



Director of the Executive Committee of SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS), Ularbek Sharsheev, Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Tajikistan President Emomali Rahmon, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kyrgyzstan President Sadyr Japarov, Iran President Masoud Pezeshkian, and SCO Secretary-General Nurlan Yermekbayev pose during a photo session of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025, with Chinese President Xi Jinping, at the Meijiang Convention and Exhibition Centre in Tianjin, China, yesterday.

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Putin defends invasion of Ukraine

Blames West; Kyiv says Russia linked to lawmaker's killing

AFP, Tianjin

Russian President Vladimir Putin yesterday sought to defend his Ukraine offensive to Moscow's allies, blaming the West for triggering the three- and a half year war that has killed tens of thousands and devastated much of eastern Ukraine. "This crisis was not triggered by Russia's attack on Ukraine, but was a result of a coup in Ukraine, which was supported and provoked by the West," Putin said at a summit of the the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in the Chinese city of Tianjin. That is a reference to Ukraine's 2013-2014 pro-European revolution, which ousted a pro-Russian president. Moscow responded by annexing the Crimean peninsula and backing pro-Russian separatists in the east, triggering a civil war. "The second reason for the crisis is the West's constant attempts to drag Ukraine into Nato," the Russian president added. Meanwhile, Kyiv said yesterday that Russia was linked to the weekend assassination of a pro-Western Ukrainian politician after the arrest of a suspect alleged to have carried out the shooting dressed as a courier.

Russia, India stand together 'in difficult times'

Modi tells 'dear friend' Putin during talks on SCO sidelines

REUTERS, Moscow

India's Narendra Modi told Vladimir Putin yesterday that India and Russia stood side by side even in difficult times after the Kremlin chief called the Indian prime minister his "dear friend" and gave him a lift in his armoured limousine. China and India are the biggest buyers of crude oil from Russia, the world's second largest exporter. Trump has imposed additional tariffs on India over the purchases but there is no sign that India or China are going to stop them. On the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting in China's port city of Tianjin, Modi held Putin's hand as they walked towards Chinese President Xi Jinping. All three smiled as they spoke, surrounded by translators. Later, Modi posted a picture on X of him and Putin inside the armoured Aurus limousine used by the Russian leader. Putin often travels with the Aurus on

foreign trips and has occasionally offered rides to fellow leaders - or even gifted the vehicle, as he did to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in 2024. "Even in the most difficult situations, India and Russia have always walked shoulder to shoulder," Modi said. "Our close cooperation is important not only for the people of both countries but also for global peace, stability and prosperity." At the bilateral meeting, Putin addressed Modi in Russian as "Dear Mr Prime Minister, dear friend." "Russia and India have maintained special relations for decades, friendly and trusting. This is the foundation for the development of our relations in the future," Putin said. Modi said he welcomed recent efforts aimed at stopping the war in Ukraine, which he hoped would end as soon as possible. On Saturday, Modi reaffirmed his support for a peaceful settlement during a telephone conversation with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Modi's office said.

Pakistan govt helicopter crash kills 5

AFP, Khaplu

A Pakistan government helicopter crashed in the north of the country yesterday, killing all five people on board, police said. The helicopter was carrying out "a test landing on a newly proposed helipad" in a mountainous tourist area when it came



down, Abdul Hameed, a senior police officer in Diamer district, told AFP. "Among the killed were two pilots and three technicians," he said. The helicopter, which belonged to the Gilgit Baltistan government, crashed in the region's Diamer district around 10:00 am. It comes weeks after a government MI-17 helicopter crashed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

India backs Myanmar junta's election plan

Says state-media; Delhi to send teams to monitor polls

REUTERS

India will send teams to monitor a general election in war-torn Myanmar that is scheduled to start in December, Myanmar state media said yesterday, as New Delhi signals support for a vote that has already been derided by critics as a sham. Myanmar's military chief Min Aung Hlaing met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit in China, a rare international engagement for the general who had largely been shunned by foreign leaders since leading a coup in 2021.



"At the meeting, they exchanged views on measures to ensure peace and stability in the border regions of both countries, trade promotion, enhancement of friendship and cooperation," the state-run Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper reported. The military's ouster of an elected government led by Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi 4-1/2 years ago, on a pretext of election fraud, triggered a devastating civil war that has engulfed large parts of the impoverished Southeast Asia nation. Myanmar plans to hold the initial phase of the first general election since the coup on December 28, as part of voting that a military-backed interim administration is seeking to conduct in more than 300 constituencies nationwide, including areas currently held by opposition armed groups. In a statement on Sunday, India's foreign ministry said that Modi hoped the upcoming elections in Myanmar would be "held in a fair and inclusive manner involving all stakeholders". A day earlier, Min Aung Hlaing also met with Chinese President Xi Jinping and the two leaders discussed Beijing's support for the preparations for the polls, according to the Global New Light of Myanmar. The planned election would occur amid a raging conflict that may make it difficult to conduct. During a nationwide census last year to create voter rolls, Myanmar's military-backed authorities managed to survey only 145 of the country's 330 townships. So far, nine parties have registered to contest elections nationwide and 55 parties have signed up at the provincial level, having secured approvals from military-backed election authorities, according to state media.



University students protest outside the Indonesian Parliament building in Jakarta yesterday, opposing lawmakers' extra pay and housing allowances.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Chinese cluster now world's top innovation hotspot: UN

AFP, Geneva

Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou has overtaken Tokyo-Yokohama to become the world's top cluster for innovation, the United Nations said yesterday. The UN's World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) said the Chinese cluster had leapfrogged its Japanese rival in its 2025 Global Innovation Index. The change at the top of the world's 100 leading innovation clusters was down to WIPO broadening the criteria to include venture capital investments to formulate the annual rankings. The UN agency dealing with patenting and innovation previously only used patent filing and scientific publishing data to identify local concentrations of world-leading innovation activity. "Venture capital investment

activity helps capture how scientific and technological knowledge translates into start-up creation and, ultimately, new goods and services in the marketplace," WIPO said.



The agency said Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou and Tokyo-Yokohama "make a massive contribution to global scientific publications and patenting outputs", together accounting for nearly one in five patent applications filed globally. The new ranking showed that San Jose-San Francisco has now overtaken

Beijing, Seoul and Shanghai-Suzhou to grab the third place. London has shot up from 21st to eighth place, while Bengaluru has likewise jumped from 56th place to 21st on the back of venture capital deals. "Innovation clusters form the backbone of strong national innovation ecosystems, helping to anchor and strengthen the journey from ideas to market," said WIPO chief Daren Tang. The recalibrated rankings "highlight which clusters are turning scientific research into economic results". Overall, the change in methodology has seen East Asian clusters drop while US clusters have made gains. The change boosted Indian clusters, while those in the EU -- where the venture capital markets are sometimes less vigorous than in the US -- have tended to see a decline.

Thai opposition party fails to back new PM

AFP, Bangkok

Thailand's largest opposition party yesterday failed to decide who to back as the nation's next prime minister at a kingmaking summit, after the incumbent was ousted by court order. Paetongtarn Shinawatra was on Friday sacked as prime minister by Thailand's Constitutional Court after it found she had breached ethical standards during a border row with Cambodia. The ruling has left Thailand with only an acting prime minister and a caretaker cabinet as minority factions jostle to secure backing to form a new government. Paetongtarn's Pheu Thai Party and the conservative Bhumjaithai Party -- which abandoned her coalition over the border row -- are both now courting the People's Party's stronghold of 143 parliamentary seats. But People's Party spokesman Wacharasindhu told reporters a summit to weigh their options yesterday ended with no decision, and would resume today.

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