

6.1 earthquake hits southeast Taiwan

No damage reported

REUTERS, Taipei

An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.1 struck Taiwan's southeastern coastal county of Taitung yesterday, the island's weather administration said, although there were no immediate reports of damage.

The quake shook buildings in the capital, Taipei. The quake had a depth of 11.9 km (7.39 miles), the administration said.

There was no immediate report of damage across Taiwan, the National Fire Agency said.

Taiwan chipmaker TSMC said the quake did not reach the required level for evacuation of factories across the island, which lies near the junction of two tectonic plates and is prone to earthquakes.

More than 100 people were killed in a quake in southern Taiwan in 2016, while a 7.3 magnitude quake killed more than 2,000 people in 1999.



South Korean volunteers in Santa Claus outfits toss hats into the air during a launch ceremony in Seoul yesterday, ahead of delivering gifts to about 800 underprivileged children on Christmas Eve. PHOTO: AFP

OCCUPIED WEST BANK Israeli army demolishes home of Palestinian

AFP, Jerusalem

The Israeli army yesterday demolished the home of a Palestinian accused of carrying out a stabbing and shooting attack that killed an Israeli earlier this year, the military said.

On July 10, two attackers killed 22 year old Shalev Zvuluny in a shopping area near Jerusalem, before the Israeli army shot them dead.

Yesterday, Israeli army bulldozers entered the village of Bazzaryah in the occupied West Bank, destroying the family home of one of the attackers after it had been evacuated.

Hazem Yassine, head of the Bazzaryah municipal council,



denounced what he called a "heinous crime".

Meanwhile, the Israeli army said yesterday that it had identified a Hamas financial official it killed two weeks ago in a strike in the Gaza Strip.

Abdel Hay Zaqt, a financial official in Hamas's armed wing, was killed on December 13 in the same strike that also claimed the life of military commander Raed

Saad, whom Israel regards as one of the architects of Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack.

The Israeli army's Arabic-language spokesperson, Avichay Adraee, said yesterday that Zaqt was killed while he was in a vehicle alongside Raed Saad in "a joint operation by the Israeli army and the Shin Bet", Israel's internal security agency.

Zaqt "belonged to the financial department of the armed wing" of Hamas, Adraee wrote on X.

"Over the past year, Zaqt was responsible for collecting and transferring tens of millions of dollars to Hamas's armed wing with the aim of continuing the fight against the State of Israel," he said.

Russia, China slam US conduct toward Venezuela

Caracas passes law to jail backers of oil blockade

AFP, United Nations

Russia and China on Tuesday criticised the United States for its military and economic pressure on Venezuela, telling the UN Security Council it was "cowboy behaviour" and "intimidation".

Venezuela, which requested the emergency council meeting with the backing of Moscow and Beijing, accused Washington of "the greatest extortion known in our history."

The United States has deployed a major military force in the Caribbean and has recently intercepted oil tankers as part of a naval blockade against Venezuelan vessels it considers to be under sanctions.

Venezuela's parliament passed a law Tuesday that carries lengthy prison terms for any national supporting the United States' oil tanker blockade.

At Tuesday's meeting, US Ambassador Mike Waltz responded to the criticism by saying "the United States will do everything in its power to protect our hemisphere, our borders, and the American people."

Thailand, Cambodia hold talks on resuming truce

AFP, Bangkok

Cambodian and Thai officials began four days of talks at a border checkpoint yesterday aimed at negotiating an end to deadly clashes, Phnom Penh said.

The meeting in Thailand's Chanthaburi had been at risk after Phnom Penh demanded a switch to a neutral venue.

But the Cambodian government posted a picture of two delegations in a meeting room and said talks had begun, seeking to "ensure the cessation of hostilities", restore stability and "facilitate a swift return to normalcy".

INDIAN STATE OF ASSAM Tribal pushback over 'illegal settlers' kills 2

TNN, Gauhati

Violent tribal protests against illegal non-tribal settlement in a constitutionally protected hill region of Assam left two people dead Tuesday - as Sixth Schedule protections and land rights ignited a volatile fault line.

Assam DGP Harmeet Singh, IGP (law and order) Akhilesh Kumar Singh and 48 police personnel were wounded after crowds armed with bows, arrows, crude bombs and stones attacked security forces in West Karbi Anglong, a hill district bordering Meghalaya.

Police said one tribal protester died in police action, while a nontribal man died in a fire that gutted shops at Kheroni, a small trading town that has emerged as the epicentre of unrest.

By evening, administration suspended mobile internet services indefinitely in West Karbi Anglong and adjoining Karbi Anglong district to prevent escalation. Voice calls and fixed-line broadband remained operational.



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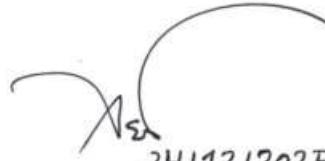
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Libya army chief dies in jet crash near Ankara

7 others killed; black box recovered

REUTERS, Ankara

A private jet that crashed overnight, killing Libya's army chief and seven others on board, had reported an electrical fault and requested an emergency landing shortly before contact was lost, a Turkish official said yesterday.

The Dassault Falcon 50 jet, which took off from Ankara Esenboga Airport at 1717 GMT on Tuesday for Tripoli, informed air traffic control at 1733 GMT of an emergency caused by an electrical malfunction.

Search teams found the black box of the plane early yesterday.