

## Thailand, Cambodia clashes hit coastal areas

Toll rises to 26  
AGENCIES

Thailand announced a curfew in its southeastern Trat province yesterday as fighting with Cambodia spread to coastal areas of a disputed border region, two days after US President and would-be peacemaker Donald Trump said the sides had agreed to stop.

"Overall, there have been clashes continuously" since Cambodia again reiterated its openness to a ceasefire on Saturday, Thai Defence Ministry spokesman Rear Admiral Surasant Kongsiri told a press conference in Bangkok after announcing the curfew.

Thailand is open to a diplomatic solution but "Cambodia has to cease



Israeli security forces move a blue body bag after a Palestinian man was shot and killed at the northern entrance to the occupied West Bank city of Hebron yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Israeli strikes on south Lebanon kill two people

AFP, Beirut

The Israeli military said it targeted three members of the "Iran-backed Hezbollah group" in strikes on southern Lebanon yesterday.

The Lebanese health ministry said that two people had been killed in separate Israeli strikes in the south of the country, which came despite a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah.

"Since this morning (yesterday), the IDF (military) has struck three Hezbollah terrorists in several areas in southern Lebanon," the Israeli military said in a statement.

The deal sought to end fighting between Israel and Hezbollah.

## MIDTERM POLLS

# Trump hints at possible Republican loss

AFP, Washington

US President Donald Trump hinted that Republicans could lose the 2026 midterm elections, despite touting the "greatest economy in history," in an interview with the Wall Street Journal published Saturday.

The Republican, who returned to the White House in January, has regularly insisted that the US economy is now booming, as he continues to blame inflation on his Democratic predecessor Joe Biden.

"I've created the greatest economy in history. But it may take people a while to figure all these things out," Trump said in the interview, which the Journal said was conducted Friday in the Oval Office.

"All this money that's pouring into our country is building things right now—car plants, AI, lots of stuff. I cannot tell you how that's going to equate to the voter, all I can do is do my job."

With the 2026 midterm elections looming, Trump stressed that "prices are in good shape."

## Syrian who killed Americans was part of security forces Says Syrian ministry

AFP, Damascus

Syria's interior ministry said yesterday the gunman who killed three Americans in the central Palmyra region the previous day was a member of the security forces who was to have been fired for extremism.



Two US troops and a civilian interpreter died in what the Syrian government described as a "terrorist attack" on Saturday, while Washington said it had been carried out by an Islamic State group (IS) militant who was then killed.

The Syrian authorities "had decided to fire him" from the security forces before the attack for holding "extremist Islamist ideas" and had planned to do so yesterday, interior ministry spokesman Nouredine al Baba said.

A Syrian security official told AFP yesterday that "11 members of the general security forces were arrested and brought in for questioning after the attack". The gunman had belonged to the security forces "for more than 10 months."

# Ukraine strikes Russian refinery, fuel depot

Zelensky calls for 'dignified' peace during talks in Berlin

REUTERS, Kyiv

Ukraine's military hit the Afipsky oil refinery in Russia's Krasnodar region and an oil depot in the Russian Volgograd region, the Ukrainian General Staff said yesterday.

It also said in a statement that Kyiv troops struck several military targets in the Russian-occupied Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia regions and Crimea.

Russia's defence ministry said yesterday that air defence systems intercepted and destroyed 235 Ukrainian drones overnight.

An oil depot caught fire in Uryupinsk in Volgograd region due to fallen drone debris, a regional governor said.

At least ten Russian airports, including in Moscow and Saint Petersburg, imposed temporary flight restrictions during the night, according to the aviation regulator.

Meanwhile, President Volodymyr Zelensky yesterday called for a "dignified" peace and guarantees that Russia would not attack Ukraine again as he prepared to meet US envoys and European allies in Berlin to end

Russian air defence systems down 235 Ukrainian drones

10 Russian airports imposed temporary flight restrictions

Zelensky ditches Nato ambition

Europe's deadliest conflict since World War Two.

Ukraine has also relinquished its ambition of joining the Nato military alliance in exchange for Western security guarantees as a compromise to end the war with Russia, he said.

Under pressure from US President Donald Trump to sign a peace deal that initially backed Moscow's demands, Zelensky accused Russia of dragging out the war through deadly bombings of cities and Ukraine's power and water supplies.

Although the exact make-up of the meetings have not been made public, a US

official said Trump's envoy Steve Witkoff and son-in-law Jared Kushner were travelling to Germany for talks involving Ukrainians and Europeans.

The choice to send Witkoff, who has led negotiations with Ukraine and Russia on a US peace proposal, appeared to be a signal that Washington saw a chance of progress nearly four years after Russia's 2022 invasion.

"Ukraine needs peace on dignified terms, and we are ready to work as constructively as possible. The coming days will be filled with diplomacy. It is critically important that it delivers results," Zelensky said on X.

One of Zelensky's negotiators, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergiy Kyslytsya, announced "a day of meetings ahead" and posted a picture of himself in Berlin, but gave no further details.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz is hosting Zelensky and European leaders for a summit in the German capital today, the latest in a series of public shows of support for the Ukrainian leader from allies across Europe.



hostility first before we can negotiate," he said.

Thailand's health ministry told AFP a civilian had been killed yesterday during border clashes with Cambodia, the country's first non-military death since the long-standing conflict reignited in fighting this month.

At least 26 people have been killed, including 14 Thai soldiers, one civilian and 11 Cambodian civilians, officials said.

Thai forces on Saturday said they had destroyed a bridge that Cambodia used to deliver heavy weapons and other equipment to the region and launched an operation targeting pre-positioned artillery in Cambodia's coastal Koh Kong province.



An "America's study is at stake" sign is attached to a pole at the site of Saturday's mass shooting at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, US, yesterday. Providence police have detained a "person of interest" in connection with the university shooting that left two students dead and another nine people wounded at the US Ivy League school.

PHOTO: REUTERS

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LEATHER RESEARCH INSTITUTE, BCSIR  
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### e-Tender Notice (OTM)

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01	1188192	Repair, maintenance, Renovation and construction of Non-Residential Building (the Laboratory cum Office Building) (GR-7)	28-Dec-2025 11:00 AM	28-Dec-2025 12:00 PM
02	1193903	Procurement of Service for Rented Vehicles (One Microbus) under the Office of the Officer-in-Charge, Leather Research Institute, BCSIR, Nayarhat, Savar, Dhaka-1350	28-Dec-2025 11:00 AM	28-Dec-2025 12:00 PM

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### Corrigendum Notice

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1	Tender ID: 1169323	Opening Date & Time	11/12/2025; 13:00 PM	18/12/2025; 13:00 PM
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### "Corrigendum Notice No.-1"

This is for kind information to all concerned that the tender Memo no- 46.207.000.12.05.8156.2025; Dated: 30.11.2025 has been made following amended for Tender ID: 1179006. All concerned are requested to take necessary actions accordingly.

SL No	Tender ID & Package No Name of the works	Amended Subject	As per Tender Notice published on e-GP	As per Corrigendum published on e-GP
01	1179006 WR03/WMD: Beautification/FY2025-26 Renovation works with Preservation, Beautification and health awareness Graffiti/Art works on the footpath adjacent to the road in front of Dhaka Medical College & Hospital under Dhaka South City Corporation.	Document last selling date & time	11/12/2025 13.00	21/12/2025 11.00
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Correction in TDS & IFT Notice

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. This corrigendum is a part and parcel of the Tenders.

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