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## Alexandar Sullivan

An armed man was shot and killed early Sunday after entering the secure perimeter of President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence in Palm Beach, Florida, prompting a federal investigation into the security breach. The confrontation occurred around 01:30 ET (06:30 GMT), according to the Secret Service. The suspect, identified as Austin T. Martin of Cameron,

### HIGHLIGHT

●FBI assisting in investigation

●Incident occurred at Mar-a-Lago, Palm Beach, Florida

●President Donald Trump was in Washington, DC at the time

●Shooting happened around 01:30 ET Sunday

●Suspect identified as Austin T. Martin of Cameron, North Carolina

North Carolina, was reportedly carrying a shotgun and a fuel can when he approached the north gate of the property. Trump was in Washington, DC at the



Photo: Secret Service responds after an armed man is killed near the secure perimeter of Trump's residence. Image Source: Getty Images/BBC/Online

## Armed Intruder at Mar-a-Lago

Secret Service says suspect breached secure perimeter overnight

time of the incident. Secret Service spokesperson Anthony Guglielmi said agents observed Martin "unlawfully entering the secure perimeter." Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw told reporters that officers repeatedly ordered him to drop the items. "The only words that we said to him was 'drop the items,'" Bradshaw said.

While Martin put down the fuel can, authorities said he raised the shotgun into a firing position, at which point agents opened fire to "neutralize the threat." Law enforcement officers were wearing body cameras, and no officers were injured. Officials said it remains unclear whether the shotgun

was loaded. The FBI is assisting in determining the circumstances surrounding the incident, including whether the weapon was purchased during Martin's reported drive from North Carolina. His family had reported him missing the day before, according to CBS. Security at Mar-a-Lago includes layered protection by local

sheriff's deputies and the Secret Service. The fatal shooting underscores ongoing concerns about threats to Trump, who has previously survived assassination attempts in 2024, heightening vigilance around his properties and public appearances.

## Russia Launches Massive Strike on Ukraine

EU sanctions face Hungarian resistance

### John Paul

Russia launched 297 drones and nearly 50 missiles across Ukraine on Sunday, striking energy, logistics and residential areas just days before the war's fourth anniversary. A missile destroyed a two-storey home near Kyiv, killing one man and injuring others, including children, Ukrainian officials said. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy condemned the assault, stating: "Moscow continues to invest in strikes more than in diplomacy."

### HIGHLIGHT

●297 drones and nearly 50 missiles launched Sunday

●Residential home destroyed near Kyiv

●At least one killed, several injured

●Hungary threatens to block new EU sanctions

●Fourth anniversary of invasion approaches

## Andrew Visit, Met Security New files raise questions



Photo: Emails show Met police protecting Prince Andrew during a visit to Jeffrey Epstein's home Image Source: BBC/PA Media

### Lily Anderson

Newly released emails show that Metropolitan Police protection officers were instructed to provide security at Jeffrey Epstein's New York home during a December 2010 visit by Andrew Mountbatten-

Windsor, raising fresh questions about the former royal's association with the disgraced financier. The correspondence, published by the US Department of Justice, suggests that Andrew's private secretary requested confirmation

that there was space for his two close protection officers at Epstein's residence. Internal messages from Epstein's staff indicated accommodations were arranged, with one officer reportedly staying on the fourth floor and another on the fifth. The

emails also suggest the officers were provided with a temporary security code to access the property.

### HIGHLIGHT

●Emails released by US Department of Justice

●Visit tied to December 2010 in New York

●Metropolitan Police contacting current and former officers

In a message dated 1 December 2010, an Epstein staff member wrote that "The Duke's 2 protection officers along with the state security will all be here for tomorrow's dinner party," noting instructions had been given at the door. The Met said it has not identified any wrongdoing by its

officers "at this time" and is contacting current and former personnel who may have relevant information. The force declined to comment on specific security arrangements but emphasized that protection officers are held to high professional standards. Andrew has consistently denied wrongdoing. He was arrested last week on suspicion of misconduct in public office and later released under investigation. Searches at Royal Lodge, Windsor, are ongoing as authorities continue their inquiries.

