

CHILD MURDERS

UK grapples with worst riots in 13 yrs

AFP, London

UK authorities yesterday faced growing pressure to put an end to England's worst rioting in 13 years after disturbances linked to child murders and involving far-right agitators flared across the country.

Unrest related to misinformation about a mass stabbing that killed three young girls last week spread to multiple towns and cities on Saturday as anti-immigration demonstrators clashed with police.

The violence is posing a major test for Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who was elected only a month ago after leading Labour to a landslide win over the Conservatives.

About 90 people were arrested after skirmishes broke out at far-right rallies in numerous places including Liverpool, Manchester, Bristol, Blackpool and Hull, as well as Belfast in Northern Ireland.



Palestinians mourn the dead in the aftermath of an Israeli strike that hit tents used as temporary shelters by displaced people in the courtyard of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir el-Balah in the central Gaza Strip yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

'We have never been so strong'

Says Venezuela opposition leader despite arrest

AFP, Caracas

Venezuela's opposition leader emerged from hiding on Saturday, declaring "We have never been so strong," as President Nicolas Maduro slammed what he called attempts to "usurp the presidency" following last week's disputed election.

Thousands gathered peacefully across Venezuela, including in the capital Caracas where Maria Corina Machado thrilled supporters with a surprise appearance in a truck bearing a banner reading "Venezuela has won!"

Machado, who spent much of the week in hiding after Maduro threatened her with arrest following deadly post-election protests, had backed the candidacy of Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia after she herself was banned from running.

Supporters say he won 67 percent of the July 28 vote, and several Latin American countries and the US have recognized him as president-elect.

Others have called on Venezuela to release detailed vote tallies, including EU states France, Germany, Italy and Spain.

ASSASSINATION OF HAMAS' LEADER

Biden voices hope Iran will stand down

Hamas begins consultations to choose Haniyeh's successor

REUTERS, Wilmington

US President Joe Biden expressed hope Iran would stand down despite its threat to avenge the assassination of Hamas' leader in Tehran, as fears mounted that Israel's offensive in Gaza could escalate into a wider Middle East conflict.

Regional tensions have soared following the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh, Hamas' top leader, on Wednesday, a day after an Israeli strike in Beirut killed Fuad Shukur, a senior military commander from the Lebanese group Hezbollah, which like Hamas is backed by Iran. Iran and Hamas have blamed Israel for Haniyeh's killing, and they, together with Hezbollah, have vowed revenge. Israel has not claimed or denied responsibility.

Asked by reporters whether Iran would stand down, Biden said on Saturday in response to a shouted question, "I hope so. I don't know."

Seeking to bolster defenses in the Middle East in response to threats from Israel's foes, the Pentagon said on Friday it would deploy additional fighter jets and Navy warships to the region.

Haniyeh's death was one in a series of killings of senior Hamas figures as the Gaza offensive nears its 11th month, and it fuelled concern that the conflict in Gaza was turning into a wider Middle



East war, reports Reuters.

Hamas said it had begun a "broad consultation process" to choose a new leader three days after the assassination of Haniyeh, who was the face of the group's international diplomacy.

The US and international partners including France, Britain, Italy and Egypt continued diplomatic contacts on Saturday seeking to prevent further regional escalation.

The US urged its citizens who wish to leave Lebanon to start making plans immediately, and the British government advised its nationals to "leave now." Canada

warned citizens to avoid all travel to Israel, saying the regional armed conflict endangered security.

Violence continued on Saturday in the Palestinian territories.

An Israeli airstrike on a school sheltering displaced persons in Gaza City killed at least 15 Palestinians on Saturday, hours after two strikes in the occupied West Bank killed nine people including a local Hamas commander, Hamas said.

The Israeli military said the first of two West Bank airstrikes hit a vehicle in a town near the city of Tulkarm, targeting a Hamas cell it said was on its way to carry out an attack.

Two migrants dead after rescue at sea

Says Italian coastguard

AFP, Rome

Italy's coastguard said yesterday two migrants died after they were rescued along with more than 30 others in the Mediterranean off the eastern coast of Sicily.

