

## Cambodia PM says he has nominated Donald Trump for Nobel Prize



**Washington, 7 June :** US President Donald Trump has asked the residents across Alaska and the Pacific Coast to stay "strong and safe" after a powerful 8.7 magnitude earthquake jolted Russia's Far East early on Wednesday, prompting a tsunami warning.

The massive 8.7-magnitude quake struck off the coast of Kamchatka Peninsula, causing significant concern across the Pacific basin. The quake, centred approximately 119 kilometres (74 miles) from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, a Russian city with a population of around 180,000, triggered immediate tsunami alerts across multiple countries.

Taking to X, Trump posted, "Due to a massive earthquake that occurred in the Pacific Ocean, a Tsunami Warning is in effect for those living in Hawaii. A Tsunami Watch is in effect for Alaska and the Pacific Coast of the United States. Japan is also in the way. Please visit <https://tsunami.gov> for the latest information. Stay strong and stay safe!"

The tremors prompted authorities to evacuate several areas near the epicentre, particularly on the Kamchatka Peninsula, where tsunami waves between 3 and 4 metres (10 and 13 feet) were reported. The massive 8.7-magnitude quake struck off the coast of Kamchatka Peninsula, causing significant concern across the Pacific basin.

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Coastal regions of Alaska, Hawaii, Chile, the Solomon Islands, and even down to New Zealand were placed on high alert. In Hawaii, tsunami warning sirens blared across Honolulu, prompting residents and tourists alike to move to higher ground.

"Urgent action should be taken to protect lives and property," the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said in its official alert, cautioning that the first waves were expected to arrive around 7 p.m. Tuesday local time. The first tsunami wave struck Severo-Kurilsk, the main settlement on Russia's Kuril Islands, soon after the quake. Local governor Valery Limarenko confirmed the arrival of the wave and said evacuations had taken place as a precaution.

US Department of Defense budget documents show that millions of dollars of work on "surety" facilities - the term the Pentagon uses to describe nuclear weapon security - has been in progress at Lakenheath for several years. The weapons the aircraft most likely delivered were the new B61-12 thermonuclear bombs, increasing the number of US tactical nuclear weapons in Europe for the first time since the Cold War.

"There are strong indications" that the US has returned nuclear weapons to the UK, said Hans Kristensen, director of the Federation of American Scientists' Nuclear Information Project. Albuquerque said the decision to leave the flight.

# Tariffs risk carefully-built U.S.-India partnership, says U.S. Senator

**Washington, 7 June :** India will pay a 25 per cent tariff on goods exported to the United States from August 1, Donald Trump decreed on Truth Social, the social media network owned by the US President, on Wednesday. Mr Trump also slapped a penalty on India - an unspecified amount above the 25 per cent - whom he called America's "friend", for buying "a vast majority of their military equipment" and oil from Russia.

August 1 was the deadline Mr Trump had set for reciprocal tariffs on dozens of countries, including India. Higher levies had been announced in April but were then reduced and paused to allow for talks. In a short, but characteristically loud, post this evening, the American President referred to India as "our friend" but complained of "far too high tariffs (that are) among the highest in the world".

He also complained about "strenuous and obnoxious non-monetary trade barriers". And he also accused India and China of paying for Russia's war - a now three-year-old military conflict Mr Trump claimed he could end within 24 hours of being sworn in on January 20.

"Remember, while India is our friend... we have, over the years, done relatively little business with them because their tariffs are far too high, among the highest in the world. And they have the most strenuous and obnoxious non-monetary trade barriers of any country."

"Also, they have always bought a vast majority of their military equipment from Russia, and are Russia's largest buyer of energy... at a time when everyone wants Russia to stop the killing in Ukraine. India will, therefore, be paying a tariff of 25 per cent, plus a penalty for the above, starting August 1..." Earlier today Mr Trump, returning from his golf holiday to Scotland, told reporters, "India has been a good friend... but has charged basically more tariffs than al-



most any other country... you can't do that." The announcement comes as India and the US try to push a trade deal over the finishing line.

