

11 killed in airstrike on teashop

Says Myanmar ethnic armed group

Eleven people were killed when a teashop in Myanmar was hit by a military airstrike in the town of Naungcho in the northern Shan state yesterday afternoon, a spokesperson for a local ethnic armed group said.

The attack, shortly before 3:00pm local time, comes as the junta battles widespread armed opposition to its 2021 coup and its soldiers accused of bloody rampages and using air and artillery strikes to punish civilian communities.

"They were civilians who came to drink tea and sitting at the shop," Lway Yay Oo, a spokesperson for the Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) said.

At least four civilians were wounded and were receiving treatment in a hospital, she said.



Palestinians displaced from shelters in Beit Hanoun cross the main Salaheddine road into Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip following Israeli army evacuation orders yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Judge pauses proceedings in Trump hush money case

A New York state judge has paused proceedings in President-elect Donald Trump's already decided criminal case on charges stemming from hush money paid to a porn star, a document made public yesterday showed.

The judge, Juan Merchan, had been set to decide by yesterday whether Trump's conviction could be vacated due to the Supreme Court's July decision on presidential immunity.

Trump had also been scheduled to be sentenced on November 26.

Prosecutors with Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's office sent Merchan an email on Sunday asking him to pause the proceedings due to Trump's November 5 election victory and inauguration in January 2025. Trump had asked the office to agree to the delay, prosecutors wrote.

"The People agree that these are unprecedented circumstances," prosecutors wrote.

Merchan paused all proceedings in the case through November 19.

Meanwhile, Trump announced new members of his incoming administration on Monday, and was expected to pick Senator Marco Rubio as secretary of state. The 78-year-old Republican tycoon has vowed his second stint in power will result in a radical shake-up of the federal government.

Israeli air strikes hit Beirut suburbs

15 buildings destroyed; drone from Lebanon hits kindergarten yard in Israel



REUTERS, Beirut

The Israeli military pounded Beirut's southern suburbs with airstrikes yesterday, mounting one of its heaviest daytime attacks yet on the Hezbollah-controlled area after the defence minister ruled out a ceasefire until Israeli goals were met.

Smoke billowed over Beirut as around a dozen strikes hit the southern suburbs from mid-morning. They followed an Israeli army warning identifying 12 sites in the area and saying it would take action against them soon. The warning, posted on social media, told residents they were near Hezbollah facilities.

In northern Israel, people were forced to take shelter as attack drones were launched from Lebanon, the military said. One hit the yard of a kindergarten in a Haifa suburb, where the children had been rushed into a shelter, meaning none were hurt, rescue workers said. TV footage showed damage to the building.

There were no immediate reports of casualties in Beirut.

Residents have largely fled the southern suburbs since Israel began

bombing it in September. Footage of one strike shared on social media showed two missiles slamming into a building of around 10 storeys, demolishing it and sending up clouds of debris. Yesterday's strikes destroyed 15 buildings in the southern suburbs, security sources said.

Meeting with Israel's general staff for the first time, Israel's newly appointed Defence Minister Israel Katz said on Monday there would be no ceasefire in Lebanon until Israel achieves its goals.

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said earlier on Monday there had been "a certain progress" in ceasefire talks, whilst adding the war was not yet over. The main challenge facing any ceasefire deal would be enforcement, he said.

Despite the blows it has suffered, Hezbollah has said it is ready for a long war against Israel.

Israel's offensive has driven more than 1 million people from their homes in Lebanon, causing a humanitarian crisis.

Hezbollah rocket fire into northern Israel has forced tens of thousands of people to evacuate the area over the last year.

Gaza aid far from enough, UN warns

14 Palestinians killed in Israeli strikes

AFP, Geneva

The UN warned yesterday that already low levels of aid trickling into Gaza had dwindled further, with the situation in the besieged north especially "catastrophic".

The warning from UNRWA, the United Nations agency supporting Palestinian refugees, came as Israel said it was opening an additional aid crossing into Gaza on the eve of a US-imposed deadline to improve humanitarian conditions in the war-ravaged territory.

Asked about whether there were signs the situation had improved ahead of yesterday's deadline, Louise Wateridge, an UNRWA emergencies officer, highlighted that "aid entering the Gaza Strip is at its lowest level in months".

Speaking to a Geneva media briefing via video-link from Gaza, Wateridge said that "the average for October was 37 trucks a day into the entire Gaza Strip... That is for 2.2 million people".

