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#### **MANIPUR KILLING** CBI granted 5-day custody of 4 accused

TNN, Guwahati

A special court in India's Guwahati has granted the CBI five-day custody of the four accused arrested in connection with a probe into the cases of two missing Manipuri students believed to have been killed, officials said on Monday.

Phijam Hemanjit, 20, and Hijam Linthoingambi, a girl aged 17 years, had gone missing on July 6.

Photos purportedly showing their bodies surfaced on September 25, leading to violent protests, mainly by students. The CBI on Sunday arrested two men, Paominlun Haokip and Smalsawm Haokip, and two women, Lhingneichong Baitekuki and Tinneilhing Henthang, in connection with the cases.

accused The produced before the special court in Guwahati. The court said "prima facie" enough material exists to send them to CBI custody.



This handout from the Central Investigation Bureau of the Royal Thai Police released yesterday, shows the arrest of a 14-year-old boy suspect of a shooting at Siam Paragon shopping centre in Bangkok, Thailand. Two people were killed and five others wounded in the shooting, police said.

### **India tells Canada** to withdraw 41 diplomats: report

India has told Canada that it must repatriate 41 diplomats by October 10, the Financial Times reported yesterday.

Ties between India and Canada have become seriously strained over Canadian suspicion that Indian government agents had a role in the June murder in Canada of a Sikh separatist leader and Canadian citizen, Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who India had labelled a "terrorist".

India has dismissed the allegation as absurd.

The Financial Times, citing people familiar with the Indian demand, said India had threatened to revoke the diplomatic immunity of those diplomats told to leave who remained after October 10.

Canada has 62 diplomats in India and India had said that the total should be reduced by 41, the newspaper said.

The Indian and Canadian foreign ministries did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar said earlier there was a "climate of violence" and an "atmosphere of intimidation" against Indian diplomats in Canada, where the presence of Sikh separatist groups has frustrated New Delhi.

"Because there is freedom of speech, to make threats and intimidate diplomats, I don't think that's acceptable," Jaishankar told reporters on Friday evening in Washington.

In 2018, Trudeau assured India that Canada would not support anyone trying to revive a separatist movement in India, while repeatedly saying that he respects the right to free speech and assembly of protesters to demonstrate.

### Armenia ratifies ICC founding treaty Russia says the move is 'wrong'

AFP, Yerevan

lawmakers Armenian approved a key step towards joining the International Criminal Court yesterday, a move that is set to escalate tensions with the ex-Soviet country's traditional ally Moscow.

Russia said it was "wrong" to ratify the treaty to join the international court, which in March issued an arrest warrant for President Vladimir Putin over the war in Ukraine and the illegal deportation of children to Russia.

ICC members are expected to make the arrest if the Russian leader sets foot on their territory.

The vote illustrated a growing chasm between Moscow and Yerevan, which has grown angry with the Kremlin over its perceived inaction over Armenia's long-standing confrontation with Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijani forces last month swept through the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh -- where Russian peacekeepers are deployed -- and secured the surrender of Armenian separatist forces that had controlled the mountainous region for decades.

An online broadcast from the Armenian parliamentary session showed a majority of 60 deputies voting in favour of the proposal, with 22 -- mainly opposition lawmakers voting against joining the ICC.

The Kremlin immediately criticised Armenia's decision. "We are doubtful that, from the point of view of bilateral relations, Armenia's accession to the Rome Statute is correct," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"We still believe that it is the wrong decision," he added. Tensions have also been rising between Yerevan and Moscow over the role of Russian peacekeepers in the self-proclaimed republic of Nagorno-Karabakh, which announced its dissolution last week following the lightning military operation by Baku.

The territory lies within the internationally recognised border of Azerbaijan. Armenian's Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan last week sought to assuage Kremlin fears, saying the initiative was not "directed against" Russia.

"It comes from the interests of the country's external security, and taking such a decision is our sovereign right,"

Pashinyan has been critical of Moscow's refusal to intervene during Azerbaijan's offensive.

## Ukraine downs 29 Russian drones, missile

Warsaw, Kyiv make breakthrough on Ukrainian grain transit; Russia vows no new mobilisation as 335,000 sign up to fight

Ukraine destroyed 29 of 31 drones launched by Russia and one cruise missile, its air force said yesterday, most of them targeting the regions of Mykolaiv and Dnipropetrovsk.

The waves of overnight attacks lasted more than three hours, the southern command of Ukraine's forces had said earlier.

Falling debris in the southeastern city of Dnipro caused a fire at a private firm that was quickly doused, said Serhiy Lysak, governor of the Dnipropetrovsk region.

