

Trump signs bill to release Epstein files

REUTERS, Washington

President Donald Trump signed legislation on Wednesday ordering the Justice Department to release documents from its long-running investigation into sex offender Jeffrey Epstein — files eagerly sought by both his political opponents and members of his own base who have pressed for greater transparency in the case.

The material could shed more light on the activities of Epstein, who socialized with Trump and other notable figures before his 2008 conviction on charges of soliciting a minor for prostitution.

The scandal has been a 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 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.

Early COP30 climate deal eludes Brazil

Lula remains upbeat, pushes fossil fuel 'roadmap' at heart of talks

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Brazil failed to land an early COP30 climate deal on Wednesday, though President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva remained upbeat about the prospects of progress in the last two days of the summit despite differences between nations on key issues.

The Brazilian hosts of the two-week UN summit in the Amazonian city of Belem had hoped to secure approval for a deal covering some of the most divisive issues in the global climate talks, including fossil fuels and climate finance.

Lula spent the day meeting delegations from key negotiating blocs to hash out a deal.

"I am so happy that I leave here certain that my negotiators will have the best result a COP could have ever offered to the Planet Earth," he told reporters after the meetings, referring to the acronym for the climate meetings known formally as the Conference of the Parties.

He then returned to his "roadmap" away from oil, coal and gas that



he first floated earlier this month, lighting the fuse for the summit's ambitious tone, reports AFP.

"We need to show society that we want this without imposing anything on anyone, without setting deadlines for each country to decide what it can do within its own time, within its own possibilities," he said.

Brazil had hoped to buck the trend in which recent climate

summits ran well past deadline, but a promised revised deal text did not materialise on Wednesday and was now not expected until yesterday.

Rifts on key issues remain, posing a fresh test of international will to slow global warming.

A central issue in the COP30 talks is whether countries will agree to develop a "roadmap" setting out how the world will transition away from fossil fuels.

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

Europeans push back at US peace plan

REUTERS, Brussels

European countries yesterday pushed back against a US-backed peace plan for Ukraine that sources said would require Kyiv to give up more land and partially disarm, conditions long seen by Ukraine's allies as tantamount to capitulation.

Two people familiar with the matter told Reuters on Wednesday that Washington had signalled to President Volodymyr Zelensky that Ukraine must accept a US-drafted framework to end the war, which includes territorial concessions and curbs to Ukraine's armed forces. The sources spoke on condition they not be identified because of the sensitivity of the matter.

The acceleration in US diplomacy comes at an awkward juncture for Kyiv, with its troops on the back foot at the front and Zelensky's government undermined by a corruption scandal. Parliament fired

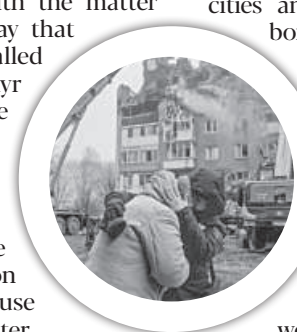
two cabinet ministers on Wednesday over the scandal.

A US Army delegation, led by Army Secretary Dan Driscoll and the Army's Chief of Staff Randy George, was in Kyiv and expected to meet Zelensky late yesterday.

Russia has been pounding Ukrainian cities and infrastructure with nightly bombardments, killing civilians and causing power cuts as winter sets in. Authorities said 22 people were still missing and 26 dead from airstrikes that destroyed an apartment block early on Wednesday, one of the worst attacks in months.

European Union foreign ministers meeting in Brussels were careful not to comment

in too much detail about a US peace plan that has not fully been made public. But they made clear they would push back against demands for punishing concessions from Kyiv.



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**Invitation for e-Tendering**

Invitation Reference No.	Memo No: 35.01.8800.471.07.001.24-2462	Date: 20/11/2025	
Tender ID & No	Work description	Publication Date & Time	Opening Date & Time
1181494, e-GP/06/EE/SRD/2025-2026	Supplying of 1st class Bricks, Stone Chips, Gunny Bags, Local Sand, Fire Wood, Road Marking Paint and Thinner at the Stack Yard of Ullapara Road Sub-Division under Sirajganj Road Division during the year 2025-2026.	20 Nov - 2025 16.00 Hrs	01 Dec- 2025 14:00 Hrs

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Curfew in Nepal town after political clashes

AFP, Kathmandu

A curfew was in force yesterday in a Nepalese town following clashes between young activists and loyalists of the former ruling party that was overthrown in a deadly September uprising.

The measure was imposed for a second day in Simara, a town in Nepal's Bara district south of the capital Kathmandu, a district official said.

The move follows young protesters rallying on Wednesday while an event was held by the party of ousted prime minister KP Sharma Oli, the Communist Party of Nepal - Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML).

Scuffles broke out, some close to the airport, allegedly after CPN-UML cadres attacked the protesters.

"We are trying to normalise the situation and call them for a dialogue. A curfew has been imposed right now," Bara district chief Dharmendra Kumar Mishra told AFP.