He urged allies to strengthen Ukraine's air defenses as temperatures plunged and infrastructure faced renewed strain. The barrage came as Hungary threatened to block a new round of European Union sanctions against Moscow, demanding resumed oil shipments through the Druzhba pipeline. EU foreign ministers are set to meet in Brussels on Monday, aiming to approve measures ahead of Tuesday's invasion anniversary, amid growing regional tensions.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Bronx Takes Cautious View of Mamdani's First 50 Days



Photo: Bronx book haven Storyland inspires young readers Image Source: Ed Reed/Mayoral Photography Office

### Community Desk

Fifty days into Mayor Zohran Mamdani's administration, Bronx residents and leaders are taking a measured approach to evaluating his performance. After winning 51.5% of the Bronx vote in November, Mamdani quickly moved on initiatives affecting the borough, including reviving the stalled Just Home supportive housing project at Jacobi Hospital and advancing new bus lanes along Fordham Road. He also pledged tenant protections through "Rental Ripoff" hearings. Still, many residents say it is

too soon to judge. "I just want to see how this plays out," said Anthony Perez, 34. Others praised Mamdani's support for striking nurses and immigrants, while raising concerns about winter storm response and public safety. Community board leaders echoed the cautious tone, emphasizing sanitation, housing enforcement and service delivery. "It's still very early on," said Community Board 10 District Manager Matt Cruz. Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson expressed optimism but stressed that residents are focused on tangible improvements in daily life.

## Looking for Work? NYC Has Openings

### Staff Reporter

New York City is expanding employment opportunities with several entry-level positions in Manhattan that do not require a college degree, according to listings on the official JobsNYC portal. The Department of Homeless Services (DHS) is hiring a full-time community assistant responsible for housekeeping duties, maintaining common areas and handling inventory. The role runs Sunday through Thursday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a salary range of \$39,970 to \$43,460.



Photo: NYC is hiring: Jobs in Manhattan that don't require a degree Image Source : Online  
DHS is also seeking a community associate to serve as an intake worker, acting as a liaison between residents and shelters. That position operates Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering \$44,545 to \$51,227 annually. City officials say the openings provide accessible pathways into public service while supporting vulnerable New Yorkers through essential services.

## Mentor Power Village Marks First Anniversary



Photo: Mentor Power Village Celebrates First Anniversary

### NYN Desk

Mentor Power Village celebrated its first anniversary on February 15, 2025, convening its executive committee at the organization's headquarters in Queens, NY, to reflect on a year of growth and outline future initiatives. Founded by Swati Chakraborty, who chaired the meeting, the nonprofit focuses on youth empowerment through physical fitness, mental resilience and career guidance, while also offering creative programs for adults and seniors. Board members Mahatpa Palit, Ph.D., Luntita Dathli, Ph.D., and Professor Smita Guha, Ph.D. joined advisors,

community leaders and supporters in reviewing the organization's progress. "In the past year, Mentor Power Village activities included organizing yoga sessions for students at Columbia University, New York University and BMCC for World Yoga Day," Chakraborty said, noting additional workshops on leadership, self-development and environmental conservation. The meeting concluded with a pledge to expand multidisciplinary programming in the coming year, deepening the nonprofit's impact across generations in the Queens community.

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# OPINION

## Bangladesh at a Sensitive Political Crossroads

— By Akbar Haider Kiron

The outcome of the recent national election in Bangladesh has sent an important message: extremist forces did not achieve the momentum many had anticipated. For those who believe that religion should not be weaponized for political gain, and that the spirit of the 1971 Liberation War must remain central to national identity, this result offers a measure of cautious optimism. Yet politics is rarely linear. Even within victory, questions emerge; even within relief, unease can take root. Recent political engagements by Tarique Rahman, including courtesy visits to figures associated with Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami and other parties, have generated debate. For many citizens mindful of history—particularly the controversial role Islamist forces played during the Liberation War—such interactions are not merely symbolic gestures. They raise ethical and ideological concerns. The central question is this: Are these engagements part of a broader strategy to consolidate democratic opposition? Or do they signal a gradual softening of long-held ideological boundaries? Coalition-building is not new to Bangladeshi politics. Dialogue

across party lines is often necessary in transitional moments. However, history also demonstrates that when tactical flexibility begins to blur principled clarity, public trust can erode. In a nation whose independence was secured at tremendous human cost, ideological ambiguity is especially sensitive.

