

## 800 quakes rock Iceland

CNN ONLINE

Iceland has declared a state of emergency, with police officials urging residents to evacuate the coastal town of Grindavik following an intense wave of earthquakes in the southwest of the country linked to a possible volcanic eruption.

Nearly 800 quakes were recorded between midnight and 2:00 pm on Friday, with the shallowest at a depth of 3-3.5 kilometers (1.86-2.18 miles), according to the Icelandic Meteorological Office.

In statements Friday, Iceland's Civil Protection Agency said a magma tunnel that is forming could reach Grindavik. But as of Friday evening, the Icelandic authority said it has been impossible to tell if and where the magma might break through to the surface. "Earthquakes may become bigger than those that have already occurred, and this sequence of events could lead to an eruption," the Civil Protection Agency said.

## TIES WITH RUSSIA N Korea slams Blinken's comments

AFP, Seoul

North Korea's foreign ministry yesterday slammed US Secretary of State Antony Blinken's comments on Pyongyang's relations with Moscow, saying the remarks would "only escalate the dangerous political and military tension" on the peninsula.

Blinken was in Seoul earlier this week after attending a G7 foreign ministers' meeting in Japan. He met with South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and other top officials.

During his visit to the South Korean capital, he said military ties between Pyongyang and Moscow were "growing and dangerous", and urged Beijing, Pyongyang's main ally, to restrain the nuclear-armed North.



PHOTO: REUTERS

Palestinians search for casualties as they inspect the site of an Israeli strike on a house, in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday.

# Gaza's health system 'on its knees'

WHO chief warns

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The health care system in the Gaza Strip is "on its knees," the head of the World Health Organization warned Friday, noting that half of the territory's 36 hospitals are no longer functioning.

Speaking to the Security Council, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus described the situation on the ground as desperate: "Hospital corridors crammed with the injured, the sick, the dying; morgues overflowing; surgery without anesthesia; tens of thousands of displaced people sheltering at hospitals."

"The health system is on its knees, and yet somehow is continuing to deliver lifesaving care," he said, reports Reuters.

Tedros said there had been more than 250 attacks on health care -- such as strikes on hospitals, clinics, ambulances and patients -- in Gaza and the West Bank.

"The best way to support those health workers and the people they serve is by giving them the tools they need to deliver that care -- medicines, medical equipment and fuel for hospital generators," he said, calling for an



increase in aid trickling in through the Rafah crossing with Egypt and repeating the UN's call for a ceasefire.

A child is killed on average every 10 minutes in the Gaza Strip, Tedros also said warning "Nowhere and no one is safe."

"On average, a child is killed every 10 minutes in Gaza," Tedros said, according to AFP.

"I understand what the children of Gaza must be going through, because as a child, I went through the same thing," said the WHO

chief, who is from Ethiopia's Tigray region.

"The sound of gunfire and shells whistling through the air; the smell of smoke after they struck; tracer bullets in the night sky; the fear; the pain; the loss -- these things have stayed with me throughout my life."

He also denounced the "horrific, barbaric and unjustifiable attacks" carried out by Hamas fighters, and demanded the release of hostages held by the militant group.

The head of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, Marwan Jilani, addressed the Security Council by video, calling on members to "do all you can to spare further deaths and sufferings." The council is divided on the war and has failed to issue a resolution on it.

He highlighted the dire situation at the Al-Quds hospital in Gaza City, which the Red Crescent said was fired on Friday by Israeli snipers.

"Our utmost concern is the direct threat to the lives of all those wounded and sick, together with tens of thousands of civilians, including thousands of children," Jilani said.

## SUDAN WAR Violence 'verging on pure evil' UN warns; strategic bridge destroyed

AFP, United Nations

The UN warned Friday of soaring human rights violations in Sudan's Darfur region and said they were "verging on pure evil," amid escalating fighting seven months into the war between the army and paramilitaries. "We keep saying that the situation is horrific and grim. But frankly, we are running out of words to describe the horror of what is happening in Sudan," said Clementine Nkweta-Salami, the UN humanitarian coordinator for Sudan. "We continue to receive unrelenting and appalling reports of sexual and gender-based violence, enforced disappearance, arbitrary detentions and grave violations of human and children's rights," she told reporters. "What is happening is verging on pure evil," she said, citing reports of young girls being raped in front of their mothers. She said she was worried about the risk of a repeat of the genocide of the early 2000s in this region of western Sudan. Meanwhile, latest round of fighting destroyed a strategic bridge over the Nile River in Sudan's capital, the army and rival paramilitaries said in separate statements yesterday. Witnesses reported "clear signs of destruction on the Shambat Bridge" which crosses the White Nile and connecting Khartoum's sister cities of Khartoum North and Omdurman. Images posted online showed a section of the bridge about halfway across the river had disappeared.

## FBI seizes NYC mayor's electronic devices

REUTERS, New York

FBI agents seized electronic devices from New York City Mayor Eric Adams earlier this week, days after a raid on the home of his chief campaign fundraiser, according to an attorney for the mayor's campaign. Federal authorities are conducting an investigation into whether his 2021 mayoral campaign conspired with a Brooklyn construction company and the Turkish government to funnel foreign money into the campaign through a straw donor scheme, the New York Times has reported.

