

‘Omega’ heatwave grips Europe

Disruptions to power grid in France; Italy puts 16 cities on alert

REUTERS, Paris

Western Europe was in the grip of a deadly, record-setting heatwave yesterday that has killed dozens of people, closed schools, slowed trains, knocked out electricity and forced farmers to harvest grain at night.

In France, authorities sought to restore electricity to thousands of homes hit by power cuts in the northwestern region of Brittany. The recorded temperature peaked at 44.3 degrees Celsius in the town of Pissos. Italy’s health ministry issued its highest heat alert for 16 cities, from Florence and Milan to Rome, Turin and Verona.

A rare weather pattern known as an Omega block was causing the record-breaking temperatures across Europe.



Teacher sprays water on pupils at Fulham school, London, yesterday amid Britain’s record heatwave. Met Office issued only second extreme-heat warning in history, and hundreds of schools stayed shut or closed early, as high temperatures could place even healthy people at risk.

PHOTO: REUTERS

India tech hub names road for Trump

Criticism emerges from Modi’s party

REUTERS, Hyderabad

A key road named after US President Donald Trump in India’s opposition-ruled tech hub of Hyderabad has drawn criticism from Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s ruling party, which dismissed the move as “hypocrisy”.

US-India ties have deteriorated during Trump’s second term, with Washington imposing high tariffs on Indian goods, punishing New Delhi for purchasing Russian oil, and engaging closely with India’s arch-rival Pakistan.

The road in the capital of the southern state of Telangana, ruled by the main opposition Congress party, adjoins the US consulate and is near the offices of major American tech companies such as Microsoft, Google, and Amazon.

The road received its new name, Donald Trump Avenue, on Tuesday, at a time when Congress has been accusing Modi of being “compromised” by not taking on Trump on issues from the tariffs to US attacks on Indian-crewed tankers during the Iran war.

Iran’s top diplomat meets Hamas leader

Discusses US-Iran MoU, reaffirms support for Palestine; Hamas hopes deal ends Gaza violence

AFP, Tehran

Iran’s top diplomat spoke with a senior official from the Palestinian group Hamas regarding talks between Iran and the United States, state television reported yesterday.

Abbas Araghchi discussed the “latest developments” in the region with Basem Naem, a member of Hamas’s political bureau, Iranian television said.

The call follows the signing last week of a memorandum of understanding between Iran and the United States aimed at bringing a lasting end to hostilities in the Middle East.

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Hamas has welcomed the agreement and expressed hope that it would also help end the violence in the Gaza Strip, which has been devastated by over two



years of war with Israel.

During the call, Araghchi “reaffirmed the Islamic republic’s continued support for Palestinians and their just cause until their legitimate national rights are fully realised”, according to a transcript reported by Iranian television.

On Tuesday, the Iranian foreign minister accompanied President Masoud Pezeshkian on a visit to neighbouring Pakistan, which has been acting as a mediator in the talks between Tehran and Washington.

Pezeshkian said that, without its missiles, his country would have ended up “just like Gaza,” insisting that its ballistics programme was non-negotiable.

“If the missiles we have for our defence did not exist, Israel and the United States would have ploughed Iran just like Gaza, showing no mercy to either the old or the young,” he said during the visit to Pakistan.

“We will never negotiate with anyone, under any circumstances, ever, about our defensive capabilities,” he added.

Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif meanwhile confirmed that the preliminary agreement signed by the US and Iran, alongside the mediating parties, made no mention of ballistic missiles.

Nukes ‘only’ guarantee against global war: Russia

AFP, Moscow

Nuclear weapons are the “only” bulwark preventing the world from slipping into a global war, the Kremlin said yesterday amid fears of a fresh multi-country arms race.

The last nuclear arms control treaty between Russia and the United States, New START, expired in February, releasing restrictions on the world’s two largest nuclear powers.

There have been no signs so far of either side moving to renew or replace the accord, even though both parties agreed to reestablish high-level military talks.

Speaking at a foreign policy forum in Moscow, the Kremlin’s spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that the global security system was “eroding.”

“In fact, we have nothing left in this world apart from nuclear deterrence. It’s the only thing that protects the world from a global war,” he said.

“As technology is developing, it is already clear that new types of non-nuclear weapons will emerge, but they may eventually match nuclear weapons in destructive power,” he added.

TERROR CHARGES

Pak rights activist sentenced to life in prison

AFP, Quetta

A Pakistani court has sentenced a prominent rights activist from southern Balochistan province to life imprisonment on murder and terror charges, drawing condemnation from civil liberties advocates this week.

Mahrang Baloch, 33, was arrested in 2025 on charges stemming from a protest in the coastal city of Gwadar the previous year, which sparked clashes that left a paramilitary soldier dead.

Baloch, the founder of the Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC), was handed the sentence in an anti-terrorism court in provincial capital Quetta on Monday, according to a copy of the decision.

Her lawyer, Israr Jattak, told AFP his client had boycotted the earlier court hearings “because we didn’t have any trust in the court. This wasn’t an ordinary case.” The court held that Baloch was an active participant in the “unlawful assembly” and “shared the common object of committing the murder” of the paramilitary force member.

The prosecution had alleged that the security force member was killed after being hit by sticks and stones. Baloch’s legal team denied the charges, and her sister Nadia Baloch told AFP they would appeal the decision in a higher court.



NY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Clean sweep for Mamdani-backed candidates

AFP, Washington

Three candidates backed by New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani won Democratic primary elections for seats in the US House of Representatives on Tuesday, according to US media projections.

Mamdani, 34, was swept to office in January on a wave of support for his Democratic socialist policies.

His improbable rise, which has earned him the title of “kingmaker” by American media, highlights the Democratic Party’s debate over a centrist or a leftist future, a key flashpoint ahead of November’s midterm.

Brad Lander, who served as the comptroller for the previous mayor, defeated two-term incumbent Daniel Goldman in New York’s 10th Congressional District, following a campaign focused on the Middle East war.

Lander called for an end to US military aid to Israel, while Goldman was backed by pro-Israel groups, including the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

Adriano Espillat lost his bid for reelection to Darializa Avila Chevalier, a member of Mamdani’s Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) party, in the 13th Congressional District.

Avila Chevalier, who once helped organize pro-Palestinian protests at Columbia University, has never held public office. In the 7th Congressional District, Claire Valdez, another Mamdani-backed candidate, won against Antonio Reynoso for outgoing Nydia Velazquez’s seat.



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