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Princess receives honor as she kicks off 11-day trip

SAO PAULO
Japan's Princess Kako of Akishino, a niece of Emperor Naruhito, received the highest order of Brazil's state of Sao Paulo on Friday as she kicks off an 11-day trip to the South American nation.



The younger daughter of Crown Prince Fumihito and Crown Princess Kiko arrived on Thursday in Sao Paulo. She held appointments with members of the Japanese community on Friday and finished her schedule at a dinner with Gov. Tarcisio de Freitas at the state government palace. She was awarded the Order of the Ipiranga.

Macron to visit Greenland for meeting with leaders

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
French President Emmanuel Macron will travel to Greenland next weekend, the Danish prime minister's office said Saturday — a visit by a high-profile European Union leader in the wake of U.S. expressions of interest in taking over the mineral-rich Arctic island. Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen and the French leader said they will meet in the semiautonomous Danish territory on June 15, hosted by Greenland's new prime minister, Jens-Frederik Nielsen.

Man convicted in backing al-Qaida charged in Canada

MONTREAL
A man who was once convicted in the United States of supporting al-Qaida has been charged in Canada after authorities say he threatened an attack. Mohammed Abdullah Warsame, 51, told a homeless shelter employee in Montreal that he wanted to build bombs to detonate on public transit, authorities said. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police confirmed that he is the same Mohammed Warsame who spent 5½ years in solitary confinement before pleading guilty in Minnesota in 2009 to aiding al-Qaida.

Russia intensifies targeted attacks

4 killed, 2 dozen hurt in assault on Kharkiv

By Samya Kullab and Volodymyr Yurchuk
The Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian attacks targeting the eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv killed at least four people and wounded more than two dozen others Saturday, officials said, as hopes for peace dimmed further. The first wave on Ukraine's second-largest city was a large Russian drone-and-missile attack in the early hours. It killed at least three people and wounded 21 others, according to local officials. In the afternoon, Russia dropped aerial bombs on the city center, killing at least one person and wounding five more, Kharkiv's mayor said. The warring sides also accused each other of trying to sabotage a planned prisoner exchange, nearly a week after Kyiv embarrassed the Kremlin with a surprising drone attack on military airfields deep inside Russia. Saturday's barrage included aerial glide bombs that have become part of a fierce Russian onslaught in the all-out war, which began on Feb. 24, 2022. Ukraine's air force said that Russia struck with 215 missiles and drones overnight, and Ukrainian air defenses shot down 87 drones and seven missiles.



Andrii Marienko The Associated Press
A Ukrainian woman is overcome with emotions Saturday as she views a multistory building damaged by a Russian airstrike overnight in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

Wagner Group exits Mali
DAKAR, Senegal — The Russia-backed Wagner Group said Friday it is leaving Mali after more than 3½ years of fighting Islamic extremists and insurgents in the country. Despite Wagner's announcement, Russia will continue to have a mercenary presence in the West African country. The Africa Corps, Russia's state-controlled paramilitary force, will remain. The Associated Press

Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said in an X post. The Russian Defense Ministry on Saturday said that its forces carried out a nighttime strike on Ukrainian military targets, including ammunition depots, drone assembly workshops, and weaponry repair stations. There was no comment from Moscow on the reports of casualties in Kharkiv. Kharkiv's mayor, Ihor Terekhov, said that the strikes also damaged 18 apartment buildings and 13 private homes. Terekhov said that it was "the most powerful attack" on the city since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion.

Several other areas in Ukraine were also hit, including the regions of Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Odesa and the city of Ternopil, Ukrainian

Growing wildfires force more evacuations in Manitoba

The Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Wildfires forced an additional 1,000 people to flee their homes in Manitoba, one of two Canadian provinces under a state of emergency that has led to thousands of evacuations. The town of Snow Lake, Manitoba, issued a mandatory evacuation order for its residents Friday as a large

wildfire threatens the area. That fire, which has now grown to more than 1,050 square miles, or over twice the size of Los Angeles, has already forced out all 5,000 residents of the nearby city of Flin Flon and a thousand more in surrounding cottages and homes. When the Snow Lake evacuees are added in, Manitoba has about 19,000 displaced from their homes. There are

27 total fires in the province of Manitoba, eight of them out of control. Smoke from the Canadian wildfires has worsened air quality in eastern Canada and the United States. The fires have sent smoke as far as Europe. There are 24 active wildfires burning in the province of Saskatchewan, forcing between 10,000 and 15,000 people from their homes, Canadian officials said.

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