

## Massive storm slams US with snow, bitter cold

Emergency declared in Kentucky, Missouri

AFP, Washington

A powerful winter storm hammered the United States yesterday, with meteorologists warning millions in the east faced blizzard conditions and some areas would see the heaviest snowfall in a decade.

More than 60 million people are in the path of the dangerous storm, set to plunge the eastern half of the United States into a deep freeze of Arctic air through today resulting in severe travel disruptions.

The National Weather Service (NWS) warned of ice, snow and gale-force winds in states from the central plains to the Mid-Atlantic.

Winter storm warnings have been issued from western Kansas clear across to the coastal states of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, an unusually broad 1,500-mile (2,400-kilometer) swath under immediate threat.

The governors of Kentucky, Missouri and Virginia have declared a state of emergency in their states.

**Determining fate of Syria's missing 'huge challenge': ICRC**

AFP, Damascus

Determining the fate of those who went missing during Syria's civil war will be a massive task likely to take years, the president of the International Committee for the Red Cross said.

"Identifying the missing and informing the families about their fate is going to be a huge challenge," ICRC president Mirjana Spoljaric told AFP in an interview.

The fate of tens of thousands of detainees and missing people remains one of the most harrowing legacies of the conflict that started in 2011 when president Bashar al-Assad's forces brutally repressed anti-government protests.

Many are believed to have been buried in mass graves after being tortured in Syria's jails during a war that has killed more than half a million people.

Thousands have been released since Islamist-led rebels ousted Assad last month, but many Syrians are still looking for traces of relatives and friends who went missing.

Spoljaric said the ICRC was working with the caretaker authorities, non-governmental organisations and the Syrian Red Crescent to collect data to give families answers as soon as possible.



A snow cleaner clears the streets of Marsden in northern England yesterday, as heavy snow was set to cause disruption across parts of the country.

PHOTO: AFP

## Hezbollah not meeting truce terms

Warns Israel, threatens 'to act with force'

AFP, Jerusalem

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz yesterday accused Lebanese group Hezbollah of not meeting the terms of a ceasefire, warning that if the militants continued to breach the deal, Israel would "be forced to act".

Katz issued his warning after visiting the military's northern command and it followed a similar accusation against Israel by Hezbollah chief Naim Qassem on Saturday.

Katz said Hezbollah had still not withdrawn "beyond the Litani river" in southern Lebanon, as stipulated in the ceasefire deal.

He added that "if this condition is not met, there will be no agreement and Israel will be forced to act on its own to ensure the safe return of residents of the north to their homes."

Other provisions had not been implemented, Katz said, such as "dismantling of all (Hezbollah) weapons and the thwarting of terrorist infrastructures in the area by the Lebanese army".

On Saturday, the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon accused Israel of a "flagrant violation" of the 2006 Security Council resolution that

forms the basis of its November ceasefire with Hezbollah.

The statement from the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) came as Hezbollah leader Naim Qassem warned the militant group's patience with Israeli violations could run out before the end of the ceasefire's 60-day implementation timeframe.

"We have said that we are giving an opportunity to prevent Israeli violations and to implement the agreement and we will exercise patience," Qassem said.

The fragile truce, which took effect on November 27 after two months of full-blown war between Israel and Hezbollah, has been marked by accusations of violations from both sides.

Under the terms of the ceasefire, the Lebanese army is to deploy alongside UN peacekeepers in the south as the Israeli army withdraws over a 60-day period.

Hezbollah is to withdraw its forces north of the Litani River -- some 30 kilometres (20 miles) from the border -- and dismantle any remaining military infrastructure in the south.

### UN accuses Israel of ceasefire breach as Hezbollah says losing patience

## Five dead as Indian forces clash with Maoist rebels

AFP, New Delhi

Indian security forces yesterday battled with Maoist rebels in their forested heartland, police said, with at least four guerrillas and one policeman killed.

Over 10,000 people have died in the decades-long insurgency waged by Naxalite rebels, who say they are fighting for the rights of marginalised indigenous people in India's resource-rich central regions.