Boyd Johnson, an attorney for Adams' campaign, confirmed on Friday that Adams had provided the FBI with electronic devices after agents approached the mayor following an event on Monday night. Johnson said the FBI requested the devices after Adams informed investigators of impropriety by an unidentified individual. "The mayor has not been accused of any wrongdoing and continues to cooperate with the investigation," Johnson said in a statement. The FBI declined to comment. The devices seized from the mayor were returned within a matter of days, the Times said.



## BNP, its allies destroy what we build: PM

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Edimon Ginting, country director for Asian Development Bank, and Railways Ministry Secretary Md Humayun Kabir also spoke at the event, chaired by Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujan.

**'VOTE FOR AWAMI LEAGUE'**

Addressing a rally in Maheshkhali upazila yesterday afternoon, Hasina once again urged the people to vote for AL in the next general election to help the government finish the incomplete development programmes.

The meeting was

organised by Maheshkhali Upazila AL at the township ground built under the Matarbari thermal power plant project.

She said AL was able to form three consecutive governments as people voted it to power.

Talking about inflation, she blamed the increasing inflation on Russia-Ukraine war, sanctions and counter sanctions.

"We have taken steps to curb inflation. Its inflation rate will come down soon and people will be able to live a better life," the PM said.

Coming down heavily on

BNP and its allies for arson, the PM said a person with humanity cannot burn anyone alive.

"Their only job is to burn people alive and destroy property... The people have to be cautious."

Hasina further said she is ready to make any sacrifice for the development and welfare of the people. "If needed, I am ready to sacrifice my blood like my father did. My only job is to ensure your welfare."

Information and Broadcasting Minister Hasan Mahmud, and local AL lawmaker Asheq Ullah Rafiq also spoke at the rally.

## Tigers' bleak run ends with defeat

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failed to stretch their innings after having managed a decent start.

Like yesterday, Bangladesh could not put up a fight in the six defeats which occurred on the trot, with the humiliating 87-run loss against an associate nation like the Netherlands coming as the lowest point.

Bangladesh won at least three matches in each of the last four ODI World Cups, and only two wins this edition indicate that Bangladesh cricket has made little progress over the last two decades.

From the outset, the Tigers' journey in this edition of the flagship event was riddled with turbulence, controversies, questionable tactics and approaches both on and off the field, making it a tournament to forget.

Despite the gloom, Bangladesh managed to salvage something from the dismal campaign as they remain on the verge of qualifying for the 2025 Champions Trophy as the eighth team in the points table. The Tigers, though, are relying on hosts India beating the Netherlands today so that they maintain the eighth spot.

For Australia, the victory means they ended the group stage with a seventh successive win after their campaign for a record-extending sixth men's World Cup title started

with two defeats.

Earlier, Towhid Hridoy's 74, his maiden World Cup fifty, was the cornerstone of Bangladesh's innings, which saw all top seven batters score at least 21 runs.

Adam Zampa was the pick of Australia's attack with 2-32 as the leg-spinner became the leading bowler in the tournament with 22 wickets, while Marnus Labuschagne derailed the innings by running out the well-set Najmul Hossain Shanto (45) and Mahmudullah Riyad (32).

In reply, Australia lost Travis Head (10) early in their chase when he played on trying to slog Taskin Ahmed.

Warner plundered runs on an excellent batting pitch before the left-handed opener, following a 52-ball 53, surprisingly chipped Mustafizur Rahman to Shanto at mid-off.

The powerful Marsh, however, pressed on, and there was no looking back for the Aussies against Bangladesh attack which missed captain Shakib Al Hasan due to a broken finger.

Marsh went on to eventually strike his second century of the World Cup to ensure Australia, already guaranteed a last-four clash with South Africa, made light of their target to win with 32 balls remaining.

## Cox's Bazar linked to rail grid now

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She urged everyone to take proper care of the facilities.

In the evening, the premier inaugurated 14 completed development projects including the Matarbari ultra-super-critical coal-fired power plant project, and laid foundation stones for four other projects including the first terminal of the country's first deep sea port in Matarbari.

In the last two months, the PM opened the Dhaka-Bhanga Rail Line via Padma Bridge, Bangabandhu Tunnel in Chattogram, and Metro Rail's Agargaon to Motijheel section.

The premier reached Cox's Bazar around 10:45am, reports BSS.

Colourful posters, placards, festoons and banners welcoming the

premier were everywhere in Cox's Bazar, where a festive mood prevailed throughout the day.

After inaugurating the railway line, the PM bought a ticket at the six-storey railway station and took the first train from Cox's Bazar to Chattogram.

She waved a green flag and blew a whistle before boarding the specially decorated train. During the journey, she exchanged pleasantries with her co-passengers.

The 102km Dohazari-Cox's Bazar rail line is part of the Trans-Asian Railway Network. There are nine new stations on the route.

The government backed out from constructing the rail line to the Ghundum border because Myanmar did not take any step to build a rail line to its border,

the project, funded by the Asian Development Bank, was supposed to be done in 2013. But it was delayed due to various reasons.

Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujan on Friday said train services on the Dhaka-Cox's Bazar route would begin on December 1.

The intercity train which will operate on the route will take approximately 8 hours and 10 minutes to reach Cox's Bazar from Dhaka's Kamalapur Railway Station with stops only at Dhaka airport and Chattogram stations.

The train will leave Dhaka at 10:30pm and reach Cox's Bazar at 6:40am, and leave Cox's Bazar at 1:00pm and reach Dhaka at 9:10pm.

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