

World briefs

Trudeau accuses India in Sikh's killing, India expels Canadian diplomat

NEW DELHI (AP) — India expelled a senior Canadian diplomat on Tuesday and accused Canada of interfering in its internal affairs, ramping up a confrontation between the two countries over accusations that the Indian government may have been involved in the killing of a Sikh activist.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canada wasn't looking to escalate tensions, but asked India to take the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar seriously after India called accusations that the Indian government may have been involved "absurd."

"India and the government of India needs to take this matter with the utmost seriousness," Trudeau told journalists outside Parliament Tuesday.

"We are doing that. We are not looking to provoke or escalate. We are simply laying out the facts as we understand them and we want to work with the government of India to lay everything clear and to ensure there are proper processes."

Trudeau said Monday that his government was investigating allegations that India was connected to the assassination of Nijjar, 45, who was gunned down in June in British Columbia. Later Monday, Canada expelled an Indian diplomat.

The dueling expulsions escalate tensions between Canada and India.

Russian drone attack in Ukraine sparks inferno

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russia launched a massive drone attack on the western city of Lviv early Tuesday, burning down a warehouse said to house humanitarian supplies and killing one man, Ukrainian

authorities said. It was one of at least three deadly attacks in different cities.

Ukraine intercepted most of the 30 Shahed drones overnight, the country's air force said. But drones that got through air defense systems sparked an inferno at the industrial storage facility, Gov. Maksym Kozvitsky said.

The U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Ukraine condemned the drone strikes and said they had burned down a charity's warehouse that contained vital relief supplies. Denise Brown said the attack violated international humanitarian law that protects workers, facilities and supplies.

"Attacks impacting humanitarian assets have escalated throughout the year and ultimately impact those who are suffering the horrific consequences of the war," Brown said.

In other Russian attacks, a guided aerial bomb killed three civilians in Kupyansk, a city in the eastern

Kharkiv region, and an artillery strike in Kherson in the south struck a bus, killing a police sergeant and wounding two men, Ukrainian officials said. That strike also torched a warehouse.

Russia invaded Ukraine in February last year. Troops from both sides are currently engaged in fierce battles in the country's east, where Ukrainian forces are making slow but steady advances as part of a grinding counteroffensive.

Libyan leader: Flooded city divided to create buffers in case of disease outbreaks

DERNA, Libya (AP) — Authorities have divided Libya's flood-stricken city of Derna into four sections to create buffers in case of disease outbreaks, the prime minister of Libya's eastern administration said Tuesday, a day after thousands of angry protesters demanded the

city's rapid reconstruction.

Last week, two dams collapsed during Mediterranean storm Daniel, sending a wall of water gushing through Derna. Government officials and aid agencies have given death tolls ranging from about 4,000 to 11,000, with thousands more missing.

"Now the affected areas are completely isolated, the armed forces and the government have begun creating a buffer out of fear of the spread of diseases or epidemics," Prime Minister Ossama Hamad said in a telephone interview with Saudi-owned Al-Arabiya TV. No further details were given.

According to local media, the internet went down in the east of the country on Tuesday morning.

The United Nations had warned on Monday that a disease outbreak could create "a second devastating crisis."



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