

Tarred Russian dog, rescued

AFP | Moscow

Animal shelter volunteers have rescued a dog trapped in a tar pit for two days at a construction site outside Moscow and are now looking for a home for the stray.

"Although the hole wasn't deep it couldn't get out, but it survived as it was able to keep its nose out to breathe," Oleg Larchenko of the Forest Shelter told AFP yesterday.

The young stray which the volunteers named Oreshkek (Little Nut) took three hours to clean using chemicals and lots of shampoo, and is now recovering at the shelter.

"I'm confident Oreshkek will find a home as the story has attracted lots of attention," said Larchenko.

Oreshkek has a better chance than strays in the 11 Russian



A happy ending for dog trapped in tar for two days. The rescuers now hope to find him a good home

cities hosting the World Cup next month as authorities increasingly put down dogs running loose so as to get them out of the way of the thousands of expected fans.

15 hurt in blast at Indian restaurant in Canada

● **Two suspects wearing hoodies detonated the explosive device**

AP | Toronto

An explosion caused by a homemade bomb ripped through an Indian restaurant where children were present for family parties at a mall in the Toronto suburb of Mississauga, wounding 15 people, Canadian police said.

Police said yesterday two suspects with their faces covered to conceal their identity entered the Bombay Bhel restaurant late Thursday, dropped the improvised explosive device and fled. Peel Regional Sergeant Matt Bertram said an object resembling a pail or paint can was carried into the restaurant by one of the suspects in his hand.

"There is no indication that this is a terrorism act. There is no indication that this is a hate crime at this time. We haven't ruled anything out as we start our investigation," said Peel Regional Police Chief Jennifer



Police stand outside the Bombay Bhel restaurant in Mississauga, Canada

Evans.

"Every police resource is being used right now to locate the people responsible for this horrendous act."

Officials said three Indian-Canadians suffered critical injuries and were taken to the hospital while the remaining 12 victims suffered what Evans described as minor and superficial injuries. Police later updated the condition of the three critically injured patients to stable. The ages of the injured range from 23 to 69. Children under the age of 10 were present but were not hurt.

The explosion happened just after 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, and the plaza where the restaurant is located was still sealed off yesterday. Television footage showed an injured woman limping away from the restaurant.

"Nothing was said by these individuals," Bertram said. "It appears they just went in, dropped off this device and took off right away."

Rafael Conceicao, a student from Sao Paulo, Brazil, was near the restaurant when the explosion occurred. He said there was a child's birthday party inside the restaurant at the time.



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"Glass was broken in the street ... Everything was destroyed. Lots of blood in the floor. Many people were screaming. They were trying to run out from the restaurant," he said.

Evans said there were two separate family parties happening at the time.

Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie said she was thankful there were no fatalities.

"I would call it a very heinous, reprehensible act committed by cowards who came into a restaurant where people are vulnerable, celebrating with their families and where children are present," she said.

"This is certainly not anything you would expect to happen in Mississauga, not my Mississauga. This is not the Mississauga I know."

At least seven killed by car bomb in Benghazi

Reuters | Benghazi, Libya

At least seven people were killed and 10 wounded when a car bomb exploded on a busy street in the centre of the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi on Thursday night, a hospital medic said.

The bomb exploded behind

the Tibesti hotel, the city's biggest, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, on a street where people were taking a stroll after a day of fasting until sunset in the holy Muslim month of Ramadan.

No more details on the bombing were immediately available.

Security forces on US nuclear missile base took drugs

● **Records show that Air Force members distributed and used the hallucinogen LSD**

AP | Washington

One airman said he felt paranoia. Another marvelled at the vibrant colours. A third admitted he "felt more alive".

Air Force records show US service members entrusted with guarding nuclear missiles that are among the most powerful in America's arsenal bought, distributed and used the hallucinogen LSD and other illegal drugs as part of a ring that operated undetected for months on a highly secure military base in Wyoming.



The entrance to FE Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming

"Although this sounds like something from a movie, it isn't," said Captain Charles Grimsley, the lead prosecutor of one of several courts martial.

A slip-up on social media by one airman enabled investigators to crack the drug ring at FE Warren Air Force Base in March 2016. Fourteen airmen were dis-

ciplined. Six of them were convicted of LSD use or distribution or both.

None of the airmen was accused of using drugs on duty.



FE Warren Air Force Base is the oldest continuously active military installation within the Air Force, established in 1867 by the US Army

Yet it is another blow to the reputation of the Air Force's nuclear missile corps, which is capable of unleashing hell in the form of Minuteman 3 intercontinental ballistic missiles, or ICBMs.

The service members accused of involvement in the LSD ring were from the 90th Missile Wing, which operates one-third of the 400 Minuteman 3 missiles that stand "on alert" 24/7 in underground silos scattered across the northern Great Plains.

An Air Force spokesman, Lieutenant Colonel Uriah Orland, said the drug activity took place during off-duty hours.

"There are multiple checks to ensure airmen who report for duty are not under the influence of alcohol or drugs and are able to execute the mission safely, securely and effectively," he said.

49 dead after boat capsizes in Congo

AP | Kinshasa, Congo

Congolese officials say at least 49 people have died after a boat tipped over on the Momboyo River, a tributary of the Congo River in the country's northwest region.

The vice governor of Tshuapa province, Richard Mboyo Iluka, says the boat was taking people from Monkoto to Mbandaka city on Thursday but capsized just outside Wafania.

He tells The Associated Press that a team has been dispatched to investigate and get a more realistic death toll.

He says he doesn't know how many people were on the boat or how many are thought to have survived.

Two hurt in Indiana middle school shooting; suspect in custody

AP | Noblesville, Ind.

A male student opened fire at a suburban Indianapolis middle school yesterday morning, wounding another student and a teacher before being taken into custody, authorities said.

The attack at Noblesville West Middle School happened around 9 am, police Chief Kevin Jowitt said at a news conference. He said investigators believe the suspect acted alone, but didn't detail what happened or the severity of the injuries to the victims, who were taken to hospitals in Indianapolis. The identities of those involved weren't immediately released.

Indiana University Health spokeswoman Danielle Sirilla said the teacher was taken to IU



Empty school buses leave after a shooting at Noblesville West Middle School



Noblesville, which is about 20 miles (32 kilometres) north-east of Indianapolis, is home to about 50,000 people. The middle school has about 1,300 students from grades 6-8

Health Methodist Hospital and the wounded student was taken to Riley Hospital for Children. She didn't know the seriousness of their injuries.

After the attack, students were bussed to the Noblesville High School gym, where hundreds of parents and other family members arrived to retrieve them.

Eighth-grader Chris Navarro said he was inside an auditorium when he counted hearing 16 gunshots about a minute before the bell rang for change in class.

"The speaker came on and said we were on lockdown and people rushed in and we went to the back of the room. I went into this little room in the back with three other people," he said calmly standing between his parents as they picked him up.

Erica Higgins, who was among the worried parents who rushed to get their kids, said that she learned of the shooting from a relative who called her at home.

"I just want to get my arms around my boy," she said.

Higgins said her son was shaken up but knew little about what happened.

"I got a 'Mom, I'm scared' text message and other than that, it was 'come get me at the high school,'" Higgins said.

Gov. Eric Holcomb, who was returning from a trip to Europe yesterday, issued a statement saying he and other state leaders were getting updates about the situation and that 100 state police officers had been made available to work with local law enforcement.