

# 4 killed as Russia strikes Ukraine with 400 drones, 40 missiles

KYIV, June 7 (IANS)

RUSSIAN forces launched 400 drones and 40 missiles on Ukraine overnight on Friday, killing at least four people and injuring dozens, Ukrainian authorities said. All 4 fatalities occurred in Kyiv, where 20 other people were injured, said Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko.

The State Service for Emergencies confirmed that three of the victims were emergency service workers.

Separately, the National Police reported that about 40 people were injured nationwide, with most of them in Kyiv, the north-

western city of Lutsk and the western city of Ternopil.

Thirty Eight facilities were damaged in the attacks, including five apartment buildings and five private homes, a Ukrainian news agency reported. For Kyiv residents, the night brought a sadly familiar chorus: the high-pitched buzz of drones, the wail of air raid sirens, and thunderous explosions overhead—whether from successful air defence interceptions or incoming missiles hitting their targets. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that Russia had launched over 400 drones and 40 missiles in the massive overnight assault.



# India's presence at G7 meet 'makes sense': Canada PM

OTTAWA, June 7 (ANI)

**PRIME** Minister Mark Carney on Friday (local time) said that G7 countries will hold discussions on important issues, including security and energy, in their upcoming summit, adding that India's presence at the intergovernmental political and economic forum is essential.

Carney said that India being one of the largest economy and the most populous country in the world must be at the seat.

"Let's put the two aspects in context- first is, we are in the role- Canada's in the role of the G7 chair and in those discussions as agreed with our G7 colleagues, include important discussions on energy, security, on digital future, critical minerals amongst others and partnerships actually in building infrastructure in the emerging and developing world," he said.

Carney said that India is central to a number of supply chains, which makes its presence pertinent at the G7 chair consultation.

"There are certain countries that should be at the table for those discussions, and in my capacity as G7 chair, I will consult with some others to make those determinations. India is the fifth largest economy in the world, effectively the most populous country in the world, central to a number of those supply chains at the heart of a number of those supply chains, so it makes sense," he said.

Carney said that India and



Mark Carney

Canada are acting on law enforcement, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has accepted his invitation. "In addition, bilaterally we have now agreed importantly to continued law enforcement to law enforcement dialogue so there's been some progress on that recognises issues of accountability I extended the invitation to Prime Minister Modi for in that context and he has accepted it," he said.

PM Modi on Friday confirmed he would attend the upcoming Group of Seven (G7) leaders summit in Canada after an invitation from newly elected Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney.

"Glad to receive a call from Prime Minister Mark J Carney of Canada. Congratulated him on

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# India to host BRICS Summit in 2026

BRASILIA, June 7 (ANI)

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**INDIA** will host the next BRICS Parliamentary Forum in 2026, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla announced at the conclusion of the 11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in Brasilia, where member nations, in a joint declaration, also strongly condemned the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, and called for a “collectively” global approach with a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism.

The Lok Sabha Speaker, during his statement, also highlighted the commitment of BRICS nations to work together on other key issues such as artificial intelligence, economic cooperation, and parliamentary collaboration as well.

# 269 million people lifted out of extreme poverty in India over 11 yrs: World Bank

NEW DELHI, June 7 (IANS)

**I**N A significant feat under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary Government, India has made key strides in the last decade in reducing its extreme poverty rate, which fell to 5.3 per cent in 2022-23 from 27.1 per

cent in 2011-12, latest World Bank data has revealed.

About 75.24 million people were living in extreme poverty in India during 2022-23, a massive drop from 344.47 million in 2011-12.

According to the World Bank data, this means 269 million

individuals were lifted out of extreme poverty over approximately 11 years.

Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh, which collectively accounted for 65 per cent of India's extreme poor in 2011-12, contributed to two-thirds of the

overall decline in extreme poverty by 2022-23. "In absolute terms, people living in extreme poverty fell from 344.47 million to just 75.24 million," showed latest data from the World Bank.

The World Bank's assessment, based on the \$3.00 per day international poverty line (using 2021

prices), shows a broad-based reduction across both rural and urban areas.

At \$2.15 daily consumption — the earlier poverty line based on 2017 prices — the share of Indians living in extreme poverty is 2.3 per cent, which is significantly lower than 16.2 per

cent in 2011-12, according to the World Bank's estimates.

The number of people living below the \$2.15-per-day poverty line is recorded at 33.66 million in 2022, down from 205.93 million in 2011, as per the latest data.

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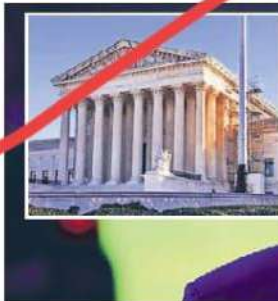


# Trump asks SC to leave mass layoffs at Edn Deptt in place

■ By Mark Sherman  
WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)

PRESIDENT Donald Trump's administration on Friday asked the Supreme Court to pause a court order to reinstate Education Department employees who were fired in mass layoffs as part of his plan to dismantle the agency.

