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NEWS IN BRIEF BJP REACHES OUT TO VIJAY DAYS AFTER STAMPEDE WITH AN ADVICE: SOURCES

Diary Times Desk :

The BJP has reached out to South superstar Vijay's party days after the Karur stampede, said sources, hinting that the saffron party is working to utilise the actor's massive fan base to improve its chances in the 2026 Tamil Nadu assembly elections. A senior BJP leader has communicated to the Tamilaga Vettri

Kazhagam (TVK) leadership that Vijay will not be alone if he is unfairly targeted by the DMK, they added. The BJP has informed the TVK that it wants to corner DMK and advised Vijay to keep patience, the sources said, as the actor tries to tide over the stampede crisis that has led to uncertainty over his future political rallies.

the tragedy. CIVIL SERVICES EXAM: WILL PUBLISH PROVISIONAL ANSWER KEYS AFTER PRELIMS.

Vijay had also thanked political leaders who

supported him after

UPSC TELLS SUPREME COURT Diary Times Desk : The Union Public Service

Commission (UPSC) which conducts Civil prestigious Services Examination

- has decided to publish the provisional answer key after the

preliminary examination; the Supreme Court has been informed.

Commission's latest decision marks a departure from the current practice of releasing answer keys only after the entire examination cycle complete declaration of final results

will allow civil services aspirants to access answer kevs immediately after the preliminary examination.

In an affidavit filed in the top court in response to a petition concerning the Civil Services Examination, the UPSC, however, said the final answer key shall be published after the declaration of final results.

The UPSC said it took the decision after deliberating factors including the suggestion court-appointed amicus curiae

JF-17 JETS

CONGRESS SAYS MODI'S DIPLOMACY FAILED AS RUSSIA SUPPLIES ENGINES FOR PAKISTAN'S JF-17 JETS



Diary Times Desk: The Congress on Saturday demanded answers from the government on why India's "once most reliable strategic ally" Russia is providing military support to Pakistan by supplying engines of Chinese-made JF-17 fighter jets and said it was a failure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's personalised brand of diplomacy.

Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh alleged that Modi's diplomacy prioritises image-building and global spectacle over national interests.

In a post on X, he said the government "must explain why Russia once India's most reliable strategic ally - has chosen to ignore New Delhi's appeals and proceed with supplying advanced RD-93MA engines to Pakistan's fleet of Chinese-made JF-17 fighter jets."Ramesh said according to multiple news reports, this deal is moving forward despite direct interventions by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in June

The government owes the nation an explanation as to why a long-time and trusted partner like Russia is now providing military support to Pakistan, even as India continues to purchase S-400 missile systems and negotiates for Su-57 stealth fighters from Moscow," he said citing a news report.

This development underscores yet another failure of Prime Minister Modi's personalised brand of diplomacy, which prioritises image-

building and global spectacle over national interests," the Congress leader also said.
"Years of high-profile summits, choreographed photo opportunities with hugs, and grandstanding on the world stage have failed to vield substantive outcomes," he claimed.

Ramesh alleged that India remains unable to diplomatically isolate Pakistan.

"Instead, Pakistan's leadership -including its Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir, whose communally poisonous statements provided the immediate backdrop to the Pahalgam terror attack -Dis being courted very warmly by President Donald Trump and supplied pons by President Vladimir Putin, all while enjoying unqualified backing from China during Operation Sindoor," the Congress chief

ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT REFUSES STAY ON SAMBHAL **MOSQUE DEMOLITION**

Diary Times Desk: In a jolt to the petitioners, the Allahabad High Court on Saturday dismissed an urgent petition filed by the Sambhal mosque committee seeking a stay on the demolition of a mosque, marriage hall, and hospital allegedly built on government land The single-judge Bench of Justice Dinesh Pathak heard the plea moved by Masjid Sharif Gausul Wara Rawa Buzurg and its Mutawalli, Minjar.

