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**KENYA**  
**Blaze at school kills 17 students**

A fire in a school dormitory in Kenya killed 17 students and seriously burned 13 others, police said on Friday. There are fears that the death toll may rise, police said. The cause of the fire at Hillside Enderasha Primary in Nyeri county was being investigated, police spokesperson Resila Onyango said. The school caters to children up to the age of 14. Nyeri County Commissioner reported that the dormitory that caught fire housed over 150 boys.

**FRANCE**  
**Durov defends himself**

Telegram CEO and founder Pavel Durov is promising stepped-up efforts to fight criminality on the messaging app, after being charged preliminarily for allegedly allowing the platform's use for criminal activity. Durov said, "Using laws from the pre-smartphone era to charge a CEO with crimes committed by third parties on the platform he manages is a misguided approach."

**LOOMING MENACE** Michel Barnier may face ouster if 289 of 577 MPs do not back him; around 171 votes are uncertain

**Trust vote a test for new French prime minister**

**Roshan Bourget**  
PARIS

While French President Emmanuel Macron may have finally found his PM in Michel Barnier, it still isn't a rosy scenario for him. A vote of no-confidence by a large number of the parliamentary deputies is a looming menace that could oust his new-found right hand. Barnier's exit is possible if 289 out of 577 Members of Parliament vote against him.

Barnier, 73, France's oldest PM, has just replaced France's youngest PM, Gabriel Attal, 34. A politician belonging to the centrist right-wing Les Republicains party will undoubtedly face vehement opposition from the different parties comprising the Leftist bloc, the Nouveau Front Populaire (NFP) or New Popular Front.

This desire to blow up a government formed by Barnier has been endorsed by Lucie Castets, the left-wing candidate of the New Popular Front whose hopes to ascend the Matignon, the official residence of the French PM, was crushed by Macron last month.



Manuel Bompard, the coordinator of the La France Insoumise party of the NFP, expressed his anger when he posted on social network X that appointing Barnier was an "unbearable denial of democracy" and indicated that along with the Prime Minister, his party wanted the President out as well.

The Socialist Party too will vote to censure the PM. Press releases from the French Communist Party and the Ecologists also mention their strong resolve for a vote of no-confidence against Macron's choice.

It is thus certain that 193 deputies of the New Popular Front will vote in favor of the

censure. This number, however, is an insufficient total to overthrow the government on their own.

The deputies of the centrist coalition bloc, Ensemble pour la Republique, comprising Macron's La Republique en Marche party, Modem and Horizon parties should in theory support the President's decision. Few deputies of this bloc, however, consider Barnier to be a political opponent of the President of the Republic.

La Republique Marche's members aren't exactly ecstatic about Macron's choice. They stated in a press release that they wanted to present their "programmatic priorities to the PM in the coming hours". They also

added that there will be no automatic vote of no-confidence but he won't be welcomed with a "blank cheque".

Former PM Edouard Philippe, the founder of Horizons, sent his "warm congratulations" to Barnier. Dissidents cannot be discarded, particularly in the left wing of Macron's coalition.

Other potential opponents to a motion of no-confidence are the deputies of Barnier's Les Republicains party itself. Laurent Wauquiez, the president of this group, describes the new PM as "a man of great quality."

The deputies of the presidential coalition together with those of the traditional right, that is, at least 213 MPs pose no imminent threat to Barnier.

The biggest mystery is what will the elected representatives of the far-right National Rally and their ally, Eric Ciotti do? "We will judge his general policy speech, his budgetary decisions and his plan of action," said party president, Jordan Bardella.

Ambiguity also shrouds the actions of the independent MPs. Will they vote "not confident" about the new PM? This means around 171 votes are uncertain. They alone could save, or tear Barnier's government down.

**Trudeau govt in soup as NDP snaps support**

**Agencies**  
TORONTO

Speculation is mounting over how long Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's embattled government will last after the New Democratic Party (NDP) withdrew its support on Wednesday, with experts suggesting mid-term elections are now 'more likely'.

In a video posted on his social media handles, NDP leader Jagmeet Singh has alleged that Trudeau "has proven again and again he will always cave to corporate greed".

"The deal is done. The Liberals are too weak, too selfish and too beholden to corporate interests to stop the Conservatives and their plans to cut. But the NDP can. Big corporations and CEOs have had their governments. It's the people's time," Singh said in a post on X on Wednesday.

The NDP has kept the minority Liberal Party government alive via the supply-and-confidence agreement they signed in March 2022. However, on Wednesday, NDP leader Jagmeet Singh said he had "ripped up" that agreement.

Trudeau said that his government is more focused on tackling the affordability crisis and climate change. "I really hope the NDP stays focused on how we can deliver for



Canadians, as we have over the past years, rather than focusing on politics," the CBC News quoted Trudeau as saying.

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The weakened Trudeau government's immediate objective will be to survive the next session of the House of Commons which begins on September 16. The buoyant opposition Conservatives, who enjoy a commanding polling lead over the incumbent party, will seek to trigger a no-confidence vote, as its leader Pierre Poilievre has indicated.

