

# UK King Visits Kenya Amid Calls for Apology Over Colonial Past



Rights activists and former freedom fighters staged a demonstration against the royal visit to Kenya.

NAIROBI (AFP) – King Charles III paid a solemn visit Tuesday to the birthplace of independent Kenya, at the start of a trip clouded by calls for an apology over Britain's bloody colonial past.

Although the four-day state visit by Charles and Queen Camilla has been billed as an opportunity to look to the future and build on the cordial modern-day ties between London and Nairobi, Buckingham Palace has said the king will address historic "wrongs" during decades of colonial rule.

It is the 74-year-old British head of state's first tour of an African and Commonwealth nation since becoming king last year and comes just weeks before Kenya celebrates the 60th anniversary of independence in December.

Charles and Ruto laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in the Uhuru Gardens memorial park.

Uhuru means "freedom" in Swahili and the site is steeped in Kenya's turbulent history. Independence was declared there at midnight on December 12, 1963. The Union flag was lowered and replaced with Kenya's black, red, green and white flag.

The gardens were built on the site of a camp where British colonial authorities detained suspected Mau Mau guerrillas during the suppression of their 1952-1960 uprising.

The so-called "Emergency" period was one of the bloodiest insurgencies of the British empire and at least 10,000 people -- mainly from the Kikuyu tribe -- were killed.

Tens of thousands more were rounded up

and detained without trial in camps where reports of executions, torture and vicious beatings were common.

On Sunday, the Kenya Human Rights Commission urged him to make an "unequivocal public apology... for the brutal and inhuman treatment inflicted on Kenyan citizens", and pay reparations for colonial-era abuses.

Britain agreed in 2013 to compensate more than 5,000 Kenyans who had suffered abuse during the Mau Mau revolt, in a deal worth nearly 20 million pounds (\$25 million at today's rates).

Then foreign secretary William Hague said Britain "sincerely regrets" the abuses but stopped short of a full apology.

"The negative impacts of colonization are still being felt to date, they are being passed from generation to generation, and it's only fair the king apologizes to begin the healing process," delivery rider Simson Mwangi, 22, told AFP.

Another lingering source of tension is the presence of British troops in Kenya, with soldiers accused of rape and murder, and civilians maimed by munitions.

In August, Kenya's parliament launched an inquiry into the activities of the British army, which has a base near Nanyuki, a town 200 kilometers (120 miles) north of Nairobi.

The royal visit also comes as pressure mounts in some Caribbean Commonwealth countries to remove the British monarch as head of state, and republican voices in the UK grow louder.

More than a dozen nations out of the Commonwealth grouping of 56 countries still recognize the UK monarch as head of state.

# Two Killed in Massive Anti-Government Protests in Bangladesh



Police fire rubber bullets in an attempt to disperse Bangladesh Nationalist Party activists.

DHAKA (AFP) -- Two Bangladeshi opposition activists were killed Tuesday as police clashed with hundreds of anti-government protesters launching a three-day strike blocking roads and railways after their top leaders were charged with murder.

Police said violence broke out in multiple cities and towns as members of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and Jamaat-e-Islami demanded Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina step down from power ahead of elections due by the end of January.

Al Amin, deputy police chief in the town of Kuliarchar, north of the capital Dhaka, said two BNP members were killed, but that details were not clear on how they died.

BNP official Shariful Alam said they two were "shot dead by the police" during a rally with more than 2,000 protesters.

"Police came and opened fire -- one BNP activist died on the spot and another at a hospital," he said, adding that "more than 100 were injured".

Protesters set fire to buses and clashed with security forces, hurling petrol bombs and pelting officers with rocks, police said.

"They hurled Molotov cocktails and attacked and vandalized transport vehicles," police officer Mominul Islam said, adding at least 15 officers were injured.

"Police fired rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse the protesters."

The BNP said it launched its transport blockade after police broke up a rally on Saturday, when more than 100,000 supporters of the two major opposition parties demanded Hasina allow a free and fair vote under a neutral government.

On Sunday, police charged BNP leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and more than 150 other top party members with the murder of a policeman during the demonstrations.

The violence has sparked international concern, with seven nations including the United States, Australia, Britain, Canada and Japan urging "exercise restraint, eschew violence and work together" for a free and fair vote.

Alamgir, 75, the BNP's secretary-general, has led the party since BNP chairwoman and two-time former premier Khaleda Zia was arrested and jailed, and her son went into exile in Britain.

The resurgent opposition has been mounting protests against Hasina for months, despite ailing leader Zia being effectively under house arrest since her release from prison after a conviction on corruption charges.

Dhaka police said they have arrested at least 1,727 opposition activists and supporters over the last week. At least 1,544 opposition activists and leaders were also charged with violence on Saturday, police said.

# Advocates: Trump Should be Disqualified From 2024 Vote



Former U.S. President Donald Trump attends the Trump Organization civil fraud trial, in New York State Supreme Court in the Manhattan borough of New York City, Oct. 25, 2023.

