

SOUTHERN LEBANON

Israeli drone strike injures five people

REUTERS, Beirut

Five people were injured in an Israeli drone strike targeting the southern Lebanese town of Majdal Selm yesterday, the Lebanese health ministry said.

On Tuesday, Israeli airstrikes injured 36 people in Nabatieh, a major town in south Lebanon, according to the health ministry. The Israeli military said it had struck Hezbollah vehicles that were transporting weapons on the edge of Nabatieh.

The Israeli army also detained three people yesterday in southern border town of Maroun al-Ras, Lebanese state news agency NNA reported.

Israel has carried out strikes in southern Lebanon although Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah and Israel agreed on a ceasefire in late November, ending a conflict that killed thousands of people since it was ignited by the Gaza offensive in 2023.

Israel has not yet fully withdrawn its forces from southern Lebanon and said it will keep operating against any threat posed to the state of Israel and its citizens.



Men believed to be Romanian military contractors lined up to undergo a security inspection before crossing the border into Rwanda at the La Corniche Border Post in Gisenyi, Rwanda, yesterday. Rwanda-backed fighters controlled most of the besieged DR Congo city of Goma as residents slowly emerged from their homes after days of deadly fighting in the key mineral trading hub.

PHOTO: AFP

Japan sees record number of teen suicides

AFP, Tokyo

Japan saw a record number of suicides among school pupils in 2024, health ministry data showed yesterday.

The latest data among those in elementary through high school edged up to 527 from 513 cases in 2023, the ministry said.

The total number of people of all ages dying by suicide fell 7.2 percent to 20,268, sharply lower from the record high of 34,427 cases in 2003.

The number among people aged younger than 20, including those at school, also fell to 800 in 2024 from 810 in 2023, the latest data showed.

"We regard this very seriously," Keiichiro Tachibana, deputy chief cabinet secretary, told a regular press briefing.

"We will continue do our utmost to take measures to protect children's lives and to realise a society where no one is pressed into taking their own life."

The health ministry was expected to issue its analysis of the data in March after more figures become available.

Japan annually sees the number of teen suicides rise at the end of every summer break in late August through early September.

This prompts the government and media to heighten public calls for struggling teens to seek help.

Trump immigration crackdown intensifies

ICE arrests surge to 1,000-1,200 daily; White House offers federal employees financial incentives to quit

REUTERS, Washington

US President Donald Trump's top homeland security official joined officers in an immigration enforcement operation that arrested several people in New York City on Tuesday, in the Trump administration's latest effort to promote its nationwide crackdown.

Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, who was confirmed as secretary over the weekend, posted a video and photos of the NYC operation on X early Tuesday morning, highlighting the arrest of an alleged suspect and saying the Trump administration was "making our streets safe."

The Trump administration stepped up immigration arrests in recent days with about 1,000-1,200 arrests per day, according to ICE, far above the daily average of 311 in fiscal year 2024. The nationwide operations included arrests in Chicago on Sunday where a TV personality documented with a film crew.

The increase came after the agency sent an email to staff that said the Trump administration was "demanding" 1,200 arrests on Sunday, according to a person familiar with the matter. The arrest goals had been discussed on internal ICE calls, a second person familiar with the matter said.

White House spokesperson Steven Cheung criticized a Washington Post report on Sunday about arrest quotas for ICE officers as "fake news."

The Trump administration said on Tuesday it is offering financial incentives to 2 million civilian full-time federal workers to quit as part of plans to drastically shrink the size of the US government.

The move followed an attempted freeze on federal funding also ordered by Trump that opponents blasted as unconstitutional. The emailed severance offer put the lives of US civil servants into disarray hours after the healthcare system for millions of low-income Americans was disrupted in the confusion of the decision to cut off federal aid.



Plane crash in South Sudan kills 20

AFP, Juba

A plane has crashed in the north of South Sudan killing at least 20 people, Unity state minister for information said yesterday.

The aircraft came down near the oil fields in Unity State at around 10:30 am local time (0830 GMT) shortly after taking off for the capital Juba.

"The plane crashed 500 metres away from the airport. 21 people were on board. As for now, there's only one survivor," Gatwech Bipal Both told AFP by phone.

He said the aircraft, chartered by the Greater Pioneer Operating Company and operated by Light Air Services Aviation Company, was on a routine mission to the area. "The state government is in a deep sorrow by this accident," he said, saying there would be an investigation.

"Although most people predicted that this might be a mechanical collision."

US AID FREEZE

UNHCR taking 'precautionary measures'

AFP, Geneva

The UN refugee agency said yesterday that it was taking a string of temporary measures as it faces "funding uncertainty" following a US decision to freeze virtually all foreign aid.

"We have taken note of the decision by the new US administration to pause allocation of funds to foreign assistance programmes," a UNHCR spokesperson told AFP in an email.