**Cabinet Formation: Balance or Political Accommodation?**  
The formation of the new cabinet has further intensified discussion. The inclusion of a significant number of state ministers raises questions about administrative efficiency versus political accommodation. While broader representation may foster inclusivity, excessive layering in governance can complicate decision-making and dilute accountability. There is also concern regarding ministerial portfolios that appear misaligned with the professional or political experience of their appointees. Effective governance



— Akbar Haider Kiron  
Senior Journalist, New York

demands not only political loyalty but competence and coherence. When portfolio assignments appear incongruent, it risks undermining both policy implementation and public confidence. The Marginalization of Veteran Leadership Equally noteworthy is the perceived sidelining of several seasoned leaders within the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), including Mirza Abbas, Abdul Moyeen Khan, Nazrul Islam Khan, Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, and Aman Ullah Aman. These figures have long been associated with political mobilization, organizational resilience, and ideological advocacy. While generational transition is essential for political vitality, renewal should not translate into disregard. Sustainable leadership emerges from a synthesis of experience and innovation—not the displacement of one by the other. Technocratic Inclusion and Political Legitimacy

The inclusion of Dr. Khalilur Rahman has likewise drawn mixed reactions. His diplomatic credentials and administrative experience are widely acknowledged. However, in a politically polarized environment, professional competence alone does not guarantee broad acceptability. Governance requires not only expertise but also political legitimacy. Bangladesh today stands at a defining juncture. On one path lies pragmatic coalition-building and strategic maneuvering. On the other stands principled clarity rooted in the ideals of 1971—democracy, pluralism, and resistance to communalism. The true test of leadership is not choosing one path over the other, but harmonizing both without compromising the nation's foundational values. There is reason for hope. The electorate has signaled resistance to overt extremism. But vigilance remains essential. History in Bangladesh is neither distant nor abstract; it is living memory. If political strategy begins to overshadow moral conviction, the cost will not merely be electoral—it will be existential.

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“Are these engagements part of a broader strategy to consolidate democratic opposition? Or do they signal a gradual softening of long-held ideological boundaries?”



Photo: Bangladesh's election represents politics as usual, and some hope for change  
Image Source: Online

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## Standing Together for Global Justice

— Imam Shamsi Ali

As we commemorate Black History Month, let us reflect on the profound words of Martin Luther King Jr.: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." This timeless wisdom resonates deeply in our world today, where oppression and injustice continue to afflict humanity. From Gaza/Palestine to Ukraine, and from India to Kashmir, from Uighur to Rohingya, violence and killings persist, often with alarming impunity. The Uighur people in China face extraordinary hardship, with over 1 million detained in internment camps, subjected to forced labor, cultural

suppression, and human rights abuses. The people of Gaza continue to be slaughtered, despite the signing of a so-called ceasefire agreement and the establishment of a purported Board of Peace. Regrettably, these injustices often occur under the watchful eyes of the international community, which sometimes remains disturbingly silent. This silence is starkly paradoxical, given that major religions uniformly teach us



— Imam Shamsi Ali :  
Director, Jamaica Muslim Center & President, Nusantara Foundation

to oppose injustice, promoting humanity, love, compassion, and justice. However, followers of these religions often demonstrate paradoxical behaviors, where outward religiosity contrasts with inward immorality. This disconnect stems from a failure to grasp the essence of religion – spirituality. Instead, focus is placed on symbols and rituals, neglecting the transformative power of faith on social life. As people of faith, we must speak out

against injustice, recognizing that "an injustice to one is an injustice to all." Our religions teach us honesty and integrity; thus, we must be truthful in our pursuit of justice, ensuring it is equitable for all, regardless of background or faith. Let us unite in advocating for justice and speaking out against injustice, fostering a world where human rights and dignity are universally respected. As the saying goes, "Enough for evil to thrive when the good people say or do nothing." United Nations, 3 February 2026  
\*Summary of presentation at the UN Interfaith Dialogue for Global Advocacy

# PHILANTHROPY

## Unity in Action: Iftar Supplies Distributed on Hillside Avenue

Save the People USA and Jamaica Bangladesh Friends Society serve over 500 families

