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Russia said on Saturday it had arrested 11 people, including four suspected gunman, in connection with a shooting rampage that killed well over 100 people in a concert hall near Moscow, the deadliest attack in Russia for 20 years. Reuters [Laurin] Lauren Anthony reports.

Militant Islamist group Islamic State has claimed responsibility for Friday night's attack, the deadliest in Russia for 20 years.

The shooting took place at Crocus City Hall in Krasnogorsk, a concert venue just west of Moscow where a Soviet-era rock band were due to perform.

In this eyewitness footage, a man can be heard saying they are firing from a machine gun. They are shooting the crowd.

Russia's Investigative Committee said camouflage-clad gunman opened fire with automatic weapons at concert goers and that some died from gunshot wounds. Others in a huge fire that broke out in the complex.

Lauren Anthony from Reuters.

Support has poured in from around the world for Kate, the Princess of Wales, after she revealed in a candid video message that she is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer following major abdominal surgery. More from VOA's Tommie McNeil.

Support on Saturday came after the princess spoke about the "huge shock" and "incredibly tough couple of months for her family" after her diagnosis.

The message follows weeks of frenzied speculation on social media about her health and well-being.

The announcement will at least partly tamp down the intense and sometimes fantastical speculation and conspiracy theories about her condition that have multiplied on social media since Kensington Palace announced in mid-January that she had been hospitalized for unspecified abdominal surgery.

Tommie McNeil, VOA News.

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The FBI tells passengers on the Alaska Airlines flight that lost a panel they might be crime victims. AP Correspondent Julie Walker reports.

The FBI telling people on board the Boeing 737 Max that lost a door plug midflight in January they might be victims of a crime. In letters to some passengers, an FBI victim specialist says the case is under investigation.

A lawyer representing some passengers on the Alaska Airlines flight in a lawsuit against Boeing shared the letter, which does not name Boeing with the Associated Press.

The plane was flying over Oregon when the door plug blew out, leaving a gaping hole. Pilots were able to safely land. Investigators say it appears the bolts were missing after the plane was worked on.

I'm Julie Walker.

President Joe Biden signed a \$1.2 trillion package of spending bills that Congress just passed ending the threat of a potential partial government shutdown. The legislation was approved by senators early Saturday, with passage coming [e...] nearly six months into the budget year.

The White House said Biden signed the legislation Saturday at his home in Wilmington, Delaware, where he was spending the weekend.

The budget process was slowed by conservatives who pushed for more policy mandates and steeper spending cuts than a Democratic-led Senate or White House would consider.

Biden says the agreement was a compromise, quote, "which means neither side got everything it wanted."

Lebanon's displaced celebrate Ramadan amid fears the border conflict might become, quote, "the new normal." AP Correspondent Rica Anne Garcia reports.

Lebanon's displaced are celebrating Ramadan amid fears that the conflict between the militant group Hezbollah and Israeli forces might become the new normal.

About 60 families are celebrating the Islamic holy month at an abandoned hotel in southern Lebanon far from their homes. They're among the roughly 90,000 people who are trying to escape the shelling and airstrikes.

For a while, many hoped that a cease-fire would coincide with the start of Ramadan. But weeks have passed without clear prospects for a solution.

The Lebanese government has promised to compensate residents of the south whose homes have been damaged or destroyed. But according to officials, the funding hasn't been secured.

I'm Rica Anne Garcia.

Greek authorities have seized more than three tons of the prescription nerve pain drug pregabalin and impounded a yacht registered in the United Kingdom.

Greece's Coast Guard says the yacht was raided Thursday night while anchored in the port of Lavrio, 45 miles southeast of Athens.

Coast Guard officers found 3.75 million capsules of Nervigesic, a brand name used by Indian pharmaceuticals firm HAB Pharma for pregabalin. The contraband drug was packed in 500 cardboard boxes weighing 3.15 tons.

I'm Alexis Strobe, VOA News.