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India and Japan share more than just diplomatic ties. It is a bond of culture, trust and progress.

@narendramodi

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Africa has everything to become a renewables superpower – from solar & wind to minerals for clean technologies. Yet it receives a tiny fraction of global renewables investment. We must mobilize finance & technology to ensure Africa's natural wealth benefits its people first.

@antonioaguterres

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Unfortunately, the reality is that Farage will do almost nothing to protect Britain. That is obvious.

@elonmusk

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The western city of El Fasher, #Sudan, is under attack, where one of the very few still standing health facilities, South Hospital, is located.

@DrTedros

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Rain swamps India's Jammu region with extensive floods



Rising Star Corps troops of Indian Army swung into action, rescuing villagers hit by flash floods in Amli and Nud, Samba, Kachle and Sujanpur, Pathankot, Makaura Pattan and Adalatgarh, Gurdaspur

AFP | New Delhi, India

Fierce floods swamped the Jammu area of Indian-administered Kashmir on Tuesday as intense monsoon rainstorms in the Himalayan region caused widespread chaos, sweeping away bridges and swamping homes, Indian media

reported.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported five people had been killed by a landslide in the Reasi district, citing local officials.

It also released videos that showed brown torrents of raging water smashing into bridges and covering Hindu temples.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said he would be taking the "next available flight" to Jammu, calling the situation in many parts of Jammu province "quite serious", he said in a statement.

PTI reported that phone lines were damaged.

AFP was not able to immediately contact officials to con-

firm the exact extent of the flood damage.

Floods and landslides are common during the June-September monsoon season, but experts say climate change, coupled with poorly planned development, is increasing their frequency, severity and impact.

Floods on August 5 over-

whelmed the Himalayan town of Dharali in India's Uttarakhand state and buried it in mud. The likely death toll from that disaster is more than 70 but has not been confirmed.

On August 14, powerful torrents driven by intense rain smashed into Chisoti village in Indian-administered Kashmir, killing at least 60 people.

Fears of new political crisis grip France

PM Bayrou likely to be ousted in a confidence vote next month

● Political competition is intensifying in France

● Macron, 47, has repeatedly faced calls to resign

● He has insisted that he will stay on

AFP | Paris, France

Fears of a new political crisis swept through France on Tuesday as the minority government of Francois Bayrou appeared likely to be ousted in a confidence vote next month.

France's embattled prime minister stunned the country on Monday, announcing he had asked President Emmanuel Macron to convene an extraordinary session of parliament on September 8.

Bayrou needs parliamentary backing for his austerity measures to reduce France's soaring public debt but the main opposition parties -- from the far-right to the hard-left -- said they would not

back the prime minister's plan.

The announcement came as calls mounted to stage a nationwide shutdown on September 10 to protest against Bayrou's proposed budget cuts.

Speaking on Tuesday, Bayrou urged France's political forces to think twice, noting they had 13 days to "say whether they are on the side of chaos or responsibility."

"Is there or is there not a national emergency to rebalance the accounts, to escape excessive debt by choosing to reduce our deficits and produce more?" Bayrou said.

"That is the central question."

Far-right leader Marine Le Pen -- whose National Rally party has abstained in previous votes of confidence against Bayrou, allowing him to survive -- now says she wants parliament dissolved and new parliamentary elections called.

Hard-left firebrand Jean-Luc Melenchon, who has launched previous unsuccessful attempts to bring down Bayrou, suggested that Macron must resign if Bayrou, 74, loses this time.

"Macron is chaos," the head of the hard-left France Unbowed party said on Tuesday, adding he would propose a motion of no confidence against the president in parliament.

"He must go."

Political competition is intensifying in France ahead of the presidential election in 2027 when Macron's second term is set to end.

Macron, 47, has repeatedly faced calls to resign since dissolving parliament last year after far-right gains in European elections, plunging the country into crisis.

But he has insisted that he will stay on until the end of his term and has also said he wants to avoid dissolving parliament and calling snap parliamentary elections again.

Were Bayrou to be rejected by parliament, it would leave Macron seeking his seventh prime minister and cast a heavy shadow over the remaining two years of his presidential mandate.

US revokes visa of Brazil justice minister in Bolsonaro row

Brasília, Brazil

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Tuesday that the United States had revoked the visa of Justice Minister Ricardo Lewandowski, a move he termed "irresponsible."

The US State Department had yet to confirm the latest in a series of punitive measures taken by Washington against Brazil for putting former far-right president Jair Bolsonaro on trial for alleged coup plotting.

"I wanted to express my solidarity and the government's solidarity with my colleague Lewandowski faced with the irresponsible gesture of the United States in revoking his visa," Lula told a ministerial meeting in Brasilia.

President Donald Trump has also imposed crippling 50-percent tariffs on dozens of Brazilian imports and sanctioned the judge overseeing Bolsonaro's trial, which he has called a "witch hunt."



Francois Bayrou