After hearing arguments from both sides, the court disposed of the petition and directed the mosque committee to approach the competent lower court with a stay application The petitioners had challenged a September 2 order passed under Section 67 of the Uttar Pradesh Revenue Code, 2006.

They argued that the marriage hall, already demolished on October 2 with four bulldozers, was built on pond land, but claimed that carrying out demolition on Gandhi Jayanti and Dussehra posed risks of law-and-order disturbance. The administration had also served a notice to the mosque, parts of which are allegedly built

on government land, giving the committee a four-day deadline

Even before the deadline expired, members of the mosque committee reportedly began pulling down sections of the wall themselves.

On Dussehra day, the Sambhal district administration launched a major demolition drive against illegal encroachments, bringing down a marriage hall built on government land in Rawa Buzurg village.



NEW 5-YEAR VISA TO INDIA

AMERICAN PROUDLY SHOWS NEW 5-YEAR INDIA VISA. PRAISES PM MODI AND TAKES A DIG AT TRUMP



Diary Times Desk: An American named Klor Anthony Louis, known as Tony Klor or social media, surprised many with a tweet showing off his new 5-year visa to India. The visa, issued on September 23, 2025, allows him to stay in India for up to 180 days each visit and is valid until September 22, 2030.

In his tweet. Tony expressed excitement In his tweet, Tony expressed excitement about India welcoming foreign technology experts. He wrote, "It's official! India is opening its doors to foreign blockchain & Al builders. I've just been granted a girthy 5-year Indian visa." He also compared Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US President Donald Trump, saying, "Trumps asy foreigners on kirk proke Modi." Trump says foreigners go kick rocks. Modi says Welcome home, Bahi."

India has been encouraging global tech talents to visit and invest in its growing blockchain and artificial intelligence sectors. The B-1 visa Tony received is a business visa often given to visitors attending conferences, business

meetings, or tech events.

His post gained attention especially among Indian and desi social media users, who found the contrast both amusing and

One user commented on the viral X post saying, "Being honest, studying and working with brilliant Indians at top US universities, I truly believe India has some of the most intelligent minds in tech, AI, and engineering. If that talent is directed toward building and innovating within India, the scale of progress could be incredible. I'm confident that in the next 10 years, at least one or two Indian companies will rank among global giants."
Another user added, "This is a temporary non-immigrant visa for short-term non-immigrant visa business activities."

EUROPE GETAWAY TURNS TRAGIC FOR NAGPUR FAMILY, COUPLE KILLED IN ITALY



Diary Times Desk: An Indian family's European getaway turned tragic on Thursday, with a businessman and his wife losing their lives in a road accident in Italy. The victims have been identified as Nagpur-based hotelier Javed Akhtar and his wife, Nadira Gulshan. The Indian Embassy in Italy has confirmed the deaths and said they are in touch with their family back home and the local

Who Was Javed Akhtar?

Akhtar, 55, is a renowned hotelier and entrepreneur from Nagpur, Maharashtra. He and his wife, Gulshan, 47, were travelling with their three children - daughters Arzoo Akhtar, 21, and Shifa Akhtar, and son Jazel Akhtar - when the family met with an accident on the Aurelia Highway

near Grosseto.
The family owns the Gulshan Plaza hotel near the Sitabuldi flyover in Nagpur.

Reports suggest they started their holiday from France on September 22 before reaching Italy. The accident occurred when they were on their way to a sightseeing stop in a nine-seater minibus.

The Nagpur couple were among three people killed in the accident that involved a van and a minibus carrying tourists of Asian origin, local reports suggest. It is understood that the collision occurred after a truck rammed the broken-down van. The minibus driver and the couple died on the spot.

