

Trump signs order to close US Education Department

AFP, Washington

US President Donald Trump signed an order Thursday aimed at “eliminating” the Department of Education, a decades-old goal of the American right, which wants individual states to run schools free from the federal government.

Surrounded by schoolchildren sitting at desks set up in the East Room of the White House, Trump smiled as held up the order after signing it at a special ceremony.

Trump said the order would “begin eliminating the federal Department of Education once and for all.”

“We’re going to shut it down and shut it down as quickly as possible. It’s doing us no good,” Trump said. “We’re going to return education back to the states where it belongs.”

The Education Department, created in 1979, cannot be shuttered without the approval of Congress — but Trump’s order will likely have the power to starve it of funds and staff.

The move honors one of Trump’s campaign promises and is among the most drastic steps yet in the brutal overhaul of the government that Trump is carrying out with the help of tech tycoon Elon Musk.

The order directs Education Secretary Linda McMahon to “take all necessary steps to facilitate the closure of the Department of Education and return education authority to the States.”

Democrats and educators have slammed the move.

The top Democrat in the Senate, Chuck Schumer, called it a “tyrannical power grab” and “one of the most destructive and devastating steps Donald Trump has ever taken.”



Bystanders look at a shopping mall destroyed following a drone attack in Odesa yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Heathrow closed by huge fire

Police say no signs of foul play, counter-terrorism officers deployed

REUTERS, London

Britain’s Heathrow Airport was shut yesterday after a huge fire at a nearby substation knocked out its power, stranding passengers around the world and angering airlines who questioned how such crucial infrastructure could fail.

Huge orange flames and plumes of black smoke shot into the sky around 2300 GMT on Thursday as a blaze engulfed the substation, cutting the power supply and back-up system for Europe’s busiest and the world’s fifth-busiest airport.

Police said while there was no indication of foul play they retained an open mind and counter-terrorism officers would lead the inquiries given the critical nature of the infrastructure, and their capabilities.

Airline experts said the last time European airports experienced disruption on such a large scale was the 2010 Icelandic ash cloud that grounded some 100,000 flights.

The industry is now facing the prospect of a financial hit costing tens

of millions of pounds, and a likely fight over who should pay.

“You would think they would have significant back-up power,” one top executive from a European airline told Reuters.

The fire brigade said the cause of the fire was not known, but that 25,000 litres of cooling oil in the substation’s transformer had caught fire. It had brought the blaze under control by the early morning with the transformer doused in white firefighting foam.

Heathrow had been due to handle 1,351 flights on Friday, flying up to 291,000 passengers. The closure forced flights to divert to other airports in Britain and across Europe, while many long-haul flights returned to their point of departure.

Passengers stranded in London and facing the prospect of days of disruptions were scrambling to make alternate travel arrangements.

“When we first came here, (it was) very exciting and hopeful,” said Beau Mahr, 21 from the U.S. state of Iowa. “Now that we have to wait, it’s kind of stressful.”

Pak Taliban kill five cops in attacks

AFP, Peshawar

The Pakistani Taliban killed at least five police officers and wounded six others in multiple attacks in the country’s northwest, police said yesterday.

There were at least five separate attacks across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a police official told AFP.

The killings were claimed by the Pakistani Taliban — known as Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) — which in mid-March announced a “spring campaign” against the security forces.

The group has since claimed responsibility for more than 80 attacks in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

2024 deadliest year for migrants: UN

Nearly 9, 000 died on migration routes

AFP, Geneva

Last year was the deadliest year for migrants, with nearly 9,000 people dying worldwide, the United Nations said on Friday, calling the “tragedy... unacceptable and preventable”.

“At least 8,938 people died on migration routes worldwide in 2024,” the fifth year that numbers have reached record highs, the UN’s migration agency said.

“The tragedy of the growing number of migrant deaths worldwide is both unacceptable and preventable,” said Ugochi Daniels, the deputy director of the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

“Behind every number is a human being, someone for whom the loss is devastating,” Daniels said.

“The actual number of migrant deaths and disappearances is likely much higher, as many have gone undocumented

because of the dearth of official sources,” the IOM said.

It added that the identities and other details of the majority of victims were unknown.

Asia, Africa and Europe had record numbers of people dying in 2024 with 2,778, 2,242 and 233 respectively.

A total of 2,452 people were recorded as dying in the Mediterranean Sea, the main gateway for those trying to reach Europe, it said.

Final data were not available yet for the Americas but figures so far show at least 1,233 people died.

These included “an unprecedented 341 lives lost in the Caribbean in 2024 and a record 174 deaths of migrants crossing the Darien” jungle between Colombia and Panama.

The Darien jungle was at one point the main migratory corridor for people trying to reach the United States.

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"Study UK Alumni Awards 2025 winners and finalists"



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Finalists:
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Culture and Creativity Award
Winner: Dr. Shahman Moishan (University of Birmingham) – Associate Professor at the University of Dhaka, recognised for his work in political Shakespeare, intercultural performance, and the evolution of modern theatrical forms in Bangladesh.

He said "Recognition on this prestigious platform is a milestone of inspiration, excellence, and growth, reinforcing a commitment to progress."



Finalists:
Mohammad Rakibul Hasan (Falmouth University, University of Oxford) – Award-winning photographer, filmmaker, and visual artist



Social Action Award
Winner: Shamsin Ahmed (University of Edinburgh) – Founder of Identity Inclusion, leading initiatives for youth leadership, institutional change, and mental health advocacy, training over 2,000 advocates in community-based mental health services.

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Finalists:
Dr. Melita Mehjabeen (University of Manchester) – Professor at IBA, Dhaka University, Mustakim Ahmed Sunny (Queen's University Belfast) – Software engineer and peace advocate

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Winner: Syed M Istiak (University of Stirling) – Commonwealth Scholar and entrepreneur

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