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Turkey arrests dozens after Ankara attack

AFP | Istanbul

Turkey yesterday arrested dozens of suspected Kurdish militants and their supporters after an attack on the government district in the capital Ankara injured two policemen.

The raids across Turkey's predominantly Kurdish southeast came two days after a branch of the PKK - listed as a terror group by Turkey and its Western allies - claimed responsibility for Sunday's attack.

Turkish police shot dead one of the attackers while the other died in an apparent suicide blast outside Turkey's interior ministry.

Ukraine downs 29 Russian drones, missile overnight

AFP | Kyiv

Ukraine said yesterday it had downed over two dozen Iranian-made attack drones and a cruise missile launched by Russian forces from the Crimean peninsula, annexed by Moscow in 2014.

Kyiv has warned that Moscow is restarting a campaign of aerial attacks on Ukrainian energy infrastructure that last year left millions without heating and water for long periods.

"On the night of October 3, 2023, Russian occupiers attacked (Ukraine) with 31 Shaheds (unmanned aerial vehicles) and an Iskander-K cruise missile," the air force said, specifying it had downed the missile and 29 of the drones.

Sudan 'hunger emergency'

AFP | Nairobi

Hundreds of thousands of South Sudanese refugees fleeing Sudan's brutal war are facing "a hunger emergency", the United Nations warned yesterday, with 90 percent of families going multiple days without meals.

The fighting between forces loyal to Sudan's army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and his former deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo has forced nearly 300,000 South Sudanese to return home in the last five months, the UN's World Food Programme (WFP) said.

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HM King: Fallen servicemen our 'source of pride'

TDT | Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, affirmed that the noble sacrifices of the Bahrain Defence Force's fallen servicemen will forever be remembered in Bahrain's history and remain a source of pride for their families and brothers in arms.

HM the King noted that defending the land of the two holy mosques was a great honour.

The Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces received yesterday at Al Safriya Palace the families of the two fallen servicemen of the BDF's taskforce, First-Lieutenant Hamad Khalifa



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Al Kubaisi, and First Warrant Officer Adam Salem Naseeb, who lost their lives as a result of an act of aggression while performing

their national duty within Arab Coalition's operation Decisive Storm and Operation Restoring Hope on the southern borders of

Saudi Arabia.

HM King Hamad extended his condolences and sympathy to the late BDF servicemen's families, praying to Allah the Almighty to rest their souls in eternal peace and bless their relatives with patience and fortitude. He also wished the injured a speedy recovery.

The families of the two fallen servicemen extended their sincere appreciation and gratitude to HM the King for offering them condolences and sympathy, wishing His Majesty abundant health and long life.

'Go shoot people'

'Mentally confused' 14-year-old boy suspect arrested in Bangkok mall shooting

● **Two left dead and five wounded**

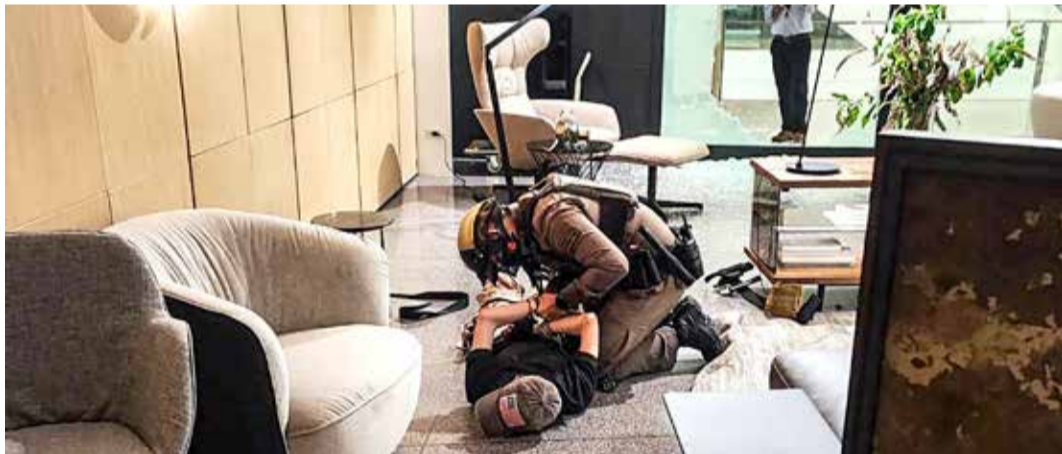
AFP | Bangkok

A 14-year-old boy was arrested yesterday after a shooting at a packed Bangkok mall that left two people dead and five wounded, and sent hundreds of panicked shoppers running in terror into the streets.

Witnesses described the chaotic scenes as shots rang out at the upmarket Siam Paragon mall in the heart of the Thai capital around 4:30 pm (0930 GMT).

The shooting comes just days before the first anniversary of the deadliest massacre in modern Thai history, when an ex-policeman armed with a gun and knife attacked a nursery in the country's north, murdering 24 children and 12 adults.

National Police Chief Torsak Sukwimol told reporters that two women - one Chinese, one



The young suspect is arrested at Siam Paragon shopping centre. (AFP)

from Myanmar - were killed in the mall shooting, and five other people wounded.

He said the 14-year-old suspect was in custody but was too confused to undergo questioning.

"He is a mental patient at Rajavithi hospital and he has not been taking his medication," Torsak said.

"He said it felt like someone told him to 'go shoot people'. It's

like there's another him. This is what we got from the initial talk with him."

Video footage showed a long-haired boy wearing a black shirt, glasses and a cap with a US flag motif being taken into custody by police.

Yuthana Srettanan, director of the Erawan Emergency Centre, told reporters that all but one of those who were shot were women.

Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin visited the scene of the shooting as well as calling on the wounded in hospital.

Srettha posted on X, formerly Twitter, that he had spoken to the Chinese ambassador and offered condolences.

"From now on, the Thai government will implement the highest safety measures for the safety of all tourists," Srettha wrote.

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Thailand is keen to attract more Chinese visitors as it rebuilds its tourism industry after the pandemic, but numbers are lower than hoped, partly because of safety fears.

A private school called The Essence, just metres from Siam Paragon, confirmed the suspect was one of their students and offered condolences to the victims' families.

"We will collaborate with the authorities and investigators for the benefit of those involved," Wiwat Catithammanit, director of the \$4,000-a-term school said in a statement.

Eiffel Tower turns pink



This picture taken from the Trocadero square shows the Eiffel Tower illuminated in pink in Paris on October 1, 2023, to mark the launch of Pink October, or Breast Cancer Awareness Month. (AFP)

US sanctions China-based drug network over fentanyl

AFP | Washington

The United States announced sanctions yesterday on a China-based network for producing and distributing chemicals used to make drugs including those fueling a deadly national fentanyl crisis.

US President Joe Biden's administration has made the fight against fentanyl a priority, with the synthetic opioid blamed for tens of thousands of deaths in recent years.

The latest targets include 25 individuals and entities based in China, alongside three other parties in Canada, the Treasury Department said in a statement.

"Treasury is taking sweep-

ing action with our colleagues in law enforcement to expose and disrupt a network responsible for manufacturing and distributing illicit drugs," said Deputy Treasury Secretary Wally Adeyemo.

The China-based network is "responsible for the manufacturing and distribution of ton quantities of fentanyl, methamphetamine, and MDMA precursors," according to the Treasury.

The parties designated are also allegedly involved in trafficking xylazine - a veterinary sedative known as "tranq" - and nitazenes, which are often mixed with fentanyl.