



A view shows emergency services attempting to rescue migrants from the water after a migrant boat capsized while being escorted to port in La Restinga, Spain's Canary Islands, yesterday. This screengrab was obtained from a video.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Russia masses 50,000 troops near Sumy front

Says Ukraine’s Zelensky; US, Russia clash in public over intensifying war

REUTERS, Kyiv

Russia has massed more than 50,000 troops, including some of its best forces, near Ukraine's northeastern Sumy region, but Kyiv has taken steps to prevent them from conducting a large-scale offensive, President Volodymyr Zelensky said.

The build-up comes as Russia appears to be gearing up for a summer offensive in Ukraine while Kyiv waits for Moscow to present a memorandum laying out its conditions to proceed with ceasefire talks.

Sumy lies across the border from Russia's Kursk region where Ukraine previously seized and held a pocket of land for months, before being almost fully pushed out last month, although it says it still holds some small areas there.

"Their largest, strongest forces are currently on the Kursk front," Zelensky told reporters on Tuesday. "To push our troops out of the Kursk region and to prepare offensive actions against the Sumy region."

Kremlin rebuffs a call by Zelensky for a three-way summit with Trump and Putin

Putin has said he wants a "buffer zone" along Russia's border with Ukraine. Zelensky said he believed Russia wants to carve out an area of Ukrainian territory about 10 km (6 miles) deep.

Meanwhile, the Kremlin yesterday rebuffed a call by Zelensky for a three-way summit with Trump and Putin.

The United States and Russia also quarrelled in public yesterday over the intensifying Ukraine war after US President Donald Trump warned that President Vladimir Putin was "playing with fire"

Trump, in a post on Truth Social, said that Putin was playing with fire and cautioned that "REALLY BAD" things would have happened already to Russia if it was not for Trump himself.

Top Russian security official Dmitry Medvedev, a former president, dismissed Trump's criticism.

"Regarding Trump's words about Putin 'playing with fire' and 'really bad things' happening to Russia. I only know of one REALLY BAD thing — WWII. I hope Trump understands this!" Medvedev wrote in English on the social media platform X.



France's President Emmanuel Macron greets students upon his arrival at the National University in Jakarta, Indonesia, yesterday. France and Indonesia have signed a preliminary defense pact that could lead to new orders of French military equipment, including Rafale fighter jets and Scorpene submarines, Macron said.

PHOTO: AFP

German army buildup plan ‘very worrying’: Russia FM

AFP, Moscow

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov yesterday called German plans to build the "strongest" army in Europe "very worrying", citing the world wars of the 20th century.

Germany has since WWII been reluctant to build up its military, and Nato allies have mostly relied on the United States for security.

Berlin is one of Kyiv's strongest allies as it fights Moscow's full-scale offensive for more than three years.

"Many were immediately reminded about the periods of the previous century, when Germany twice became the leading military power and how much trouble this brought," Lavrov said at a security conference in Moscow, where representatives from the US embassy participated for the first time since Russia's Ukraine offensive.

Merz had vowed to "provide all financial means necessary" for the long-underfunded defence forces of Europe's economic powerhouse.

Berlin has recently stationed a 5,000-strong armoured brigade in Lithuania, the first permanent deployment of German troops abroad since WWII in response to Russia's full-scale offensive on Ukraine in 2022.

The Kremlin has repeatedly used the memory of the Soviet Union's fight against Nazi Germany to whip up support for its military campaign in Ukraine.

The Soviet Union lost millions of civilians in WWII -- including Russians, Belarusians, Ukrainians, Central Asians and other peoples.

Moscow had a working relationship with Germany prior to launching its 2022 Ukraine full-scale offensive.

Musk says ‘disappointed’ by Trump mega-bill

AFP, Washington

Billionaire Elon Musk, who has stepped back from his role of slashing US government spending by firing tens of thousands of people, has criticized President Donald Trump's signature spending bill.

The "One Big, Beautiful Bill Act" -- which passed in House of Representatives and now moves to the Senate -- would usher into law Trump's vision for a new "Golden Age," led by efforts to shrink social safety net programs to pay for a 10-year extension of his 2017 tax cuts.

Israeli air strikes target Sanaa airport in Yemen

AFP, Sanaa

Israel struck the international airport in Yemen's rebel-held capital Sanaa yesterday, the Iran-backed Houthis and the Israeli military said.

"Israeli aggression on Sanaa International Airport," the Houthis' Al-Masirah television channel posted on X, later reporting that multiple strikes had hit an aircraft and the runway at the facility.

Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz said fighter jets had carried out the strikes on Houthi "terror targets" at the airport in the Yemeni capital Sanaa, a day after the group fired two projectiles at Israel. The strikes had destroyed aircraft belonging to the group.

"The aircraft struck were used by the Houthi terrorist organisation for the transfer of terrorists who advanced terrorist attacks against the state of Israel," the military said. "Similarly to the Hodeida and Salif ports that were struck last week, the main airport of Sanaa is continuously operated by the Huthi regime and is used by them for terror purposes," it added.

