

‘We need help’

Venezuelans furious at slow official response to quakes

AFP, La Guaira

Boos followed Venezuela’s interim leader Delcy Rodríguez during a visit to a Caracas neighborhood pulverized by two massive earthquakes.

“The government isn’t doing anything for the people,” residents yelled from behind a cordon, many of whom had loved ones trapped under the debris. “Get out! Get out!” they shouted at Rodríguez on Friday.

Three days after powerful tremors of magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 killed 1,430 people and left more than 50,000 missing, fury with perceived governmental inaction is mounting – as is the feeling of helplessness.

People in Caracas and the hard-hit state of La Guaira further north have resorted to using their hands to dig through the detritus for survivors and victims, in the absence of official support.

In La Guaira, the search was on to rescue nine-year-old Dana, who had spent more than 18 hours trapped under the rubble. Those digging for her listened to her cries for help alongside her mother’s uncontrollable sobbing.

“Since last night we’ve been trying to get the little girl out and you can hear her voice there,” 48-year-old neighbor Dani Rizo told AFP. “She’s dead,” he said hours later, misery etched into his face.



People queue to receive food and water donations, following earthquakes, in Caraballeda, La Guaira state, Venezuela, on Saturday.

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ARREST REPORTS

Iraqi forces raid Baghdad’s Green Zone

AFP, Baghdad

Iraqi security forces deployed in Baghdad’s fortified Green Zone early yesterday with the raid targeting “several politicians”, a security official told AFP.

The Green Zone houses the US embassy and other diplomatic missions, as well as international institutions and government offices. High-ranking officials and politicians also live there.

Video footage shared on local Telegram channels showed security forces in heavy vehicles such as tanks in the Green Zone, including a clip of them inside a compound and, in one instance, inside a house.

A security official told AFP, under the condition of anonymity, that a “raid targeted several politicians over financial corruption, per judicial orders,” adding that the operation involved anti-terrorism forces and the military. No official statement has been released as yet.

The source did not provide further details or names of officials reportedly arrested.

Ukraine hits two Russian oil refineries

One killed; two hurt in Russian missile strikes on Kyiv; Putin vows to ensure Russia’s security amid retaliatory strikes

AGENCIES

Ukraine hit two Russian oil refineries in the regions of Krasnodar and Yaroslavl overnight, President Volodymyr Zelensky said yesterday, as Kyiv ramps up pressure on Russia’s fuel supply with its drone fleet.

Kyiv’s increasingly frequent drone attacks have caused acute fuel shortages in parts of Russia, one of the world’s biggest oil producers, with queues and rationing seen at petrol stations.

Meanwhile, a Russian attack on Kyiv wounded at least two people, the city’s military administration said yesterday shortly after warning the capital was being targeted by ballistic missiles, reports AFP.

“As of now, the number of wounded in the overnight attack has risen to two,” head of the local military administration, Tymur Tkachenko said in a post on Telegram.

Zelensky wrote on social media: “We continue our operations that weaken Russia’s



Ukrainian rescuers work at the site of a Russian air strike in Zaporizhzhia yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

ability to wage this war,” adding that the refineries were about 300 km and 700 km (190 miles and 430 miles) from Ukrainian territory.

In a statement on Telegram yesterday, Krasnodar region governor Veniamin Kondratiev said that a fire had broken out at the refinery in Slayansk-na-Kubani, with one person killed and another injured in a nearby village.

In Yaroslavl region, east of

TERROR ATTACK

Three Pak troops killed in Karachi

AFP, Karachi

Three Pakistani Rangers were killed in a terror attack in the southern megacity Karachi on Saturday evening, the country’s military said, following an explosion and heavy gunfire.

A statement released yesterday by the Pakistan Armed Forces said terror group Jamaat-ul-Ahrar was responsible for the “cowardly” raid on a Rangers camp in the port city.

“The assailants, after a blast at main gate of the camp, attempted to breach the perimeter security, however, their nefarious designs were decisively foiled by the vigilant and resolute response of Rangers troops,” which left three attackers dead and another wounded.

The statement added that three Rangers died and four more were wounded.

Jamaat-ul-Ahrar is a militant group often linked to Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

Moscow, the governor said the region had come under drone attack and that temporary limits had been placed on movement on some road routes to the Russian capital.

