

Israel forces raid
Al Jazeera TV in
West Bank
Order 45-day closure

AFP, Ramallah

Global news channel Al Jazeera said armed and masked Israeli forces raided its office in Ramallah in the occupied West Bank yesterday and issued a 45-day closure order.

It was the latest salvo in a long-running feud between the broadcaster and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government which has worsened during the war in Gaza.

The broadcaster said the soldiers did not provide a reason for the closure order yesterday.

"There is a court ruling for closing down Al Jazeera for 45 days," an Israeli soldier told Al Jazeera's West Bank bureau chief Walid al-Omari in a conversation broadcast live on the network.

"I ask you to take all the cameras and leave the office at this moment," the soldier said, according to the footage.

Omari said the order accused the network of "incitement to and support of terrorism", according to Al Jazeera.



Firefighters search through debris for missing people washed up after heavy rains caused flooding, in the city of Wajima, Ishikawa prefecture in Japan yesterday. Floods and landslides killed one person and left at least 11 missing in central Japan.

51 dead in Iran
coal mine blast
20 more injured

REUTERS, Dubai

A gas explosion in a coal mine in Iran's South Khorasan Province killed at least 51 people and injured 20, Iran's state media said yesterday.

The accident was caused by a methane gas explosion in two blocks, B and C, of the mine run by the Madanjoo company, state media said.

"76 percent of the country's coal is provided from this region and around 8 to 10 big companies are working in the region including Madanjoo company," the governor of South Khorasan Province Ali Akbar Rahimi told state TV.

The rescue operation in block B has been completed. Of the 47 workers who were in the block 30 died and 17 were injured, Rahimi said earlier.

Quad group expands
maritime security co-op

REUTERS, Claymont

Leaders of Australia, India, Japan and the United States expanded joint security steps in Asia's trade-rich waters as outgoing US President Joe Biden hosted counterparts from the Quad grouping established due to shared concerns about China.

Biden, meeting Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese near his Delaware hometown on Saturday evening, stressed the importance of maintaining the Quad, which he sees as a signature foreign policy achievement.

He will leave office after the November 5 US presidential election.

The leaders announced joint coast

guard operations next year that will include Australian, Japanese and Indian personnel spending time on a US coast guard vessel. The countries

Plans include
joint coast guard
operations, maritime
monitoring

plan increased military logistics cooperation, officials said. They did not comment on where the coast guard activity would take place.

The leaders also planned to expand

an Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness launched two years ago.

While the White House said the Quad summit was directed at no other country and that Beijing should find no issue with the initiative, Biden started the summit's group session with a briefing on China. In a joint statement that did not name the Chinese government by name, the leaders condemned "coercive and intimidating maneuvers in the South China Sea."

Analysts said new maritime security initiatives would send a message to Beijing and represent a further shift of emphasis of the Quad's activities to security issues, reflecting growing concerns about China's intentions.

France unveils a
more right-wing
government

REUTERS, Paris

France unveiled a new government on Saturday evening that aims to strike a fine balance between right-wingers and centrists, as Prime Minister Michel Barnier hopes to break political deadlock following snap elections that delivered a hung parliament.

After 2 1/2 months of political uncertainty since centrist President Emmanuel Macron's surprise decision to call early elections, Barnier has put together a cabinet he hopes will find cross-party support in the fragmented parliament.

With few political heavyweights, his team includes one of the leaders of the conservative party of former President Nicolas Sarkozy, Bruno Retailleau, who negotiated the coveted interior ministry as the price for support in parliament.

However, showing the government's fragility, the prestigious job of finance minister was given to a little-known 33-year-old, Antoine Armand of Macron's party, having been turned down by more senior politicians.

The public finances portfolios, shared with new budget minister Laurent Saint-Martin, will have the unenviable task of putting together a budget bill before January, at a time France is struggling to contain a spiralling budget deficit.

4 killed, dozens
hurt in US mass
shooting

AFP, Washington

A mass shooting involving several assailants has left at least four people dead and dozens wounded in the US state of Alabama, police said on Saturday night.

"We believe that multiple shooters fired multiple shots on a group of people" in the Five Points South district of Birmingham just after 11:00 pm, police officer Truman Fitzgerald said.

Officers found two adult males and one adult female who was unresponsive on the sidewalk suffering from a gunshot wound, Fitzgerald said. All three were pronounced dead at the scene.

A fourth victim died at a local hospital, he added. Dozens of people were wounded in the shooting with at least four sustaining life-threatening injuries, Fitzgerald said. The others had "various injuries", he added.



Residents stand in the courtyard of a damaged residential building following a Russian missile attack in Kharkiv, Ukraine early yesterday. At least 21 people, including three minors, were injured in the missile strike, the regional governor said.

PHOTO: AFP

Trump rejects
Harris call for
Oct debate

AFP, Wilmington

Donald Trump on Saturday rejected a second debate against Kamala Harris before the November 5 election, saying it was "too late" with early voting underway in some states.

Earlier in the day, Harris's campaign said she had accepted an invitation from broadcaster CNN to participate in a debate on October 23. It would have been the candidates' second debate, after a September 10 encounter that most pundits said she had won.

"The American people deserve another opportunity to see Vice President Kamala Harris and Donald Trump debate before they cast their ballots," her campaign chair O'Malley Dillon said.

Pak cop killed
in attack on
diplomats'
convoy

REUTERS, Peshawar

A roadside bomb hit a convoy of foreign diplomats visiting northwest Pakistan yesterday, killing a police officer in their security detail, police said.

Swat district police officer Zahidullah Khan said the diplomats were visiting the Swat valley area on the invitation of the local chamber of commerce to showcase it as a potential tourist destination.

"The squad that was leading the convoy was hit by a roadside bomb," he said.

Another four police officers were wounded, Khan said. No one has so far claimed responsibility for the attack.

The bomb exploded as the convoy was en route to a hill station and ski resort called Malam Jabba, police and government officials said.

UN adopts 'Pact for the
Future' to tackle global crises

AFP, United Nations

The United Nations yesterday adopted a "Pact for the Future" aimed at addressing sprawling 21st-century challenges ranging from conflict to climate change and human rights, despite last-minute objections from a group of countries led by Russia.

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who organized the "Summit of the Future," had billed it as a "once-in-a-generation opportunity" to reshape human history by rekindling international cooperation.

As an opening act for the annual high-level week of the UN General Assembly, which begins tomorrow, dozens of heads of state and government gathered for the signing of the text.

In the adopted version, leaders pledged to bolster the multilateral system to "keep pace with a

changing world" and to "protect the needs and interests of current and future generations" facing "persistent crisis."


"We believe there is a path to a brighter future for all of humanity," the document says.

The pact outlines 56 "actions," including commitments to multilateralism, upholding the UN Charter and peacekeeping.

It also calls for reforms to international financial institutions and the UN Security Council, along with renewed efforts to combat climate change, promote disarmament, and guide the development of artificial intelligence.

The adoption of the text faced a brief delay when Russia's deputy minister of foreign affairs, Sergey Vershinin, introduced an amendment emphasizing the "principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of states" and





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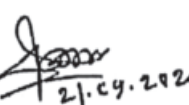
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