

36 killed in India as heavy rains hit Himalayas Pakistan issues flood alerts as India opens dams

REUTERS, Srinagar

Heavy rain swept across the Himalayas, killing at least 36 people in India over the past 24 hours and forcing authorities to open major dams, in turn triggering flood alerts on three rivers in neighbouring Pakistan.

In the deadliest single disaster, a landslide killed 33 people near the Hindumountain shrine of Vaishno Devi on a pilgrim route in India's federal territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday afternoon, officials said.

Three more people died as floodwaters burst the banks of rivers in the district of Doda and swamped low-lying areas, authorities added.



About 200 children were stranded yesterday after flood water engulfed a school building in the northern state of Punjab, local media said.

Vehicles tumbled off the Madhopur barrage over the Tawi river when parts of it collapsed after being lashed by heavy rain overnight into yesterday morning, video images showed. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Some highways linking Jammu to the rest of India were also damaged.

Officials were battling to restore "almost non-existent" telecommunications services, Omar Abdullah, the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, said.

"We had 612 mm rainfall in Jammu region since August 23 till today. This is 726% above normal rainfall in the region during this time of the year. It is the highest rainfall in the region since 1950," Mukhtar Ahmad, Director at the India Meteorological Department in Srinagar, told Reuters.



Israeli troops take position during a raid in the city of Nablus, in the occupied West Bank, yesterday. Local sources said clashes broke out at the eastern entrance to the old city. The Palestinian Red Crescent reported several injuries as a result, but none from gunfire. PHOTO: AFP

Russia hits Ukrainian energy facilities

3 killed; 100,000 left without power; Kremlin views possible European troops in Ukraine 'negatively'

REUTERS, Kyiv

Russia launched a massive drone attack on energy and gas transport infrastructure across six Ukrainian regions overnight, killing three people and leaving more than 100,000 people without power, Ukrainian officials said yesterday.

Russian forces significantly damaged gas transport infrastructure in Poltava region and struck equipment at one of the key substations in the Sumy region, the energy ministry said on the Telegram messaging service.

The attacks left more than 100,000 people without power in the Poltava, Sumy and Chernihiv regions, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said.

Ukraine's main gas production facilities are located in Poltava and Kharkiv regions. Kharkiv region was also hit overnight, as were the regions of Zaporizhzhia and Donetsk, the energy ministry said.

In recent weeks, Russia has stepped up attacks on Ukrainian gas production and import infrastructure despite efforts by

US President Donald Trump to end the war in Ukraine, reports Reuters.

"We regard the Russian attacks as a continuation of the Russian Federation's deliberate policy of destroying Ukraine's civilian infrastructure ahead of the heating

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season," the energy ministry said. Meanwhile, the Kremlin yesterday praised efforts by the United States to achieve peace in Ukraine, saying this month's US-Russia summit in Alaska had been "meaningful and necessary."

But Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters that Moscow

took a negative view of European proposals regarding security guarantees for Kyiv. He reiterated Russia's longstanding position that no troops from Nato countries should be deployed to Ukraine.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian Air Force said it had downed 74 drones out of 95 launched by Russia overnight, and that 21 drones had struck nine locations around the country.

Ukraine had faced a serious gas shortage since Russian missile strikes earlier this year prompted a 40 percent drop in production.

Ukraine's energy ministry said last week that energy facilities had been attacked 2,900 times since March 2025. The attack on Poltava region temporarily cut power to consumers, which has since been restored, Governor Volodymyr Kohut said in a statement on the Telegram messaging app.

Ukraine criticised Russia for setting out plans to withdraw from the Council of Europe's treaty for the prevention of torture, saying the proposal was a tacit admission of guilt by Moscow.

Iran forces kill 13 militants in southeast

AFP, Tehran

Iranian forces have killed 13 militants in a raid in the restive southeast, state media reported yesterday, adding they were members of a group suspected of a recent deadly attack on police.

"So far, 13 terrorists have been killed and a number of others arrested" in Sistan-Baluchistan province, the Revolutionary Guards said in a statement.

