UNREST DAMAGE

French Senate passes bill to make protesters pay

AFP, *Paris*

The French parliament's upper house yesterday passed a bill that would make protesters financially liable for damage caused during street demonstrations, despite warnings from critics that it could curb the right to protest.

The bill was drafted in response to riots that followed Paris Saint-Germain's victory over Arsenal in the UEFA Champions League final in May.

But it has taken on added significance after weeks of protests over inequality and soaring prices culminated in some of the worst violence France has seen in years on October 17, when thousands of businesses across the country were damaged and looted.

The Senate passed an expanded version of the bill by 229 votes to 105, backed by a right-wing and centrist alliance which holds a majority.

The legislation has been sent to the National Assembly, which is split between France's political factions, for debate and voting. Far-right leader Marine Le Pen, whom opinion polls place as the frontrunner to succeed Emmanuel Macron in next spring's presidential election, supports the legislation.

Speaking in parliament, Interior Minister Laurent Nunez stressed the "urgency" of responding to the damage and scenes of chaos seen on October 17.

"We can no longer allow the vast majority of our fellow citizens to pay for a minority of vandals," he said.

Under the legislation, protesters could be ordered to pay up to 10,000 euros for damage caused during street demonstrations.



PHOTO: **REUTERS**

University students scuffle with a police officer carrying a riot shield during a protest against economic hardship, graft and the government's handling of devastating wildfires that have caused toxic haze, sickening thousands, in Jakarta, Indonesia, yesterday.

Five killed as Cyclone Arnab hits eastern India

180 homes damaged, 220 trees uprooted

REUTERS

At least three people were killed, dozens of houses damaged and crops destroyed as a powerful cyclone struck India's eastern coast from the Bay of Bengal yesterday, bringing heavy rain and strong winds, authorities said.

Cyclone Arnab, classified by the India Meteorological Department as a very severe cyclonic storm – the third-highest category on its scale – made landfall in Andhra Pradesh state early yesterday, with its centre then moving fully inland, the agency said.

"Andhra Pradesh has been most affected ... three people have lost their lives," Narendra Singh Bundela, a top official at the National Disaster Response Force



(NDRF), told reporters.

Heavy rain and high winds destroyed at least 180 houses, brought down 220 trees and disrupted power supply in several areas, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said in a letter to federal Home Minister Amit Shah, updating him on the situation.

Two of the deaths were caused by a tree falling and electrocution, officials in Naidu's office told Reuters. Neighbouring Odisha state was not as badly affected, Bundela said, adding that wind-speeds were expected to reduce as the cyclone moved inland.

More than 180,000 people had been evacuated in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha ahead of the cyclone's arrival. Some schools were closed and some train and flight services cancelled along the eastern coast. Several NDRF and state teams were working in the affected areas.

Bolsonaro flees to US after Brazil polls loss

AFP, *Washington*

Defeated right-wing presidential candidate Flavio Bolsonaro will be granted entry into the United States, Washington said Tuesday, amid media reports that he has left Brazil for the country despite a court order banning his exit.

The son of jailed ex-leader Jair Bolsonaro lost the presidential election Sunday to incumbent Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and refused to concede defeat.

The US State Department said Tuesday it would issue visas to Bolsonaro and his family, allowing them entry into the US, without confirming his travel plans. The plane that Argentine authorities say is carrying Bolsonaro made a brief stop in Ecuador yesterday before flying on to an unknown destination, journalists saw.

The right-wing senator on Monday said a Supreme Court justice had ordered him to hand over his passports. Bolsonaro is under investigation for alleged corruption and money laundering, and with his election loss is also set to lose parliamentary immunity.

A police source told AFP that the senator's Brazilian and diplomatic passports had been canceled, adding that "there is no formal record of Flavio Bolsonaro leaving the country."

BLACK SEA VESSELS

Turkey warns Russia, Ukraine against attacks

REUTERS, *Ankara*

Turkish Defence Minister Yasar Guler yesterday warned Russia and Ukraine against further attacks on commercial vessels in the Black Sea, saying Ankara reserved the right to take legal action against the strikes, in Turkey's most direct intervention to date.

Nato member Turkey, which has maintained good ties with both Moscow and Kyiv since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, has repeatedly called on both sides to halt attacks in the Black Sea that have also struck Turkish-flagged and Turkish-owned commercial vessels.

Ankara says it is waiting for responses to a proposal it conveyed to Russia and Ukraine aimed at stopping the intensifying attacks and ensuring the safe shipment of grain from the region.

Speaking in Sofia after a security meeting between defence ministers and military chiefs of Black Sea littoral states Turkey, Romania and Bulgaria, Guler said commercial vessels sailing and operating in the Black Sea had been affected by drone attacks, stray mines and missiles during the conflict.