Damage to manufacturing facilities at an industrial enterprise in the city of Pavlohrad led to a fire that was also put out, he added on the Telegram messaging app.

said.

The attacks came as Warsaw and Kyiv announced yesterday they had agreed to speed up the transit of Ukrainian cereal exports through Poland to third countries, a first step towards resolving their "grain war".

It is the first breakthrough since the start of a diplomatic spat between the two allies that was triggered when Poland slapped a ban on imports of Ukrainian grain.

The populist government in Warsaw, which faces a general election on October 15, said the embargo was designed to protect local farmers against a collapse in cereal prices.

Ukrainian exports transiting Poland on route to world markets particular -- remain authorised. Under yesterday's agreement,

Sixteen drones were destroyed some Ukrainian grain destined patriotism of those who had signed over the southern region of for world markets will transit up. Mykolaiv, its governor, Vitaliy Kim, directly through Poland without undergoing quality checks at the Polish border.

Meanwhile, Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said yesterday Russia has no plans for an additional mobilisation of men to fight in Ukraine as more than 335,000 have signed up so far this year to fight in the armed forces or voluntary units.

Russia has been bolstering its armed forces and ramping up weapons production in the expectation of a long war in Ukraine, where front lines have barely shifted for a year.

"There are no plans for an additional mobilisation," Shoigu was shown telling top generals on state television. "The armed forces have the necessary number of -- in Africa and the Middle East in military personnel to conduct the special military operation."

Shoigu, an ally of President

which also involves Lithuania, Vladimir Putin, hailed the

than 335,000 people have entered military service under contract and in volunteer formations," Shoigu said. "In September alone, more than 50,000 citizens signed contracts.'

Those figures indicate that Russia has made significant progress both in signing recruits and in absorbing many fighters from the Wagner mercenary force

into "voluntary formations".

Putin ordered a "partial mobilisation" of 300,000 reservists in September last year, prompting hundreds of thousands of young men to flee Russia to avoid being sent to fight.

Putin has repeatedly said there is no need to repeat the mobilisation, which some Russian officials say was a mistake as it prompted so many to leave.

#### **SUICIDE BOMBINGS**

### Pakistan orders all illegal immigrants to leave by Nov 1

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan yesterday ordered all illegal immigrants to leave the country or face expulsion after revealing that 14 of 24 suicide bombings in the South Asian nation this year were carried out by Afghans. Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti said all illegal immigrants should leave Pakistan by November 1 or face forcible expulsion. She said some 1.73 million Afghan nationals in Pakistan had no legal documents to stay. Bugti was speaking in Islamabad after civil and military leaders met the prime minister and army chief to discuss law and order. Two suicide bombings targeted religious gatherings in Pakistan last week, killing at least 57 people. There was no immediate response from Kabul to Bugti's comments.

DELAWARE COURT

### **Hunter Biden** pleads not guilty to gun charges

**REUTERS**, Wilmington

US President Joe Biden's son Hunter Biden yesterday pleaded not guilty to charges that he lied about his drug use while buying a handgun, in the first-ever criminal prosecution of a sitting US president's child. Hunter Biden, 53, was charged last month with three counts related to lying on a federal form to acquire a Colt Cobra handgun in 2018 and for being an illegal drug user in possession of the gun. Biden wore a dark suit and tie during his appearance at the courthouse. "Yes your honor," he said after US Magistrate Judge Christopher Burke asked how he pleaded. He arrived at the courthouse in a motorcade. Yesterday's hearing sets the stage for a historic first: The criminal trial of the adult child of a sitting president who is campaigning for reelection.

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Dy. General Manager, BFCC

### India arrests 1,000 in child marriage crackdown

AFP, Guwahati

More than 1,000 people were arrested yesterday in India's remote northeast during the second government crackdown on illegal child marriages in the region this year, authorities said.

India is home to more than 220 million child brides, according to UN figures, but the number of child weddings has fallen dramatically this century.

Assam state had already arrested 4,000 people in an earlier abolition drive in February, including parents of married couples and registrars who signed off on underage betrothals.

The state's chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that police had launched a second phase of the campaign "in a special operation which began in the early hours of dawn".

"The number of arrests is likely to rise," he wrote in a post on X, formerly Twitter. "The number now stands at 1,039.

Sarma has campaigned on a platform of stamping out child marriages completely in his state by 2026. The legal marriage age in India is 18 but millions of children are forced to tie the knot when they are

younger, particularly in poorer rural areas. Many parents marry off their children in the hope of improving their financial security.

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