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# Volcano erupts on La Palma, 100,000 homes destroyed

## The volcano is a great show, says minister

Reuters

The Canary Islands are safe to visit and a volcano eruption there is a “wonderful show”, Spanish Tourism Minister Reyes Maroto said yesterday, just hours after 5,000 people, including hundreds of tourists, had to be evacuated.

The volcano - the archipelago's first eruption in 50 years - blew on Sunday, spouting lava hundreds of metres into the air, engulfing houses and sending molten rock towards the Atlantic Ocean across a sparsely populated area of La Palma, the most northwestern island in the archipelago.

“The island is open,” Maroto told Canal Sur radio, calling the eruption “a wonderful show”.

“There are no restrictions on going to the island ... on the



contrary, we're passing on the information so tourists know they can travel to the island and enjoy something unusual, see it for themselves,” she said.

Maroto's remarks drew immediate criticism from Teodoro Garcia Egea, secretary general of the opposition People's Party, who posted an article on Twitter quoting the minister and asked: “Can someone confirm the minister said that while hundreds of people are losing everything they have?”



## Rwandan court finds ‘Hotel Rwanda’ film hero guilty in terrorism case

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Reuters | Kigali

A Rwandan court yesterday found Paul Rusesabagina, a one-time hotel manager portrayed as a hero in a Hollywood film about the 1994 genocide, guilty of being part of a group responsible for terrorist attacks.

“They should be found guilty for being part of this terror group - MRCD-FLN,” judge Beatrice Mukamurenzi said of 20 defendants including Rusesabagina. “They attacked people in their homes, or even in their cars on the road traveling.”

The case has had a high profile since Rusesabagina, 67, was arrested last year on arrival from Dubai after what he described as a kidnapping by Rwandan authorities.

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Prosecutors had sought a life sentence on nine charges, including terrorism, arson, taking hostages and forming an armed rebel group which he directed from abroad. After the announcement of the initial verdict, one of the defendants became ill, causing a short recess which delayed verdicts on other charges and sentencing.

Rusesabagina became a global celebrity after the film, which depicted him risking his life to shelter hundreds as the boss of a luxury hotel in the Rwandan capital Kigali during the 100-day genocide when Hutu ethnic extremists killed more than 800,000 people, mostly from the Tutsi minority.

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Rusesabagina's trial began in February, six months after he arrived in Kigali on a flight from Dubai. His supporters say he was kidnapped; the Rwandan government suggested he was tricked into boarding a private plane. Human Rights Watch said at the time that his arrest amounted to an enforced disappearance, which it called a serious violation of international law.



The 2004 film Hotel Rwanda told the story of how Mr Rusesabagina, a middle-class Hutu married to a Tutsi woman, used his influence - and bribes - to convince military officials to secure a safe escape for an estimated 1,200 people who sought shelter at the Mille Collines Hotel in Kigali.

## Planes from Haiti



new challenge for US authorities, who have sought to reduce the flow of Central Americans and now hundreds of Haitians who have fled rampant poverty, gang violence and seemingly non-stop natural disasters back home.

US authorities have moved 3,300 migrants since Friday from Del Rio, Texas, and announced a new daily schedule of flights to the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince, where some officials expressed concern on Sunday for a potentially large influx of return-

ing migrants in the next few days.

US Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz told a news conference in Del Rio, Texas, that over the next week the government aims to “quickly” process 12,662 migrants from underneath the bridge that links Del Rio with Ciudad Acuña, Mexico.

“There's no safety in Haiti and there's no work,” said Rolin Petit Homme, a 35-year old Haitian who had camped out under the bridge, but says he'll now try to eke out a living in Mexico rather than go back home.

Later on Sunday, the first three flights arrived in Haiti carrying 327 returned migrants, according to a US official. Upon arrival, some said they were never told where they were being taken.

Migrants were continuing to cross the river over the weekend despite heightened security on the US side that included horse-mounted agents, one of whom charged his horse to block migrants and swung what looked like a lariat at a person trying to climb up the US embankment from the water.

## Six killed in Russian university shooting, gunman in hospital

● Video shown on news websites showed panicked students leaping from first-floor windows to escape Perm State University

Reuters | Moscow

A student armed with a hunting rifle opened fire at a university in the Russian city of Perm yesterday, killing at least six people and wounding many others, investigators said.

Video shown on news websites showed panicked students leaping from first-floor windows to escape Perm State University, around 1,300 km (800 miles) east of Moscow, landing heavily on the ground before running to safety.

“There were about 60 people in our classroom. We closed the door and barricaded it with chairs,” student Semyon Karyakin told Reuters.

The gunman was wounded after resisting arrest, and was being treated in hospital, the Investigative Committee law enforcement agency said in a statement.

University spokesperson Natalia Pechishcheva earlier said the shooter had been “liquidated” but later said he was in police custody. Footage from



A car of Russia's National Guard is seen at the scene after a gunman opened fire at the Perm State University in Perm, Russia

the scene showed his body lying on the ground outside the university building.

The Investigative Committee had initially said eight people had been killed.

The gunman was identified as a student at the university who had obtained the hunting rifle in May, it said.

Local media identified the gunman as an 18-year-old student who had earlier posted a photo of himself on social media, posing with a rifle, helmet and ammunition. That photo could not be independently verified.

“I've thought about this for a long time, it's been years, and I realised the time had come to do what I dreamt of,” said a posting on a social media account attributed to him that was later taken down.

It indicated that his actions had nothing to do with politics or religion but were motivated by hatred.



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At the 76th #UNGA session, leaders must translate words into action for the most vulnerable. We must demonstrate that multilateralism is the only pathway to a better future for all.

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I'm in #Afghanistan, with @WHOEMRO Director Ahmed Al Mandhari. Protecting the health of the Afghan people is of the utmost priority for @WHO. We will visit health facilities meet with @WHOafghanistan staff, health workers, and Taliban leadership on these vital issues.

@DrTedros

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Past presidents have cut taxes for the wealthy and biggest corporations with the promise of economic growth. It doesn't work. The ultra-wealthy and corporations must pay their fair share—which will lower costs for the middle class.

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India's vaccination coverage crosses the milestone of 800 million doses

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