**James Anderson**

In a heartfelt show of unity and compassion ahead of the holy month of Ramadan, Save the People USA and Jamaica Bangladesh Friends Society organized a large-scale food distribution in the Hillside Avenue area of Jamaica, New York. The initiative, part of their ongoing humanitarian efforts, aimed to support underprivileged and fasting families as they prepared to welcome Ramadan. Alhamdulillah, the organizations were able to serve more than 500 families, distributing between 500 and 750 essential food items. The groceries included oil, onions, potatoes, flour, pasta, macaroni, pineapple, apples, dates, lentils (dal), and carrots—staples intended to help families prepare suhoor and iftar meals. More than 10 youth volunteers and



generosity, compassion, and solidarity. They expressed hope that similar humanitarian efforts would continue in the future. Local residents praised the initiative, noting that such efforts strengthen

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community members participated in the distribution and cleanup efforts, ensuring the event was conducted in an organized and respectful manner. Despite the busy environment, volunteers reported receiving

overwhelmingly positive feedback from families who expressed gratitude for the timely support on the eve of Ramadan. Fatima Niass, Program Manager and Administrator of Save the People USA, helped oversee and

manage the distribution process alongside dedicated volunteers. Imam Muhammad Shahidullah, CEO of Save the People USA, was also present and actively participated in the event, reinforcing the organization's

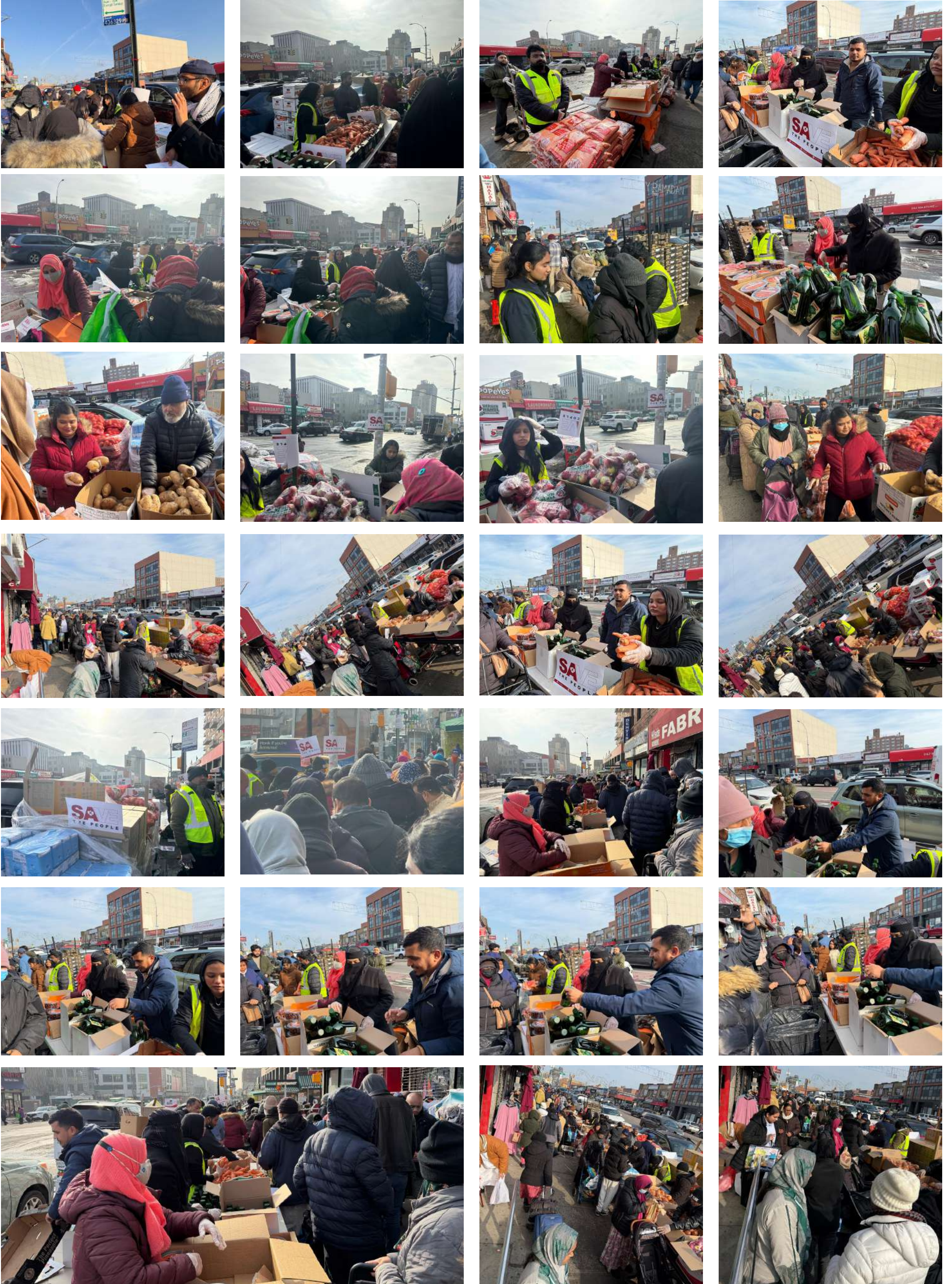
hands-on commitment to community service. Organizers emphasized that the primary goal of the initiative was to stand beside disadvantaged members of the community in the spirit of Ramadan—an occasion that calls for

