

Murder charge on van driver



Police are seen near a damaged van Toronto

The 25-year-old suspect who ploughed a van into a crowded Toronto sidewalk was ordered held Tuesday on 10 counts of murder and 13 of attempted murder as Canadian authorities and the public sought to make sense of one of the deadliest mass killings in the country's modern history.

Alek Minassian showed little emotion as he made a brief appearance in a Toronto courtroom in a white jumpsuit and handcuffs. The judge ordered him detained without bond and scheduled the next hearing for May 10.

His father, Vahe Minassian, cried and looked stunned inside the courtroom. Asked outside if he had any message for the families of the victims, he said quietly: "I'm sorry."

Police, meanwhile, continued to gather evidence. About 20 officers made their way down the van's deadly

Jordanian citizen killed

One Jordanian citizen was among 10 people killed on Monday, an official at the Embassy of Jordan in Ottawa said yesterday.

"We can only confirm that a Jordanian citizen

was among the deceased," a woman at the embassy who would only give her name as Noor Kh, told Reuters, declining to give any details about the identity of the victim. (Reuters)

path on Yonge Street, which remained closed to traffic on Tuesday and taped off with yellow crime scene tape. Nearby, mourners had put together a makeshift memorial to the victims.

"It was like he was playing a video game, trying to kill as many people as possible," said Panna Patel, 42, who stopped by the memorial and had been at the scene a day earlier, getting cash from an ATM. "He was looking people directly in the eye, making eye contact, it was so scary. He

wasn't remorseful at all."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau dismissed the possibility of terrorism, saying that authorities saw no national security element in the case.

The incident "hasn't changed the overall threat level in Canada," he said, though it occurred as Cabinet ministers from the G7 nations were meeting in Toronto.

Authorities have not disclosed a possible motive, though "the incident definitely looked deliberate," Police Chief Mark Saunders said. (AP)

Kim's 'bitter sorrow' after bus crash

Beijing North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has expressed his "bitter sorrow" after dozens of Chinese tourists were killed when a bus they were travelling in plunged off a bridge.

Thirty-two Chinese tourists and four North Koreans perished in the accident south of Pyongyang Sunday night, Chinese officials and state media said. Two other Chinese nationals were injured.

In a rare admission of negative news from North Korea's tightly controlled propaganda network, the KCNA news agency on Tuesday said Kim met personally with the Chinese ambassador in Pyongyang and later visited



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un visited survivors in hospital, calling the bus crash his people's "own misfortune"

survivors in hospital. The Rodong Sinmun newspaper, the mouthpiece of the ruling party, carried a front-page on Kim's actions,

including pictures of him in a doctor's white coat, holding the two survivors' hands as they lay in their hospital beds. (AFP)

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Do you think Kim visiting bus crash survivors hints the regime's policy changes?

Yes No Cant Say



"We were and are concerned on the humanitarian side by Idlib. Because Idlib is the big new challenge, 2.5 million people. And you will not believe that all of them are terrorists of course. There are women, children, civilians, and this is looming up there,"

-Staffan de Mistura
UN Syria envoy

Rest in sight

Indonesia's former speaker jailed



Indonesia's former parliament speaker was given a 15-year prison term on Tuesday in one of the country's toughest sentences for graft, marking a victory in a continuing clampdown on widespread corruption.

5.2-magnitude quake strikes Turkey

An earthquake struck Turkey's southeastern province of Adiyaman, injuring 13 people and causing damage to buildings.

George H W Bush in intensive care

Former President George HW Bush has been hospitalised with an infection, just after attending the funeral of his wife, Barbara.

Nicaragua protest deaths rise to 27

Nicaragua was sliding into uncharted territory with protests against longtime President Daniel Ortega swelling to outpace a robust police crackdown in which at least 27 people have been killed.

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Australia boy runs away to Bali using family credit card

Sydney

Australian police were yesterday investigating how a 12-year-old boy managed to fly alone to the Indonesian island of Bali and spend four days at a resort using his parents' credit card.

The boy ran away from his Sydney home after a row with his mother, flying first to the Western Australian city of Perth on budget airline Jetstar and then on to Bali, according to commercial broadcaster Channel Nine.

"He just doesn't like the word 'no', and that's what I

got, a kid in Indonesia," his mother, Emma, told Channel Nine in a programme that aired late Monday.

"It's too easy, it's way too easy. There's a problem in our system," she said, calling for tighter controls on air travel by young people.

The family had previously visited Bali on holiday and Emma said her son had already tried to book flights there on his own but had been knocked back by airlines because he did not have a letter from her. (AFP)

High security as Philippines readies Boracay shutdown



Tourists and residents walk past a security check at the Caticlan jetty to get to Boracay

Manila

Police with assault rifles patrolled entry points to Boracay island yesterday just days before a six-month shutdown and clean-up of one of the Philippines' top tourist attractions.

President Rodrigo Duterte had branded the renowned white-sand resort a "cesspool" fouled by dumped sewage and imposed the temporary ban on visitors that is due to take effect Thursday.

Authorities yesterday held a practice run of security measures, asking residents of the tiny island to present identification cards at the gateway port of Caticlan to be allowed entry.

In Boracay, police conducted exercises simulating clashes with protesters, terrorist attacks and a hostage incident even as they said there was no specific threat. (AFP)

China karaoke bar fire kills 18, arson suspect detained

Hong Kong

Police in southern China yesterday captured a man suspected to have started a blaze in a karaoke TV lounge that killed 18 people, shortly after authorities offered a reward for information on his whereabouts.

The fire in the city of Qingyuan in Guangdong province broke out just after midnight in a three-storey building, police said on their official account on China's Twitter-like Weibo,

adding that five people were injured.

Police investigating the case as suspected arson said they had captured the man, a 32-year-old surnamed Liu, in a nearby village.

"The suspect in the arson case, Liu Chunlu ... has been successfully captured," the police wrote on Weibo.

A reward of 200,000 yuan (\$31,676) had been offered to anyone who provided information leading to the capture. (Reuters)