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- Donald Trump should be disqualified from Colorado's ballot in next year's election because he "incited a violent mob" in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021, an advocacy group lawyer argued at the opening of a trial on Monday.

A lawsuit brought by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington is a test case for whether a rarely-used, Civil War-era provision of the U.S. Constitution that bars people who have engaged in "insurrection or rebellion" from holding federal office, can prevent Republican Trump from being president again.

"Trump incited a violent mob to attack our Capitol, to stop the peaceful transition of power," Eric Olson, an attorney representing voters and the advocacy group said in an opening statement of the one-week trial before a Colorado District Court judge.

Colorado is regarded as safely Democratic by nonpartisan election forecaster, so regardless of whether Trump is on the ballot, President Biden is expected to win the state.

Trump's opponents are testing whether they have a viable path to keep him off ballots in individual states. Trump faces similar lawsuits brought by advocacy groups in Michigan and Minnesota. The Colorado case is the first to go to trial.

U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell, Democrat of California, testified on Monday that Trump's attempts to decrease tensions hours after the violence began did little to assuage the fears of lawmakers as they emerged from lockdown to certify the election results.

Trump is the frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination, according to opinion polls, in what is ex-

pected to be a rematch next year with Biden. Trump's campaign has said the "absurd" lawsuit and others like it are "stretching the law beyond recognition."

Trump's opponents hope to deny him a path to victory by disqualifying him in enough hotly-contested states, but many legal experts call the strategy a long shot.

The cases raise largely untested legal questions, and even if the plaintiffs prevail, the final say would likely rest with a U.S. Supreme Court dominated by a 6-3 conservative majority that includes three Trump appointees.

The Colorado lawsuit seeks to bar the state's top election official from putting Trump on the ballot under Section 3 of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which was established in the aftermath of the Civil War to prevent former Confederate rebels from taking federal office.

Colorado District Court Judge Sarah Wallace has denied five separate bids by Trump and his allies to dismiss the case, most recently on Oct. 25, when she rejected Trump's arguments that courts do not have the power to determine eligibility for office.

Trump faces several legal cases as he campaigns for the presidency, including a New York state civil fraud lawsuit against his family company. That trial began on Oct. 2. He has pleaded not guilty to four criminal indictments, including federal cases tied to attempts to overturn the 2020 election results and the removal and mishandling of classified government documents when he left office in January 2021.

# U.S. Man in Fatal Stabbing of Muslim Boy Refuses to Speak



Wadea al-Fayoume, 6, a Muslim boy who according to police was stabbed to death in an attack that targeted him and his mother for their religion poses in an undated family photograph on Oct. 15, 2023.

CHICAGO (Reuters) -- An Illinois man charged with murder and hate crimes for stabbing a 6-year-old Muslim boy to death and wounding his mother pleaded not guilty before a judge on Monday at an arraignment, according to court records.

Police say Joseph Czuba, 71, the family's landlord, targeted them for their religion and as a response to the war between Israel and Hamas, police said.

His attorney George Lenard entered the plea for him and Czuba, appearing in a red jail uniform, did not speak, an NBC News affiliate in Chicago reported on Monday.

He is charged with the fatal stabbing of Wade Al-Fayoume, 6, and the wounding of his mother Hanaan Shahin, 32, on Oct. 14, in Plainfield Township, about 40 miles (64 km) southwest of Chicago.

The boy was stabbed 26 times with a military-style knife with a 7-inch (18-cm) serrated blade, the Will County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

Czuba entered the plea at an arraignment in Joliet, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) southwest of Chicago, on eight counts, including first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and hate crimes.

"Detectives were able to determine that both victims in this brutal attack were targeted by the suspect due to them being Muslim and the ongoing Middle Eastern conflict involving Hamas and the Israelis," the Will County Sheriff's Office said in a statement earlier.

He remains in jail with no bond allowed, court records say.

The Department of Justice has also opened a federal investigation into Al-Fayoume's death.

# AI Raises Concerns About Risks to Humanity

LONDON (AP) — Chatbots like ChatGPT wowed the world with their ability to write speeches, plan vacations or hold a conversation as good as or arguably even better than humans do, thanks to cutting-edge artificial intelligence systems. Now, frontier AI has become the latest buzzword as concerns grow that the emerging technology has capabilities that could endanger humanity.

Everyone from the British government to top researchers and even major AI companies themselves are raising the alarm about frontier AI's as-yet-unknown dangers and calling for safeguards to protect people from its existential threats.

The debate comes to a head Wednesday, when British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak hosts a two-day summit focused on frontier AI. It's reportedly expected to draw a group of about 100 officials from 28 countries, including U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and executives from key U.S. artificial intelligence companies including OpenAI, Google's DeepMind and Anthropic.

The venue is Bletchley Park, a former top secret base for

World War II codebreakers led by Alan Turing. The historic estate is seen as the birthplace of modern computing because it is where Turing and others famously cracked Nazi Germany's codes using the world's first digital programmable computer.

