

A photograph taken yesterday shows a makeshift memorial near a heavily damaged residential building in Ternopil, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The death toll in the western city of Ternopil rose to 32, regional police said, after cruise missiles slammed into apartment blocks.

PHOTO: AFP

## Zelensky 'will have to like it'

Says Trump as he sets deadline for peace; Ukraine, Europe scramble to respond to US plan to end war

AFP, Kyiv

Ukraine and its European allies yesterday scrambled to come up with counter proposals after US President Donald Trump gave Kyiv a tight deadline to approve a deal to end the war that accepts some of Russia's hardline demands.

President Volodymyr Zelensky has pushed back against the 28-point US plan. Russian leader Vladimir Putin has welcomed the proposal, which would force Ukraine to give up land, cut its army and pledge never to join NATO.

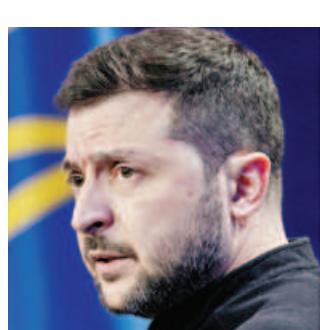
Trump has given Ukraine less than a week to sign. Zelensky pledged to work to ensure any deal would not "betray" Ukraine's interests, acknowledging he risked losing Washington as an ally.

Russia would gain territory, be reintegrated into the global economy and rejoin the G8, under a draft of the plan seen by AFP.

Trump said that November 27 – when the United States celebrates Thanksgiving – was an "appropriate time" to set for Zelensky to agree a deal, but he indicated it could be flexible.

"He'll have to like it, and if he doesn't like it, then you know, they should just keep fighting," Trump told reporters. "At some point, he's going to have to accept something."

Putin said the blueprint could



with his security council.

If Kyiv walks away, Russia claimed its recent recapturing of the Ukrainian city Kupiansk "will inevitably be repeated in other key areas of the front line", Putin added.

French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer met yesterday on the sidelines of a G20 summit in South Africa, the French presidency said.

The huddle was held ahead of a

most challenging moments in its history, Zelensky said in an address to the nation, adding that he would propose alternatives to Trump's proposal.

A top Ukrainian official yesterday said Kyiv would launch talks with the US in Switzerland to discuss ways to end the war. The delegation will be led by Zelensky's top aide Andriy Yermak.

Better equipped and larger in numbers, the Russian army is slowly but steadily gaining ground across the lengthy front line.

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## Gunmen seize 315 students in Nigeria

AFP, Lagos

Gunmen have kidnapped more than 300 students and teachers in one of the largest mass kidnappings in Nigeria, a Christian group said yesterday, as security fears mounted in Africa's most populous nation.

The early Friday raid on St Mary's co-education school in Niger state in central Nigeria came after gunmen on Monday stormed a secondary school in neighbouring Kebbi state, abducting 25 girls.

The Christian Association of Nigeria had earlier reported 227 people seized, but the new number came "after a verification exercise" following the early Friday mass kidnapping, and added that "The total number of victims abducted ... is now 303 students and 12 teachers".

The number of boys and girls kidnapped from St Mary's is almost half of the school's student population of 629.

The Nigerian government has not commented on the number of students and teachers abducted.



## Vietnam flood death toll rises to 55

AFP, Hanoi

Rescuers raced to find more than a dozen people still missing yesterday after a week of heavy flooding in Vietnam, where authorities said at least 55 people have died.

Relentless rain has lashed south-central Vietnam since late October and popular holiday destinations have been hit by several rounds of flooding.

Whole city blocks were inundated this week in coastal Nha Trang, while deadly landslides struck highland passes around the Da Lat tourist hub.

At least 55 people have been killed across six provinces since Sunday, while the search continues for 13 others, the environment ministry said in a statement released on Saturday.

Mountainous Dak Lak province was the hardest hit, with more than two

dozen fatalities, it said.

