

TAIWAN SPAT

China to halt Japan seafood imports

AFP, Tokyo

China will suspend Japanese seafood imports, media in Tokyo reported yesterday as a row sparked by comments about Taiwan deepens, although neither government confirmed the move.

The uneasy neighbours' most serious spat since 2012 was triggered by new Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi suggesting on November 7 that Tokyo could intervene militarily in any attack on Taiwan.

China, which claims Taiwan as part of its territory, has been furious, summoning Tokyo's ambassador and advising its citizens against travel to Japan. The release of at least two Japanese movies will also be postponed in China.

Reporting suspension of seafood imports, Japanese media, including public broadcaster NHK, cited unnamed government sources.



Migrants attempting to cross the Mediterranean react while sitting on a dinghy after being rescued by the Greek Coast Guard off the southern coast of Crete on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

Romania reports fresh drone incursion

Eastern Nato members scramble jets; UK warns Putin as Russian military ship enters its waters

AFP, Bucharest

Nato members Romania and Poland yesterday scrambled fighter jets after Russian attacks in neighbouring Ukraine, with Bucharest saying a drone breached the country's airspace.

Moldova, which lies between Romania and Ukraine, also reported a drone breach, summoning the Russian ambassador.

Meanwhile, the UK government warned the Kremlin yesterday after saying a Russian military ship had entered British waters and directed lasers at UK pilots.

Defence Secretary John Healey told reporters in London that the ship had "entered" UK waters for the second time this year, following an earlier incursion back in January.

Romania and Moldova have repeatedly seen violations of their airspaces, including drone fragments falling onto their soil, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. Yesterday Romania's defence ministry said that following Russian air



strikes on Ukraine, "for a few minutes, the signal of a drone was detected, which had entered approximately eight kilometres (five miles) into national airspace" before it disappeared from the radar.

The drone then "reappeared intermittently on radar for approximately 12 minutes," the ministry said, with phone alerts sent to residents in the affected regions.

Two "F-16s of the Romanian Air Force were scrambled," the ministry added, saying that "no cases of aircraft impact with the ground have been reported".

US Congress approves release of Epstein files

The bill to be sent to Trump for his signature

REUTERS, Washington

The Republican-controlled US Congress voted almost unanimously on Tuesday to force the release of Justice Department files on the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, an outcome President Donald Trump had fought for months before ending his opposition.

Two days after Trump's abrupt about-face, the House of Representatives passed the measure with a vote of 427-1, sending a resolution requiring the release of all unclassified records on Epstein to the Republican-majority Senate, which swiftly approved it. The bill could now go to Trump for his signature.

Trump plans to sign the bill when it reaches his desk, a senior White House official said.

The Epstein scandal has been a political thorn in Trump's side for months, partly because he amplified conspiracy theories about Epstein to his own supporters.

Many Trump voters believe his administration has covered up Epstein's ties to powerful figures and obscured details surrounding his death, which was ruled a suicide, in a Manhattan jail in 2019.

Epstein was a New York financier who fraternized with some of the most powerful men in the country.

Before the House vote, about two dozen survivors of Epstein's alleged abuse joined a trio of Democratic and Republican lawmakers outside the US Capitol to urge the release of the records.

RAIL 'SABOTAGE' Poland to close Russian consulate

AFP, Warsaw

Poland said yesterday it would close the Russian consulate in the northern port city of Gdansk, after accusing Moscow of orchestrating the sabotage of a train line earlier this week.

Poland had already shut other consulates outside Warsaw, and the move would leave the Russian embassy in the capital as Moscow's only diplomatic mission in the country. "I have decided to withdraw consent for the operation of the Russian consulate in Gdansk," Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski said.

Polish officials accused Russia of sending 2 Ukrainians to sabotage part of Lublin-Warsaw train line.

Afghanistan needs \$129m for quake recovery

Says UN as donor support falls

REUTERS, Karachi

A UN-led assessment says Afghanistan requires \$128.8 million to restore housing, schools and key services in its quake hit eastern provinces, warning that reconstruction faces "significant shortfalls" as donor support for the country falls sharply.

The Joint Rapid Recovery Needs Assessment (JRRNA), conducted with the World Bank, EU and ADB, outlines a three-year plan to rebuild homes, health facilities, water systems and farmland in the eastern provinces of Kunar, Nangarhar and Laghman.

It comes as aid to Afghanistan shrinks, with the UN estimating a \$3.2 billion need this year and a similar requirement in 2026, less than half of which has been funded.

"The earthquakes hit communities are already strained by drought, mass returns and a sharp economic contraction," UN Resident Representative Stephen Rodriguez told Reuters. "There is very limited capacity left to cope with another shock."

Spokespeople for the Taliban administration and the government's disaster management authority did not respond to requests for comment.

The JRRNA says the quakes caused \$86.6 million in damage across 10 districts, affecting 56,000 families, with more than 6,200 homes collapsed, 2,000 severely damaged.

Myanmar junta raids online scam centre Over 300 arrested

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's military said yesterday it raided an internet scam hub on the Thai border, arresting nearly 350 people, part of a highly publicised crackdown against the booming black market compounds.



Sprawling fraud factories have ballooned in Myanmar's border regions, housing scammers targeting internet users with romance and business cons worth tens of billions of dollars annually. Myanmar's junta has long been accused of turning a blind eye but has trumpeted a crackdown since February after being lobbied by key military backer China, experts say.

Additional raids beginning last month were part of a propaganda effort, according to some monitors, choreographed to vent pressure from Beijing without too badly denting profits that enrich the junta's militia allies.

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1180250	GMD Sirajganj-Shajadpur 132 KV-1	Protective Coating and Refurbishment of Tower Legs for the Shajadpur-Ullapara and Bera-Patgari 132 KV High-Voltage Transmission Line, GMD Sirajganj, Power Grid Bangladesh

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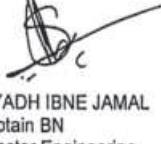
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3.	1180671	Repair & maintenance of support columns including ancillary works of boundary wall in the residential area at BCG Mongla Annex	OTM	24/11/2025 11:00 AM	07/12/2025 17:00 PM	08/12/2025 11:00 AM
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8.	1174446	Repair & maintenance of officers' mess building at BCG Base Mongla	OTM	27/11/2025 11:00 AM	07/12/2025 17:00 PM	08/12/2025 11:00 AM
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