community bonds and reflect the true values of the blessed month. Through unity and service, the event demonstrated how collective action can make a meaningful difference in the lives of many.



# PHILANTHROPY

## Volunteers come together to assist families in need



# UNITY

## An Evening of Faith and Fellowship at Nassau County Police Department

### Interfaith Iftar highlights inclusion and shared values

**Ashley Reed**

In observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan, the Muslim Officers Society (MOS) of the Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) recently hosted a dignified interfaith Iftar gathering that brought together officers, community leaders, and distinguished guests from diverse backgrounds. The evening reflected a shared commitment to unity, inclusion, and mutual respect. The program opened with welcoming remarks from MOS President Shakhawat Hafiz, who serves in the department's 6th Precinct. He spoke about the spiritual significance of Ramadan, describing it as a time of self-discipline, compassion, and reflection. He emphasized that the event was not simply a meal to break the fast, but a meaningful



opportunity to strengthen understanding and solidarity among law enforcement and the broader community. The successful coordination of the event was led by MOS Vice President Mohammed Rahman, also of the 6th Precinct, whose efforts helped



ensure a seamless and welcoming atmosphere.

Throughout the evening, speakers highlighted that the lessons of Ramadan—tolerance, accountability, empathy, and service—resonate far beyond the Muslim community and serve as universal principles that support effective civic engagement.

A special awards segment recognized individuals for their leadership and dedication. Patrick Ryder received the Founder Recognition Award for his support of diversity and inclusive leadership within the department. Mufti Nazrul Islam was

honored with the Raees Leadership Award for his outstanding community contributions, while Mufti Mohammad Farhan, PhD, received the Light of Guidance Award in recognition of his scholarly and spiritual leadership. The evening concluded with prayers for peace, safety, and prosperity for the nation and communities throughout Nassau County, New York. Attendees expressed optimism that such gatherings would continue to foster collaboration and trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Organizers reaffirmed their commitment to hosting similar initiatives in the future, underscoring that the message of brotherhood and unity embodied in Ramadan remains essential in strengthening relationships across faiths and professions alike.



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# HERITAGE

## A Milestone for Inclusion: NYC Celebrates Muslim American Heritage Month

### Community stories and solidarity take center stage

**William Henry**

New York City took a significant step toward inclusive recognition on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, hosting its first public observance of Muslim American Heritage Month at the Rotunda of the New York County Supreme Court, 60 Centre Street in Manhattan. The milestone event, organized by the NYC Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes (OPHC) in partnership with the Muslim Community Network (MCN), drew a large and diverse crowd. The celebration followed Governor Kathy Hochul's statewide proclamation recognizing Muslim American Heritage Month, aligning city and state efforts to honor the cultural, civic, and economic

contributions of Muslim New Yorkers. From 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM, attendees filled the grand rotunda, reflecting both pride and reflection amid ongoing concerns about rising hate crimes and Islamophobia. "Recognizing Muslim American Heritage Month is not just about the past," one attendee remarked, "but about ensuring that Muslim communities are safe, valued, and visible in the present." As a division of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, OPHC emphasized its continued commitment to combating bias and fostering resilience. The evening served not only as a tribute to history but as a powerful affirmation of New York City's evolving, inclusive identity.



