



'Active shooter' arrested at Ohio school

Chicago

An "active shooter" at an Ohio high school was arrested yesterday and no injuries were reported, after police swarmed the campus within minutes of an emergency call.

Police in Columbus, the US state's capital, received the first call from Scioto High School at 8:33 am (1233 GMT). Special tactical officers known as SWAT arrested the suspect 25 minutes later, according to police.

A school staff member "was able to talk to that person while he was still armed, and

at least calm him down long enough for us to take him into custody," Columbus Police Chief Kimberly Jacobs told a news conference.

No injuries were reported. School officials transported students to another facility where parents were told to pick up their children.

It was not clear from the police account if any shots were actually fired. Investigators were examining the scene for bullet casings and other evidence, police said.

"Right now, the scene is being held to investigate what we have as a report of

shots fired. We're going to investigate to find out how many shots might have been fired," Jacobs said.

Police would not disclose any details about the suspect except that he was male and being questioned at police headquarters.

Dozens of police officers and emergency personnel responded to the scene, and escorted students out of the school building.

The school serves grades six through 12, and is geared toward "emotionally disturbed students," according to Scioto school's website.

Cuban dolphins get helicopter ride to safety

Havana

A helicopter has lifted six dolphins to safety from an aquarium on a Cuban islet threatened by the approach of Hurricane Irma, Cuban authorities said yesterday.

Wrapped in moist towels, the six male dolphins from the "Cable Esqui" center on Cayo Guillermo were placed on foam mattresses in a helicopter on Thursday and flown to the southwestern province of Cienfuegos, away from the storm, the state ACN news agency said.

"For the moment, they are in a pool that offers similar living conditions and if the weather doesn't allow them to be kept there, they will be moved to a salt water pool at a hotel," said



Representative picture

Gonzalo Carrero Escobar, the head of the aquarium.

Their trainers and a veterinarian accompanied the marine mammals, he added.

Hurricane Irma, downgraded to a still massive

Category Four hurricane, has begun to brush the northern coasts of Cuba and the white sand islets. The hurricane is expected to turn north from Cuba, on track for a direct hit in southern Florida.

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Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi said government and people of Pakistan have made huge sacrifices in the fight against terrorism and such efforts and sacrifices are there for everyone to see. The international community should recognise that... and give Pakistan the full credit it deserves. How do you rate Mr. Wang's statement. Do you support his views?

Yes No Cant Say



Along with pressure on the North Korean regime to induce it to abandon provocations in the implementation of its nuclear and missile programmes, it is necessary to emphasize and increase the priority of efforts to resume the political process."

Sergei Lavrov
Russian Foreign Minister

Rest in sight

Myanmar violence may have killed more than 1,000



More than 1,000 people may already have been killed in Myanmar, mostly minority Rohingya Muslims -- more than twice the government's total -- a senior United Nations representative said.

Germany rejects Polish call for more WWII reparations

Germany dismissed Poland's threat to demand new talks over World War II reparations from Berlin, saying the issue had already been settled.

Italy policemen accused of raping US students

Italian police officers are under investigation for the alleged rape of two US students in Florence, media said yesterday.

Kiev's first combat death since new truce

Kiev reported yesterday the first combat death since Ukraine agreed a new truce with Kremlin-backed rebels in the east of the country ahead of the start of the new school year.

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Indian teen rape survivor gives birth to baby boy

Mumbai

A 13-year-old rape survivor who was allowed to terminate a late pregnancy by India's Supreme Court has given birth to a pre-term baby boy, a doctor said Friday.

The teenager was 32 weeks pregnant, well beyond India's 20-week legal limit after which terminations are only allowed where there is a danger to the life of the mother or the baby.

On Wednesday in a rare ruling the top court had allowed the girl to terminate the pregnancy in view of the "trauma she has suffered... and the agony she is going through at the present", according to the copy of the order reviewed by AFP.

Nikhil Datar, a Mumbai-based doctor, said the doctors took a call to save the foetus, a decision they said was in line with the Supreme Court order.

"Terminating pregnancy as sought by the Supreme Court means discontinuing the pregnancy and not killing the foetus," Datar said.

"The Court focused on mother's health as she is a minor and after the termination we have to accept the consequences as they come." The baby, who is in intensive neonatal care, will be put up for adoption, the hospital said.

The girl, who cannot be named as per Indian law, was raped allegedly by her father's colleague who has been arrested.

Pope visits Colombia to boost peace process

Pope Francis hopes to encourage the fledgling peace process that ended half a century of war between a succession of governments and the FARC guerrilla group but has left Colombia a deeply divided country



- Sep 6: Pope arrives in Bogotá
 - 1 Sep 7, Bogotá: Meets President Juan Manuel Santos and other political and religious leaders. Celebrates Mass for estimated one million faithful in Simón Bolívar Park
 - 2 Sep 8, Villavicencio: Holds Mass and beatifies two priests killed during years of conflict. Takes part in prayer meeting for national reconciliation with around 6,000 victims of violence, former fighters and militia
 - 3 Sep 9, Medellín: Celebrates Mass at airport. Visits Hogar San José -- orphanage complex that is home to 1,100 orphans and young people
 - 4 Sep 10, Cartagena: Leads prayers in front of Church of Saint Peter Claver, where peace accords between government and FARC -- that Francis helped bring to fruition -- were signed in Sep 2016
- Celebrates Mass at city's port before returning to Rome

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Ontario announces plans for marijuana sales in shops

Tokyo

Canada's most populous province announced plans yesterday to begin sales of marijuana in government-regulated shops and over the internet by mid 2018 when recreational use of the drug becomes legal.

Ontario's Justice Minister Yasir Naqvi said a dozen shops will be open on July 1, 2018 and the number will grow to 150 by 2020.

Online distribution will also be available across the province, the local government said in a statement. Those sales will

require ID checks, signatures on delivery, and no packages will be left unattended at the door. "As we build up a safe, responsible channel for recreational cannabis, our twin goal will be stopping the sale of illegal, unregulated, and unsafe cannabis," Naqvi said at a press conference in Toronto.

Ontario is home to 14 million of Canada's 36 million inhabitants. Each of the country's 10 provinces and three territories must decide how to distribute the drug to avoid illegal trafficking.