening of the meeting with Putin at the gleaming new space station, Kim said it was North Korea's unwavering

position to further develop its traditional friendship and ties with Russia.

Putin said Russia would help North Korea launch satellites.

US and South Korean officials have expressed concern that Kim would provide weapons to Russia, which has expended vast stocks in more than 18 months of war in Ukraine. Moscow and Pyongyang have denied such intentions.

The choice to meet at Vostochny Cosmodrome was notable, as North Korea twice failed to launch reconnaissance satellites in the past four months.

Shortly before the summit, North Korea launched two short-range ballistic missiles from an area near Pyongyang, into the sea off its east coast.

DEADLY NIPAH VIRUS  
Kerala shuts  
schools, offices

REUTERS, New Delhi

India's southern state of Kerala shut some schools, offices and public transport yesterday in a race to stop the spread of the rare and deadly Nipah virus, which has killed two people. An adult and a child were still infected in hospital, and more than 130 people have been tested for the virus, spread via contact with the bodily fluids of infected bats, pigs or people, a state health official said. "We are focusing on tracing contacts of infected persons early and isolating anyone with symptoms," said the state's Health Minister Veena George, who told reporters the virus detected in Kerala was the Bangladesh variant, which spreads from human to human with a high mortality rate but has a history of being less infectious. "Public movement has been restricted in parts of the state to contain the medical crisis," she said. Two infected people have died since August 30 in the state's fourth outbreak of the virus since 2018, forcing authorities to declare containment zones in at least seven villages in the district of Kozhikode. Strict isolation rules have been adopted, with medical staff being quarantined after contact with the infected. The first victim was a small landholder growing bananas and areca nuts in the district's village of Marutonkara, said a government official.

STATE SECRETS CASE  
Imran Khan's jail  
remand extended

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan's jail detention related to charges of leaking state secrets was extended for another two weeks, his lawyer said yesterday.

The latest extension of the remand order will keep Khan in jail until September 26, lawyer Naeem Panjutha said in a post on X messaging platform. In the state secrets case, Khan is charged with making public contents of a confidential cable sent by Pakistan's ambassador to the United States and using it for political gain, according to a Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) document seen by Reuters.



Rescue workers carry a body recovered from the rubble of an earthquake-damaged house in Imi N'Tala village near Amizmiz, Morocco yesterday. The 6.8 magnitude quake that struck the High Atlas Mountains late on Friday killed at least 2,901 people and injured 5,530, according to the latest official figures.

PHOTO: AFP

China unveils 'blueprint'  
for Taiwan integration

CNN ONLINE

China on Tuesday unveiled a plan to deepen integration between the coastal province of Fujian and self-governing Taiwan, touting the benefits of closer cross-strait cooperation while sending warships around the island in a show of military might.

The directive, issued jointly by the Chinese Communist Party's Central Committee and the State Council, vows to make Fujian a "demonstration zone" for integrated development with Taiwan, and the "first home" for Taiwanese residents and businesses to settle in China.

The document, hailed as a "blueprint" of Taiwan's future development by Chinese experts cited in state media, comes at a delicate moment in cross-strait relations as Taiwan gears up for its presidential election in January.

It also comes as China continues to ramp up military pressure on Taiwan, a vibrant democracy of 24 million people that Beijing's ruling Communist Party



claims as its territory — despite never having controlled it.

Ahead of Beijing's release of its integration plan, a Chinese aircraft carrier and around two dozen Chinese warships were spotted gathering in waters near Taiwan this week, according to Taiwanese authorities.

China has long taken a carrot and stick approach to Taiwan, threatening it with the prospect of military invasion while offering opportunities for business and cultural exchanges to those it believes are more amenable to Beijing's point of view.

Given the extent to which cross-strait ties have frayed in recent years, it remains unclear how receptive those in Taiwan will be to China's sweeping proposal.

Yesterday, Wang Ting-yu, a Taiwanese lawmaker from the ruling Democratic Progressive Party, said the integration plan was "ridiculous."

"China should think about how it can take care of its bad debts, but not how it can conduct united front work against Taiwan," Wang said.


INDIA'S J&K  
Army officers,  
cop killed in  
gunfight with  
terrorists

NDTV ONLINE

A colonel, a major of a Rashtriya Rifles unit of the army and a deputy superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police were killed in action during an encounter with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district, officials said.


Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Aashish Dhonchak and Deputy Superintendent of Police Himanyun Muzamil Bhat were killed in action during the gunfight. Colonel Manpreet Singh was the commanding officer of the 19 Rashtriya Rifles (19 RR) unit.

Rashtriya Rifles is the counter-insurgency force of the army that operates in Jammu and Kashmir.



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### অকেজো যানবাহন নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, ঢাকা'র অকেজো ঘোষিত বিভিন্ন ধরনের ০৩টি যানবাহন (সিঙ্গেল কেবিন-০১টি, জীপ-০১টি, কার-০১টি) 'যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে' নিলামে বিক্রয়ের জন্য বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিক, অগ্রহী ক্রেতাদের নিকট থেকে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। সিডিউলে বর্ণিত একটি অথবা একাধিক অথবা সকল গাড়ী ক্রয়ের জন্য দরপ্রস্তাব দাখিল করা যাবে।

**অকেজো ঘোষিত গাড়ীর দরপত্র বিক্রয়, দাখিলের শেষ সময়, দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলার সময় ও স্থান নিম্নরূপঃ**

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**দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী নিম্নরূপঃ**

০১। দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় ব্যতীত কোন দরপত্র/দরপত্র সিডিউলের ফটোকপি গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।


০২। সিডিউল মূল্য ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।

০৩। বিস্তারিত শর্তাবলী দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকবে।

০৪। বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে বর্ণিত সকল অকেজো গাড়ী বিক্রয় প্রক্রিয়া সম্পন্ন না হওয়া পর্যন্ত টেন্ডার সূচি মোতাবেক টেন্ডার প্রক্রিয়া চলবে।

০৫। প্রথম তারিখের টেন্ডারে অবিক্রয়কৃত গাড়ী পরবর্তী তারিখের টেন্ডারে বিক্রয় করা হবে।

০৬। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র আংশিক বা সম্পূর্ণ গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে।



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