Government forces stepped up efforts last year to crush the long-running armed conflict, with some 287 rebels killed in 2024.

Clashes broke out late Saturday in Abujhmarh district of Chhattisgarh.

"Four bodies of Maoists, who were in their battle uniform, have been recovered after an encounter with police forces," police inspector general P Sunderraj told AFP.

## Fighting between pro-Turkey, Kurd forces kills 101

Says Syria war monitor

AFP, Beirut

More than 100 combatants were killed over the last two days in northern Syria in fighting between Turkish-backed groups and Syrian Kurdish forces, a war monitor said yesterday.

Since Friday evening, clashes in several villages around the city of Manbij have left 101 dead, including 85 members of pro-Turkish groups and 16 from the Kurdish-dominated Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

In a statement, the SDF said it had repelled "all the attacks from Turkey's mercenaries supported by Turkish drones and aviation".

Turkish-backed factions in northern Syria resumed their fight with the SDF at the same time rebels were launching an offensive on November 27 that overthrew Assad just 11 days later.

They succeeded in capturing the cities of Manbij and Tal Rifaat in northern Aleppo province from the SDF. The fighting has continued since, with heavy casualties. According to Rami Abdel Rahman, the head of the Observatory, the Turkish-backed groups aim to take the cities of Kobane and Tabqa, before moving on to Raqa.

## JOURNALIST MURDER

### India press watchdog demands probe

AFP, New Delhi

India's media watchdog has demanded a thorough investigation after a journalist's battered body was found stuffed in a septic tank covered with concrete.

Freelance journalist Mukesh Chandrakar, 28, had reported widely on corruption and a decades-old Maoist insurgency in India's central Chhattisgarh state, and ran a popular YouTube channel "Bastar Junction".

The Press Council of India expressed "concern" over the suspected murder of Chandrakar, calling for a report on the "facts of the case" in a statement late Saturday.

Chandrakar's body was found on January 3 after police tracked his mobile phone records following his family reporting him missing. Three people have been arrested.

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Vishnu Deo Sai, chief minister of Chhattisgarh from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), called Chandrakar's death "heartbreaking" and promised the "harshest punishment" for those found responsible. India was ranked 159 last year on the World Press Freedom Index, run by Reporters Without Borders.

## SOUTH KOREA POLITICAL CRISIS

### President Yoon's arrest deadline nears

AFP, Seoul

Thousands of South Koreans yesterday braved a snowstorm to rally in support or opposition of President Yoon Suk Yeol, suspended over a failed martial law bid and resisting arrest a day before the warrant expires.

Yoon plunged the country into political chaos last month with the bungled martial law declaration and has since holed up in the presidential residence, surrounded by hundreds

of loyal security officers. An attempt to arrest him by investigators Friday failed when a tense six-hour standoff with his presidential security service ended over security fears, with his supporters also camped outside. Thousands descended on his residence again yesterday despite bitter snow conditions blanketing the capital -- with one camp demanding Yoon's arrest while the other called for his impeachment to be declared invalid.



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৪ সংগ্রহ স্লার জেলা  
৫ দরপত্রের বিষয়  
৬ দরপত্রের সুত্র নং ও তারিখ  
৭ দরপত্রের পক্ষান্তি  
৮ বাজেট তহবিলের উভয়  
৯ দরপত্র বিকাশের সর্বোচ্চ তারিখ  
১০ দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বোচ্চ তারিখ ও সময়  
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১২ দরপত্র সম্পাদকারী প্রধান  
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১৪ দরপত্র দাখিলের ছান  
১৫ দরপত্র দোকানের ছান  
১৬ দরপত্রাকাতের যোগাতা  
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২৩ নাম/বিবরণ  
(ক) নিমিত্ত সময়ের পর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।  
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(গ) কোন কাগজপত্রক দরপত্র বাতিল করতে হবে।  
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২৫ দরপত্র জমানত  
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