**NYC Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes**



# REMEMBRANCE

## Ekushe February Remembered in New York

### Diaspora honors the legacy of the 1952 Language Movement

Jessica Morgan

In a solemn and heartfelt observance of International Mother Language Day (February 21), the Bangladesh Society Inc organized a midnight tribute to honor the martyrs of the historic 1952 Language Movement. Community members gathered in the early hours of Ekushe February to lay floral wreaths and pay deep respect to those who sacrificed their lives to protect the Bengali language. Leaders from various Bangladeshi political, social, and cultural organizations were present at the event, standing together in remembrance of the language heroes. The gathering reflected both reverence and unity, as members of the diaspora came forward



the enduring connection between homeland and diaspora. The midnight observance served as a reminder that the spirit of the Language Movement transcends borders, continuing to inspire pride and responsibility among Bangladeshis worldwide. Through flowers, reflection, and collective remembrance, the community reaffirmed



to honor a defining chapter in Bangladesh's history. Organizers emphasized that the purpose of the program was not only

to commemorate the past but also to educate the younger generation about the sacrifices that secured the right to speak and

preserve their mother tongue. They noted that remembering the martyrs abroad reinforces cultural identity and instills

awareness about the importance of linguistic dignity. Bangladeshi expatriates of all ages participated in the tribute, symbolizing

its commitment to preserving the honor of the Bengali language and passing its legacy to future generations.



# REMEMBRANCE

## Bangladesh Society Inc leads International Mother Language Day tribute



# REMEMBRANCE

## Bangladeshi diaspora commemorates International Mother Language Day





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# HARMONY

## NYPD 105th Precinct Strengthens Community Ties at Ramadan Iftar

### Captain Moodie joins Masjid Al-Welayet for evening of reflection and unity

**Noah Presley**

In a meaningful gesture of outreach and solidarity, Captain Moodie of the NYPD 105th Precinct recently visited Masjid Al-Welayet to participate in an Iftar gathering during the Holy Month of Ramadan. The evening brought together members of the local Muslim community and law enforcement in a spirit of mutual respect and shared tradition. Iftar, the meal that breaks the daily fast at sunset during Ramadan, holds deep spiritual significance for Muslims around the world. By attending the gathering, Captain Moodie and members of the 105th Precinct demonstrated their continued commitment to building



strong relationships with the diverse communities they serve. In a statement shared following the visit, the precinct expressed gratitude for the warm welcome and the opportunity to take part in such a meaningful tradition. The engagement reflected ongoing efforts to strengthen trust and collaboration between law enforcement and

community members in Queens. Community leaders at the mosque welcomed the visit as a positive step toward fostering open dialogue and understanding. Events like these, they noted, help bridge gaps and reinforce the shared goal of ensuring safety and harmony throughout the neighborhood. The visit underscored a broader message that public safety is most effective when rooted in partnership. As Ramadan continues to be observed across New York City, moments of connection like this serve as reminders that unity, respect, and communication remain vital pillars of a strong and inclusive community.



## Jalalabad Association of America Hosts Ramadan Iftar Gathering

### Community leaders unite at Gulshan Terrace for evening of reflection



**Adam Smith**

In observance of the Holy Month of

Ramadan, the Jalalabad Association of America recently hosted a well-attended Iftar

gathering at Gulshan Terrace, bringing together members of the association and



prominent community leaders for an evening of faith and fellowship. The event marked a significant moment for the community, as attendees gathered to break their fast together and reflect on the spiritual values of Ramadan — including patience, gratitude, and compassion. Leaders

from the Jalalabad Association, along with representatives from various social and community organizations, were present to show solidarity and support. The gathering provided an opportunity not only to share a meal but also to strengthen relationships among community members. Ramadan, known for fostering generosity and unity, served as a fitting backdrop for the event, which emphasized cooperation and collective responsibility within the diaspora. Attendees described the evening as a meaningful

reminder of the importance of staying connected through faith and shared cultural heritage, especially while living abroad. The presence of respected leaders underscored the association's continued commitment to community engagement and mutual support. As the evening concluded, participants expressed hope that such gatherings would continue throughout the holy month and beyond, reinforcing bonds of brotherhood and strengthening the spirit of unity within the community.