The coastguard said it received a distress call late Saturday from a boat located about 17 miles southeast of Syracuse carrying Syrian, Egyptian and Bangladeshi migrants.

Search and rescue operations began after the coastguard dispatched a patrol boat and plane to the area, but "the occupants of the vessel ended up in the water as the patrol boat approached," it said in a statement.

Although 34 people were recovered from the water, put onto the patrol boat and transferred to Syracuse's port, one died upon arrival and another after reaching the hospital.

"The search at sea for a missing person who was on board the vessel, which later sank, is currently under way," it said.

The coastguard said it was investigating how the migrants ended in the water as the boat approached.

23 killed as Sudan paramilitaries shell Darfur city

AFP, Port Sudan

Shelling by Sudanese paramilitaries killed at least 23 people on Saturday in the besieged Darfur city of El-Fasher, activists said.

The capital of North Darfur state is the largest city in the vast western region not yet under the control of the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), who have been battling the regular army for more than a year and have laid siege to El-Fasher since May.

The El-Fasher Resistance Committee said in a statement published on its Facebook page that "deliberate bombing" by the paramilitary forces resulted in "23 martyrs", all civilians, and 60 wounded.

RSF shelling of El-Fasher last week killed at least 65 people, said the committee, one of hundreds across Sudan that used to organise pro-democracy protests and have coordinated frontline aid since the war began in April last year.

Medical charity Doctors Without Borders (MSF) has said that by late June, at least 260 people had been killed in the fighting in El-Fasher.

The war, which pits the RSF, led by Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, against the army headed by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, has killed tens of thousands of people with some estimates as high as 150,000, according to United States envoy Tom Perriello.

The United Nations says Sudan faces the world's largest internal displacement crisis, with more than 10 million forced to flee internally or abroad.

California wildfire now fourth-largest in state history

Hot weather offers no relief

REUTERS

More than 6,000 firefighters in California's Central Valley continued to battle the largest blaze in the US on Saturday, which burned its way into the history books as the state's fourth-largest conflagration on record.

There was barely a taste of rain on Saturday from thunderstorms that brought wind and rainfall of zero to one-tenth of an inch.

The heat of 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 Celsius) along with winds up to 25 mph or more in some spots, offered little relief to the firefighters trying to contain the Park Fire, scorching the wilderness terrain some 100 miles (161 km) north of Sacramento, the state capital.

"We had some thunderstorms that just brought us down-drafts, that's a problem," said Christopher Young, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or Cal Fire. "Lightning is a factor we worry about."

Blazes from the Park Fire, started by an alleged arsonist who pushed a flaming car down a 60-foot gully near Chico, California, on July 24, has since burned more than 400,000 acres or more than 600 square miles, an area larger than the city of Los Angeles. The 42-year-old man arrested had not entered a plea as of Saturday, but was charged with arson and held without bail, officials said.

More than 560 homes and other structures were destroyed since the blaze started 11 days ago, feeding off of downed timber and tinder-dry grass and brush. The fire was 27 percent contained on Saturday, officials said.



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01	XEN/EED/NAT/POLYTECHNIC/WD-44	CONSTRUCTION OF 6(Six)-STORIED ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING WITH 6(Six)-STORIED FOUNDATION INCLUDING SANITARY AND WATER SUPPLY WORKS ALONG WITH ELECTRIFICATION AND OTHER WORKS AT NATORE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE UNDER SADAR UPAZILLA OF NATORE DISTRICT.	1004500	04.09.2024 Time: 16.00	05.09.2024 Time: 12.00

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1.	1007060	e-GP/04/GZ/2024-2025 PMP Road (OSTETM)	Periodic Maintenance Programme (PMP-Major Road) Providing Strengthening & DBS-Wearing Course work from Ch. 00+000 Km (Tungipara) to Ch. 18+260 Km (Majhbari) of Tungipara-Kotalipara (Majhbari) Road (Z-8430) under Gopalganj Road Division during the FY 2024-2025.	04-08-2024 14:00	04-09-2024 17:00	05-09-2024 12:00

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