That could mean snap elections could take place before the scheduled October 2025

Federal polls. But University of Toronto Scarborough campus political scientist Andrew McDougall said, "It's not obvious that there will be a fall election, but the collapse of the deal that the Liberals had with the NDP makes the possibility more likely. However, by law there must be an election before October 2025, so an election is coming sooner rather than later regardless."

However, Shinder Purewal, professor of political science at the Kwantlen Polytechnic University, felt the NDP was unlikely to back a no-confidence motion moved by the Conservatives. He said, "Party's declining numbers in polls has forced Jagmeet Singh to withdraw from a formal agreement to support PM Trudeau's government. That does not mean he will support any Conservative sponsored vote of non-confidence in the government."

**Anxious September for Don in courts**

**FPJ News Service**  
WASHINGTON

Ahead of the presidential elections in November, Republican nominee Donald Trump faces a nervous September when his cases come up before two courts.

Justice Juan Merchan, who presided over the case relating to 34 felony counts against Trump of falsifying records to cover up a sex scandal, now faces a decision that could alter American politics: whether to sentence Trump as planned on Sept 18 or wait until after Election Day on Nov. 5, as Trump had requested.

According to commentators, if Justice Merchan postpones the sentencing, the American voters will cast their ballot without knowing whether Trump will spend time behind bars. If not, Trump will mount an attack on the judge accusing him of trying to tip the election toward his opponent, Vice President Kamala Harris.

It has been more than three months since a Manhattan jury convicted the former president.

But after a Supreme Court ruling in July granted Trump some immunities, he has yet to be sentenced.

Another crucial date that Trump will nervously watch for comes up on Sept 26. It is on that day that federal judge Tanya Chutkan will decide if prosecutors can release never-before-seen evidence against Trump, such as grand jury transcripts, ahead of the presidential election.

Rejecting pleas from Trump's lawyers, she said she would not let the former president's campaign affect the schedule of the criminal case in which he stands accused of plotting to overturn the 2020 election.

The evidence the prosecutors reveal in late September may not be immediately public, and Chutkan will be able to control its release. Commentators said it is likely it would become available, though, with potentially some redactions. This is one of several filings the judge expects before voters head to the polls. She has not scheduled additional hearings or a trial date.

**School shooting: Suspect's father arrested**

**FPJ News Service**  
WASHINGTON

The police in Georgia Thursday arrested Colin Gray, the father of the 14-year-old suspect in the Apalachee High School shooting, according to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. He is being

charged with four counts of involuntary manslaughter, two counts of second degree murder and eight counts of cruelty to children.

Colin Gray admitted before investigators that he had purchased the gun used

in the killings as a holiday present for his son in December.

During a search of the suspect's home, authorities found documents they believe were written by the suspect and referenced past school shootings, a law

enforcement source tells the media.

The 14-year-old son, accused of killing two students and two teachers with a rifle, told investigators "I did it" while being questioned, the Barrow County sheriff said. The student faces will be tried as an adult, sources said.

**Resolve issue of sharing river waters: Yunus to India**

**PTI**  
DHAKA

Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus has emphasised the need for resolving the long-standing river water-sharing issue between India and

Bangladesh in line with international norms. "We need to resolve this issue in line with international standards. Lower riparian countries have certain rights, and we want those rights," Yunus said, speaking to PTI.

**Biden's son pleads guilty in tax case**

**FPJ News Service**  
WASHINGTON

In a surprise move, Hunter Biden, the son of US President Joe Biden, on Thursday pleaded guilty to all nine charges in his federal tax case. The move came on the day the trial was to commence.

District Judge Mark Scarsi accepted the guilty plea after a dramatic day-long hearing in Los Angeles.

**Hunter could now face up to seventeen years in prison for his crimes, which include tax evasion**

Prosecutor Leo Wise told the judge, "We were as shocked as everyone else in the courtroom this morning," when Biden's team tried to change his not guilty plea.

The judge, a Trump appointee, set a sentencing date for December 16. Hunter could now face up to 17 years in prison for his crimes, which include tax evasion, filing fraudulent tax returns and

failing to pay taxes. The judge also indicated that he could also impose a whopping fine that can run into nearly \$1.3 million. However, he could earn a presidential pardon, or a commutation of sentence. The President has repeatedly ruled this out, and a White House spokesperson reiterated that position on Thursday.

The guilty plea was a unilateral move by Hunter Biden, and was called an "open plea" because it was done without a pre-arranged leniency deal with prosecutors.

Addressing the media later, Biden's lawyer Abbe Lowell said that the president's son "put his family first today, and it was a grave and loving thing to do", instead of subjecting them to another public trial. "After watching prosecutors exploit his family's grief during the Delaware trial and realizing they were planning to do it again in California, Hunter decided to enter his plea to protect those he loves from unnecessary hurt and cruel humiliation. Lowell said.