US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said Monday the Trump administration needs more time for talks with India to gauge the country's willingness to open its market more to American exports. Those talks have stuttered over the US' demand for dairy and agriculture sector concessions. Those sectors are sensi-

ble given the impact cheaper American products could have on Indian farmers. Last week sources told the two countries are close to a 'mini deal' by September or October.

The 'mini deal', sources said, would look to avoid heavy tariffs on steel, automotive parts, and aluminium, which are among India's biggest exports to the United States. Last month Trump - after the US announced an agreement with Indonesia, which saw tariffs on that country

declared to 19 per cent - a trade deal with India is a matter of time. "We're going to have access to India... you have to understand, we had no access to any of these countries. Our people couldn't go in. We're getting access now because of the tariffs." Sources also dismissed media speculation the US had set India certain conditions. Merchandise exports to the US rose 22.8 per cent to \$US 25.51 billion in the April-June quarter

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this fiscal year, while imports rose 11.68 per cent to \$US 12.86 billion.

A kilogram (2.2 pounds) of flour has run as high as \$60 in recent days, a kilogram of lentils up to \$35. That is beyond the means of most residents in the territory, which experts say is at risk of famine and where people are largely reliant on savings 21 months into the Israel-Hamas war. Israel's decision this weekend to facilitate more aid deliveries - under international pressure - has lowered prices somewhat but has yet to be fully felt on the ground.

Bags of flour in markets often bear UN logos, while other packaging has markings indicating it came from the Israeli-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation - all originally handed out for free. It's impossible to know how much is being diverted, but neither group is able to track who receives its aid. In the melees surrounding aid distributions in recent weeks, residents say the strong were best positioned to come away with food.

Mohammed Abu Taha, who lives in a tent with his wife and child near the city of Rafah, said organized gangs of young men are always at the front of crowds when he visits GHF sites. The UN says up to 100,000 women and children are suffering from severe acute malnutrition, aid groups and media outlets say their own staffers are going hungry, and Gaza's Health Ministry says dozens of Palestinians have died from hunger-related causes in the last three weeks.

## Elon Musk plans ads in Grok replies to fund GPUs, says X has world's smartest AI now

**Seoul, 7 June :** Tesla Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Elon Musk said he discussed the details of a recent semiconductor supply deal with Samsung Electronics Chairman, Lee Jae-yong.

In a response to a user's comment on his X account on Tuesday (U.S. time) that Samsung Electronics "has no idea what they signed up for," Musk replied, "They do."

"I had a video call with the chairman and senior leadership of Samsung to go over what a real partnership would be like," he continued, adding they will "use the strengths of both companies to achieve a great outcome."

Later, when another user commented that "Samsung is definitely the underdog when it comes to chipmaking," Musk defended the South Korean tech giant, saying: "Both TSMC and Samsung are great companies. It is an honor to work with them."

Shortly after Samsung Electronics announced a 22.8 trillion-won (\$US\$16.5 billion) deal to supply artificial intelligence (AI) chips to an undisclosed customer, Musk revealed that Tesla was the partner behind the contract, reports Yonhap news agency.

He said Samsung Electronics will manufacture

Tesla's next-generation AI6 chip at its new semiconductor plant in Texas, stressing, "The strategic importance of this is hard to overstate."

Meanwhile, Samsung Chairman Lee departed for



Washington, D.C., on Tuesday amid ongoing South Korea-US tariff discussions ahead of Friday's trade deadline. Although he did not elaborate on the purpose of his US trip, Lee is expected to discuss global business cooperation and explore new business opportunities with major partners.

The contract represents 7.6 percent of Samsung Electronics' total revenue of 300.9 trillion won last year and marks the largest chip order ever won by Samsung Electronics. Tesla has been accelerating the development of its full self-driving (FSD) assistance system using the AI4, AI5 and AI6 chips.



Tent camp sheltering Palestinians displaced by the Israeli military offensive set up in Gaza City.

## Germany to stop arms sales to Israel that could be used in Gaza after takeover plan approved

**Gaza, 7 June :** A famine-like crisis is now taking hold in Gaza with food and essential services "plummeting to unprecedented levels", a UN-backed food security group has warned. The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) called it the "worst-case scenario of famine", citing drastic shortages of food, clean water, and basic health services in the besieged enclave.