Russian President Vladimir Putin yesterday vowed to ensure security in his country and overcome “challenges” as Ukraine has stepped up its retaliatory attacks on targets. “Yes, we see the problems, we are aware of them and are responding to them, but we will certainly ensure the security of both the country and our citizens, as well as the inviolability of Russia’s borders,” Putin said at the United Russia party congress.

“Wewillundoubtedlyovercome all the challenges facing us today, including terrorist attacks on our territory and infrastructure facilities,” he added.

Russia has targeted Ukraine with near daily strikes since the launch of its full-scale invasion in February 2022, the bloodiest conflict in Europe since World War Two.

SOUTH LEBANON

Israel damaged heritage sites

Says Lebanese minister; Unesco expresses concern



REUTERS, Tyre

A crown was blown off an ancient column in a Unesco-listed site in Lebanon’s port city of Tyre. A pilgrimage site for Muslims and Christians alike was destroyed in another southern town. Israeli strikes pummelled the Mamluk-era market in the city of Nabatieh and troops razed centuries old Lebanese border towns.

Israel’s nearly four-month air and ground campaign that it says was targeting Iran-backed armed group Hezbollah has damaged or destroyed revered heritage sites across southern Lebanon, Lebanese Culture Minister Ghassan Salame said.

Despite a ceasefire that took hold a week ago, authorities have yet to build a full picture of the damage as Israeli troops still occupy a zone about 10 km (6.2 miles) deep into Lebanon that is off-limits to Lebanese, Salame said.

“We cannot work under the shadow of occupation,” he said.

That occupation zone includes the medieval Beaufort Castle as well as centuries-old villages that were home to Christians, Shia Muslims and Sunni Muslims and their places of worship.

SWEDISH PARK

Several hurt in lightning strike

AFP, Stockholm

Several people were injured, including one seriously, when lightning struck a tree at an amusement park in southern Sweden yesterday, the park and officials said.

“Today we had a severe thunderstorm over Tossellilla, which led to several lightning strikes directly in the area. This has resulted in a few people being injured,” the Tossellilla Sommarland park said in a post to Facebook.

It initially said there were no serious injuries, but local health officials later said a 45-year-old woman was in hospital with “serious injuries”.

Two others were taken to hospital by ambulance, while two adults and five children were seeking treatment. “All with minor injuries,” regional health authority Region Skane said in a statement. Public broadcaster SVT reported that the amusement park had anticipated the storm and made sure no visitors were on the rides.

However, lightning struck a tree on the site, and a group passing nearby was hit by falling debris.

The Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI) yesterday issued warnings for large parts of southern Sweden as thunderstorms and heavy rain swept across the region.

Aramco copter crash kills 14 in Saudi Arabia

AFP, Riyadh

A helicopter crash in Saudi Arabia killed 14 Saudi citizens yesterday, the kingdom’s official press agency reported, adding that the aircraft belonged to state oil giant Aramco.

The Saudi Press Agency, citing an official at the energy ministry, reported the helicopter crashed in Ras Tanura in the country’s east.

“The accident claimed the lives of all 14 passengers, all Saudi citizens,” the agency said, adding that an investigation was under way to determine the cause of the crash.

Aramco says it operates more than 60 aircraft, including helicopters serving more than 300 helicopters in Saudi Arabia, making it one of the largest corporate fleets in the region.

The deadly accident comes as oil-rich Gulf nations seek to ramp up their

output following Iranian attacks and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway for the export of oil and gas. The Gulf monarchy did not indicate the incident was in any way connected to a hostile attack.

During the Middle East war, Iranian attacks had targeted energy facilities in the Gulf. Ras Tanura is home to one of the largest refineries in the Middle East, with a capacity of 550,000 barrels per day, and is critical to Saudi Arabia’s energy sector.

The refinery has been targeted several times, notably during an Iranian drone attack at the beginning of the conflict, which caused a fire and forced a partial shutdown.

Riyadh said in April that the weeks-long attacks had disrupted several production operations at key facilities, with refineries in Ras Tanura as well as Jubail, Yanbu and Riyadh targeted.



France’s Interior Minister Laurent Nunez inspects an emergency cooling bath during a visit to a fire station to review the heatwave crisis response in Paris, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

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