

No end to UK protests Govt expands jail capacity

REUTERS, Liverpool

The British government has increased its prison capacity to help tackle violent, week-long anti-immigrant riots that have prompted a growing number of countries to warn their citizens about the dangers of travelling in Britain.

Riots across a number of towns and cities have erupted following the murder of three girls at a Taylor Swift-themed event in Southport, a seaside town in northern England, after false messaging on social media wrongly identified the suspected killer as an Islamist migrant.

The Justice department, which is being forced to release some prisoners early as it battles a jail overcrowding crisis, said nearly 600 prison places had been secured to accommodate those engaged in violence.



Representatives lay flowers at the Peace Memorial Ceremony held at the Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, Japan yesterday, during ceremonies to mark the 79th anniversary of the world's first atomic bomb attack.

PHOTO: AFP

Russia targets Kyiv with missile strikes Fails Ukrainian border incursions

REUTERS, Kyiv

A Russian missile attack on the city of Kharkiv in northeastern Ukraine damaged a medical clinic and injured at least five people yesterday, the governor of the Kharkiv region said.

Oleh Syniehubov also said on the Telegram messaging app that the Russian forces had used Iskander ballistic missile in the morning attack, adding that it had damaged dozens of cars and residential buildings and some administrative buildings.

Local authorities said earlier that the Russian strike on the central part of Kharkiv city had caused a fire.

A Russian governor yesterday said Ukrainian forces had attempted border incursions into the southern Kursk region.

"Today we are getting information from the Sudzha and Korenevo districts about attempts by Ukrainian armed forces to break through into the Kursk region," acting governor Alexei Smirnov wrote on Telegram.

He said that border guards and Russian soldiers "had prevented the border from being breached".

Sudzha and Korenevo are close to Ukraine's Sumy region.

Ukraine has not commented on the reports but the head of the Sumy region military administration, Oleksiy Drozdenko, told residents to pay attention to air raid alerts.

Armed combatants from Ukraine have made several brief incursions into Russia, reports Reuters.

These have involved units of Russians fighting in support of Kyiv - the Russian Volunteer Corps and the Freedom of Russia Legion.

Russia has pushed back against these attacks but has sometimes needed to deploy artillery and aviation.

In May, Russian forces also pushed across the border into Ukraine's Kharkiv region, taking a significant amount of territory.

The Mash Telegram channel, seen as close to Russian security forces, wrote that an attack began in the early hours involving small groups of Ukrainian soldiers and fighters from the Russian Volunteer Corps.

Russia was striking the attackers with aviation and artillery, Mash wrote.

The head of Russia's General Staff, Valery Gerasimov, visited troop positions in occupied parts of Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region, the defence ministry said yesterday.

Haniyeh's killing aims to prolong Gaza offensive

Says Palestinian President Abbas before Moscow visit



REUTERS

The killing of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh was intended to prolong the Gaza conflict, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas told Russia's state news agency, adding that he will discuss the regional crisis with President Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

RIA, citing a diplomatic source, said Abbas will come on a long expected visit to Moscow on August 12-14.

Haniyeh, the political leader of Palestinian group Hamas, was assassinated in the Iranian capital Tehran last week in an attack that drew threats of revenge on Israel and fuelled concern that the conflict in Gaza was turning into a wider Middle East war.

In an interview published by state news agency RIA yesterday, Abbas said he considers Haniyeh's assassination "a cowardly act and a dangerous development in Israeli politics".

"There is no doubt the purpose of Mr Haniyeh's assassination is to prolong the war and expand its scope," he said. "It will have a negative impact on the ongoing negotiations to end

the aggression and withdraw Israeli troops from Gaza."

The interview was published in Russian. Haniyeh was the face of Hamas' international diplomacy since the offensive started on October 7, 2023, and had been taking part in internationally brokered efforts to reach a ceasefire in Gaza.

Iran, which backs Hamas, has blamed Israel for the killing and said it will "punish" it. Israeli officials have not claimed responsibility.

Abbas also told RIA that the Gaza Strip must be transferred to the control of the legitimate Palestinian authorities.

"We strongly oppose Israeli plans that provide for some temporary solutions," he said.

Russia, which has forged close ties both with Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and Arab leaders including Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, has condemned Haniyeh's killing and called on all parties to refrain from further destabilisation of Middle East.

