
Blast at Mosque, Somalia Elections, and Global Tensions



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Deadly Explosion Rocks Mosque in Nigeria

A powerful explosion tore through a mosque in Maiduguri, the capital of Nigeria's Borno state, during evening prayers, killing several worshippers and injuring others. Officials have not yet confirmed the final casualty count, and no group has immediately claimed responsibility. The

attack highlights ongoing security challenges in the region, where militant groups remain active despite government efforts to stabilise the northeast and protect civilians.

Somalia's Capital Holds Historic Municipal Elections

Municipal elections were conducted in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, marking a significant step toward restoring universal suffrage after years of conflict and political instability. Residents voted in the first round of polls designed to strengthen local governance and build momentum for broader democratic reforms. The elections are seen as a milestone in Somalia's long-term efforts to establish stable institutions and community representation in a country affected by decades of insurgency and clan-based rivalries.

Global Condemnation Over West Bank Settlements

A coalition of nations, including the UK, Canada, Germany, and France, condemned the approval of 19 new settlements in the occupied West Bank. The countries warned that the move violates international law and could destabilise the region, urging an immediate reversal to support peace efforts and reduce tensions.

These developments reflect ongoing international concerns about security, democratic progress, and geopolitical stability across Africa and the Middle East, underlining the interconnected nature of modern global affairs.