



## **OLD THREATS IN NEW SYRIA | As Turkish-backed forces advance, US**backed militia commander warns of resurgence of 'Daesh'

# **Kurds fear rise of IS again**

### **SRI LANKA** Navy rescues 102 Rohingyas

Sri Lanka Navy has rescued more than 100 Rohingyas, including 25 children and 40 women, from Myanmar distressed in the seas off the island's northeastern coast. They were spotted by local fishermen on Thursday in the Mullaithivu district's Vellamullivaikkal area. "We are still unable to verify the cause for their distress in the sea or where they were heading," the Navy spokesman said but speculated that they could be heading to either Australia or Indonesia. They were on a fishing trawler, the Navy spokesman said. They have been brought to the eastern port of Trincomalee where further action will be taken, the Navy said.

#### **USA Man admits** to running **Chinese PS** in NY

A resident of Manhattan, Chen Jinping, a US citizen, has admitted in the US federal court to his involvement in operating a secret Chinese police station in New York. He said he helped with administrative duties at the secretive station in Manhattan's Chinatown in 2022. US prosecutors said the station was established by officials from China's Fuzhou Municipal Public Securitv

Bureau, a division of its Ministry of Public Security, and was used to threaten and silence opponents of the Chinese government in New York.

## **NEW YORK** Sudan to get **USD 200** million aid

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced the additional

#### Agencies HASAKAH (SYRIA)

As the new Syria struggles to take shape, old threats are reemerging. The chaos since the overthrow of Bashar al-Assad is "paving the way" for the socalled Islamic State (IS) to make a comeback, according to a leading Kurdish commander who helped defeat the jihadist group in Syria in 2019. He said the comeback has already begun.

"Activity by Daesh [IS] has increased significantly, and the danger of a resurgence had doubled," General Mazloum Abdi, commander of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), a mainly Kurdish militia alliance backed by the US, was quoted as saying by BBC. "They now have more capabilities and more opportunities."

He said that IS militants have seized some arms and ammunition left behind by Syrian regime troops, according to intelligence reports.

He warned there is "a real threat" that the militants will try to break into SDF-run prisons here in north-east Syria, which are holding about 10,000 of their men. The SDF is also holding about 50,000 of their family

members in camps Gen Abdi welcomed the fall of the Assad regime - which detained him four times. But he looked weary and admitted to frustration at the prospect of fighting old battles once again.

'We fought against them [IS] and paid 12,000 souls," he said, referring to the SDF's losses. "I think at some level, we will ists by the US, and the Europena



Syrian fighters attend Friday prayers at the Umayyad Mosque, in Damascus

have to go back to where we Union

were before." The risk of an IS resurgence is heightened, he said, because the SDF is coming under increasing attacks from neighbouring Turkev - and rebel factions it supports - and must divert some

fighters to that battle. He said SDF had to stop counter-terrorism operations against IS, and hundreds of prison guards from a force of thousands - had to return home to defend their villages

Ankara views the SDF as an extension of the PKK - banned Kurdish separatists who have waged an insurgency for decades, and are classed as terror-

Turkey has long wanted a 30km "buffer zone" in the Kurdish region in northeastern Syria. Since Assad's fall, it is pushing harder to get it.

"The number one threat is now Turkey because its airstrikes are killing our forces," said General Abdi. "These attacks must stop, because they are distracting us from focusing on the security of the detention centres," he said, "though we will always do our best."

At the same time, Gen Abdi told Reuters that Kurdish fighters who came to Syria from around the Middle East to support Syrian Kurdish forces would leave if a total ceasefire is

reached in the conflict with Tur-

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key in northern Syria, Abdi said Kurdish fighters from Iran, Iraq and Turkey had first come to Syria to help drive the jihadists back from Kobani. Following the battle of Kobani, some - such as Iraq's Peshmerga - had returned home.

Kurdish security sources say most of the prisoners in Al-Sina were with IS until its last stand and were deeply committed to its ideology.

Some Kurdish civilians in the city of Al-Hasakah fear a comeback by the jihadis and another ground offensive by Turkey in north-eastern Syria. This would be the fourth invasion by Turkish forces.

# DNA trail: Pelicot a suspect in rape-murder case

# Agencies PARIS

Gisèle Pelicot's ex-husband,Dominique Pelicot, who has been jailed for 20 years for drugging her and inviting men to rape her, faces a further investigation for the rape and murder of an estate agent in Paris in 1991, and an attempted rape

in 1999, amid questions over whether he could have been a serial offender for decades. Investigators in Nanterre outside Paris have reopened two cold cases and placed Pelicot under formal investigation, as police consider potential links to other cases involving young estate agents. Pelicot could face another trial at a later date.