The Justice Department's emergency appeal to the high court said US District Judge Myong Joun in Boston exceeded his authority last month when he issued a preliminary injunction reversing the layoff of nearly 1,400 people and putting the



broader plan on hold.

Joun's order has blocked one of the Republican president's biggest campaign promises and effectively stalled the effort to

wind down the department. A federal appeals court refused to put the order on hold while the administration appealed.

The judge wrote that the lay-

offs "will likely cripple the department."

But Solicitor General D. John Sauer wrote on Friday that Joun was substituting his policy preferences for those of the Trump administration.

The layoffs help put in the place the "policy of streamlining the department and eliminating discretionary functions that, in the administration's view, are better left to the states," Sauer wrote.

He also pointed out that the Supreme Court in April voted 5-4 to block Joun's earlier order seeking to keep in place Education Department teacher-training grants.

## Republicans urge Trump and Musk to end their feud

■ By Seung Min Kim and Chris Megerian  
WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)

AS THE Republican Party braces for aftershocks from President Donald Trump's spectacular clash with Elon Musk, lawmakers and conservative figures are urging détente, fearful of the potential consequences from a prolonged feud. At a minimum, the explosion of animosity between the two powerful men could complicate the path forward for Republicans' massive tax and border spending legislation that has been promoted by Trump but assailed by Musk. "I hope it doesn't distract us from getting the job done that we need to," said Rep. Dan Newhouse, a Republican from Washington state. "I think that it will boil over and they'll mend fences."

## Administration can dismantle Institute of Museum & Library Services: Judge

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)

A FEDERAL judge on Friday denied a request by the American Library Association to halt the Trump administration's further dismantling of an agency that funds and promotes libraries across the country, saying that recent court decisions

suggested his court lacked jurisdiction to hear the matter.

US District Judge Richard Leon had previously agreed to temporarily block the Republican administration, saying that plaintiffs were likely to show that Trump doesn't have the legal authority to unilaterally shutter the Institute of

Museum and Library Services, which was created by Congress.

But in Friday's ruling, Leon wrote that as much as the "Court laments the Executive Branch's efforts to cut off this lifeline for libraries and museums," recent court decisions suggested that the case should be heard in a separate court dedicated to con-

tractual claims.

He cited the Supreme Court's decision allowing the administration to cut hundreds of millions of dollars in teacher-training money despite a lower court order barring the cuts, saying that cases seeking reinstatement of federal grants should be heard in the Court of Federal Claims.

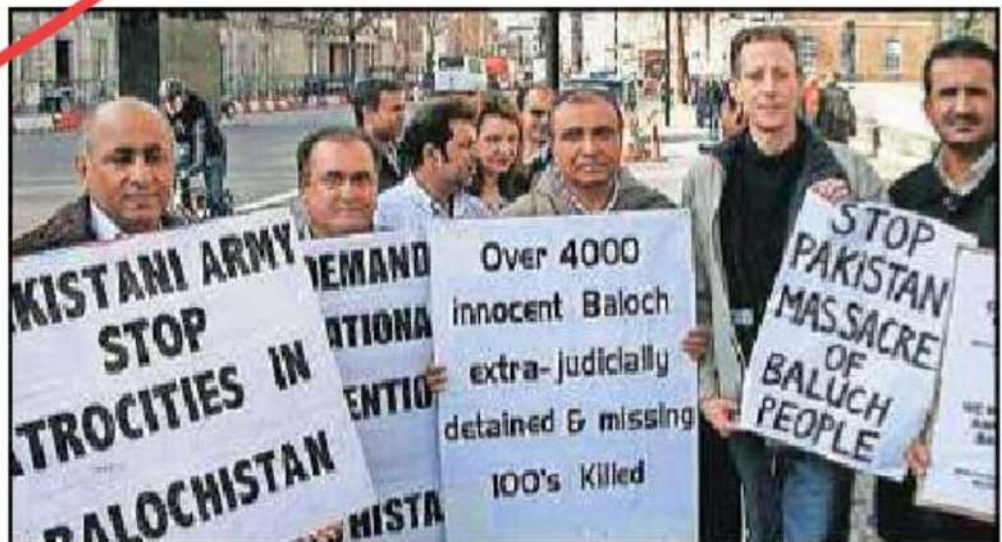
# New Pak law sparks fears of systemic human rights abuses in Balochistan

- The new law grants Pakistan's military and intelligence agencies sweeping authority

BALUCHISTAN, June 7 (ANI)

**ON JUNE 4**, the Balochistan Assembly passed the Counter-Terrorism (Balochistan Amendment) Act 2025, triggering widespread alarm among human rights groups and the Baloch civil society.

The new law grants Pakistan's military and intelligence agencies sweeping authority to detain individuals, primarily targeting Baloch citizens, for up to 90 days without charge, based solely on suspicion.



Legal experts and human rights defenders warn that the amendment bypasses judicial safeguards and effectively legalises practices previously carried out in the shadows.

Under the amended Act, Joint

Investigation Teams (JITs) can now operate with expanded powers, including the issuance of detention orders and the conduct of ideological profiling of suspects. Military officials will now

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