

## INDIA'S MANIPUR 11 armed men killed in police station attack

AFP, New Delhi

Indian police in troubled northeastern Manipur state yesterday battled with Kuki minority forces and killed 11 people after their station was attacked, a district official said yesterday.

One officer was wounded as they "repulsed an attack on a police station", Krishna Kumar, deputy commissioner of Jiribam district said, adding that "10 bodies of miscreants have been recovered so far".

The violence is the latest in a simmering conflict that broke out in Manipur in May 2023, between the predominantly Hindu Meitei majority and the mainly Christian Kuki community.

Those killed come from Hmar people, a smaller group within Kuki. The violence comes after the burned corpse of a Kuki woman was found last week, sparking fury.



The photo shows an apartment building hit by a Russian missile strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovsk region, Ukraine yesterday. Ukrainian authorities issued air raid alerts for most of the country yesterday, after Russian strikes killed at least six people in the south of the country.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## MPs vote to keep Ishiba as Japan PM

He will lead fragile minority govt

REUTERS, Tokyo



Japanese lawmakers yesterday voted for Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba to stay on as leader, after his scandal-tarnished coalition lost its parliamentary majority in a lower house election last month.

Ishiba, who called the snap poll after taking office on October 1, must now run a fragile minority government as protectionist Donald Trump returns to office in main ally the United States, tension rises with rivals China and North Korea, and domestic pressure mounts to rein in the cost of living.

His Liberal Democratic Party and coalition partner Komeito won the biggest bloc of seats in the election but lost the majority held since 2012, leaving him beholden to small opposition parties to pass his policy agenda.

## Israel cites progress on Lebanon truce

Says Russia can help; Hezbollah says no official proposal received yet

REUTERS, Jerusalem

Israel said yesterday there was progress in talks about a ceasefire in Lebanon and indicated Russia could play a part by stopping Hezbollah from rearming via Syria, although the Iran-backed group said it had not received any truce proposals yet.

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar said the main challenge would be enforcing any ceasefire agreement, and that Israel was working with the United States on the diplomatic efforts.

"I think there is a certain progress," Sa'ar told a press conference in Jerusalem. "We are working with the Americans on the issue."

"We will be ready to be there if we know, first of all that Hezbollah is not on our border, is north of the Litani river and that Hezbollah will not be able to arm again with new weapons systems."

Israel has been waging a major offensive against Hezbollah in Lebanon since late September, pounding its strongholds in Beirut's southern suburbs, southern Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley and sending troops into areas near the border.

The Litani river runs across southern Lebanon some 30 km (20 miles) north of the Lebanese-Israeli border.

In Beirut, a Hezbollah official indicated an intensification of diplomatic efforts was under way but said that neither the group nor the Lebanese state had received any new proposals.

"There is a great movement between Washington and Moscow and Tehran and a number of capitals," Mohammad Afif said in a televised news conference.

"I believe that we are still in the phase of testing the waters and presenting initial ideas and proactive discussions, but so far there is nothing actual yet," he added.

Israel Hayom reported on Sunday that substantial progress has been made in diplomatic negotiations over



a proposed Lebanon ceasefire that would require Hezbollah to withdraw north of the Litani River, barring its military presence near the Israeli border, while the IDF would return to the international border.

Israel's offensive has forced more than 1 million people to flee their homes in Lebanon in the last seven weeks.

Since the eruption of hostilities a year ago, Israeli attacks have killed more than 3,189 people in Lebanon, the vast majority of them since late September, according to health ministry figures, which do not distinguish between civilians and combatants.

## US House vote hangs in balance Trump appoints UN ambassador, border tsar

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The Republican Party is edging closer to overall control of the US Congress, having already secured a majority in the Senate and needing three seats to take the House of Representatives.

A party needs 218 seats to win a House majority and president-elect Donald Trump's has 214, according to the latest data, compared with the Democrats' 205.

If Republicans lead both chambers, it would mean that most of Trump's agenda would have a much greater likelihood of winning congressional approval than if Democrats controlled one of them.

Partial results show Republicans have a narrow lead in nine of the remaining uncalled House races and Democrats in seven, according to a New York Times analysis, although many thousands of votes remain to be counted.

Most of the remaining House seats are in Western states, where vote tallying typically takes longer than elsewhere in the country.

Meanwhile, Trump said late Sunday he was bringing back hardline immigration official Tom Homan to oversee the country's borders in the incoming administration.

"Public safety threats and national security threats will be the priority...they pose the most danger to this country," Homan told Fox News in an interview, adding: "Worksite operations have to happen."

Trump has also offered Republican Representative Elise Stefanik the job as US ambassador to the United Nations, CNN reported on Sunday, citing two unnamed sources.

## Kremlin denies Trump call

Says West not ready for talks

AFP, Moscow

Russia yesterday denied a reported call between President Vladimir Putin and US President-elect Donald Trump on the Ukraine conflict and said it saw no signs the West was ready for talks.

The Washington Post said on Sunday that Trump had spoken by phone on Thursday with Putin, telling him not to inflame the conflict.

Trump's election to the White House has the potential to upend the almost three-year conflict and has thrown into question Washington's multi-billion dollar support for Kyiv, crucial to its defence.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov denied the report, telling journalists it was "false".

Steven Cheung, Trump's communications director, told AFP in a written statement: "We do not comment on private calls between President Trump and other world leaders".

A senior Ukrainian presidency official also said Kyiv was "not informed" of any call between Putin and Trump.

The Republican said on the campaign trail that he could end the fighting within hours and has indicated he would talk directly with Putin.

Trump has not said how he intends to strike a peace deal on Ukraine or what terms he is proposing.

He spoke by phone with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Sunday and the pair "agreed to work together towards a return to peace in Europe", according to Scholz's spokesman.

## INTENSE AIR POLLUTION Pakistan's Punjab limits outdoor activities

REUTERS, Lahore



Pakistan's Punjab province banned most outdoor activities and ordered shops, markets and malls in some areas to close early from yesterday to curb illnesses caused by intense air pollution.

The province has already closed educational institutions and public spaces like parks and zoos

until November 17 in places including Lahore, the world's most polluted city in terms of air quality according to Swiss group IQAir's live ratings.

The districts of Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad, and Gujranwala have seen an unprecedented rise in patients with respiratory diseases, eye and throat irritation, and pink eye disease.

The new restrictions would also remain in force until November 17, it said. "The spread of conjunctivitis/ pink eye disease due to bacterial or viral infection, smoke, dust or chemical exposure is posing a serious and imminent threat to public health," it said.

While outdoor activities including outdoor sports events, exhibitions and festivals, and outdoor dining at restaurants have been prohibited, "unavoidable religious rites" are exempt from this direction, the order said.

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