"We need to take this seriously, and we need to start focusing on trying to get ahead of the problem," said Jeff Clune, an associate computer science professor at the University of British Columbia focusing on AI and machine learning.

Clune was among a group of influential researchers who authored a paper last week calling for governments to do more to manage risks from AI. It's the latest in a series of dire warnings from tech moguls like Elon Musk and OpenAI CEO Sam Altman about the rapidly evolving technology and the disparate ways the industry, political leaders and researchers see the path forward when it comes to reining in the risks and regulation.

It's far from certain that AI will wipe out mankind, Clune said, "but it has sufficient risk and chance of occurring. And we need to mobilize society's attention to try to solve it now rather than wait for the worst-case scenario to happen."



PARIS (AFP) -- French police on Tuesday shot and wounded a woman who was making threats at a train station in Paris, a police source told AFP. According to witnesses the woman, who was completely veiled, "made threats", the source said, adding that "police fired because they feared for their safety". After passengers on a suburban train alerted police, agents managed to "isolate" the woman at the Bibliotheque Francois Mitterrand station on the capital's south bank, the source said. She threatened "to blow herself up", the Paris prosecutor's office said, adding that police fired one shot, inflicting a life-threatening injury. Police have launched two investigations, prosecutors said. One will probe the woman's actions, while another is to elucidate whether the police's use of a firearm was justified. France has been under "attack alert" since October 13, when a teacher in the northern city of Arras was stabbed to death by an Islamist former pupil.

JAKARTA (AFP) -- Indonesian counter-terrorism police have arrested dozens of militants from groups linked to Al-Qaeda and Daesh over suspected plots targeting next year's presidential election, an official said Tuesday. Police arrested the 59 suspected militants earlier in October and seized weapons, propaganda material and bomb-making chemicals, a spokesman for Indonesia's anti-terrorism unit Densus 88 said. The forty suspects arrested from Daesh-linked Jamaah Ansharut Daulah (JAD) were planning an attack on the presidential elections due to be held in February, spokesman Aswin Siregar said at a press conference in capital Jakarta on Tuesday. Another 19 suspects were linked to the Jamaah Islamiyah network, which has ties to Al-Qaeda, Siregar said. Jamaah Islamiyah was behind the 2002 Bali bombings that ripped through a nightclub and bar on the Indonesian resort island, killing 202 people including 88 Australians.

ACAPULCO, Mexico (Reuters) -- The number of people dead and missing due to Hurricane Otis, a Category 5 storm which hammered the Mexican Pacific resort city of Acapulco last week, has risen to 100, the government of the southern state of Guerrero said. Otis battered Acapulco with winds of 165 miles per hour (266 km per hour) on Wednesday, flooding the city, tearing roofs from homes, hotels and other businesses, submerging vehicles, and severing communications as well as road and air connections. Looting broke out as the city's population of nearly 900,000 became increasingly desperate for food and water. The government of Guerrero, Acapulco's home state, said in a statement 46 people were dead and 54 others were missing.

BEIJING (AFP) -- Three Chinese astronauts safely returned to Earth on Tuesday after five months in orbit at the country's space station, state media reported. Jing Haipeng, Zhu Yangzhu and Gui Haichao touched down at China's Dongfeng landing site at 8:11 am (0011 GMT), according to state broadcaster CCTV. Footage showed their return capsule parachuting down into the barren Gobi Desert, kicking up a cloud of orange dust as it hit the ground. Jing, Zhu and Gui travelled to China's Tiangong space station in late May and were in orbit for 154 days. They spent the time conducting scientific experiments and carried out a nearly eight-hour spacewalk. A fresh crew replaced them last week after the Shenzhou-17 mission blasted off from the Jiuquan launch site in the country's northwest. Beijing has accelerated plans to become a major space power since President Xi Jinping took the reins a decade ago.

NEW DELHI (Reuters) -- Indian opposition leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government of trying to hack into senior opposition politicians' mobile phones, after they reported receiving warning messages from Apple. Some of the lawmakers shared screenshots on social media of a notification quoting the iPhone manufacturer as saying: "Apple believes you are being targeted by state-sponsored attackers who are trying to remotely compromise the iPhone associated with your Apple ID." "Hack us all you want," Gandhi told a news conference in New Delhi, in reference to Modi. "But we (opposition) will not stop questioning you." Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw expressed concern at the lawmakers' statements and said the government had asked Apple to join its investigation into the matter. The company said it did not attribute the threat notifications to "any specific state-sponsored attacker".

SEOUL (Reuters) -- South Korean authorities on Tuesday detained a man after two police officers were stabbed outside a compound housing the presidential office in the capital, Seoul, city police said. One officer was stabbed in the stomach and the other in the left arm at 1:20 p.m. (0420 GMT) after the officers tried to subdue a man in his 70s who was shouting in front of the compound, the Yonhap news agency reported. The two officers were being treated in hospital, it said. The Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency confirmed the incident but did not give any details or comment on a suspected motive for the attack outside the compound where the ministry of defense is also located.