75 migrants rescued off Greece

AFP, Athens

The Greek coastguard yesterday said it had rescued 75 migrants in an area where one of the Mediterranean's worst migrant shipwrecks occurred last year.

They were on board a sailboat southwest of the Peloponnese coastal town of Pylos and will be taken to the port of Kalamata, the coastguard said, without mentioning the nationalities or port of origin.

In June 2023, a rusty and overloaded trawler sailing out of Tobruk in Libya believed to be carrying more than 750 people sank southwest of Pylos.

There were 104 survivors, but more than 600 people are considered to have perished.

Dozens of survivors have filed a criminal complaint against the Greek coastguard, alleging that they took hours to respond despite warnings from EU border agency Frontex and the NGO Alarm Phone.

The Italian coast guard said on Sunday two migrants died and one was still missing after a boat carrying more than 30 people sank around 17 miles south-east of the Italian city of Syracuse, Sicily.

After receiving a distress call late on Saturday, a coast guard boat and an aircraft went to the area, rescued 34 people and took them to the port of Syracuse, the authority said in a statement.

Google has an illegal monopoly on search US judge finds

REUTERS, Washington

A US judge ruled on Monday that Google violated antitrust law, spending billions of dollars to create an illegal monopoly and become the world's default search engine, the first big win for federal authorities taking on Big Tech's market dominance.

The ruling paves the way for a second trial to determine potential fixes, possibly including a breakup of Google parent Alphabet, which would change the landscape of the online advertising world that Google has dominated for years.

It is also a green light to aggressive US antitrust enforcers prosecuting Big Tech, a sector that has been under fire from across the political spectrum.

"The court reaches the following conclusion: Google is a monopolist, and it has acted as one to maintain its monopoly," US District Judge Amit Mehta, Washington, DC, wrote. Google controls about 90 percent of the online search market and 95 percent on smartphones.

The "remedy" phase could be lengthy, followed by potential appeals to the US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit and the US Supreme Court. The legal wrangling could play out into next year, or even 2026. Shares of Alphabet fell 4.5 percent on Monday amid a broad decline in tech shares as the wider stock market cratered on recession fears. Google advertising was 77 percent of Alphabet's total sales in 2023.

US ELECTION Harris picks Walz as her running mate

REUTERS

Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris selected Minnesota Governor Tim Walz to be her running mate yesterday, choosing a progressive policy champion and a plain speaker from America's heartland to help win over rural, white voters, according to sources familiar with the matter.

Walz, a 60-year-old US Army National Guard veteran and former teacher, was elected to a Republican-leaning district in the US House of Representatives in 2006 and served 12 years before being elected governor of Minnesota in 2018.

As governor, Walz has pushed a progressive agenda that includes free school meals, goals for tackling climate change, tax cuts for the middle class and expanded paid leave for Minnesota workers.

Walz has long advocated for women's reproductive rights but also displayed a conservative bent while representing a rural district in the US House, defending agricultural interests and backing gun rights.

Harris, the daughter of immigrants from Jamaica and India, is adding a popular Midwestern politician whose home state votes reliably for Democrats in presidential elections but is close to Wisconsin and Michigan, two crucial battlegrounds.

Such states are seen as crucial in deciding the November 5 election, and Walz is widely seen as skilled at connecting with white, rural voters who in recent years have voted broadly for the Republican Donald Trump, Harris' rival for the White House.

Harris chose Walz over Josh Shapiro, the governor of Pennsylvania, who had been seen as essential to delivering his crucial battleground state.



The window of opportunity for Ukraine is narrowing.
Says Sergei Shoigu, secretary of Russia's Security Council, on peace talks

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Sl. No	Tender ID	Name of works	Tender publication date & time	Last selling/downloading date and time	Tender closing/opening date & time
1.	1001590	Painting & Roof Water Proofing works of C-Type Building (Meghna & Jamuna) and Barbed wire & Grill fencing works of Boundary wall (Partial) of Sonali Bank Staff College, Uttara, Dhaka.	08-Aug-2024 11:00	21-Aug-2024 15:00	22-Aug-2024 15:00
2.	1006287	Repair Works(Civil) of CSD Godown's floor and wall at semi-basement of Sonali Bank PLC, Head Office, Dhaka.	08-Aug-2024 11:00	21-Aug-2024 15:15	22-Aug-2024 15:15

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