The IPC's alert, based on mounting data, reveals that widespread starvation, malnutrition, and disease are causing a rise in hunger-related deaths, CNN reported. "Conflict and displacement have intensified, and access to food and other essential items and services has plummeted to unprecedented levels," the IPC said.

The IPC said health workers treated over 20,000 children for acute malnutrition between April and mid-July, including more than 3,000 who were severely

malnourished. "Latest data indicates that famine thresholds have been reached for food consumption in most of the Gaza Strip and for acute malnutrition in Gaza City," the group said. It called for "immediate action" to end the fighting and allow large-scale humanitarian aid. In May, the IPC warned that everyone in Gaza faced "high levels of acute food insecurity" and was at "high risk" of famine.

"It's clearly a disaster unfolding in front of our eyes, in front of our television screens," said Ross Smith, UN World Food Programme (WFP) director of emergencies. "This is not a warning, this is a call to action. This is unlike anything we have seen in this century," he said. Since Israel's war began on October 7, 2023, close to 60,000 Palestinians have been killed, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. In Gaza, more than 470,000 people, including 71,000 children under five, are now in starvation conditions, according to the latest UN estimates.

Israel's full blockade, in place since March 2, has virtually cut off access to food, medicine, fuel, and humanitarian supplies. Over 1,060 people have reportedly been killed while attempting to reach food distribution points. On Monday, US President Donald Trump called the situation "real starvation," contradicting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's claim that no starvation exists in Gaza.

"That's real starvation stuff," Trump said while speaking to reporters in Scotland. "I see it, and you can't fake that. So, we're going to be even more involved." He added that the US would set up "food centres" in Gaza. Israel announced it would pause military operations in parts of Gaza for 10 hours daily to allow aid convoys safe passage. The UN says 500-600 trucks are needed each day to meet humanitarian needs.

## Easter and Galápagos Islands evacuate coastal areas as warnings rattle Pacific as it happened

**US, 7 June :** American host Oprah Winfrey is facing backlash on social media, after a massive 8.8-magnitude earthquake off Russia's eastern coast, over claims that she did not open her private road connecting Wailea to Kula, Hawaii, to help people evacuate to higher ground after the tsunami warning.

Videos are being circulated on social media alleging that there have been massive traffic jams across Hawaii, with people saying that Oprah opening her private road could help people evacuate faster.

After the powerful earthquake, one of the strongest to hit that area in Kamchatka since 1952, a tsunami warning was issued in Hawaii and parts of the Pacific. Damage and evacuations were reported in the Russian regions nearest the quake's epicenter on the Kamchatka Peninsula and officials declared a state of emergency in several areas.



However, the danger already appeared to be lessening in some places, with authorities in Hawaii and parts of Japan and Russia downgrading their warnings. A user on X wrote, "Oprah won't open her private road from Wailea to Kula, Hawaii, which would make it much easier for locals to get to higher ground. Massive Traffic in Maui with thousands trying to escape the massive Tsunami coming. Open the road Oprah".

Another user said, "Wasn't she supposed to be

oppressed? How does she have her own private road? Isn't she a woman and black? Doesn't she score so very high on the intersectionality scale? I don't understand this... This does not make any sense to me."

Others came to defend her and said, "There's no proof she hasn't. She opened them during the fire. Why wouldn't she now?"

In 2023, during the Maui wildfires, Winfrey was lauded for opening her private road to help in evacuation.

## Bill Gates Says Only AI Literacy Cannot Save Gen Z: AI To Eradicate All Entry-Level Jobs

**Washington, 7 June :** A superyacht reportedly owned by Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates will be up for sale at the 2025 Monaco Yacht Show. Mr Gates never set foot on "Breakthrough", the 390-foot-long vessel, which runs entirely on liquid hydrogen. And yet, the yacht is listed at a staggering \$645 million. Previously known as Project 821, the vessel was designed by RWD and constructed by Feadship in the Netherlands over five years. It is marketed as the first net-zero superyacht powered by hydrogen in the world. The New York Post reported. Clean electricity is produced by sophisticated fuel-cell systems, and any extra heat is recycled to heat the towel rails, steam rooms, pools, and even the flooring in the bathrooms.

