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In this pool photograph distributed by the Russian state agency Sputnik, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, his wife Peng Liyuan, and other foreign leaders pose for a family photo during the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Tianjin, China, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Israeli forces pound Gaza City suburbs
30 Palestinians killed



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Israeli forces pounded the suburbs of Gaza City from the air and ground, destroying homes and driving more families out of the area as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's security cabinet was set to discuss a plan to seize the city.

Local health authorities said Israeli gunfire and strikes killed at least 30 people yesterday, including 13 who tried to get food from near an aid site in the central Gaza Strip, and at least two in a house in Gaza City.

Residents of Sheikh Radwan, one of the largest neighborhoods of Gaza City, said the territory had been under Israeli tank shelling and airstrikes throughout Saturday and yesterday, forcing families to seek shelter in the western parts of the city.

The Israeli military has gradually escalated its operations around Gaza City over the past three weeks.

"They are crawling into the heart of the city where hundreds of thousands are sheltering, from the east, north, and south, while bombing those areas from the air and ground to scare people to leave," said Rezik Salah from Sheikh Radwan.

SCO bears 'greater responsibilities'

Says China's Xi on safeguarding regional peace, stability

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The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) security forum now bears "greater responsibility" for safeguarding regional peace and stability, as well as promoting the development and prosperity of its member states, Chinese President Xi Jinping told about 20 world leaders he hosted yesterday evening.

The ongoing SCO Summit shoulders the important mission of building consensus among all parties and stimulating momentum in cooperation, Xi was cited as telling a welcome banquet, Chinese state news agency Xinhua reported.

The two-day summit is being held in the northern Chinese city of Tianjin, reports Reuters.

The SCO comprises China, India, Russia, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Belarus — with 16 more countries affiliated as observers or "dialogue partners".

Russian President Vladimir Putin touched down in Tianjin yesterday with an entourage of senior politicians and business representatives.

Xi held a flurry of back-to-back bilateral meetings with leaders including Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko — one of Putin's staunch allies — and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on his first visit to China since 2018.



Putin is expected to hold talks with Erdogan and Pezeshkan about the Ukraine conflict and Tehran's nuclear programme respectively today, reports AFP.

Xi met Erdogan yesterday to discuss the situations in Gaza and Ukraine, a readout from Ankara said. Turkey has hosted three rounds of peace talks between Moscow and Kyiv this year that have failed to break the deadlock over how to end the conflict.

The Russian president needs "all the benefits of SCO as a player on the world stage and also the support of the second largest economy in the world", said Lim Tai Wei, a professor and East Asia expert at Japan's Soka University.

"Russia is also keen to win over India, and India's trade frictions with the United States presents this opportunity," Lim told AFP.

Pratirodh Parshad pledges women-friendly campus

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For pregnant and new mother students, daycare centres and breastfeeding corners will be established, the panel added in its manifesto.

Additionally, the Pratirodh Parshad would work to preserve the languages, cultures, practices, and traditions of all ethnic groups from the hills and plains, and to establish equal dignity and rights for all communities.

Under "Food and Nutrition Security", the panel said it would replace privately owned canteens in halls with cafeterias managed by the administration, while food prices would be reduced through subsidies and quality would be improved.

For mental health protection, the manifesto called for establishing a "Mental Health Support Center" under the medical centre and providing both online and offline services. Besides, it said the panel would work to modernise the existing health centre.

It also said the library should remain open 24/7, and

pledged to construct a new library building and safe common rooms for students in every faculty.

On environmental and ecological protection, the panel said public toilets should be installed at different points of the university as needed, with daily maintenance ensured.

Initiatives will be taken to preserve rare and old trees, along with planned greening, while a database of the biodiversity within the university will be created, and a dedicated cell formed for its conservation. Tree felling without a master plan must be prohibited, it added.

The Pratirodh Parshad further pledged to activate the university's publishing house and to publish various books and research papers regularly. Additionally, it promised to establish a full-fledged translation centre to enable higher education in each student's mother language and to take necessary steps to accept research papers from students.

The manifesto also called for reclaiming university lands that were grabbed.

VOA PURGE

Trump officials move to fire most of journos

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The Trump administration has moved to terminate more than 500 employees at the US Agency for Global Media (USAGM), the federal body that oversees government funded broadcasters.

The majority of those fired were employees of Voice of America (VOA), the US-backed outlet that President Donald Trump has pledged to close down.

Acting CEO Kari Lake said the decision would "help reduce the federal bureaucracy, improve agency service, and save the American people more of their hard-earned money." Staff members have described the layoffs as "abhorrent", reports BBC.

VOA was set up during World War II to counter Nazi propaganda, and has become a major global media broadcaster.

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Ukraine plans new strikes deep into Russia

Says Zelensky

REUTERS, Kyiv

Ukraine plans new strikes deep into Russia, President Volodymyr Zelensky said yesterday, after weeks of intensified attacks on Russian energy assets.

"We will continue our active operations in exactly the way needed for Ukraine's defence. The forces and resources are prepared. New deep strikes have also been planned," Zelensky said on X after meeting Ukraine's top general, Oleksandr Syrsky.

A Russian drone attack damaged four power facilities near the southern city of Odesa, leaving more than 29,000 customers without electricity yesterday morning, the region's governor and power firm DTEK said.

Hardest hit was the port city of Chornomorsk, just outside Odesa, where residential houses and administrative buildings were also damaged, said the governor of Odesa.

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