

Syria to help locate missing Americans: US

AFP, Damascus

Syria's new authorities have agreed to help the United States locate and return Americans who went missing in the war-ravaged country, a US envoy said yesterday, in another sign of thawing bilateral ties.

The announcement came a day after the United States formally lifted sanctions on Syria, ending more than a decade of diplomatic freeze.

Relations have steadily improved since former president Bashar al-Assad was overthrown in an Islamist-led offensive in December. "The new Syrian government has agreed to assist the USA in locating and returning USA citizens or their remains," US special envoy for Syria Tom Barrack wrote on X, describing it as a "powerful step forward".

"The families of Austin Tice, Majd Kamalmaz, and Kayla Mueller must have closure," he added, referring to American citizens who had gone missing or been killed during Syria's devastating civil war that erupted in 2011.

Tice was working as a freelance journalist for Agence France-Presse, The Washington Post, and other outlets.



Emergency workers work at the site where private houses were destroyed in a Russian rocket strike in Markhalivka, Kyiv region, Ukraine, yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Fire cuts power to 45,000 in French Riviera Sabotage suspected

AFP, Nice

French Riviera authorities said yesterday they are boosting security around electricity grid sites after an overnight fire in a substation that cut power to 45,000 people, and a massive blackout during the Cannes film festival blamed on sabotage.

A blaze hit an electricity transformer in the western part of the city of Nice, knocking out power in the vicinity, the city's offices of the mayor and local prosecutors said.

"We strongly condemn the overnight attack against a Nice electricity transformer," deputy mayor Anthony Borre said on X, formerly Twitter.

On Saturday, a five-hour power cut disrupted the final day of the Cannes festival, knocking out traffic lights and ATMs and forcing organisers to use back-up generators. Local officials said a suspected arson attack on a substation and vandalism of an electricity pylon were the causes.

"I vigorously condemn these criminal acts hitting our country," Nice Mayor Christian Estrosi said on X after the transformer blaze affecting his city.

He added: "In the coming days we are reinforcing the (security camera) network around the city's strategic electric sites."



Opposition vows boycott as Venezuela holds new vote

AFP, Caracas

A trickle of Venezuelans lined up at the polls early yesterday to elect a new parliament and state governors in a vote that the main opposition party was boycotting in protest at last summer's disputed reelection of President Nicolas Maduro.

Some 21 million voters are eligible to cast their ballot for 285 members of the National Assembly and 24 governors.

But pollster Delphos projected a turnout of just 16 percent, mostly Maduro supporters, after the main opposition -- led by Maria Corina Machado, an engineer and former MP -- urged Venezuelans not to legitimize what they see as yet another sham election.

POST-COUP MYANMAR Malaysia calls for truce extension

Pushes for long-awaited implementation of a five-point peace plan

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia yesterday called for the extension and expansion of a post-earthquake ceasefire in Myanmar, as it ramped up calls for the long-awaited implementation of a five-point peace plan.

The ruling military junta initially declared a truce in the many-sided civil war after a huge quake in late March killed nearly 3,800 and left tens of thousands homeless.

That agreement, which has been extended before, is due to expire at the end of May -- though conflict monitors say fighting and junta airstrikes have continued throughout.

At a meeting of regional foreign ministers yesterday, Malaysia's Mohamad Hasan "proposed the extension and expansion of ceasefires beyond the currently affected zones", a statement said.

"We call on the stakeholders in Myanmar to cease hostilities, and to extend and expand

the ceasefire, to facilitate the long and difficult path towards recovery, and ease the suffering of the people of Myanmar," Mohamad said in his opening remarks.

The United Nations and independent conflict monitors say the junta has continued its campaign of aerial bombardment despite the ceasefire.

Numerous anti-coup and ethnic armed groups have made their own pledges to pause hostilities.

However, some residents in eastern Myanmar said they have been displaced as anti-coup forces besieged junta-held towns.

More than 6,600 people have been killed since the coup, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, and millions displaced.

Malaysia currently holds the rotating chairmanship of the 10-country Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), with leaders due to meet at a summit in Kuala Lumpur today.

WARSHIP LAUNCH North Korea detains three over accident

AFP, Seoul

North Korea has detained three people over an accident that occurred during the launch of a new warship this past week, state media reported early yesterday.

Pyongyang has said that "a serious accident occurred" at Wednesday's launch ceremony in the eastern port city of Chongjin for a newly built 5,000-ton naval destroyer, in which sections of the bottom of the vessel were crushed.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called the mishap a "criminal act caused by absolute carelessness".

Those detained are Kang Jong Chol, the chief engineer at the Chongjin shipyard; Han Kyong Hak, head of the hull construction workshop; and Kim Yong Hak, deputy manager for administrative affairs, the Korean Central News Agency reported.

STRANDED BY FLOODS Australia airdrops supplies to farmers

REUTERS, Ghinni Ghinni

Helicopters were yesterday airdropping animal feed to farmers in Australia stranded by floods that have killed five and isolated tens of thousands in the country's southeast.

Recovery was under way in the mid-north coast region of New South Wales state after days of flooding cut off towns, swept away livestock and destroyed homes. At least 10,000 properties may have been damaged in the floods, which were sparked by days of incessant rain, authorities estimate.

"The floodwaters 'trashed' Dan Patch's house in rural Ghinni Ghinni near hard-hit Taree, and some cattle on the property have gone without food for days, he said.

"It's the worst we've ever seen," Patch told Reuters. "It's the worst everybody's seen around this area."

About 32,000 residents of Australia's most populous state remained isolated due to floodwaters that were slowly starting to recede, the state's Emergency Services posted on the X platform.

"The New South Wales government is providing emergency fodder, veterinary care, management advice and aerial support for isolated stock," state Agriculture Minister Tara Moriarty said in a statement.

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Details are given below.

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01	1118772	Reconstruction of Garage and Extended Kitchen at UNO residence at Rajapur Upazila, Jhalokathi.	15-Jun-2025 14:30	15-Jun-2025 15:30

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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Sl.No	Tender ID No	Name of the Works	Tender Closing Date & Time	Tender Opening Date & Time
1.	1116878	Repair and maintenance work of Aminbazar Landfill of FY 2025-2026	18 June, 25 & 14.00	18 June, 25 & 14.00
2.	1116704	Term contract of half yearly operation of three waste water treatment and reuse plant at Gulshan lake, korail slum, Banani and korail slum near Ershad School under zone-3	18 June, 25 & 14.00	18 June, 25 & 14.00

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