Rescuers were still plucking people from treetops and the roofs of homes as floodwaters receded there on Friday, state media reported.

Multiple highways remained impassable Saturday and 300,000 people were without power, after a blackout that initially affected more than a million, the environment ministry added.

Natural disasters have left 279 people dead or missing in Vietnam and caused more than \$2 billion in damage between January and October, according to the national statistics office.

The Southeast Asian nation is prone to heavy rain between June and September, but scientists have identified a pattern of human-driven climate change making extreme weather more frequent and destructive.

## Bolsonaro sent to jail over flight risk

AFP, Brasilia

Brazil's former president Jair Bolsonaro, on trial over a botched coup bid and under house arrest since August, was taken into custody yesterday, according to his lawyer and a court document.

The far-right firebrand was sentenced in September to 27 years in prison over a plot to stop leftist Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva from taking office in 2022 following Bolsonaro's election defeat.

The Supreme Court judge leading the trial against Bolsonaro, Alexandre de Moraes, concluded Bolsonaro was a "high flight risk" and ordered pre-trial detention, according to the ruling seen by AFP.

The ruling says Bolsonaro planned to break his ankle monitor during a rally planned for later yesterday.

Sources close to the case earlier said the former leader had been taken into custody as a precaution and not to begin serving his sentence.

Celso Vilardi, one of Bolsonaro's lawyers, told AFP that "he has been imprisoned, but I don't know why."

Bolsonaro, who governed Brazil from 2019 to 2022, was placed under house arrest in August for violating measures imposed on him. Bolsonaro was convicted in September of leading a criminal organization that conspired to ensure his "authoritarian hold on power."

The plot involved a plan to assassinate Lula, his vice president Geraldo Alckmin, and the Supreme Court judge de Moraes.

An appeal of his sentence was rejected last week, bringing him one step closer to serving his prison term.

## G20 threatened by geopolitical fractures

Warn leaders as the bloc adopts declaration despite US boycott, opposition

AFP, Johannesburg

The G20's role in fixing economic crises is threatened by geopolitical fractures and competition, leaders warned yesterday at a summit in South Africa boycotted by the United States.

European leaders attending the G20 summit -- the first held in Africa -- also scrambled on the sidelines to respond to a unilateral plan pushed by US President Donald Trump to end the war in Ukraine on terms favouring Russia.

"We are struggling to resolve major crises together around this table" and "the G20 may be coming to the end of a cycle," French President Emmanuel Macron warned fellow leaders at the start of the summit.

"There's no doubt, the road ahead is tough," agreed British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, adding: "We need to find ways to play a constructive role again today in the face of the world challenges."

Chinese Premier Li Qiang said "unilateralism and protectionism are rampant" and "many people are pondering what exactly is happening to global solidarity".

The summit's host, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, downplayed Trump's absence and argued the G20 remained key for international cooperation.

"The G20 underscores the value of the relevance of multilateralism. It recognises

that the challenges that we face can only be resolved through cooperation, collaboration and partnership," Ramaphosa said.

The G20 comprises 19 countries plus the European Union and the African Union, and accounts for 85 percent of the world's GDP and two-thirds of its population.

But the Johannesburg summit was undermined by the American boycott, and China's Li stood in for an absent President Xi Jinping, while Russia sent a Kremlin official, Maxim Oreshkin, instead of

President Vladimir Putin, who is wanted under an International Criminal Court warrant.

The leaders present adopted a G20 summit declaration early in their meeting that covered climate, energy, debt sustainability and a critical-minerals pact -- and a joint call for a "just" peace in Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan and the "Occupied Palestinian Territory".

Argentina's Foreign Minister Pablo Quirno -- standing in for absent President Javier Milei, a Trump ally -- objected to "how certain geopolitical issues are framed in the document", specifically the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

But Ramaphosa noted that did not block the declaration's adoption by participants, including Indian PM Narendra Modi, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.



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