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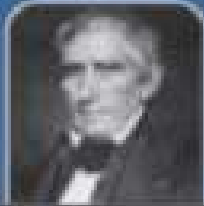
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**Donald J. Trump**  
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# AROUND THE WORLD

## Around the World in NYC: Youth Unite Across Faiths and Cultures

### Visit to Save The People anchors powerful unity initiative

**Emily Parker**

In a city defined by its diversity, young New Yorkers gathered on February 16, 2026, for an immersive cultural experience designed to strengthen unity and understanding. The event, titled "Around the World in NYC," brought together youth, faith leaders, and community partners for a day of dialogue, reflection, and collaboration. A highlight of the program was the group's visit to Save The People, where participants took part in an interactive session focused on civic engagement, compassion, and community service. The visit provided students with a hands-on opportunity to learn about grassroots initiatives aimed at uplifting underserved communities while reinforcing shared



values across cultures and faiths. Organized in partnership with P.A.T.H. FORWARD, the NYC Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes, Muslim Community Network (MCN), Save The People, and Flatbush Leadership Academy, the program emphasized unity at a time when headlines often reflect division. Leaders including Christine Noel,



Program Director of P.A.T.H.; representatives from the 67th Precinct Clergy Council ("The GodSquad"); Anmol Aulakh of the Sikh Coalition; Pastor Phillip Falayi of Hosanna Quality Life & Development; Dr. T.K. Nakagaki; and Corey Chivers of Light The World were among those supporting the initiative.

In one room, youth witnessed Muslims, Christians, Jews, Sikhs, and civic leaders working side by side, modeling collaboration and mutual respect. Through meaningful conversations and cross-cultural engagement, participants built friendships and deepened their commitment to standing against hate and bias. Organizers described the event as a reflection of Queens' spirit and New York City's strength — a reminder that diversity is not merely something to celebrate, but something to actively protect. As the day concluded, the message was clear: when young people choose understanding over fear and collaboration over conflict, they help build a stronger, more unified future for all.



# AROUND THE WORLD

## Around the World in NYC fosters dialogue and understanding



# AROUND THE WORLD

## Youth-led cultural journey spotlights collaboration and hope



# AROUND THE WORLD

Community partners come together for a powerful learning experience



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# FAITH

## Hundreds Gather in Times Square for Ramadan Iftar and Taraweeh

Faith, fellowship, and free meals mark a powerful night in NYC

**Carlos Stewart**

In a striking display of faith and fellowship, hundreds of Muslims gathered at Broadway and Seventh Avenue in Times Square, New York City, for a public Iftar and Taraweeh prayer marking the holy month of Ramadan. The event transformed the iconic commercial hub into a space of reflection, unity, and spiritual devotion. Organized by Muslim American content creator WayofLifeSQ, the gathering included the distribution of 1,500 free meals, offering chicken and rice to fasting attendees and passersby alike. Volunteers also handed out 1,200 copies of the Quran in multiple languages, reinforcing the event's emphasis on education and outreach. As the sun set,



worshippers broke their fast together before lining up shoulder to shoulder for the Isha and Taraweeh prayers. The sight of congregational prayer in

the heart of Manhattan underscored both the visibility and vibrancy of New York's Muslim community, which numbers more than half a million practicing

believers. According to the organizer, two Americans embraced Islam during the evening, prompting applause and warm

support from those gathered. While the event was largely peaceful and celebratory, there were reports of a heckler attempting to disrupt the

gathering. Organizers and attendees remained focused on maintaining a respectful and calm atmosphere. The gathering drew praise on social media, with many highlighting its inclusivity and spirit of generosity. Similar public Ramadan events have taken place in Times Square in previous years, reflecting the city's long-standing accommodation of diverse religious expressions. As Ramadan continues, Muslims across New York are observing the month with fasting, nightly prayers, charity, and strengthened bonds of brotherhood. For one evening, Times Square stood not just as a global tourist destination, but as a powerful symbol of faith, community, and coexistence in the heart of the city.





# Supreme Court Strikes Down Trump Tariffs

### Ruling curbs president's trade authority



Photo: President Donald Trump speaks during a press briefing held at the White House, on Friday. Image Source : Kevin Dietsch/Getty Images

by two of Trump's appointees, curtails the president's ability to unilaterally impose broad tariffs. Trump quickly responded by announcing plans for 10% global tariffs, later suggesting an increase to 15%, under a different section of trade law.