A biofuel backup guarantees that emissions are still lowered by nearly 90 per cent during trips without hydrogen refuelling. The opulent vessel features seven decks, a full-size basketball court, a movie theatre, hot tubs, a private hospital, and an interior described as a four-story townhouse by the sea, complete with offices, libraries, fireplaces, and terraces offering a panoramic view of the sea.

Its luxury is further enhanced by sliding balconies, several guest cabins (which can accommodate up to 30 guests across 15 cabins and 43 crew members), and upscale finishes such as leather, marble, oak, and rattan. Although Gates has not officially acknowledged ownership, it is often assumed that the

vessel was constructed according to his instructions.

According to Boat International, the ship will finally have its chance to shine on its own at the biggest boat currently slated to attend the 2025 Monaco Yacht Show, which is set for September 24-27, per Luxury Launches. According to insiders, Canadian millionaire Patrick Dovigi, CEO of Green For Life Environmental, may be poised to acquire it.

The yacht is being brokered for resale by Edmiston, whose CEO, Jamie Edmiston, called it "the one that will change it all." "The goal was to create the greenest and most environmentally advanced yacht ever built, without compromise," Edmiston said in a press release.

## Leveraging next-generation tsunami early warning systems to save lives

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**Moscow, 7 June :** One of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded struck Russia's Far East early Wednesday, sending tsunami waves into Japan and Hawaii and across the Pacific. No substantial damage has been reported so far, but authorities warned people away from shorelines and said the risk could last more than a day.

Ports on the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia near the 8.8 magnitude quake's epicenter flooded as residents fled inland, and frothy, white waves washed up to the shore in northern Japan. Cars jammed streets and highways in Hawaii's capital, with standstill traffic even in areas away from the shoreline.

People went to evacuation centers in affected areas of Japan, with memories fresh of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami that caused reactor meltdowns at a nuclear power plant. No abnormalities in operations at Japan's nuclear plants were reported Wednesday. Russian authorities said several people were injured, without giving a figure. In Japan, at least one person was injured.

A tsunami height of 3-4 meters (10 to 13 feet) was recorded in Kamchatka, 60 centimeters (2 feet) on Japan's northern island of Hokkaido, and up to 1.4 feet (under 30 centimeters) above tide levels were observed in Alaska's Aleutian Islands. The impact of the tsunami could last for hours or

perhaps more than a day, said Dave Snider, tsunami warning coordinator with the National Tsunami Warning Center in



Alaska "A tsunami is not just one wave," he said. "It's a series of powerful waves over a long pe-

riod of time. Tsunamis cross the ocean at hundreds of miles an hour -- as fast as a jet airplane -- in deep water. But when they get

close to the shore, they slow down and start to pile up. And that's where that inundation prob-

lem becomes a little bit more possible there."

"In this case, because of the Earth basically sending out these huge ripples of water across the ocean, they're going to be moving back and forth for quite a while," which is why some communities may feel effects longer, he said. Hawaii Gov. Josh Green said data from Midway Atoll, which is between Japan and Hawaii, measured waves from peak to trough of 6 feet (1.8 meters). He said waves hitting Hawaii could be bigger or smaller and it was too early to tell how large they would be. A tsunami of that size would be akin to a 3-foot (90-centimeter) wave riding on top of surf, he said. "This is a longitudinal wave

with great force driving through the shoreline and into land," he said at a news conference.

Green said Black Hawk helicopters have been activated and high-water vehicles were ready to go in case authorities need to rescue people. "But please do not put yourself in harm's way," he said. The Oregon Department of Emergency Management said on Facebook that small tsunami waves were expected along the coast starting around 11:40 p.m. local time, with wave heights between 1 to 2 feet (30 to 60 centimeters). It urged people to stay away from beaches, harbors and marinas and to remain in a safe location away from the coast until the advisory is lifted.