"Children are dying. People are dying every day," she said, stressing that "people here need everything".

Meanwhile, Gaza's civil defence agency said yesterday that at least 14 people were killed in Israeli strikes on the Palestinian territory.

Israel's military campaign has levelled much of Gaza and killed at least 43,665 Palestinians since the offensive began in October last year, Gaza health officials said.

Wateridge also said that testimonies from the north painted "an endlessly horrific" picture that was becoming "more critical" by the hour.

"Hospitals have been bombed, the doctors inform us that they have run out of blood supplies, they have run out of medicine... there are bodies in the streets," she added. No food was permitted to enter besieged northern Gaza for an entire month, Wateridge said, adding that UN requests to access the area have been repeatedly denied.

Death toll in Palestinian enclave rises to 43,665

HIT-AND-RUN ATTACK

35 killed, 43 hurt in south China

REUTERS, Beijing

A hit-and-run attack at a sports centre in the southern Chinese city of Zhuhai killed 35 people and severely injured 43, local police said yesterday.

The incident happened at 7:48 pm (1148 GMT) on Monday, when a small off-road vehicle was driven into a large group of people exercising outside the sports centre.

Zhuhai police said in a statement yesterday that the suspect, a 62-year-old man surnamed Fan, was being treated at a hospital after hurting himself with a knife in his car.

A video of the scene following the attack, verified by Reuters, showed at least 20 people lying on the ground. Cries of "terrorist" could be heard as ambulances arrived to take the injured to hospital.

Fan was apprehended by police at the scene after attempting to flee, police said, adding that he had self-harmed using a knife, causing severe neck injuries. Police said their preliminary investigation suggested the incident was triggered by Fan's discontent following a divorce.

President Xi Jinping, cited by Chinese state television CCTV, ordered all-out efforts to treat the injured and demanded severe punishment for the perpetrator. The central government has dispatched a team to provide guidance on handling of the case, CCTV said.

Violent crime is rare in China due to tight security and strict gun laws. However, a rise in reports of knife attacks in large cities has drawn public attention to safety in public spaces.

ABUSE SCANDAL

Justin Welby resigns as Archbishop of Canterbury

REUTERS, London

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby resigned "in sorrow" yesterday, saying he had failed to ensure there was a proper investigation into allegations of abuse by a volunteer at Christian summer camps decades ago.

Welby, the senior bishop of the Church of England, had faced calls to resign after a report last week found he had taken insufficient action to stop a person it described as arguably the Church's most prolific serial abuser.

"The last few days have renewed my long felt and profound sense of shame at the historic safeguarding failures of the Church of England," Welby said in a statement. Welby resigned five days after the independent Makin Report singled him out for criticism over his handling of abuse allegations dating back to the 1970s.

Legal Notice

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1312 OF 2024
IN THE MATTER OF: An application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 AND
IN THE MATTER OF: Mr. Kamran Hyder
-VERSUS-
Registrar Joint Stock Companies and Firms and another
.....Petitioner
..... Respondents
Dear Mr./Ms.
Please take notice that on behalf of the Petitioner namely Mr. Kamran Hyder, having his address at 26, Shah Saheb Lane, Narinda, Dhaka that an application under 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting of Gregorian Alumni Club Limited, for the calendar year of 2022, 2023 & 2024 have been filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon preliminary hearing, the Hon'ble Company Bench, comprising his Lordship Mr. Justice Ahmed Sobel vide an order dated 10.11.2024 was pleased to admit the application and directed to file an affidavit-in-compliance within 1 (one) week from the date of publication of this notice. Any person or persons having interest in the said application may appear either personally or through duly authorized Advocate on or before the date so fixed. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on payment of required costs. Yours faithfully
(Dewan Faisal), Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Barrister, Lincoln's Inn Head of Chamber, Legality A13, Navana FH Solaris, 65, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh.

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Date: 11-11-2024.

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

For the convenience of the tenderers the Notice Published for the e-Tender ID No. 1026022, 1026020, 1026019, 1025587, 1025586, 1025585, 1025584, 1024996, 1024973 & 1026025 in the daily প্রথম আলো & The Daily Star on 06/11/2024 for electric line construction/ up-gradation under MCEP project (Memo No. 27.12.2637.225.02.015.24.151; Date: 31-10-2024) is hereby amended. The corrigendum is as follows:

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1026020	Online (e-GP System) Tender Publication Date & Time	06-Nov-2024 15:00 (BST)	14-Nov-2024 09:00 (BST)
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