RUSSIAN WOMAN CALLS BENGALURU THE MOST LIVABLE CITY IN INDIA. HERE'S WHY



Diary Times Desk: A Russian woman named Yulia recently praised Bengaluru as the best city to live in India, sharing her thoughts on social media. Born and raised in Siberia, Yulia said Bengaluru's climate and lifestyle make it her top choice among Indian cities

In a video posted on Instagram, she described Bengaluru as "sunny, in a video posted on instagram, sine described bengaluru as "sunny, warm, and green," noting it strikes a perfect balance compared to other metros. She said winters in Delhi and Jaipur feel "freezing," while Chennai and Mumbai are "too hot." Bengaluru, with its pleasant weather, felt just right. She even used a Russian phrase meaning "the heat doesn't break bones" to describe its mild warmth.

Yulia also reflected on how Bengaluru's climate has changed over the past decade, saying air conditioners are now more common, but the weather remains "beautiful." She joked that coming from Siberia, where temperatures can drop to minus 50 degree celcius, she can't complain about Bengaluru's weather.

Besides the climate, Yulia appreciated the city's culture, calling it "the pub capital of India" and a "former paradise for retirement." She ended

her post playfully asking people not to bring up traffic issues. Her post got attention online, with some users impressed by her knowledge of Indian cities. Yulia confirmed she has travelled widely across India, which informs her views.
Bengaluru's popularity as a place to live is often linked to its moderate

climate, thanks to its elevation of about 920 meters. Compared to cities like Mumbai, Chennai, and Delhi, Bengaluru experiences milder temperatures year-round, with greener surroundings that help keep the city cool.

AFTER SENA LEADER'S COMMENT ON BALASAHEB'S **DEATH, A DEFAMATION** THREAT



Diary Times Desk: The political slugfest between the Shiv Sena UBT and Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena has intensified days after senior leader Ramdas Kadam's explosive remarks at the Dussehra rally over the death of party founder Balasaheb Thackeray. The controversy, now three days old, continues to snowball with exchanges between leaders from both Sena factions. In a response to Kadam, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader and MLC Anil Parab announced he will file a defamation case against Kadam, adding any compensation awarded would be donated to farmers. Parab accused Kadam of "stooping to a disgraceful level" and said the comments made about Balasaheb Thackeray's final moments were "vulgar and

"Balasaheb's illness is being politicised. A team of doctors was monitoring his condition round the clock. I was present during his final moments and am a witness to it," Parab said. He also referred to a 1993 incident involving Kadam's wife, and questioned the former minister's moral ground to make such allegations. "They hide their own wrongdoings and point fingers at others," Parab said, adding Kadam was being pushed forward to dilute public affection for Uddhav Thackeray."

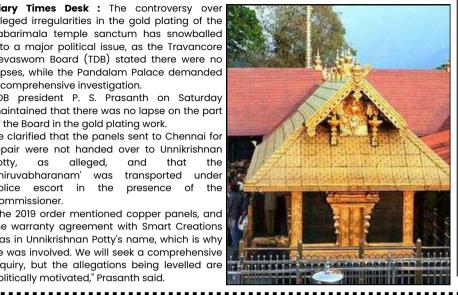
IRREGULARITIES IN SABARIMALA TEMPLE'S GOLD PLATING SPARKS POLITICAL ROW

Diary Times Desk: The controversy over alleged irregularities in the gold plating of the Sabarimala temple sanctum has snowballed into a major political issue, as the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) stated there were no lapses, while the Pandalam Palace demanded a comprehensive investigation.

TDB president P. S. Prasanth on Saturday maintained that there was no lapse on the part of the Board in the gold plating work.

He clarified that the panels sent to Chennai for repair were not handed over to Unnikrishnan alleged, and that Pottv. as the Thiruvabharanam' was transported under police escort in the presence of the Commissioner.

"The 2019 order mentioned copper panels, and the warranty agreement with Smart Creations was in Unnikrishnan Potty's name, which is why he was involved. We will seek a comprehensive inquiry, but the allegations being levelled are politically motivated," Prasanth said.