"We follow with concern the intense attacks on commercial vessels in the Black Sea and call on the sides to act with common sense, in line with the principle of navigational safety in open seas," he said, adding that another commercial vessel had been struck by three drones inside Bulgaria's maritime jurisdiction yesterday.

It was not clear who carried out the attack on a Greek container ship that was sailing under the Liberian flag in Bulgaria's exclusive economic zone.

"We also reserve every legal right regarding attacks on Turkish-flagged or Turkish-owned vessels and follow developments very closely... The necessary warnings are constantly



being conveyed to both sides to keep commercial navigational out of the conflict zone and immediately halt attacks on civilian vessels," Guler added.

Ukraine has stepped up attacks on ships and infrastructure facilitating Russian oil and grain exports since July.

In a late September meeting, Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan told Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskiy that attacks by Russia and Ukraine on commercial vessels in the Black Sea were inexplicable and steps must be taken to stop them.

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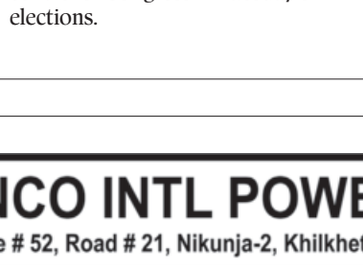
Afghan-Pak border clash kills one, injures five

AFP, *Peshawar*

A clash on the restive border between Afghanistan and Pakistan killed one person and injured five, Pakistan officials said yesterday.

The countries went to war earlier this year and, with no permanent resolution reached on security issues, there have been sporadic attacks since a March truce. Pakistan accuses Afghanistan of harbouring militants responsible for deadly attacks on its territory, an allegation the Taliban government in Afghanistan denies.

Homes and shops were targeted in the market town of Angoor Adda during the cross-border fire from Afghanistan, according to the office of the deputy commissioner in Pakistan's South Waziristan district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.



Trump vows to respect results if voting 'honest'

AFP, *United States*

President Donald Trump said Tuesday he would respect the results of the US midterm elections "if they're honest," in what appeared to be a fresh bid to sow doubt ahead of next week's crucial vote.

Trump has ramped up his baseless claims of mass voter fraud as polls show Republicans could lose control of Congress in Tuesday's elections.

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বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়
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"বৃক্ষরোপণে জাতীয় পুরস্কার-২০২৬" প্রদানের জন্য আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান।

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, প্রতিবছরের ন্যায় এ বছরও "বৃক্ষরোপণে জাতীয় পুরস্কার-২০২৬" প্রদান করা হবে। সে প্রেক্ষিতে ঢাকা, মানিকগঞ্জ, মুন্সিগঞ্জ, নারায়নগঞ্জ ও নরসিংদী জেলাধীন সকল সরকারী, আধা-সরকারী, স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠান, শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান, সিটি কর্পোরেশন, পৌরসভা, ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ, এনজিও, ব্যক্তিমালিকানাধীন নার্সারী ও বৃক্ষরোপণের সহিত সম্পৃক্ত সকল জনসাধারণের নিকট হতে "বৃক্ষরোপণে জাতীয় পুরস্কার-২০২৬" প্রদানকল্পে নিম্নবর্ণিত ০৭ (সাত) টি শ্রেণীর প্রত্যেকটিতে ১ম, ২য় ও ৩য় পুরস্কারের জন্য নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদনপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। আবেদনপত্র বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তা, ঢাকা সামাজিক বন বিভাগ এর কার্যালয়, সামাজিক বনায়ন নার্সারী ও প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র, ঢাকা, মানিকগঞ্জ, মুন্সীগঞ্জ, নারায়নগঞ্জ, সোনারগাঁও, নরসিংদী, শিবপুর এবং ঢাকা, মানিকগঞ্জ, মুন্সিগঞ্জ, নারায়নগঞ্জ ও নরসিংদী জেলার সকল উপজেলা নির্বাহী অফিসারের কার্যালয় ও উপজেলা বন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয় হতে সংগ্রহ করতঃ উহা পূরণ করে বর্ণিত কার্যালয়সমূহে আগামী ৩০/১১/২০২৬ খ্রি. তারিখের মধ্যে দাখিল করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো। প্রয়োজনে এ সংক্রান্ত বিভিন্ন তথ্যাদি নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয়/সংশ্লিষ্ট জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয় অথবা সংশ্লিষ্ট উপজেলা নির্বাহী অফিসারের কার্যালয় ও বন বিভাগের স্থানীয় কার্যালয় হতে জানতে পারা যাবে।

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Prospective tenderers are requested to follow the published amendment on the website of RNPL (www.rnpl.com.bd). All other terms and conditions of the Bidding Document will remain unchanged.

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