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## PHYSICAL SECURITY

### Colombia raids hotel hosting ultra-Orthodox Jewish sect, rescues 17 children

[INFO] South China Morning Post (HK) | 2025-11-24

Immigration authorities in Colombia have taken 17 children into protective custody after they were rescued from an ultra-Orthodox Jewish sect whose members have been accused of sexually abusing and kidnapping minors in several countries.

Gloria Esper...

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### I watched helplessly as gunmen snatched my son, says father after Nigerian school kidnapping

[INFO] BBC World News | 2025-11-24

The authorities are trying to rescue more than 250 schoolchildren who were abducted by raiders on motorbikes....

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### Grisly Killings of a Married Couple Spark New Sectarian Unrest in Syria

[INFO] New York Times World | 2025-11-24

The government acted quickly to tamp down reprisals in the central city of Homs as it tries to manage repeated waves of bloodshed involving minority groups....

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### About this Account: How Twitter's new feature exposed trolls 'manufacturing consent'

[INFO] Times of India World | 2025-11-24

The chaos began with a small icon Musk probably assumed would be a cute transparency feature. Instead, it detonated the timeline. For years, people fought with strangers online under the illusion that these strangers lived nearby. That illusion colla...

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### Mass school kidnappings in Nigeria in recent years

[INFO] The Straits Times (Singapore) | 2025-11-24

LAGOS -The kidnapping of more than 300 Catholic school students is the latest such mass abduction in Nigeria....

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### Beijing blasts Japan's 'extremely dangerous' missile deployment near Taiwan

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[\[INFO\] South China Morning Post \(HK\) | 2025-11-24](#)

Beijing has blasted Japan's missile deployment on an island only 110km (68 miles) away from Taiwan as "extremely dangerous", saying it stokes regional tensions and military confrontation amid deteriorating ties between the two Asian powers.

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## **Pope Leo appeals for release of 315 kidnapped from Nigeria school**

[\[INFO\] The Straits Times \(Singapore\) | 2025-11-24](#)

VATICAN CITY - Pope Leo asked on Sunday for the immediate release of children and staff abducted this week from a Catholic school in Nigeria, one of the worst mass kidnappings ever recorded there....

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## **Over 250 children still missing in Nigeria after being abducted from Catholic school**

[\[INFO\] NPR World \(USA\) | 2025-11-24](#)

More than 250 children are still being held by kidnappers in central Nigeria after they were abducted Friday from a Catholic boarding school....

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## **Pakistan: Three killed in suicide blast at Peshawar headquarters**

[\[INFO\] France 24 | 2025-11-24](#)

A suicide bomber killed three paramilitary officers at the federal constabulary headquarters in Peshawar, while two other attackers were shot dead before entering. Police say quick action prevented heavier losses. No group has claimed responsibility,...

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## **Suicide bombers conduct deadly attack on Pakistani security force headquarters**

[\[INFO\] France 24 | 2025-11-24](#)

Suicide bombers attacked the headquarters of the Federal Constabulary forces in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on Monday, killing at least three officers and wounding five. A recent rise in attacks have strained relations between Pakista...

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## **Suicide bombers kill three security force officers in Pakistan**

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[\[INFO\] Sky News \(UK\) World | 2025-11-24](#)

Suicide bombers have killed three officers in an attack on a security force headquarters in Pakistan, police and rescue officials have said....

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## Myanmar: Kler Lwee Htoo District Incident Report: An SAC air strike on a school injured a villager in Hsaw Htee Township, May 2025.

[\[INFO\] UN ReliefWeb | 2025-11-24](#)

Country: Myanmar

Source: Karen Human Rights Group

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## Machu Picchu hit by a row over tourist buses

[\[INFO\] BBC World News | 2025-11-24](#)

Protests have taken place over the coaches that take visitors up to the world heritage site in Peru....

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## Security fears rise in Nigeria after more than 300 schoolchildren kidnapped

[\[INFO\] The Guardian World | 2025-11-22](#)

Christian group revises up number of students and teachers missing after one of country's largest mass abduction  
Gunmen have kidnapped more than 300 students and teachers in one of the largest mass kidnappings in Nigeria, a Christian group said on Sat...

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## South Africa declares gender-based violence a national disaster amid G20 protests

[\[INFO\] The Guardian World | 2025-11-22](#)

Women's groups welcomed the announcement on the eve of the international leaders' summit in Johannesburg  
Hundreds of women gathered in cities across South Africa on Friday to protest against gender-based violence in the country before the G20 summit ...

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## Nigeria reels after 215 children taken in second mass school abduction in a week

[\[INFO\] The Guardian World | 2025-11-21](#)

Twelve teachers also kidnapped from Catholic school amid threats from Trump to intervene over 'Christian genocide' Unknown gunmen have abducted 215 schoolchildren and 12 teachers from a Catholic school in central Nigeria, the second mass abduction in ...

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## CYBER

## S Korea's most prolific online sex criminal sentenced to life in prison

[\[INFO\] BBC World News | 2025-11-24](#)

"Pastor" Kim Nok-wan, 33, ran a cybersex ring that exploited hundreds of victims including minors....

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## LOGISTICS

## Amazon faces Italian probe over alleged smuggling of Chinese goods

[\[INFO\] South China Morning Post \(HK\) | 2025-11-24](#)

Italian police carried out searches and seizures at two Amazon sites in Italy on Monday as part of an investigation into the alleged smuggling of Chinese goods, three people with direct knowledge of the matter said.

Dozens of officers from the Guardi...

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## WEATHER/EVENT

## Ethiopian volcano erupts for first time in 12,000 years

[\[INFO\] The Guardian World | 2025-11-24](#)

Ash clouds from Hayli Gubbi volcano have drifted over Yemen, Oman, India and northern PakistanA volcano in Ethiopia's north-eastern region has erupted for the first time in nearly 12,000 years, sending thick plumes of smoke up to nine miles (14km) in...

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## Volcanic eruption is on going for Hayli Gubbi in Ethiopia

[\[INFO\] UN GDACS \(Disaster Alert\) | 2025-11-24](#)

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Volcano Hayli Gubbi is emitting ash clouds according to the regional VAAC. The aviation alert level is Green....

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**Green earthquake (Magnitude 5.5M, Depth:54.82km) in United States 23/11/2025 08:21 UTC, Few people affected in MMI&gt;=II.**

[\[INFO\] UN GDACS \(Disaster Alert\) | 2025-11-23](#)

On 11/23/2025 8:21:46 AM, an earthquake occurred in United States potentially affecting Few people affected in MMI&gt;=II. The earthquake had Magnitude 5.5M, Depth:54.82km....

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