**Trump pitches for 'make in US' policy**

**FPJ News Service**  
WASHINGTON

Playing "Comrade Kamala Harris", his opponent in the presidential race and tweaking at the ears of China, Republican Party nominee Donald Trump unveiled his economic policies on Thursday if he were to be elected.

Addressing business leaders at the Economic Club of New York, he repeatedly called Harris as "Comrade Harris" and said her plans for the US economy would spell disaster and then went on to say that he plans to impose punishing tariffs on foreign imports, especially from China.

This would include goods manufactured by US companies abroad and brought to the US. Though he did not mention India, his plans would affect exporters in the country.

Taking a leaf from Indian PM Narendra Modi's push for 'Make in India', Trump said goods that are made in the US will enjoy a tax cut of nearly 6%. "Let us make goods here in the US. We are great people," he said indirectly addressing his all-



White supporters. He called his vision a "national economic renaissance" but economists feel the US economy would have to rub its nose on sandpaper, which, incidentally, also comes from China. The experts said that the plans would only increase inflation and lead to a rise in cost of living. Trump also said he would slash regulations to boost energy production and drastically cut government spending and added that his new-found friend and ardent supporter Elon Musk would head a "government efficiency commission".

He took on "Comrade Harris", saying her proposals to increase corporate tax rates would ultimately be borne by workers in the form of fewer jobs and lower incomes. But financial experts say that taxes on foreign imports would have the same effect with businesses and consumers having to absorb those costs in the form of higher prices.

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Information regarding 38th Annual General Meeting to be held through Video Conference (VC)/Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM)  
Members may please note that the 38th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held through VCOAVM on Monday, 30th September, 2024 at 02.30 p.m. (IST), in compliance with all the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements Regulations, 2015, read with General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020, 2/2022 dated May 05, 2022 and 11/2022 dated December 28, 2022 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Circular No. SEBI/MC-DC/CM/2022/CRP/2022 dated May 13, 2022 issued by SEBI and other applicable circulars issued in this regard (collectively referred to as "Circulars"), to transact the business that will be set out in the Notice of the AGM, the AGM of the Company will be held through VCOAVM Facility, without physical presence of the Members at a common venue.  
In compliance with the above Circulars, electronic copies of the Notice of the 38th AGM and Annual Report for the financial year (FY) 2023-24 will be sent to all the Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company's Depository Participant (DP). The same will also be available on the website of the Company at www.tifin.in, Stock Exchange i.e. Bombay Stock Exchange Limited at www.bseindia.com, National Securities Depository Limited at www.evoting.nsdl.com and Registrar and Transfer Agent of the Company i.e. Link Intime India Private Limited (Link Intime) at www.linkintime.co.in. The copies of the Notice of the 38th AGM along with Annual Report for the FY 2023-24 shall be sent to those Members who request for the same.  
Manner of casting vote(s) through e-voting:  
Members can cast their vote(s) in physical mode as set out in the Notice of the AGM through electronic voting system ("e-voting"). The manner of voting, including voting remotely ("remote e-voting") by the Members holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for Members who have not registered their e-mail address has been provided in the Notice of the AGM. Members attending the AGM who have not cast vote(s) by remote e-voting will be able to vote electronically at the AGM.  
Instructions for updating of email address:  
(a) Members holding shares in physical mode by registering e-mail address with Link Intime. Click the link on their website www.linkintime.com in the Investor Services tab, choose the E-mail Registration heading and follow the registration process as guided therein. The Members are requested to provide details such as Name, DP ID, Client ID/PAN, mobile number and e-mail ID. In case of any query, a member may send an e-mail to Linkintime at mh.helpdesk@linkintime.com.  
(b) Members holding shares in electronic mode by registering/ updating their e-mail ID in respect of demat holdings with the respective DPs by following the procedure prescribed by the DPs for receiving all communications from the Company electronically.  
Members are requested to carefully read the Notice of the AGM and in particular, instructions for joining AGM, manner of casting vote through remote e-voting at the AGM.  
By the Order of the Board of Directors of Triumph International Finance India Limited  
Nagish Vinayakrao Kutaphale  
Director  
Date: 06th September, 2024  
Place: Mumbai  
DIN: 0243782

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2. Online Filing of IEPF-5 Form: The IEPF-5 Form to be submitted online and acknowledgment shall be sent on the registered email, along with pre-filled auto-generated indemnity bond.  
3. Original Documents to be sent to Company: Courier the complete set of the IEPF-5 form to the Nodal Officer of the company along with other support documents. All print/photocopies must be self-attested. Postal receipt should be submitted under Pending for Action tab.  
**General information**  
On receiving the original documents, the concerned company will verify the claim against their records within 30 days of filing and upload an "E-Verification Report (EVR)" on the MCA portal, indicating either approval or rejection of the claim. Based on the EVR recommendation, the Authority will process the case according to IEPF rules.  
➤ Claimants shall receive an email notification on approval or rejection of their claim on their registered email ID.  
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