

Madras (now Chennai), India, founded by the British East India Company on sliver of land bought from local Nayak rulers

English Civil War begins between Royalists and Parliament



First Geneva Convention adopted in Geneva "for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the Field" signed by 12 nations

Vietnam conflict begins as Ho Chi Minh leads a successful coup

hour hotel siege

any hostages freed



Aden Ali, a survivor, told Reuters that he was drinking a cup of tea at the hotel when he heard the first blast. He ran towards the compound wall with others as the militants fired at them.

"We were many on the run, over a dozen. When I went out of the hotel, I could see eight of us. Maybe the rest died in the shooting," Ali said.

Another group of people in the hotel fled to an upper floor, where they were killed by the militants who first blew up the stairs to prevent escape, Ali said.

Security forces managed to free some of those who locked themselves in their rooms in the upper floors after several hours, he said. Some 106 people were freed, including women and children, a

Police and military officials comb the scene of an al Qaeda-linked al Shabaab group militant attack, in Mogadishu, Somalia

senior police commander said. There was no immediate information on the number of assailants involved in the attack.

Residents were milling around the bombed out hotel on Sunday, although another official had earlier told Reuters that mop-up operations were still going on at the building, which suffered extensive damage.

"We are still investigating the explosions of many plastic bags that have been scattered around the hotel," said Mohamed Ali, a military officer at the scene.

Police officers stand guard near Hayat Hotel, the scene of an al Qaeda-linked al Shabaab group militant attack, in Mogadishu, Somalia

lice captain who only gave one name.

The attackers shot and killed civilians who fled towards the wall of the hotel compound and its blown-up gate after they struck, Ahmed said, adding that they killed 10 security personnel with firearms and grenades.

ed in suspected car bomb attack



Russian politologist Alexander Dugin



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investigators showed officers collecting debris and fragments from the spot where the explosion happened.

The statement, which described Darya Dugina as a journalist and political expert, said investigators had opened a mur-

der case and would be carrying out forensic examinations.

Investigators were considering "all versions" when it came to working out who was responsible, it said. The head of Russia's Investigative Committee ordered the institution's central branch to take over the investigation.

"An explosive device was placed on the underside of the car on the driver's side," the committee said in a statement. "Darya Dugina, who was behind the wheel, died at the scene.

"The investigation believes that the crime was planned in advance and was of a contractual nature," it added.

Maria Zakharova, Russia's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, said that if the investigation's trail led to Ukraine, then it would point to a policy of "state terrorism" being pursued by Kyiv.

Ukraine denied involvement.

"I confirm that Ukraine, of course, had nothing to do with this because we are not a criminal state, like the Russian Federation, and moreover we are not a terrorist state," said Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak, speaking on Ukrainian television.

He appeared to blame internal power struggles between "various political factions" in Russia for the killing, and suggested the incident was the "Karmic" payback for supporters of Russia's actions in Ukraine like Dugina and her father.

Japan PM Kishida COVID positive, cancels African development conference trip



Reuters | Tokyo

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has tested positive for COVID-19, forcing him to cancel a planned trip to Tunisia to attend a key conference on African development, a person close to him said yesterday.

Kishida, who has just returned from a week-long vacation, will work from his residence from Monday and will join the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) online, the source said, asking not to be identified because he is not authorised to talk to the media.

The prime minister developed a cough and fever on Saturday and took a PCR test on Sunday morning, which confirmed the positive result in the afternoon, a Cabinet Office spokesperson said separately.

Floods, landslides kill dozens as monsoon rains lash northern, eastern India



A general view of a bridge that collapsed following heavy rains in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, India

Reuters | Lucknow/Bhubaneshwar, India

Floods and landslides triggered by intense monsoon rains killed at least 50 people in northern and eastern India over the last three days, officials said yesterday.

The rains overwhelmed hundreds of villages, sweeping away houses and leaving residents stranded as rescue crews have been racing to evacuate survivors.

Earlier this month the federal weather office had predicted that India was likely to receive an average amount of rain in August and September, pointing to overall good crop yields in Asia's third-biggest economy that relies on farming to boost growth and generate jobs.

Farming contributes around 15% to India's \$2.7 trillion economy while sustaining more than half the population of 1.3 billion.

Heavy showers followed by landslides and flooding in the Himalayan state of Himachal Pradesh over the past three days killed at least 36 people, a state government official told Reuters.

In the neighbouring mountainous state of Uttarakhand, an official government release said that four were dead and 13 were missing due to continuous rainfall.

"We have deployed choppers to rescue people who are stuck in remote areas due to rain related incidents. The rescue operation is happening on full swing," said Ranjit Kumar Sinha, an official in Uttarakhand's disaster management department.

In the eastern state of Odisha, at least six people were dead amid ongoing torrential rains, a state official said.

Floods have affected nearly 800,000 people and displaced thousands from their homes in Odisha, with rains disrupting electricity and water supply, and damaging road infrastructure.

The state has evacuated 120,000 people so far from the affected areas.

Authorities in the Ramgarh district of the eastern state of Jharkhand said five people had been swept away by the waters of the swollen Nalkari river on Saturday.

Four bodies have been recovered so far, said Madhvi Mishra, a district official in Ramgarh.

Oddly enough



A child takes bath in a bucket to cool off amid a heatwave warning in Huayuan county, Hunan province, China



A protestor carries a Marabou stork during a demonstration following the announcement of the results of Kenya's presidential election, in Kisumu, Kenya



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After the initial shock of a terrorist attack, victims often feel abandoned or forgotten. As we mark #VictimsOfTerrorism Day, we must ensure that they are supported by amplifying their voices, protecting their rights, and seeking justice.

@antonioguterres

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Wishing my friend Prime Minister Fumio Kishida a speedy recovery from COVID-19.

@JPN_PMO @kishida230

@narendramodi

03



The future of the American-made, union-made automobile industry is electric. And we're getting there by making some pretty hot cars and trucks along the way.

@POTUS

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Yesterday, I presented the U.S. instruments of ratification for Sweden and Finland's @NATO accession to the Depository for the North Atlantic Treaty, the final step in our process to have these important partners become vital NATO Allies.

@SecBlinken

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