

GERMAN CHRISTMAS
MARKET ATTACK

Suspect held
on murder
charges

REUTERS, Berlin

A man suspected of ploughing a car through crowds at a German Christmas market in an attack that killed five people and injured scores faces multiple charges of murder and attempted murder, police said yesterday.

Friday evening's attack in the central city of Magdeburg shocked the country and stirred up tensions over the charged issue of immigration.

The suspect, who was in custody, is a 50-year-old psychiatrist from Saudi Arabia with a history of anti-Islamic rhetoric who has lived in Germany for almost two decades. The motive for the attack remained unclear.

There were scuffles and some "minor disturbances" at a far-right demonstration attended by around 2,100 people on Saturday night in Magdeburg, police said.



Police forensic experts examine the wreckage of an ambulance helicopter after it collided with a hospital building and crashed into the ground in Mugla, Turkey yesterday. The cause of the accident, which left four people dead, was being investigated.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Trump threatens to
take back control of
Panama Canal

AFP, Washington

Incoming US president Donald Trump on Saturday slammed what he called unfair fees for US ships passing through the Panama Canal and threatened to demand control of the waterway be returned to US.

He also hinted at China's growing influence around the canal, a worrying trend for American interests as US businesses depend on the channel to move goods between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

"Our Navy and Commerce have been treated in a very unfair and injudicious way. The fees being charged by Panama are ridiculous," he said in a post on his Truth Social platform. "This complete 'rip-off' of our Country will immediately stop." The Panama Canal was returned to the Central American country under a 1977 deal signed by president Jimmy Carter.

Syria won't negatively
interfere in Lebanon

HTS leader Julani tells visiting Druze chiefs

AFP, Damascus

Syria's new leader Ahmed al-Sharaa, also known as Abu Mohammed al-Julani, told Lebanese Druze leaders yesterday that his country would not negatively interfere in Lebanon and would respect its neighbour's sovereignty.

Syria will no longer exert "negative interference in Lebanon at all -- it respects Lebanon's sovereignty, the unity of its territories, the independence of its decisions and its security stability," Sharaa told visiting Druze chiefs Walid and Taymur Jumblatt.

Walid Jumblatt is the first Lebanese figure



to meet Sharaa since his group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) and allied rebel factions launched a lightning offensive last month, seizing Damascus on December 8 and ousting longtime ruler Bashar al-Assad.

Syria "will stay at equal distance from all" in Lebanon, Sharaa added, acknowledging that Syria has been a "source of fear and anxiety" for the country.

Walid Jumblatt, long a fierce critic of Assad and his father Hafez who ruled Syria before him, arrived in Damascus Sunday at the head of a delegation of lawmakers from his parliamentary bloc and religious figures from Lebanon's Druze minority.

Stampedes in Nigeria leave 32 dead

AFP, Lagos

Nigerian police yesterday raised the total death toll from two stampedes at food distribution centres to 32, as the country grappled with a spate of deadly crowd crushes at charity events.

Twenty-two people were killed on Saturday as people queued outside a centre distributing rice in the southern town of Okija, police said, after previously warning "many" were dead as a result of the incident.

And on the same day a separate stampede outside a church giving



food to the "vulnerable and elderly" in the capital Abuja killed at least 10 people, prompting Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu to clear his schedule in the wake of the twin

tragedies.

The stampedes outside food distribution centres come as Africa's most populous country grapples with its worst economic crisis in a generation, with inflation soaring to 34.6 percent in November.

Confirming the toll of 22 dead in Okija, a spokesman for the Anambra state police expressed condolences to the families and friends of those killed.

"The investigation into the unfortunate incident is still ongoing," Anambra police spokesman Tochukwu Ikenga said in a statement.

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Amendment/Corrigendum Notice-1

e-Tender Notice : 11/2024-2025

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INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

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S.L No.	Tender No. & Date	Name of the Items	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
01.	IMP/R&PM/SEM/37/ 2024-2025 dated 22/12/2024	Pharmaceutical Raw & Packing Materials: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. Mebendazole BP 02. Cefradine Sterile for Injection (Cefradine with L-Arginine) USP 03. Diclofenac Sodium, Tablet Grade BP 04. Colecalciferol BP (Vitamin D3, Dry Powder) 05. Hankel Glue Dela K-44/46 (Brown Colour) or Hankel glue Optal S 2008	Tk. 1,500.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 13.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 14/01/2025 At 11.00 AM Opening : 14/01/2025 At 11.15 AM
02.	IMP/RM/SEM/38/ 2024-2025 dated 22/12/2024	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. Benzyl Benzoate BP 02. Lactose BP 03. Stearic Acid BP 04. Sodium Benzoate BP 05. Indomethacin BP	Tk. 2,150.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 18.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 16/01/2025 At 11.00 AM Opening : 16/01/2025 At 11.15 AM
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04.	IMP/RM/SEM/40/ 2024-2025 dated 22/12/2024	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. Colloidal Anhydrous Silica (Aerosil-200) BP 02. Ciprofloxacin HCl USP 03. Methyl Hydroxy Benzoate Sodium BP 04. Montelukast Sodium USP 05. Flucloxacillin Sodium Micronized BP	Tk. 3100.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 26.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 21/01/2025 At 11.00 AM Opening : 21/01/2025 At 11.15 AM
05.	IMP/RM/SEM/41/ 2024-2025 dated 22/12/2024	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. Cetyl Alcohol BP 02. Cefradine Micronised BP 03. Cefixime Trihydrate Compacted USP 04. Croscarmellose Sodium BP	Tk. 4,650.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 39.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 23/01/2025 At 11.00 AM Opening : 23/01/2025 At 11.15 AM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

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