#### HIGHLIGHT

•Supreme Court struck down Trump's global tariffs

•Ruling limits use of emergency trade authority

However, that authority carries tighter limits on duration and scope.

The decision arrives amid economic headwinds. The Bureau of Economic Analysis reported GDP growth of just 1.4% in the fourth quarter, while public approval of Trump's tariff policy has declined. A recent poll showed 62% of Americans disapprove of his handling of tariffs. Though the ruling undercuts a cornerstone of Trump's economic agenda, some Republicans appear quietly relieved. With midterm elections approaching, the decision may shift trade policy back toward Congress — and ease political pressure within the GOP.

#### Amkel Nourush

The Supreme Court delivered a significant setback to President Donald Trump on

Friday, striking down his sweeping global tariffs and sharply limiting his use of emergency trade authority. The ruling, joined

# France to Summon U.S. Ambassador

### Dispute erupts over activist's death remarks

#### Nassr Al Shams

France announced it will summon U.S. Ambassador Charles Kushner following comments from the Trump administration about the killing of far-right activist Quentin Deranque in Lyon. Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-Noel Barrot criticized a post by the U.S.

State Department's Counterterrorism Bureau suggesting "violent radical leftism" was linked to Deranque's death. Barrot said France rejects any "instrumentalization of



Photos: Marchers in Lyon hold a "Goodbye comrade" banner in tribute to slain activist Quentin Deranque, Feb. 21, 2026

Image Source: AP Photo/Laurent Cipriani

this tragedy" for political purposes and added that the country has "no lessons to learn" on

violence. Deranque died last week from brain injuries sustained during a fight

near a student event. His death has intensified political tensions ahead of next year's presidential election, with about 3,000 people marching in Lyon in tribute. President Emmanuel Macron called for calm. Seven individuals have received preliminary charges, including intentional homicide and criminal conspiracy. Barrot also said he plans to raise concerns over U.S. sanctions targeting French officials during his meeting with Kushner.



Photo: Farage claims "search parties" in the Maldives tried to stop him from reaching the Chagos Islands.

Image Source: Anadolu/Getty Images

# Farage Claims Chagos Trip Blocked

### Critics call it a "Maga stunt"

#### Adrian Smith

Nigel Farage has been accused of staging "Maga stunts" after claiming the British government blocked him from traveling to the Chagos Islands on what he described as a humanitarian mission. The Reform UK leader flew to the Maldives for just over a day, saying he intended to join a delegation delivering aid to Chagossians protesting Britain's planned transfer of the territory to Mauritius. In a video posted on X, Farage alleged officials were pressuring Maldivian authorities to prevent him from boarding a boat to the archipelago, which requires a valid permit for entry.

However, government sources said they had no advance notice of his travel plans. The Foreign Office emphasized that access to the British

Indian Ocean Territory is restricted and not open to tourists. Former defense secretary Ben Wallace dismissed the trip as a "cheap stunt," noting strict entry rules apply to everyone. The episode

#### HIGHLIGHT

•Nigel Farage flew to the Maldives

•Claimed UK blocked visit to Chagos Islands

•Critics label trip a "cheap stunt"

•Entry to territory requires valid permit

comes amid renewed debate over the future of the islands and the US-UK military base on Diego Garcia.

# USA Ends 46-Year Wait for Olympic Gold

### Hughes seals overtime win over Canada

#### Julian Alvez

The United States captured its first men's Olympic ice hockey gold medal in 46 years, defeating Canada 2-1 in overtime at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina. The victory marks America's first men's title since the famed "Miracle on Ice" in 1980.

In a tightly contested final, Matt Boldy opened the scoring with a dazzling solo effort before Canada equalized late in the second period through Cale Makar. Canada dominated much of the third period, outshooting

the Americans 41-26, but U.S. goaltender Connor Hellebuyck delivered a standout performance to keep the game level.

The historic finish came 101 seconds into three-on-three overtime when Jack Hughes buried the winning goal, securing the final gold medal of the Games. The triumph completed a remarkable Olympic double after the U.S. women also beat Canada in overtime earlier in the tournament.

Following the win, U.S. players honored former teammate Johnny Gaudreau, carrying his jersey in tribute.

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