UN labour agency says US hasn't paid dues

AFP, Geneva

The United States is behind in its dues to the International Labour Organization (ILO), but the UN agency's chief said yesterday he was "hopeful" they would soon be paid.

Washington, under President Donald Trump, has stepped away from several UN agencies and programmes as it pursues an "America First" policy that spurns multilateral bodies and pacts.

"Have they paid for the current year? Not yet. I always want to add 'yet' -- not yet," ILO chief Gilbert Hounbo told journalists.

The ILO was not currently looking to revise its budget. "It's not something that I'm contemplating," Hounbo said.

Under a February executive order, Trump directed his government to look at withdrawing from the UN Human Rights Council, UNRWA for Palestinians, and Unesco, the UN's education, science and culture agency.

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Memo No. Kali/Poura/8-8/2024-25/235

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| SL No. | Package No. | Name of scheme | e-Tender ID No. | Last date & time of selling documents | Opening & closing date and time |
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| 1 | KP/ADP/24-25/W-01 | 1) Improvement of CC road & 1 X drain at Sreerampur from H/O Mr Hobi Mollah to H/O Zaid (Ch.00-85m) Ward No. 1 under Kaliganj Pourashava. 2) Improvement of BF Soling road at Chapali a) From H/O Mr Nazrul Islam to Chirta River (Ch.00-25m). b). Nimtala Bus Stand S/o Mr Dadud to H/O Sabdar ch.00-57m Ward No. 01 under Kaliganj Pourashava. | 1111072 | Date:16/06/2025 Time: 4:00pm | Date:17/06/2025 Time: 12:00am |
| 2 | KP/ADP/24-25/W-02 | 1). Construction of BF soling road at Bakulia from a. H/O Azizul to Madrasa (Ch.00-310m). Ward No. 02 under Kaliganj Pourashava. 2.) Improvement of BFS road at Sree Rampur from Gunna road to H/O Mr. Royel (Ch 0-100m) under Kaliganj Pourashava, Ward No. 01 | 1110814 | Date:16/06/2025 Time: 4:00pm | Date:17/06/2025 Time: 12:00am |
| 3 | KP/ADP/24-25/W-03 | 1) Improvement of CC road, one X drain & With Single Palasaiding at Fayla a. H/O Shaidul to Anamul Via H/O Mintu (Ch.00- 95m) b. one X drain Masterpara near H/O Anil Ward No. 03 under Kaliganj Pourashava. 2) Improvement of Brick drain a) from Fayla Gohata Eidgah to old drain ch.00-30m) Ward No. 3 b) Construction of CC road at Bolidapara H/O Rabiul Driver to RCC road (Ch.00-10m) Ward No. 05 under Kaliganj Pourashava 3) Improvement of Kola road by lane at Foyla Daspara east side Khristan Mission (From Kola road to H/O Mr. Anis) under Kaliganj Pourashava | 1111345 | Date:16/06/2025 Time: 4:00pm | Date:17/06/2025 Time: 12:00am |
| 4 | KP/ADP/24-25/W-04 | 1) Improvement of CC road & 2 (Two) X drain at Healy Shop of Mr Altaf to New Mosque (Ch.00-125m) Ward No. 04 under Kaliganj Pourashava. | 1111471 | Date:16/06/2025 Time: 4:00pm | Date:17/06/2025 Time: 12:05pm |
| 5 | KP/ADP/24-25/W-05 | 1) Improvement of CC Road at Nischontopur Cria Voban to Puzamondop (Ch.00-67m) & Single palasaiding 05m Ward No. 05 under Kaliganj Pourashava. 2) Improvement of BF Soling road at Nischontopur Bonanipara a) H/O Mr. Robuil to H/O Sushil (Ch.00-26m) b) H/O Mr. Reazul Master to H/O Mr. Habib (Ch.00-14m) c) H/O Mr. Reazul to H/O Mr Din Mohammed (Ch.00-50m) Ward No. 05 under Kaliganj Pourashava. | 1111524 | Date:16/06/2025 Time: 4:00pm | Date:17/06/2025 Time: 12:05pm |
| 6 | KP/ADP/24-25/W-06 | 1) Construction of brick drain at Mubrakgonj Sugar Mill Mosque to F-type Building (Ch00-53m) Ward No. 06 under Kaliganj Pourashava. 2) Improvement of Soling road at Bolidhapara a) Dhaka road to H/O BulBuli (Ch.00-130m) Ward No. 06. b.) Bro Raygram H/O Mr. Alim to Chirta River (Ch.00-65m) Ward No. 06 c) Arpara BC road to Ayssha Khatun Girls School Office Building (Ch.00-40m) Ward No. 7 under Kaliganj Pourashava. 3) Improvement of BF Soling road at Babra a) From H/O Mr. Razzak to H/O Mr. Reazul (ch-00-14m) b). Babra Soutpara WBM road to H/O Mr. Mohor Ali (Ch.00-32m) Ward No. 06 under Kaliganj Pourashava.7 | 1112250 | Date:16/06/2025 Time: 4:00pm | Date:17/06/2025 Time: 12:05pm |
