Bolivia coup attempt fails

Armed forces pulled back from presidential palace; general arrested

REUTERS, La Paz

Bolivian armed forces pulled back from the presidential palace in La Paz on Wednesday evening and a general was arrested after President Luis Arce slammed a "coup" attempt against the government and called for international support.

Earlier in the day, military units led by General Juan Jose Zuniga, recently stripped of his military command, had gathered in the central Plaza Murillo square, home to the presidential palace and Congress. A Reuters witness saw an armored vehicle ram a door of the presidential palace and soldiers rush in.

"Today the country is facing an attempted coup d'état," Arce said in comments from the presidential palace, with armed soldiers outside.

A few hours later, a Reuters witness saw soldiers withdraw from the square and police take control of the plaza.

IRAN ELECTION Two candidates drop out of race

REUTERS, Dubai

Two hardline candidates dropped out of Iran's presidential election yesterday, a day ahead of the landmark vote, and called for unity among forces supporting the country's Islamic revolution, state media reported.

Iranian's tightly controlled election today follows Ebrahim Raisi's death in a helicopter crash last month, with the outcome expected to influence the succession to Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the top decision-maker in the clerically-ruled state.

Tehran's mayor Alireza Zakani and head of the Martyrs' Foundation Amirhossein Ghazizadeh-Hashemi exited the race, state media said. They were expected to win just 1.7 percent and 2 percent of votes respectively according to a 22-23 June poll carried out by the Iran Students Polling Centre.

Their departure leaves four presidential candidates and Zakani urged the two most prominent hardline ones to join forces to prevent moderate Masoud Pezeshkian



Palestinian families flee the Tuffah neighbourhood in the east of Gaza City following an Israeli military operation yesterday. Heavy fighting, artillery shelling and helicopter fire were also reported around northern Gaza's Shujayia market. PHOTO: AFP

US health workers sound alarm on Gaza medical crisis

Patients in Gaza's few standing hospitals are dying in droves from infections resulting from a lack of protective gear and soap, even when they survive their horrific blast injuries.

And health workers are facing agonising decisions, like giving up on a seven-year-old boy with extensive burns because bandages are in short supply and he'd have probably died anyway.

These are just some of the horrors witnessed by American doctors and nurses returning from the besieged Palestinian territory, who are now on a mission to spread the word about what they saw and apply pressure on Israel to allow in more life-saving supplies.

"Whether or not a ceasefire happens, we have to get humanitarian aid. And we have to get it in sufficient volumes to meet the demands," Adam Hamawy, a former US army combat surgeon, tells AFP in an interview after a medical mission to

Gaza's European Hospital last month.

"You could give all you want, you can donate," says the reconstructive plastic surgeon from New Jersey. "But if these borders don't open up to allow that aid to get in, then it's just useless.'

Hamawy has volunteered in war-torn and natural disaster-hit countries for the past 30 years, from the siege of Sarajevo to the Haiti earthquake. "But the level of

civilian casualties I experienced that was beyond anything I'd seen before," says the 54-year-old, who helped

save the life of Senator Tammy Duckworth when she lost both of her legs to a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) attack on the helicopter she was flying in Iraq.

"Most of our patients were children

under the age of 14." he stressed. "This has nothing to do with your political views." Hamawy and other medics told

AFP they are convinced that for now their energy is better spent lobbying the halls of power to stop the offensive and require Israel to comply with

international law by letting in more aid. Israel allegations international law violations during its

invasion. On a hot June afternoon in the Washington, capital Monica Johnston, 44-year-old ICU nurse from Portland, Oregon said

she conveyed specific lists of what was needed in meetings she had held with White House officials and lawmakers JULY 4 ELECTION IN UK

Sunak, Starmer clash in final TV debate

REUTERS, London

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Labour leader Keir Starmer went head-to-head on Wednesday night in their last debate before an election next week, with both launching highly personal attacks over their parties' credibility.

With Sunak's Conservatives trailing Labour by around 20 points in the polls, the prime minister went on the attack, accusing Starmer of not being straight with the country on migration, tax and women's rights, and urging voters not to "surrender" to the Labour Party.

Starmer responded that Sunak was too rich to understand the concerns of most ordinary Britons. A snap YouGov poll said the debate had been a tie, with both on 50 percent.

On immigration, one of the top concerns for British voters, Sunak rejected Starmer's argument that he would seek to return migrants to their home countries, saying many had arrived in Britain from Iran, Syria and Afghanistan. Polls indicate that Starmer is on course to win the

election with a large majority.

Biden, Trump to lock horns in first presidential debate

AFP, Atlanta

Joe Biden and Donald Trump were due to meet for a historic US presidential debate last night, with the stage set for what could be an inflection point in the 2024 race as millions of voters tune in to the clash of rivals.

The showdown -- between the oldest-ever incumbent and a convicted felon -- fires the starting gun on what promises to be a bruising summer of campaigning in a deeply polarized and tense United States still convulsed over the chaos and violence that accompanied the 2020 election.

With only two debates this election cycle, yesterday's high-stakes event takes on heightened significance, and both candidates have stepped up their personal attacks, with national polls showing the pair neck and neck.

"I think I have been preparing for it for my whole life... We'll do very well," Trump told rightwing network Newsmax in an interview on his debate preparation.

