



World news in brief



Indian police officers stand guard after a suspected militant attack in south Kashmir (Reuters)

At least 26 killed after ‘terror attack’ at tourist resort

Gunmen shot and killed at least 26 tourists yesterday at a resort in Indian-controlled Kashmir, police said, describing it as a “terror attack”. It was blamed on militants fighting against Indian rule.

Omar Abdullah, the region’s top elected official, wrote on social media: “This attack is much larger than anything we’ve seen directed at civilians in recent years.”

Two senior police officers said at least four gunmen fired at dozens of tourists from close range. The officers said at least three dozen people were wounded, many of them reported to be in serious condition. Most of the killed tourists were Indian, the officers said.

Officials collected at least 24 bodies in Baisaran meadow, some 5 km (3 miles) from the disputed region's resort town of Pahalgam. Two others died while being taken for medical treatment. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. *AP*

Indian police officer arrested for torturing man in custody

A police inspector in northern India was arrested after an inquiry found him guilty of torturing a Muslim man in custody last year. Radheshyam Sharma, head of the Palwal city police station in Haryana, was suspended and taken into custody on Saturday.

His arrest stemmed from a complaint filed by a man from neighbouring Rajasthan state who accused the officer of inflicting severe physical abuse on him. The victim, identified as Abid from Sangod village in Rajasthan's Kota, had travelled to Palwal in December 2024 for work.

Israeli strikes on Gaza kill at least 14

At least 14 Palestinians, mostly women and children, were killed by Israeli strikes on the Gaza Strip. Bulldozers and other heavy equipment that had been supplied by mediators to clear rubble were also destroyed.

Separate strikes yesterday killed two people in Lebanon.

Gaza already had a shortage of heavy equipment, which is also needed to rescue people from the rubble after Israeli strikes and to clear vital roads.

A municipality in the Jabaliya area of northern Gaza said a strike on its parking garage destroyed nine bulldozers provided by

Egypt and Qatar, which helped broker the ceasefire that took hold in January. *AP*

Ex-Australian cricketer walks free after sentencing

A former Australian Test cricketer has been sentenced to four years in prison on domestic violence charges, but will walk free on time already served. Michael Slater, 55, was sentenced yesterday in Maroochydore District Court in Queensland after earlier pleading guilty. The remainder of his sentence has been suspended for five years.

Slater was taken into custody in 2024 on charges of unlawful stalking or intimidation, breaking into a dwelling with intent at night, common assault, assault occasioning bodily harm, and choking or suffocation. He was also charged with contravening a domestic violence order. The offences occurred between December 2023 and April 2024. *AP*

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