| 7 | KP/ADP/24-25/W-07 | 1) Improvement of BF Soling road at Arpara a) H/O Mr Isaque to H/O Mr. Monirul (Ch.00-46m). b) H/O Mr Barun to H/O Mr Mizan (Ch. 00-35m). c) BF Soling road at Arpara H/O Mr Isaque to H/O Mr. Topu (Ch.00-31m) d) BF Soling road at South Arpara in front of H/O Mr. Aziz Amin. (Ch.00-25m). e) BF Soling road at South Arpara H/O Mr. Eunus to H/O Freedom Fighter Mr. Asharaful Islam (Ch.00-55m) Ward No. 07 under Kaliganj Pourashava. 3) a). Construction of Brick drain with slab at Arpara (Boiragipara) H/O Ali Driver to H/O Farad (Ch.00-40m). b). Repairing Old drain near Gubtala. (ch 0-38m)) & in front H/O Firoj Ahmed (12m) with Slab 12 m. c). Repairing Old drain at Arpara H/O Mr. Lal towards Behari More (Ch.16m) & Slab 2m. d) Improvement of CC road at Arpara Borigypara H/O Mr. Khogen to H/O Bakul (Ch.00-34m +12m) & 12m slab at Kaliganj Pourashava Ward No. 07. 4) Improvement of CC road from H/O Mr. Fatik to H/O Mr. Reporter Habib at Arpara under Kaliganj Pourashava (ch 0-47m) 5) Improvement of CC road at Arpara from Soaieb Nagor Madrasa to H/O Mizanur Rahman under Kaliganj Pourashava Ward-01 at Ch 0+00-0+50m) | 1112257 | Date:16/06/2025 Time: 4:00pm | Date:17/06/2025 Time: 12:10pm |
| 8 | KP/ADP/24-25/W-08 | 1) Improvement of BF5] Soling road at Issorba ponds of a). From H/O Mr. Islam to H/O Mr. Razzaque (Ch.00-125m) with 10m Single Palasaiding. b) H/O Mr. Hasem to H/O Mr. Momin (Ch.00-60m). c) Kashipur H/O Mr. Jalil to H/O Mr. Olier (Ch.00-110m). d) Kashipur H/O Mr. Sorwer to H/O Mr. Kabir (Ch.00-86m) Ward No. 08 under Kaliganj Pourashava 2) Improvement of BFS road at Kashipur from H/O Mrs. Aduri to H/O Mr. Delwar (Ch 0+00-0+46.00) under Kaliganj Pourashava. | 1112259 | Date:16/06/2025 Time: 4:00pm | Date:17/06/2025 Time: 12:10pm |
| 9 | KP/ADP/24-25/W-09 | 1) Improvement of BF Soling road at Srerampur Mathpara in front Shop of Mr. Sakur to H/O Mr. Jafor (ch.00- 281m. Ward No. 09 under Kaliganj Pourashava. 2) Improvement of CC road at Shib Nagor from H/O Mr. Jhantu to H/O Mr. Nazrul Islam (Ch.00-37m) Ward No. 09 under Kaliganj Pourashava. | 1112265 | Date:16/06/2025 Time: 4:00pm | Date:17/06/2025 Time: 12:10pm |
| 10 | KP/ADP/24-25/W-10 | 1) Improvement of HBB road at Arpara Notun Bazar from Kotchandpur road to Brickfield Mosque (Ch.00-170m) Ward No. 07. | 1112269 | Date:16/06/2025 Time: 4:00pm | Date:17/06/2025 Time: 12:15pm |
| 11 | KP/ADP/24-25/W-11 | 1) Improvement of BC and BFS road at Pourashava Office Campus of a). BC road =80.00m, BFS 1) Shop of Tipu =10m, Pourashava Garrage -8m & Information Center=8m=26m) b. Improvement of BF Soling road at Issorba Dumping House (Ch.00-20m) Ward No. 07 & 09 2) Improvement of BC road at Chapali at Kuthi Para from BC road to H/O Mr. Jalal Ch 0+00-0+88m) Ward No. 1 3) Improvement of partly BC road of Kaliganj Upazila Campus Ch 0+105.00-0+155.00=50.000m under Kaliganj Pourashava | 1112273 | Date:16/06/2025 Time: 4:00pm | Date:17/06/2025 Time: 12:15pm |
| 12 | KP/ADP/24-25/W-12 | 1) Construction of A Toilet and 4 Nos. Oju seat at ground floor of Kaliganj Poura Bhaban, 2) Construction of Pucca Drain at Bolidapara Kowmi Madrasa from Bolidapara Kowmi Madrasa to Existing Pourashava Pucca drain under Kaliganj Pourashava Ward No. 06 3) Improvement of Modhugonj Dhakalia Para road (ch.0-62m) from H/O Mr. Rabiul to Mosque under Kaliganj Pourashava Ward No. 05 | 1112279 | Date:16/06/2025 Time: 4:00pm | Date:17/06/2025 Time: 12:15pm |

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