

Time for Ukraine to get new President: Trump

WASHINGTON, Oct 11 (AP)

PRESIDENT Donald Trump said it was time for Ukraine to get a new President, suggesting Volodymyr Zelenskyy has not done enough to end his country's war with Russia and blaming him for high diesel prices in the US.

"I suggest they get a new leader who can make a deal because he could have made many deals and for some reason he never does," Trump said.

The President, who on Friday struck a deal with Russian President Vladimir Putin to buy diesel from Russia in an attempt



to address high fuel prices ahead of the US midterm elections, has been urging Zelenskyy for weeks to stop strikes on Russian energy infrastructure.

He has also sought to blame record US diesel prices on Ukraine rather than the US-led war in Iran, which has elevated world energy prices.

"He wants to make problems for the world. He wants to make

problems for our farmers, our ranchers, with diesel fuel," Trump said, before departing for Tennessee where he was set to rally Republican voters.

An 'Associated Press-NORC Centre' for Public Affairs Research poll conducted last month and published Oct 1 found that Americans disapprove of Trump's handling of Iran, and blame him for higher prices. Trump also suggested that if he had been US President in 2022, "that war would have never started. There was no reason that that war with Ukraine and Russia started. It started due to incompetence."

Day 2 of CJP stir...

No illegal detention, restore internet, metro services: SC

NEW DELHI, Oct 11 (PTI)

AMID the CJP stir in Delhi, the Supreme Court on Sunday directed that people gathering peacefully should not be illegally detained and asked them to ensure that Delhi Metro functions normally, and that there is no disruption to internet services, subject to law and order conditions.

In a special sitting, a bench of justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana also issued a notice to the Centre while hearing a plea seeking contempt proceedings for alleged violation of the court's direction to ensure that there is no "complete prohibition" on metro and train services in Delhi due to the CJP protest.

A protest call was given by the CJP and some student organisations against CEC Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities
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CJP leaders Dipke, Ranka, Das released with 1-year condition to 'maintain peace'

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COCKROACH Janta Party (CJP) leaders Abhijeet Dipke, Ashutosh Ranka and Saurav Das, who were put under preventive arrest following their detention at the Delhi airport ahead of the Jantar Mantar protest, were released on Sunday morning after being produced before an executive magistrate.

They were released on condition that they would not "breach peace" for a year, CJP legal affairs head Ratna Singh said.

In a statement, the CJP called the release of the three
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Over 200 protesters detained in Delhi



Policemen detain an All India Students' Association (AISA) activist at Connaught Place, amid continued protest calls by the CJP demanding the resignation of CEC Gyanesh Kumar, in New Delhi on Sunday. (PTI)

NEW DELHI, Oct 11 (PTI)

OVER 200 protesters were detained as they raised slogans and marched towards the Jantar Mantar on Sunday, with several seen being dragged into police buses, as the protest called by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) entered its second day amid heavy security deployment across the capital.

Several journalists, who were covering the protests were also detained by police despite displaying press identification cards, according to visuals emerging on social media. They were seen showing press cards to officials as they were taken away.

Members of several student organisations, including the Students' Federation of India
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Rs 7.5 lakh cr pvt investment likely in nuclear sector by 2047: AEC chief

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RANCHI, Oct 11 (PTI)

INDIA'S private sector is expected to invest around Rs 7.5 lakh crore and contribute 30 GW to the country's ambitious target of achieving 100 GW of nuclear power capacity by 2047, Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Ajit Kumar Mohanty said.

The country currently has about 9 GW of installed nuclear power capacity and plans to expand it substantially by 2047, he said.

"Public sector undertaking Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL) currently operates 24 reactors. We think private players should also enter the nuclear business and that is why new legislation was enacted," Mohanty, who is also the secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy, told PTI in an exclusive interview. "Five years from now, I expect a couple of private sector players to run reactors. We



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Mohanty, who was in Ranchi to attend the 36th convocation of Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, said India was looking to accelerate nuclear power expansion beyond its traditional public-sector-led model, which would require substantial investment and technological development.

He said the enactment of the Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Act in December 2025 marked

a major policy shift by opening the nuclear sector to broader participation by public and private entities while retaining sovereign control over sensitive activities. Nuclear power projects typically take five to seven years to build, depending on the technology, regulatory approvals and construction requirements, he said.

Private companies are assessing reactor technologies, fuel supply arrangements, land requirements and potential partnerships, including joint ventures with NPCIL and foreign technology providers, Mohanty said.

India's pulse imports dip 31 per cent as 'Aatmanirbharta' mission fuels production

NEW DELHI, Oct 11 (IANS)

INDIA'S total pulse production rose to 274.09 lakh tonnes in 2025-26 from 256.83 lakh tonnes in 2024-25, driven by the 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta', which has also resulted in a sharp decline in imports of the protein-rich staple during this period, according to an official factsheet issued on Sunday.

India's pulse imports declined by a significant 31.52 per cent, from Rs 46,427.60 crore in 2024-25 to Rs 31,793.59 crore in 2025-26. Exports, on the other hand, shot up by a double-digit rate - 13.4 per cent -- from \$855 million in 2024-25 to \$969.53 million in 2025-26. The total export volume reached a total volume of 10.01 lakh tonnes during 2025-26. The major export destinations included China, the UAE, Bangladesh, the USA, and Sri Lanka.

The country's pulse cultivation area expanded significantly from 277.20 lakh hectares in

2024-25 to 286.46 lakh hectares in 2025-26 under the steps taken under the new scheme announced on October 11 last year.

The scheme, which completes a year after coming into effect, has also led to a rise in national pulse productivity, with the overall yield going up from 926 kg per hectare in 2024-25 to 957 kg per hectare in 2025-26.