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The property will be put up for the sale specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale also be stopped if, before any lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate. nterest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to hi atisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned. The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned as provided by the certificate holder bank, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any rror, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made prescribed in Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made there under and to the further following conditions: The reserve price below which the properties (mentioned below) shall not be sold is for Property is Rs. 9,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Nine Crore only);

**Bibi eyes Iran after dismantling its allies** Agencies

After the fall of Syrian president Bashar al-Assad, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is set to cement his strategic goals: tightening his military control over Gaza, thwarting Iran's nuclear ambitions and capitalising on the dismantling of Tehran's allies -- Palestinian Hamas, and Lebanon's Hezbollah.

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Without Syria, the alliances Tehran has nurtured for decades have unraveled. As Iran's influence weakens, Israel is emerging as the dominant



said Palestinian analyst Ghas- Israeli military control in the

Trump-backed spending Bill fails House test

# Agencies WASHINGTON

A spending bill backed by Donald Trump failed in the US House of Representatives on Thursday as several Republicans defied the President-elect, leaving Congress with no clear plan to avert a fast-approaching government shutdown a step closer.

The vote laid bare fault lines in Trump's Republican Party that could surface again next year when they control the White House and

both chambers of Congress. A revised spending

assistance of USD 200 million to Sudan at the United Nations Security Council Meeting on Thursday. He urged the UN member states to increase emergency relief to Sudan as the rival paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RPF) has yet again intensified its firing against Sudanese Army. Blinken noted that the conflict between RPF and Sudanese Armed Forces, which erupted in April 2023. has "derailed" Sudan's transition to democracy and had plunged Sudan into the "worst" humanitarian crisis in the world.

### PAKISTAN Eighth **Mpox** case in<sup>2</sup>24

Pakistan reported its eighth case of Mpox this year on Thursday. The victim was a 30year-old labourer who arrived at Islamabad Airport from Saudi Arabia, reported Dawn.The passenger, who was exhibiting fever and other symptoms, was promptly transferred to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, where tests confirmed the diagnosis. A resident of Upper Dir, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, he is currently in a stable condition and has been admitted to an isolation ward. Health officials assured that the patient is out of danger.

power in the region.

in on Iran's nuclear ambitions and missile programme, applying an unyielding focus to dismantling and neutralising these strategic threats to Israel, according to sources Reuters spoke to.

Iran, Middle East observers say, faces a stark choice: Either continue its nuclear enrichment programme or scale back its atomic activities and agree to negotiations.

"Iran is very vulnerable to an Israeli attack, particularly against its nuclear programme," said Joost R. Hiltermann, Middle East and North Africa Programme Director of the International Crisis Group. "I wouldn't be surprised if Israel did it, but that doesn't get rid of Iran."

"If they (Iranians) do not back down, Trump and Netanyahu might strike, as nothing now prevents them,"

san al-Khatib, referring to President-elect Netanyahu is poised to zero Trump. Khatib argued that the Iranian leadership, having demonstrated pragmatism in

the past, may be willing to compromise to avert a military confrontation. Trump, who withdrew

from a 2015 agreement between Iran and six world powers aimed at curbing Tehran's nuclear goals, is likely to step up sanctions on

Iran's oil industry, despite calls to return to negotiations from critics who see diplomacy as a more effective longterm policy.

With 2024 coming to an end, the Israeli Prime Minister will likely agree to sign a ceasefire accord with Hamas to halt the 14-month-old Gaza war and free Israeli hostages held in the enclave, according

to sources close to the negotiations. But Gaza would stay under

absence of a post-war US plan Donald for Israel to cede power to the Palestinian Authority (PA), which Netanyahu rejects. Arab states have shown little inclination to press Israel to compromise or push the decaying PA to overhaul its leadership to take over.

"Israel will remain in Gaza militarily in the foreseeable future because any withdrawal carries the risk of Hamas reorganising. Israel believes that the only way to maintain the military gains is to stay in Gaza," Khatib told Reuters.

For Netanvahu. such a result would mark a strategic victory, consolidating a status quo that aligns with his vision: Preventing Palestinian statehood while ensuring Israel's long-term control over Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem -- territories internationally recognised as integral to a future Palestinian state.

plan failed to reach the two-thirds majority needed in the lower chamber of Congress, with 38 Republicans voting against the Bill on Thursday night, defying the president-elect.