"While we are still assessing the impact of the new US administration's decision, including possible exceptions, we are implementing a series of temporary precautionary measures to mitigate the impact of this funding uncertainty."

President Donald Trump on returning TO office last week ordered a 90-day pause to review assistance by the United States, the world's largest foreign aid donor in dollar terms.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio followed up by freezing virtually all funding, though he specified exemptions for emergency food, as well as military assistance to Israel and Egypt.

In a follow-up memo on Tuesday, Rubio clarified that other "humanitarian assistance" besides food would also be exempt during the review period.

BNP to hit street in Feb

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national election was to be delayed, there should be logical explanations.

Insiders say the movement will be organised in two phases, the first of which will involve rallies against the soaring prices, and the second will focus on restoration of democracy through free and fair elections.

The BNP is drafting a declaration on the July mass uprising, which will uphold the principles of the 1972 Constitution," a BNP leader said.

The party leaders believe the imposition of VAT and customs duties on certain goods drove the prices of essentials even higher, insiders say.

"Reform commissions submitted their reports to the government about two weeks ago. Since then, no significant discussions with political parties, social organisations, or experts have taken place," said a leader.

The government should identify the proposals on which a consensus can be reached by the political parties, social organisations and experts, said the leader, adding, "There are also proposals that do not align with Bangladesh's political and social culture."

About constitutional reforms proposals, Salahuddin yesterday said

he wondered if it was right to mention the July uprising in the same paragraph as the 1971 Liberation War.

He said the Awami League committed crimes against humanity and people would decide if the party can participate in the election.

Trial must be held for Sheikh Hasina and other AL leaders whose decisions have led to the massacre of people. "Therefore, both the individuals and the organisation must face trial."

The interim government has not prioritised the trial of the AL as an organisation.

"There were talks of amending the International Crimes Tribunal Act to hold trial of the organisation, but the government backtracked on it. Some advisers say they want the Awami League to face trial, but they have done nothing to ensure that trial."

"Some say that they [the AL] will not be allowed to take part in the election. But what does the law say about it? The Election Commission will announce the schedule. Those who are registered will be able to participate in the election."

He said a new party was using the government apparatus to win elections.

"I welcome the emotions, aspirations, and party formation efforts of student leaders, but these factors must be taken into consideration."



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Wanted

Applications in plain paper from Bangladeshi nationals are invited for three (03) permanent vacant posts of **Lecturer in Accounting, Lecturer in Fine Arts and Lecturer in Music** at University Laboratory School and College, I.E.R, Dhaka University, Dhaka in the pay scale of 22,000/-23,100/-----50,530/-53,060/- (National Pay Scale-2015) along with other admissible allowances.

The applicants must have Masters with Honours and B.Ed/M.Ed degree from any govt. approved University. The applicant must have 1st division or CGPA 4.00 out of 5.00 scale at SSC and HSC level. The applicants must have one first class or CGPA 3.25 out of 4.00 scale at BA (Hon's) or Master's level. The approved condition either at SSC or at HSC will be flexible for the candidates securing the first class or the highest CGPA in both BA (Hon's) and Master's examination. No third class/division/CGPA below 3.00 at any level of academic career is acceptable.

Eight (08) sets of application along with a full Bio-data, duly attested copies of all academic certificates, recent 8 copies of passport size photographs and a Bank Draft/Pay Order of Tk 750/- (seven thousand fifty) in favour of the Principal must reach the undersigned by 20/02/2025.

Applicants already in service must apply through proper channel.

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Principal (In-charge)



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Part Time Teacher Wanted

Applications in plain paper from Bangladeshi nationals are invited for a **part time Teacher in English** (English & Bengali Version) at University Laboratory School and College according to the rules of Dhaka University.

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Corrigendum e-Tender Notice No: 01/2024-25


Corrigendum e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of Works as mentioned in the following table:

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Nature of Works	On-line(e-GP System) tender publication date & time	On-line(e-GP System) tender closing date & time
1055844	LGCRRP/Chuadanga /2024-2025/W-09.	Rehabilitation of Dense Carpeting Road and RCC Drain Work	08.01.2025 10:00 AM	06.02.2025 14:00 PM
1055845	LGCRRP/Chuadanga /2024-2025/W-10.	Construction of RCC Drain Work	08.01.2025 10:00 AM	06.02.2025 14:00 PM
1055846	LGCRRP/Chuadanga /2024-2025/W-11.	Rehabilitation of Dense Carpeting, RCC Road and RCC Drain Work	08.01.2025 10:00 AM	06.02.2025 14:00 PM
1055847	LGCRRP/Chuadanga /2024-2025/W-12	Rehabilitation of RCC Drain Work	08.01.2025 10:00 AM	06.02.2025 14:00 PM

These are an online tender, where only e-tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-tendering documents from the national e-GP Portal have to be deposited on line through any registered banks branches up to 06.02.2025 at 13:00PM

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).


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