INDIAN DENTAL STUDENT, **WORKING PART-TIME AT US GAS STATION, SHOT DEAD**

Diary Times Desk: A 27-year-old Indian student has reportedly been shot dead in Dallas, US. Chandrashekar Pole, who was from Hyderabad, was working at a gas station Friday night when he was killed by an unidentified gunman, his family said, urging the government to help bring his body back from the US.

Pole had moved to the US in 2023 for higher studies after finishing his bachelor's in dental surgery back in Hyderabad. He completed his master's degree in the US six months ago and had been looking for a full-time placement while working part-time at the gas station.

Condoling the student's death, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy assured all help to the grieving family in the repatriation of their son's body.

"The death of Pole Chandrasekhar, a student from LB Nagar, in a shooting incident by miscreants in the US has caused deep shock and grief.

LEGAL SYSTEM GOVERNED BY RULE OF LAW, NOT RULE OF **BULLDOZER: CHIEF JUSTICE**

Diary Times Desk: Chief Justice of India B R Gavai on Friday said the Indian legal system is governed by rule of law and not by "rule of the bulldozer".

Delivering the inaugural Sir Maurice Rault Memorial Lecture 2025 in Mauritius on 'Rule of Law in the Largest Democracy', he referred to his own verdict deprecating

Sir Maurice Rault, a noted jurist, was the Chief Justice of Mauritius from 1978 to 1982. Highlighting the principle of rule of law and its expansive interpretation by the Supreme Court of India, Justice Gavai, who is on a three-day official visit to the island nation, said, "The judgment sent a clear message that the Indian legal system is governed by the rule of law, not by the rule of the bulldozer." In the judgement in the 'bulldozer justice' case, the apex court held that demolition of houses of accused in response to alleged offenses bypasses legal processes, violates the rule of law and infringes upon the fundamental right to shelter under Article 21.

"It was further held that the executive cannot assume the roles of judge, jury, and executioner simultaneously," the CJI said. He delivered the lecture in the presence of President of Mauritius Dharambeer Gokhool, Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam and Chief Justice Rehana Mungly Gulbul among others.

TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT TO DELIVER RATION DOOR-TO-DOOR ON THESE DATES AHEAD OF DIWALI



Diary Times Desk: In a special move to ease access for vulnerable citizens, the Tamil Nadu government announced that essential commodities distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS) will be delivered directly to the homes of senior citizens and differently-abled ration cardholders on October 6 and 7, ahead of the Diwali festival on October 20. This initiative will be implemented under the 'Thayumanavar' Scheme, launched by Chief Minister MK Stalin in August, which aims to provide convenient and dignified delivery of essential goods to sections of society who face mobility or health challenges. According to an official release, the scheme will be rolled out simultaneously across the state, benefiting around 21.7 lakh ration cardholders. Those aged above 70 years and persons with disabilities holding PDS ration cards will not need to visit fair price shops or stand in queues.

PRIVILEGED STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP": **MINISTRY ON 25 YEARS OF INDIA-RUSSIA TIES**

Diary Times Desk: Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal hailed the completion of 25 years of the India-Russia strategic partnership on Friday, saying that both countries enjoy a "special, privileged strategic partnership."

While adressing the weekly MEA briefing, Mr Jaiswal stated that "Today is a special day, 3rd of October. On 3rd October 2000, we established the India-Russia Strategic Partnership. Today, we are celebrating 25 years of this special partnership."

"India and Russia enjoy a special and privileged strategic partnership. We look forward to strengthening these ties and want to enhance each and every segment we are working on together, including trade issues, economic issues, investment issues, defence relations, and science and technology," he added.

Further, Mr Jaiswal noted that "both sides are committed," and India looks forward to strengthening our economic ties. We look forward to further building on our ties with

PIYUSH GOYAL URGES SINGAPORE-BASED **INVESTORS TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES IN INDIA**

Diary Times Desk: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has urged Singapore-based investors to look at the opportunities that India offers across the spectrum of economic development.

