French edn measures to quell protests fall short

Says teachers' union as nation braces for Saturday protest

REUTERS, *Paris*

French teachers said yesterday that education reforms aimed at ending weeks of protests were insufficient and would not be enough to quell students' anger.

The French government on Monday announced a raft of proposals, including capping some class sizes at 28, billions of euros in loans for building renovation and a revamp of the university admissions system, to try to ease popular anger.

But Sophie Venetitay, the secretary general for teachers' union SNES-FSU, told reporters that the measures did not go far enough, saying the size of more classes should be capped and more people should be hired to improve



learning conditions for students.

"Today, what the ministry has said is only the beginning of a response," she said. "It will not be enough to extinguish the anger."

High school students initially blockaded their schools to protest against inadequate staffing and resources, in a movement that has since broadened to encompass general trade unions and the so-called "Yellow Vests" to express anger about weakening public services and cost-of-living increases.

Student leaders also said the government's concessions were a good first step, but vowed to continue demonstrations, on Saturday and on November 5.



Palestinians run for cover from a crowd-control grenade fired by Israeli troops during a protest against the displacement of Palestinian residents from a neighbourhood amid ongoing Israeli military operations in Hebron, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, yesterday. PHOTO: **REUTERS**

US-brokered truce starts in Ukrainian town facing starvation

Truce excludes other areas; Russian missile strikes on Kyiv kill one person

REUTERS

A ceasefire began around the Ukrainian town of Oleshky yesterday after more than four years of Russian occupation which have left trapped and starving residents desperate for food, water and medicine.

The local ceasefire, brokered by US first lady Melania Trump with the involvement of Pope Leo, is intended to allow aid into Oleshky and enable those who want to leave to do so. Some residents say they have survived on a cup of rice or buckwheat a day, sometimes with a tomato, cucumber or wild weed added.

Russia and Ukraine both said they were abiding by the local ceasefire around the frontline city, which went into force at 3:00 am Ukrainian time as part of stuttering US efforts to end Russia's war in Ukraine and is due to last until November 1.

The ceasefire does not apply elsewhere, and Russian forces again pounded the Ukrainian capital Kyiv with ballistic missiles overnight,



killing at least one person, local officials said.

Oleshky lies on the eastern bank of the Dnipro River in Ukraine's southern Kherson region, opposite Kherson city, which is held by Ukrainian forces. Russian troops seized Oleshky during the first days of their full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and have controlled it ever since.

Kyiv residents said they hoped the Oleshky ceasefire would finally bring some relief to locals, but optimism was tinged with concerns that Russia would not abide by the terms of the agreement.

"I want to hope that things will indeed work out this way, that the agreement will actually be implemented, and that the Russian side will keep its word," Olha Haiduk, 59, told Reuters.

The head of President Volodymyr Zelensky's ruling faction in parliament, David Arakhamia, called it the "biggest de-escalation since 2022."

Oleshky has suffered extensive war damage and was hit hard by flooding after the destruction of the nearby Kakhovka dam in 2023.

The US has said only a few thousand people remain in the town from a prewar population of 24,000. Residents and officials have reported severe shortages of food, medicine and other basic supplies, and Oleshky has been largely cut off from running water, electricity, gas and central heating. Residents have offered harrowing accounts of risking their lives travelling along mine-strewn roads just to access food and water.

ISRAELI PARLIAMENTARY POLLS

High turnout as Netanyahu faces tough test

REUTERS, *Jerusalem*

Israelis surged to the polls at the fastest rate in nearly half a century yesterday to pass wartime judgment on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in what voters described as the most consequential election in the nation's history.

Long lines formed outside polling stations for the first election since the October 7, 2023, with voters passionately engaged over the trauma of the country's deadliest day and the ensuing wars in Gaza, Lebanon and Iran.

Policies of Netanyahu's right-wing coalition have been divisive at home and have deepened Israel's international isolation, while he has defended his record, calling himself the only leader with the mettle to face down Israel's foes.

His main rival Gadi Eisenkot, a military ex-chief of staff and security hawk, aims to unseat him with the support of parties on the right and centre, as well as the rump of an increasingly marginalised left. Opinion polls show a close race, with neither leader facing an easy path to power.

Voters began casting ballots after polling stations opened at 7:00 am. The polls close at 10:00 pm. Final results could





- **Main opponent is ex-military chief Eisenkot, who leads centrist party**
- **Right-wing leader Ben-Gvir confident of Netanyahu victory**

take days to trickle in and it is highly unlikely that any single party will come close to the 61 seats needed for a majority in the 120-member parliament.

The Central Elections Committee reported that 31.5 percent of eligible voters had cast their ballots within the first five hours. It was the fastest turnout since a legendary 1977 election that came to be known as "the upheaval", which brought the right to power for the first time in Israeli history.

If neither Netanyahu nor Eisenkot can form a governing coalition in the 120-seat parliament, Netanyahu could stay on as caretaker until another election is held.

In a message to supporters more than five hours after polls opened, Netanyahu urged them to vote, saying turnout was high among his opponents on the left and among Israelis of Arab heritage, around a fifth of the country.

"We need it to be high too. You all need to stream to the polls," he said. "This is a fateful moment."



Flames and thick smoke rise from a fire at Guryong Village in Seoul, South Korea, yesterday. The fire affected 77 households and 107 people, with no injuries or deaths reported. PHOTO: **REUTERS**

IN BRIEF

Trump offers $1m reward for info about voter fraud

AFP, *Washington*

US President Donald Trump on Monday announced a $1 million reward for information about voter fraud, in a fresh bid to sow doubt ahead of the US midterms and push his false claim about winning the 2020 election.

"Anybody reporting Voter Fraud in the past Elections, or the upcoming 2026 Midterm Election, will be paid $1,000,000 upon the arrest and conviction of those that created the Fraud!" Trump wrote on his Truth Social network.

The president gave no details of how the reward would be funded.

With the November 3 elections just eight days away, polls show Democrats pulling ahead as Republicans fight to retain control of both chambers of Congress. A Democratic victory would threaten to expose his administration to congressional investigations.

Indian media groups decry Modi's privacy law in court

REUTERS, *New Delhi*

The Indian government's privacy law, which would require journalists to seek consent from people they write about, amounted to pre-censorship and could lead to newsrooms shutting down, media groups told the Supreme Court yesterday, starting the most high-profile challenge against the legislation.

The lawsuit comes amid accusations of declining press freedom in India since Prime Minister Narendra Modi took office in 2014.

Critics say many mainstream media outlets have not done enough to scrutinise Modi's government, which has denied such allegations and says it respects press freedom.

A group of 21 news publishers, including companies owned by billionaires Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani, has challenged the privacy law, arguing it would trample upon investigative work and allow New Delhi to identify journalists' sources.

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