Trump had thwarted a previous cross-party funding deal that the Republican House leadership had struck with Democrats, after heavy criticism of the measure by tech billionaire Elon Musk. By a vote of 174-235, the House of Representatives rejected the Trump-backed package, hastily assembled by Republican leaders after the president-elect and his billionaire ally and increasingly close political partner Elon Musk scuttled a prior bipartisan deal.

After the Bill failed, Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson said he would come up with another solution before government funding lapses at midnight on Friday. The Trumpapproved replacement Bill would have tied government funding to a two-year suspension of the federal debt limit, which determines how much the government can borrow to pay its bills. Republican rebels objected because they oppose increases in government spending, while Democrats voted against it because they said the extra borrowing would be used to give tax cuts to the wealthy.

- The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be for Property is Rs. 9,00,000.00 (Rupee Nine Lakh only); in the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put up to auction.
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- EMD shall be deposited 10% of the reserve price Rs. 90,00,000.00 (Rupees Ninety Lakh only); to be deposited by 27-01-2025 latest by 17.00 Hrs, Online through RTGS/NEFT Account no. 5692799461 in the name of Becovery Officer E-auction account DBT Jababur with CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA DHOBIGHAT BRANCH, JABALPUR. (IFSC Code: CBIN0281618) and details of the property along with copy of PAN card, Address proof and identity proof, E-mail ID, Mobile No. and in case of the company or any other document confirming representation/attorney of the company and the receipt/ counter file of such deposit. EMD deposited after scheduled date and time shall not be considered for participation in the e-auction.
- EMD once deposited shall not be allowed to withdraw until the proposed bidder is declared unsuccessful.
- Hard copy of online bid form along with its enclosures duly signed by the proposed bidder shall be received at Recovery Officer-, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur, 797-II, Shantikunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur (MP) 482001 at the earliest
- The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the sale proceeds after adjustment of EMD on being knocked down by next date in the said account as per detail mentioned in Para 4 above. If the next day is Holiday or Sunday, then on next first office day.
- The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds on or before 15th day from the date of sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other Holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day by prescribed mode as stated in para 4 above. In addition to the above the purchaser shall also deposit Poundage fee @ 1% of the sale amount plus Rs. 10/- for each property in the account mentioned at serial no. 4
- Property can be inspected by interested bidder/purchaser on 21-01-2025 between 12.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, shall be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold. The property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale.

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# Agencies

## TEHRAN

The Iranian government is attempting to salvage some influence with Syria's new leaders, as Tehran reels from its sudden loss of authority in Damascus after the collapse of the regime of Bashar al-Assad.

Iranian president Masoud Pezeshkian is already facing multiple domestic and international crises, including power cuts due to a lack of oil supplies, continued tensions over its nuclear programme and a row about a new law that will make wearing the hijab compulsory for women. But it is the sudden loss of influence in Syria after the fall

#### Loss of authority in Syria after fall of **Bashar al-Assad adds** to domestic and international crises

# facing Iranian leaders

of Assad to rebel groups that is exercising Iranian officials most.

In the short term they want to salvage some influence with the rebels in Damascus. Iranian diplomats insist they were disillusioned with Assad's refusal to compromise. The Guardian quoting Iran's foreign minister Abbas Araghchi, said in an interview this week: \

conclusion that the continuation of governance in Syria would face a fundamental challenge. Government officials were expected to show flexibility towards allowing the opposition to participate in power, but this did not happen."

He added: "Tehran always had direct contacts with the Syrian opposition delegation. Since 2011, we have been suggesting to Syria the need to begin political talks with those opposition groups that were not affiliated with terrorism."

Such explanations have not cut much ice in Damascus. Iran remains one of the few countries criticised by Ahmed al-Sharaa. "We had long ago reached the the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham leader.

The Grand Avatollah Naser Makarem Shirazi said: "We must follow the Syrian issue with hope and know that this situation will not continue, because the current rulers of Syria will not remain united with each other".

The conservative Javan newspaper predicted that "the current honeymoon period in Syria will end due to the diversity of groups, Salafism, economic problems, the lack of security and diversity of actors."

Officially Iran blames the US and Israel for Assad's collapse, but resentment at Ankara's role is rife ironically echoing Donald Trump's claim that Syria has been the victim of an unfriendly takeover by Turkey.

# Iran tries to build ties with new Syria