"I would urge each one of you to look at the scale of opportunity that India offers," Goyal said at a meeting with investors under the theme "India Singapore @ 60: Partnership for Growth" on Saturday.



PM MODI, KEIR STARMER TO HOLD WIDE-RANGING TALKS IN MUMBAI ON OCT 9 Digry Times Desk:

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer will undertake a two-day visit to India next week in his first trip to the country since assuming charge of the top office in July last year.

Keir Starmer's visit to India from October 8 to 9 will provide a "valuable opportunity" to reaffirm the shared vision of India and the UK to build a forward-looking partnership, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Saturday.

Keir Starmer will hold wide-ranging talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mumbai on October 9.

The British prime minister's visit to India came two-and-half months after the two countries inked a landmark free trade pact that will increase market access, cut tariffs and double bilateral trade by 2030.

BJP URGES POLL BODY TO VERIFY WOMEN IN BURQAS IN UPCOMING BIHAR POLLS

Diary Times Desk: The BJP on Saturday urged the Election Commission to hold the upcoming Bihar assembly elections in one or two phases, and to ensure that women in burqas are properly verified against their voter ID photographs at the polling booths.

The BJP found itself on the same page as the RJD, its principal rival, on the issue of non-staggered elections, but got charged with "political conspiracy" for raising the issue of female voters wearing veils. After a meeting with the visiting EC team, led by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. state BJP president Dilip Jaiswal said, "We have urged the Election Commission to conduct elections in one or two phases. The election process need not be staggered. Also, tallying of faces of especially voters, burga-clad women, must be ensured with respective EPIC cards so that only genuine voters get to exercise their franchise." The EC, which is on a twoday tour of the state, held talks with representatives of recognised political parties ahead of the announcement of election dates.

The RJD delegation was headed by Abhay Kushwaha, the party's leader in the Lok Sabha, who was accompanied by spokespersons Chitaranjan Gagan and Mukund Singh. When Kushwaha's attention was drawn to Jaiswal's contention on burgas, he snapped, "This is a political conspiracy. Only recently has the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls been carried out. New EPIC cards are to be issued to all voters with fresh photographs. Identification of voters is no big deal. But the BJP wants to push its own agenda".

ZUBEEN'S WIFE RETURNS POSTMORTEM REPORT, SAYS POLICE SHOULD DECIDE ON MAKING IT PUBLIC



Diary Times Desk: Singer Zubeen Garg's wife Garima on Saturday returned the postmortem report of her husband to the police, saying that it is not her "personal document" and the investigators will be the best judge to decide whether it should be made public or not.

Speaking to reporters after CID Additional SP Moramee Das, who had come to hand her over the report left her residence, Garima also said she had full confidence in the ongoing investigation to unearth the exact circumstances leading to the singer's death in Singapore last month.

"I personally thought and took suggestions also. As the investigation is going on, I did not consider the report as my personal document. So, I have returned the same with the investigating officer," she added.

KERALA LATEST STATE TO BAN 'COLDRIF' COUGH SYRUP AFTER UNEXPLAINED DEATHS

Diary Times Desk: Kerala has become the latest state to suspend the sale and distribution of the cough syrup Coldrif, after reports from Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan linked the medicine to the deaths of at least 11 children over the past month.

Kerala's Health Minister Veena George announced on Saturday that the state's Drugs Control Department had ordered an immediate halt to all sales of the product as a precautionary measure.

The move comes amid an investigation into alleged contamination in a batch of the syrup, manufactured by Sresan Pharma, a company based in Tamil Nadu's Kanchipuram district.

Kerala's Preventive Ban

In a statement issued in Thiruvananthapuram, Minister Veena George said that though the flagged batch was not found to have been distributed in Kerala, the government decided to act "out of an abundance of caution."

WANGCHUK'S BROTHER, LAB LEGAL ADVISOR TO MEET HIM IN JODHPUR JAIL

Diary Times Desk: Ladakh activist Wangchuk's brother and Leh Apex Body's legal advisor Mustafa Haji have been granted access to meet him at Jodhpur central jail in Rajasthan on Saturday.