Mishra said two of the alleged attackers have been arrested.

The Nepal police spokesman said no one was severely injured in the clashes on Wednesday.

Young protesters took to the streets again yesterday to demand action against those who attacked them.

The young demonstrators are part of the loose "Gen Z" movement, which emerged from protests in September that were triggered by anger over a brief government ban on social media.

But anger ran much deeper after years of economic stagnation and entrenched corruption that primed the country for upheaval.



EXPLOSIVE WEAPONS

Record child deaths in 2024

AFP, London

Explosive weapons killed or injured children at record levels last year, as wars increasingly move into urban areas, Save the Children said in a report published yesterday.

Nearly 12,000 children were killed or injured in conflict last year worldwide, said the UK-based charity, citing UN figures. This was the highest number since records began in 2006, and was up by 42 percent on the 2020 total.

Previously, children in war zones were more likely to die from malnutrition, disease or failing health systems. But as conflicts, such as those in Gaza, Sudan and Ukraine, take place more and more in urban areas, children are being caught up as bombs and drones strike hospitals, schools and residential areas, it said.

More than 70 percent of child casualties in war zones in 2024 were caused by explosive weapons, such as missiles and grenades, up from an average of around 59 percent in the period from 2020 to 2024. "The world is witnessing deliberate destruction of childhood -- and the evidence is undeniable," said Narmina Strishenets, senior conflict and humanitarian advocacy advisor at Save the Children UK.

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01	1170870	Procurement of Conferencing System (With Camera & Smart Display) for Board Room of Petrobangla	08-Dec-2025 12:00	08-Dec-2025 14:00

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1175622	RDNP/LALM/23/ST-04,ST-05,ST-06. (ST-04: Part-A: Construction & Installation of Street Light from BDR Gate to Sakoa More Via Sayed More. (Ch. 00-2100m). (71 Nos Pole). Ward No-04, (ST-05: Part-B: Construction & Installation of Street Light from Chandi Bazar to Abashan Road.( Ch. 00-1000m). (35 Nos Pole).Ward No-07, (ST-06: Part-C: Construction & Installation of Street Light from Thana More to Thanapara Via Uttar-Mazhapara Mondir Road. (Ch.00-2000m). (70 Nos Pole).Ward No-08, 09, Under Lalmonirhat Paurashava, District:Lalmonirhat	14/12/2025 17:00	15/12/2025 15:00	
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1175626	RDNP/LALM/23/ST-10,ST-11,ST-18. (ST-10: Part-A: Construction & Installation of Street Light from BDR Road Taher Market to Satian Road Public Library and House of Dulu to Agriculture Department More. (Ch. 00-800m).(21 Nos Pole) .Ward No-02, (ST-11: Part-B: Construction & Installation of Street Light from Patgram Road DN Banglo to Adarsha Colony (Ch. 00-700m). (25 Nos Pole).Ward No-01, (ST-18: Part-C: Construction & Installation of Street Light from Zila Parishad More to Sakoa Road Via Mission more. (Ch.00-4800m).(162 Nos Pole) . Ward No-01 & 04. Under Lalmonirhat Paurashava, District:Lalmonirhat	14/12/2025 17:00	15/12/2025 15:00	
1175627	RDNP/LALM/24/DR-18. Construction of RCC Drain from Banvasha to Mohirer Moar Via Patgram Rail Line Culvert (Ch.00-1350.00m) (Cross Drain-1No.) in Ward No- 184 Under Lalmonirhat Paurashava. Distric: Lalmonirhat.	14/12/2025 17:00	15/12/2025 15:00	

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1160730	Package No: 28.18.0000.048.52.001.25.Maintenance Gr-3 Name of the Works: Emergency Maintenance gas leakage repairs and ancillary works on existing gas pipeline up to 150 psig pressure in Pabna-Ishwardi area under Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited for the financial year up to 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Group-3	19-Nov-2025 Time: 03:30PM	02-Dec-2025 Time: 4:00 PM	03-Dec-2025 Time: 12:00AM
1171220	Package No: 28.18.0000.048.52.001.25.Maintenance Gr-4 Name of the Works: Emergency Maintenance gas leakage repairs and ancillary works on existing gas pipeline up to 150 psig pressure in Bogura area under Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited for the financial year up to 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Group-4	19-Nov-2025 Time: 03:30PM	02-Dec-2025 Time: 4:00 PM	03-Dec-2025 Time: 12:00AM
1176326	Package No: 28.18.0000.048.52.001.25.Maintenance Gr-5 Name of the Works: Emergency Maintenance gas leakage repairs and ancillary works on existing gas pipeline up to 150 psig pressure in Rajshahi area under Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited for the financial year up to 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Group-5	19-Nov-2025 Time: 03:30PM	02-Dec-2025 Time: 4:00PM	03-Dec-2025 Time: 12:00AM

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