Under the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses, launched with an outlay of Rs 11,440 crore, production is expected to reach nearly 350 lakh tonnes, with yield rising to 1,130 kg per hectare by 2030-31.

Key strategic measures driving these targets include a focus on enhancing production of tur, urad, and masoor, and the promotion of climate-resilient seeds and improved seed quality.

Distribution of 87.5 lakh free seed kits and 126 lakh quintals of certified seeds over six years.

The scheme is being implemented through a cluster-based approach covering 489 districts to intensify production. Assured procurement at MSP of tur, urad, and masoor via the NCCF and the NAFED from willing and registered farmers is also taking place under the scheme.

The major regions of pulse cultivation in the country are Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Odisha, and West Bengal.

India is the world's largest producer of pulses. Pulses contain 20-25 per cent protein, more than double that of wheat and nearly three times that of rice.



Pak declares emergency in KP, suspends province's PTI govt

Islamabad: President Asif Ali Zardari declared an emergency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sunday and suspended jailed former PM Imran Khan's provincial govt after federal allegations that it had failed to tackle Islamist militancy.



The constitution permits federal takeover of some or all provincial govt functions during emergencies.

Law minister Azam Nazeer Tarar said the provincial governor would take charge with an advisory council, initially for six months. Troops will also be deployed in the north-western province bordering Afghanistan, which has faced increasing militant attacks.



Commuters gather at a road blocked with shipping containers amid ongoing protests by PTI members demanding release of Imran Khan in Peshawar Sunday

"The situation is so grave that you wouldn't see any residents coming out of their houses after evening in some of the districts," interior minister Mohsin Naqvi said.

Zardari acted on PM Shehbaz Sharif's advice following a federal cabinet decision. Sharif said security forces and ci-

tizens had faced attacks for two years. "We can't just act a silent spectator."

Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) rejected allegations that it failed to curb militants, saying the federal govt had denied it necessary funds and equipment. Islamabad also accuses Afghanistan of harbouring militants and PTI of sympathising with the Taliban and domestic affiliates. Both denied the accusations.

The move followed days of PTI rallies demanding Khan's release and threats to march on Islamabad. Authorities detained three of Khan's sisters and hundreds of activists. "This is more of a coup disguised as emergency," Khan aide and PTI spokesperson Zulfiqar Bukhari said, warning of further instability. **REUTERS**

Trump says Russia and Ukraine have reached 'energy ceasefire'

Offers No Details; Zelensky Says Announcement 'News For Me', But Will Accept It

Washington: US President Trump said Sunday that Russia and Ukraine had agreed to an "energy ceasefire," but offered no details on its terms. Trump's brief social media post said only that the ceasefire took effect immediately and that both sides had agreed to it. "Do not break it!" he wrote.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky told the Axios digital news outlet that he was surprised by Trump's announcement, but he would accept it whenever it begins. "The ceasefire announcement was news for me. But if Russians agree to an energy ceasefire Ukraine will agree. If president Trump negotiated it with Putin—please tell us when the ceasefire begins—we are ready and we will accept it," Zelensky said, according to Axios reporter Barak Ravid. Moscow is yet to comment. White House also did not immediately clarify the presi-



Rescuers work at the site of houses hit by a Russian air strike in Kharkiv

dent's post or add detail.

Trump's announcement came as Zelensky, in an interview aired Sunday, said Ukraine was ready to stop striking Russian refineries if Moscow halted attacks on Ukraine's energy system, and asked Trump to press the Kremlin to agree. "We are asking President Trump, (to) give them (a) signal, not (to) attack energy infrastructure

of Ukraine," he told ABC's "This Week."

Trump said Saturday it was time for Ukraine to get a new president, suggesting Zelensky has not done enough to end the war and blaming him for high diesel prices in the US. **Zelensky said in response to Trump's comments that Ukraine could hold elections if Russia agreed to a 60-day ceasefire.**

"Give us two months, 60 days off. Total ceasefire, 60 days, and we will organize elections," he said, adding that Ukraine would be ready to accept whatever choice its people made. "With all respect to President Trump, it's up to our society, up to our people to choose one or another leader," he said. Zelensky added that holding a vote during the war would be unlawful and that Ukraine would need security guarantees to allow people to vote safely.

Ukraine has been under martial law since Russia's full-scale invasion in Feb 2022, and the Ukrainian Constitution bars elections while it remains in force. Beyond the legal barrier, a nationwide vote would be vulnerable to Russian missile and drone attacks, and organizing one is seen as logistically impossible. Zelensky's term expired in May 2024. AP

Yemen-bound migrant boat capsizes off Djibouti coast, 139 die, 84 missing

Geneva: At least 139 people, including children, have died after a boat carrying 305 migrants capsized off the coast of Djibouti in East Africa, International Organization for Migration (IOM) said Sunday.

At least 84 people remained missing in one of the deadliest shipwrecks yet on the popular but perilous crossing from the Horn of Africa to the Arabian Peninsula, where many migrants seek work in rich Gulf nations.

The boat was travelling from Djibouti to Yemen when it capsized north of Obock (see map) on Thursday night or Friday morning, according to IOM, a UN agency. More than 80 people survived, all of them Ethiopian nationals, it said.

The migrants boarded the ship in the evening of Oct 8 and it sank very soon after, close to the shore, "mainly



UN says Djibouti faces twin challenges: Refugees fleeing Yemen are arriving, while migrants, mainly from Ethiopia, arrive on their way to Yemen and onward to Gulf countries

because it was overcrowded," said Alexandre Coisac, IOM's Chief of Mission in Djibouti.

Personal belongings of the migrants were seen on a beach in a video shared by the UN migration agency. AP

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