It said operations were carried out in the cities of Iranshahr, Khash and Saravan. The broadcaster said that some of those killed were suspected of being behind an ambush reported on Friday that killed five policemen in Iranshahr.

Sistan-Baluchistan, which borders Pakistan and Afghanistan, has long been a flashpoint for clashes between security forces and armed groups, including drug traffickers and separatists. Home to a large Sunni Muslim Baluch community, the province is one of the poorest regions of Shia-majority Iran.

NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT China says talks with US, Russia 'unreasonable'

AFP, Beijing

China said yesterday that it would not participate in denuclearisation talks with the United States and Russia, after President Donald Trump said he hoped to include Beijing in negotiations.

Trump on Monday said the United States was trying to pursue denuclearisation with both countries. "I think the denuclearisation is a very - it's a big aim. But Russia's willing to do it and I think China is going to be willing to do it too," Trump told reporters at the White House.

"We can't let nuclear weapons proliferate. We have to stop nuclear weapons," he added.

Russia and the United States - former Cold War rivals - possess almost 90 percent of the world's nuclear weapons between them, but Moscow pulled out of the last remaining arms control agreement with Washington in 2023.

When asked about Trump's comments, Beijing's foreign ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun said yesterday it was "neither reasonable nor realistic" to expect China to participate in trilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations with the United States and Russia.

"China and the United States are not at the same level at all in terms of nuclear capabilities," Guo told reporters. "The countries with the largest nuclear arsenal should earnestly fulfil their special and primary responsibility for nuclear disarmament," he said.

OPS IN GREENLAND Denmark summons top US diplomat

AFP, Copenhagen

Denmark yesterday summoned the US charge d'affaires after reports of attempted interference in Greenland, a Danish autonomous territory which US President Donald Trump wants to take over.

Since returning to the White House in January, Trump has repeatedly said America needs the strategically located, resource-rich island for security reasons, and has refused to rule out the use of force to secure it.

Danish public television network DR yesterday reported that at least three US officials close to Trump have been observed in Greenland's capital Nuuk recently trying to identify people for and against a rapprochement with the United States.

They also tried to gather information on issues that have created tension between Greenland and Denmark and which could be used to present Denmark in a bad light, it said.

These include the forced removal of Greenlandic Inuit children from their families, as well as the forced contraception of at least half of all fertile women, mostly conducted between the 1960s and 1980s.



An Afghan man loads his belongings onto a truck as he prepares to leave, after Pakistan started to deport documented Afghan refugees, outside the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) repatriation centre in Nowshera, Pakistan, yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

UN creates AI advisory panel to help nations make decisions

AFP, United Nations

The UN General Assembly on Tuesday created an artificial intelligence advisory body to help countries make decisions about the revolutionary technology.

Member states said they were concerned about the swift development of a life-changing tool they fear could threaten democracy and human rights.

So in September United Nations member states agreed to form an expert-level panel of scientists to facilitate dialogue among governments about AI.

In a resolution approved Tuesday, the General Assembly created what is called the Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence.

Among other activities it will "issue evidence-based scientific assessments synthesizing and analysing existing research related to the opportunities, risks and impacts of artificial intelligence."

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will now seek people to serve on the 40-member body for a three-year stint.

IMPACT OF TRUMP TARIFFS 25 countries suspend postal services to US

AFP, Geneva

At least 25 countries have decided to suspend package deliveries to the United States, as concern grows over the impact of President Donald Trump's looming tariffs, a UN body said Tuesday.

The Trump administration said late last month that it will abolish a tax exemption on small packages entering the United States from August 29.

The move has sparked a flurry of announcements from postal services, including in France, Britain, Germany, Italy, India, Australia and Japan, that

most US-bound packages would no longer be accepted.

The United Nations' Universal Postal Union said it had already been advised by 25 member countries that their postal operators "have suspended their outbound postal services to the US, citing uncertainties specifically related to transit services".

It said the suspensions will remain in place until there is more clarity on how US authorities plan to implement the announced measures. The UPU did not provide a list of postal services it had heard from.

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