The president will be desperate to avoid any



People react to tear gas during a demonstration over police killings of people protesting against Kenya's proposed finance bill 2024-2025, in Nairobi, Kenya yesterday.

Sudan faces famine risk in 14 areas

Says monitor

REUTERS, Cairo

There is a realistic chance of famine in 14 areas across Sudan if the conflict that began in April last year between military factions escalates further, a global hunger monitor yesterday.

The areas include parts of the capital Khartoum, the regions of Darfur and Kordofan and El Gezira state, according to an update from the Integrated Food Security Classification (IPC).

As previously reported by Reuters, some 755,000 people in Sudan face "catastrophe", the most severe level of extreme hunger. In total, 8.5 million people - or 18 percent of the population - face food shortages that could result in acute malnutrition and death, according to the update.

EU leaders sign security deal with Ukraine

REUTERS, Brussels

European Union leaders signed a security agreement with Ukraine yesterday, kicking off a two-day summit at which they will also set a strategic course for the EU for the next five years and appoint the people who will run the EU's key institutions.

Leaders of the 27 EU countries, meeting formally for the first time since European elections on June 6-9, gave a warm welcome to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who made a rare personal appearance in Brussels for the signing ceremony.

Draft conclusions of the summit showed the leaders will reiterate their pledge to support Ukraine as long as it takes, stressing that "Russia must not prevail" and that Ukraine must get back the land

annexed by Moscow. They will also ask EU institutions to work out the details of a G7 deal to provide 50 billion euros in

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3	Inviting Entity Name Invitation for	Award of Lease for operation of the state-owned Textile Mill		
5	Invitation Ref. No	24.03.0000.103.18(5).110.23-178		
6	Date	27/06/2024		
	INFORMATION	27/00/2024		
7	Selection Process	Award of Lease to the highest scoring bidder ranked on the basis of combined scor of technical and financial proposals weighted equally among responsive bidders.		
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8	Last date & Time of EoI Submission	Date: 22/07/2024 Time: 12.00 PM (BST)		
9	EoI Submission Place	Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) Chairman Section, BTMC Bhaban, 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.		
10	Opening Date and Time of EoI	Date: 23/07/2024, Time: 11 AM (BST)		
11	Place of Opening Other details	Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) Conference Room, BTMC Bhaban, 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215. Submission of EoI should be made in closed format bearing the name and address of the conference and address o		
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13	Name of the Mills to be leased out	Kurigram Textile Mills Ltd. Najira, Kurigram.		
14	Term of Award (of lease)	Up to 30 Years (further extendable)		
15	ToR including Schedules (of lease) for	Available on the following websites-		
	remaining Textile Mills	(i) www.btmc.gov.bd (ii) www.motj.gov.bd		
		(iii) www.bida.gov.bd		
INVI	TING ENTITY DETAILS			
16	Name of Official Inviting EoI	Brigadier General Md. Ziaul Hoque, ndc,afwc,psc		
17	Designation of Official Inviting EoI	Chairman		
18	Address of Official Inviting EoI	Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) Chairman Section, BTMC Bhaban, 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.		
19	Contact details of Official Inviting EoI	Telephone / Mobile Number	E-mail	
		+88-02-55014347	btmcho@gmail.com	
20	Focal Persons to be contacted (if necessary)	Alamgir Hossain	hittam24@yahoo.com	
		Chief Operating Officer		
		(Deputy Secretary)		
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17) এর ভুল চিকিৎসা ও অবহেলায় মৃত্যুজনিত কারন উল্লেখ করে ১১/০৩/২০২১ইং তারিখে অত্র কাউদিলে অভিযোগ দাখিল করেন। (১) উল্লেখিত অভিযোগের প্রেক্ষিতে কাউদিল অভিযোগকারী এবং চিকিৎসক উভয়ের সাক্ষাৎকার গ্রহন করে। পরবর্তীতে কাউদিল কর্তৃকু তদন্ত কমিটি গঠন পূর্বক তদন্তে প্রমানিত হয় যে, তিনি একজন অভিজ্ঞা ও সিনিয়র বিশেষজ্ঞ হিসেবে তাহার পেশাগত দায়িত্ব পাদনের ক্ষেত্রে অবহৈলা করেছেন। মাত্রাতিরিক্ত ঔষধ প্রয়োগের ফলে রোগীর মৃত্যু হয় (২) ডা: তানজিমা তাজরিন, বাড়ী নং:৬০, রোড নং:০৮, ব্লক:সি, নিকেতন, গুলশান: ০১, ঢাকা, মুগত কর্নেল ডা: অধ্যাপক) মো: নুরুল আজিম (অবসরপ্রাপ্ত) এর তত্ত্বাবধানে counselling এর কাজ করতেন। Counselling এর কাজে অদক্ষতা, অপেশাদারী আচরন ও পেশাগত স্বীকৃত কাঠামো মেনে চলার অসামর্থাতা প্রতীয়মান হয়েছে এছাড়াও ঔষ্ধের পার্শ্ব প্রতিক্রিয়া ও তার ব্যবস্থাপনা বিষয়ক জ্ঞানেও তার উল্লেখযোগ্য ঘাটতি প্রমানিত হয়েছে। এমতাবস্থায় বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এড ডেন্টাল কাউদিল আইন, ২০১০(৬১ নং আইন) এর ২৩(১) ধারায় প্রদত্ত ক্ষমতাবলে বিএমএডডিসি হইতে

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