Wanghuck, leading agitation for the sixth Schedule and statehood in Ladakh, was arrested by police on September 26, two days after violence in Leh during a protest that left four persons dead and 80 others injured in one of the worst violence in Ladakh.Following his arrest, Wangchuk was booked under the stringent National Security Act (NSA) and shifted to Jodhpur Central Jail in Rajasthan.

Notably, Gitanjali Angmo, the wife of Wangchuk and her lawyer have also been granted access to meet the jailed climate activist.

Wangchuk's wife has moved the Supreme Court to challenge her husband's detention. "I have sought relief from the Supreme Court of India through a Habeas Corpus petition against @Wangchuk66's detention," Gitanjali posted on X.

2 DEAD, 5 INJURED IN BLAST AT COACHING CENTRE IN UP'S FARRUKHABAD: COPS

Diary Times Desk: Atleast two people were killed, and five others were injured in a blast at a coaching centre in Uttar Pradesh's Farrukhabad on Saturday. According to the police said the blast occurred likely due to excessive concentrated methane in the septic tank located in the basement. "We received information ground 3.19 pm pertaining to Kadri Gate Police Station area. Field unit and fire services are working on the spot. Prima facie it seems to be a coaching institute and it has a septic tank in the basement. The blast occurred due to excess concentrated methane there. A switch board was also found there, perhaps the blast occurred due to that. The injured are under treatment. Investigation is being done." Farrukhabad SP Arti Singh told reporters.

Farrukhabad DM Ashutosh Kumar Dwivedi said that a committee has been formed under the chairmanship of the City Magistrate to investigate the cause of the incident.

AMBULANCE DRIVERS QUESTIONED OVER STAMPEDE AT ACTOR VIJAY'S RALLY IN KARUR

Diary Times Desk: Ambulance drivers who were on duty during the actor-politician Vijay's election rally in Karur on September 27, were interrogated on Saturday, police said.

A stampede in this rally claimed the lives of 41 people and left 60 others injured.

Five to six drivers who were present at the time of the incident in Velusamypuram in Karur, appeared before investigators, a Karur Town Police official said.

Drivers of both government and private ambulances, from Karur and neighbouring districts, were questioned, the official told PTI. According to media reports, police sought details such as who summoned the drivers, how many calls were received by government and private hospitals, and how many ambulances were pressed into service on September 27.

ADGP (Law and Order) Davidson Devasirvatham, speaking to reporters on September 28, had said five ambulances arranged by TVK were stationed near the police quarters in the area.



ISRAELI OFFICIAL: HOSTAGES COULD BE FREED "IN A FEW DAYS"

Diary Times Desk:

A senior Israeli official has told Israeli Channel 12 News that the hostages could be free within a few days, if the talks in Cairo aimed at finalising the details of Hamas's release of hostages proceed without any problems.

The same source told Channel 12 that the talks are set to begin tomorrow or on Monday and will be attended by Hamas and Israeli delegations, as well as US Special Middle East Envoy Hady Amr and possibly President Donald Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner.

The senior official, whose name was not disclosed, said that the current rapid developments had been 'fully coordinated' between President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The two leaders spoke on the phone, he explained, prior to the US President's public statement, in which he declared his belief that Hamas is 'ready for peace' and called on Israel to 'immediately stop the bombing of Gaza so that we can safely and quickly retrieve the hostages'.

INDIA, AUSTRALIA TO HOLD JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE AUSTRAHIND 2025 FROM OCTOBER 13-26



Diary Times Desk: The fourth edition of India and Australia's bilateral military exercise 'AUSTRAHIND 2025' will be held from October 13 to 26 at Irwin Barracks in Perth, Australia, according to an Indian Army statement released on Saturday.

