



5 killed
in Russian attacks across eastern Ukraine,
including 3 from one displaced family

Beijing	36	23	SNY	Los Angeles	27	17	SNY
Colombo	31	27	LC	Melbourne	16	6	SNY
Dhaka	32	27	LR	Moscow	28	16	LC
Dubai	44	35	SNY	New York	32	22	SNY
Houston	35	26	SNY	Singapore	34	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	23	SNY	Toronto	29	15	LC
London	30	19	TDS	Washington	36	25	SNY

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • SNY: Sunny

TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud

HATE CRIME

Hindu temple defaced with racist graffiti in Australia

MELBOURNE

A HINDU temple and two Asian-run restaurants were defaced with racist graffiti in Melbourne, raising concerns among the community members in Australia, a media report said on Thursday.

Shree Swaminarayan Temple on Wadhurst Drive, Melbourne's eastern suburb of Boronia, was defaced with red-painted racist slurs on Monday morning, the Australia Today web portal reported.

Two restaurants located further on Boronia Road were painted with the same slurs on the same day, it added.

Victoria Police confirmed the incident, saying that 'There is absolutely no place at all in our society for hate-based and racist behaviour', the report said.

Shocked with the incident, President of the Hindu Council of Australia, Victoria chapter, Makrand Bhagwat, said it 'feels like an attack on our identity, our right to worship and freedom of religion,' the web portal reported.

Victoria's Premier Jacinta Allan, in a private message to temple management, called the attack 'hateful' and 'racist', the report said.

'What happened this week was hateful, racist and deeply disturbing. It wasn't just vandalism it was a deliberate act of hate, designed to intimidate, isolate, and spread fear,' the report quoted from Jacinta's message.

Meanwhile, the Hindu Community urged support from interfaith groups following the incident.

The attack hints at the worrying rise in targeted hate incidents across Melbourne, the report said.

Thailand, Cambodia border flare up kills at least 12 people

BANGKOK

THAI and Cambodian soldiers clashed in several areas along their border Thursday in a major escalation of their conflict that left at least 12 people dead, mostly civilians. The two sides fired small arms, artillery and rockets, and Thailand also launched airstrikes.

Fighting took place in at least six areas along the border. Thai Defense Ministry spokesperson Surasant Kongsiro said. The trigger for the clashes was a mine explosion along the border Wednesday that wounded five Thai soldiers and led Bangkok to withdraw its ambassador to Cambodia and to expel Cambodia's ambassador.

The fighting was a rare example of open military conflict between member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nation. However, it is not unprecedented, as Thailand has tangled with Cambodia before over the border, and has had sporadic skirmishes with western neighbor Myanmar.

Thailand and Cambodia blamed each other for the fighting Thursday, and alleged that civilians were being targeted.

Public Health Minister Somsak Thepsuthin said a soldier, and 11 Thai civilians, including children eight and 15 years old, were killed in the fighting, and that two dozen more people were injured.

He said his agency condemned the attacks on civilians and a hospital, calling them violations of international humanitarian law and the Geneva Conventions. 'We urge the Cambodian government to immediately halt these war criminal actions, and return to respecting the principles of peaceful coexistence,' he said.

Thailand's acting PM said four provinces were hit by fighting, ordering evacuations 50 km from the border.

AP

Why the neighbours keep fighting at regular intervals

Colonial-era disputes, new violence leave dozens dead and region tense

■ Colonial Legacy: Border drawn under French rule remains contested

■ Temple Flashpoint: Clashes continue near UNESCO-listed Preah Vihear

■ New Fighting: Violence since May 28 leaves at least 12 dead

■ Political Crisis: Thai PM suspended amid army tensions

■ UN Appeal: Cambodia seeks UN help as global concerns grow

48 die in passenger plane crash in Russia's Amur region

Angara Airlines flight en route to Tynda from Blagoveshchensk disappeared from the radar around 1 pm local time, went down in a forest

MOSCOW

A PASSENGER plane carrying nearly 50 people crashed in a remote area of Russia's far eastern Amur region on Thursday, killing all on board, authorities said.

The plane, a Soviet-made twin-propeller Antonov-24, went down in remote, thickly forested terrain, leaving a column of smoke pouring from the crash site and no signs of survivors, according to state media and videos published by investigators.

The Angara Airlines flight was headed to the town of Tynda from the city of Blagoveshchensk when it disappeared from radar at around 1 pm local



In this photo taken from video by Russia Emergency Situations Ministry smoke rises from the crash site of an Angara Airlines An-24 near Tynda in Russia's Far East | AP

time (0400 GMT).

