

# Duterte VOWS to ignore Court on martial law

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte

**Jolo**  
Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has said he will ignore the Supreme Court and congress as he enforces martial law across the southern third of the country, even though the constitution gives them oversight.

"Until the police and the armed forces say the Philippines is safe, this martial law will continue. I will not listen to others. The Supreme Court, congress, they are not here," Duterte told soldiers on Saturday.

"Are they the ones dying and losing blood, bleeding, haemorrhaging because there is no help, no reinforcement? It's not them."

The 1987 constitution imposes limits on martial law to prevent a repeat of the abuses under dictator Ferdinand Marcos, who

was deposed by a famous "People Power" revolution the previous year.

The charter requires the president to submit a report to congress on why martial law has been declared.

Congress can then revoke a president's declaration of martial law, which is limited to 60 days. If a president decides to extend martial law, congress can again review and revoke.

"They say after 60 days I should go to congress: I don't know," he said.

"The Supreme Court will say they will examine into the factual (basis). Why, I don't know. They are not soldiers. They do not know what is happening on the ground," Duterte said Saturday on Jolo, a southern island that is under martial law.

A day after declaring martial law, Duterte

described the nine years of military rule under Marcos as "very good" and said his would be similar.

"During martial law, your commanders, you, you can arrest any person, search any house. There is no more warrant needed," he told troops. His comments contradicted a government statement released to explain martial law.

"Warrants of arrest or search warrants should be issued," the statement from the government's information agency said.

"No person may be arrested and detained without orders coming from these civil courts."

Duterte has overwhelming support in congress, however the Supreme Court chief justice, Maria Lourdes Sereno, expressed concerns about the declaration. (AFP)

## Kim Jong oversees 'new' weapon system test: KCNA

**Seoul**  
North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un has overseen a test of a new anti-aircraft weapon system, state media said yesterday, amid mounting tensions in the region following a series of missile tests by Pyongyang.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency said Kim "watched the test of a new-type anti-aircraft guided weapon system", which was aimed at "detecting and striking different targets flying from any direction".

Pyongyang first tested the new weapon system in April, but Kim said the latest test verified that all glitches had been "perfectly overcome",



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspects a missile test site KCNA said.

The efficiency of the weapon system "to detect and track targets has remarkably improved and its hitting accuracy has also increased", the young leader was quoted as saying.

Expressing his satisfaction, Kim said: "(It) should be mass-produced to deploy in all over the country like forests so as to completely spoil the enemy's wild dream to command the air, boasting of air supremacy and weapon almighty."

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### Rest in sight

**Bangladesh reinstalls controversial statue**



Bangladesh yesterday reinstalled a controversial statue deemed un-Islamic by religious hardliners on the grounds of the Supreme Court, just days after its removal had sparked anger.

**Co-pilot in plane crash near Everest dies**

The co-pilot of a cargo plane that crashed at a small airport near Mount Everest, killing the pilot, has died from his injuries, Nepali officials said.

**China says intercept of US plane 'safe'**

China yesterday denied the Pentagon's charge that an encounter between Chinese fighters and a US surveillance plane over the South China Sea was "unsafe and unprofessional".

**US weighs banning laptops on flights**

US Homeland Security John Kelly said yesterday that he was considering banning laptop computers on international flights into and out of the country.

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## Bodies of Indian climbers died on Everest recovered

**Kathmandu**

Rescuers have retrieved the body of an Indian climber who died on Mount Everest and airlifted it to Kathmandu yesterday, along with those of two others who perished last year.

Ravi Kumar, 27, died this month after summiting the world's highest mountain and becoming separated from his guide soon afterwards.

His body was spotted last Monday about 200 metres from the main route which climbers follow to the summit. Rescuers said its recovery was a risky operation.

"A team of at least eight

rescue workers retrieved his body and brought it down to Camp 2 on Saturday," Tashi Sherpa of Seven Summit Treks, the company overseeing the operation, told AFP.

"The body has been airlifted to Kathmandu."

His brother Manoj Kumar was waiting to receive the body as the helicopter landed at a hospital in Kathmandu.

"It was his dream to take our country's flag to the top of Mount Everest," Kumar said. "We are deeply sad, but also proud of him."

## Indian state to challenge Modi's cow slaughter ban



Representative picture

**New Delhi**

A southern Indian state announced yesterday it would go to the supreme court to challenge a federal ban on the sale of cows for slaughter, stepping up a showdown with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Cows are considered sacred by Hindus and the Hindu nationalist leader has pushed for greater protection of the animals since taking power in 2014.

On Friday the federal environment ministry issued a nationwide order banning the sale and purchase of cattle from markets for slaughter.

"We are finalising our legal response and will file a

plea in the Supreme Court next week," Kerala state's Agriculture Minister V.S. Sunil Kumar said.

The slaughter of cows, and the possession or consumption of beef, is already banned in most Indian states, with some imposing up to life imprisonment for infringements. Cases of slaughtering cows have triggered communal violence.

But Kerala and a handful of other states -- despite having Hindu majorities -- allow the slaughter and the consumption of beef.

The federal order covers trade in bulls, bullocks, cows, buffaloes, calves and camels.

## Mother of Uber founder killed in boating accident

**San Francisco**

The mother of Travis Kalanick, founder of the on-demand ride service Uber, was killed in a boating accident and his father was seriously hurt, authorities and a company official said Saturday.

An initial investigation showed that Bonnie Kalanick, 71, died Friday after the boat she was in struck a rock in Pine

Flat Lake near the central California city of Fresno, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office said in a statement.

"Last night Travis and his family suffered an unspeakable tragedy. His mother passed away in a devastating boating accident near Fresno and his father is in serious condition," an Uber representative said in a statement.