A rescue helicopter later spotted the burning fuselage of the plane on a forested moun-

tain slope about 15 kilometres (nine miles) south of Tynda's airport. Videos published by Russian investigators showed

China's Xi sends condolences

Beijing: Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a message of condolence to Moscow's leader Vladimir Putin on Thursday after a passenger plane carrying nearly 50 people crashed in Russia's far eastern region of Amur. 'On behalf of the Chinese government and people, I would like to express my deep condolences to the victims and sincere sympathy to the families of the victims,' Xi said, according to Chinese state broadcaster CCTV.

smoke rising from the crash site and what appeared to be fragments of the plane strewn across the forest floor. A search

and rescue team arrived only hours after the crash at the remote, hard-to-reach site and found no evidence of survivors, according to the state news agency TASS. Investigators did not say what caused the crash.

Weather conditions at the time of the incident were poor, Angara Airlines CEO Sergei Salamanov told Russia's REN TV channel. 'The commander made the decision to carry out the flight,' he was quoted as saying. Tynda, home to around 30,000 people, lies in an area of thick taiga forest about 200 kilometres (125 miles) from the Chinese border.

At least one Chinese national was on the flight, state media in China reported. Chinese Presi-

dent Xi Jinping sent a message of condolence to Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin.

'I would like to express my deep condolences to the victims and sincere sympathy to the families of the victims,' Xi said, according to Chinese state broadcaster CCTV. The plane dropped from radar while attempting a second approach to land at Tynda, regional prosecutors said. The forest terrain complicated search efforts, a rescuer told the TASS agency. 'The main search operations are being conducted from the air,' it said. Angara Airlines, a small regional carrier based in the Russian city of Irkutsk, did not immediately release a statement on the crash. AFP

Explosion in northern Syria kills at least six people and injures dozens

DAMASCUS

AT least six people were killed and dozens injured in an explosion in northern Syria's Idlib province, officials said Thursday. There was no official statement on the cause of the blast. The UK-based war monitor Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that the explosion took place in an ammunition depot. The Syrian Civil Defense, also known as the White Helmets, reported that at least six people were killed in the blast, which took place in the town of Maarat Misrin north of the city of Idlib on Thursday.

'This is the death toll only of those recovered by Syrian Civil Defense teams, who continue to search for those trapped under the rubble,' the White Helmets said in a statement.

Syrian Minister of Emergency and Disaster Management Raed al-Saleh said in a post on social media platform X that teams were transporting the wounded and dead despite 'continued recur-



ring explosions in the area, which are hampering response efforts.' The state-run news agency, SANA, reported 140 injured in addition to the six killed, citing health officials, without giving further details. AP

Netanyahu recalls negotiating team as US, Israel push Gaza talks

Gaza City: Top US Envoy Steve Witkoff is expected to head to Italy on Thursday to meet top Israeli negotiator Ron Dermer and discuss the ceasefire deal on the table, according to Israeli and US officials. For Israel, sending Dermer — a close Netanyahu confidant — to the meeting marks a show of seriousness in reaching a deal. The deal under discussion is expected to include a 60-day ceasefire in which Hamas would release 10 living hostages and the remains of 18 others in phases in exchange for Palestinians imprisoned by Israel. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office recalled the negotiating team back to Israel in light of Hamas' response Thursday morning.

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INDONESIA

FOREIGNERS HELD IN BALI DRUG CASES

Indonesian authorities arrested a Brazilian man and a South African woman in Bali for allegedly smuggling cocaine, while a court handed prison sentences to foreign drug offenders. The Brazilian, 25, was caught with 3 kg of cocaine, while the South African, 32, had nearly 2 kg hidden in her underwear. Three Britons received one-year jail terms for smuggling 1 kg of cocaine, while an Argentine woman got seven years and a British man five years for a separate cocaine case. Indonesia has 530 people on death row, mostly for drug crimes.

ASIA MATTERS

SINGAPORE

TEEN ORDERED TO STAY IN BOYS' HOME

A 15-year-old boy was sentenced to two years at Singapore Boys' Home after being caught with vapes five times in 2024, including at a McDonald's outlet. He also faces 15 other charges, including robbery and causing hurt. Vaping cases among youth have surged, with over 2,000 students caught in 2024 despite Singapore's strict vaping ban.

MALAYSIA

HAZE PLAN ACTIVATED AS AIR QUALITY DIPS

Kuala Selangor recorded unhealthy air quality, prompting Malaysia's Environment Department to activate its haze action plan. The deterioration is linked to transboundary haze, with no major local fires reported. Satellite data showed 42 hotspots in Sumatra, 91 in Kalimantan, and 13 locally. Authorities increased patrols and API monitoring to curb open burning. Landowners are urged to prevent fires and encroachment. Outdoor activities must stop if API exceeds 100, while schools close if it surpasses 200. The public is reminded not to conduct or permit open burning.

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