The joint exercise aims "to further strengthen the operational capabilities of both the armies in undertaking joint Company level operations in urban and semi-urban terrain, under the United Nations mandate reflecting the shared commitment towards global peace and security."

NEPAL INTERIM PM URGE CAUTION AS RAIN BATTERS NATION, CLAIMS GOVT FULLY PREPARED FOR RESCUE, RELIEF OPERATIONS



Diary Times Desk: Nepal's interim government's Prime Minister Sushila Karki has urged caution as continuous rainfall across the country has triggered risks of floods, landslides, and inundation.

In a recorded video statement, the Nepali Prime Minister also claimed that the government is fully prepared for rescue and relief operations, highlighting forecasts that heavy rainfall is likely to persist for another two days.

"According to the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, there is a possibility of continuous rain for two more days. We are at high risk of floods, landslides, inundation and erosion, and the risk situation is increasing. Currently, the flow of rivers and streams is at a high alert level, and there is a high possibility that it may go to a danger level due to continuous rain. There is also a risk of landslides in many places.

IDF CHIEF ORDERS READINESS FOR TRUMP'S HOSTAGE-RELEASE PLAN, PRIORITISES TROOP SAFETY AND VIGILANCE

Diary Times Desk: The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) announced on Saturday that the Chief of the General Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir held a special situation assessment in light of recent developments.

Sharing details of the meeting, the IDF noted that the review was conducted in line with political directives. It said that the Chief of General Staff has ordered readiness for the implementation of the first phase of Trump's Gaza plan, the release of the hostages.

"The Chief of the General Staff convened a special situation assessment in light of recent developments. In accordance with the directives from the political echelon, the Chief of the General Staff instructed to advance readiness for the implementation of the first phase of the Trump plan for the release of the hostages," the IDF said on X.

PAKISTAN'S CONTINUED NEGLECT DEEPENS BALOCHISTAN'S CRISIS OF RIGHTS, IDENTITY

Diary Times Desk: National Party President Abdul Malik Baloch said that the root causes of Balochistan's crises stem from unresolved democratic and national questions.

Speaking at an intellectual session during the Kech Cultural Festival, he emphasised that a multi-ethnic state can only maintain stability when all languages and cultures are treated with equal dignity.

He highlighted that genuine dialogue between the federal government and the province is the only viable way to address Balochistan's persistent challenges, as reported by Dawn. According to Dawn, the event focused on education, civil society, and journalism in the province and was attended by prominent educationist Pervez Hoodbhoy, senior journalist Shehzada Zulfiqar, and Quetta Press Club President Irfan Saeed



ISRAEL DEPORTS 137 MEMBERS OF THE SUMUD FLOTILLA TO TURKEY



Diary Times Desk: The Israeli Foreign Ministry announced that 137 members of the 'Sumud' flotilla have been deported to Turkey. All activists were deported on a plane sent from Turkey to pick them up.

Those deported are citizens of the United States, Italy, Britain, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Algeria, Mauritania, Malaysia, Bahrain, Morocco, Switzerland, Tunisia and Turkey.

"Some activists are deliberately obstructing the legal deportation process, preferring instead to remain in Israel. Meanwhile, several foreign governments have shown reluctance to accept flights returning these provocateurs," the ministry stated.

"WE CANNOT THANK PM MODI ENOUGH FOR SHARING THIS GIFT WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO": PRIME MINISTER KAMLA PERSAD-BISSESSAR

Diary Times Desk: Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago Kamla Persad-Bissessar on Saturday lauded India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for supporting the 50-day Jaipur Foot Artificial Limb Fitment Camp, where free prosthetics were provided to over 800 people.

She described the initiative as an extraordinary example of diplomacy rooted in humanity.

Speaking at the event, Persad-Bissessar said, "Diplomacy is not just about signing trade treaties. Diplomacy is about the universal language of humanity and sharing with others. That is what had us here today, all thanks to PM Modi..."

Expressing her gratitude, she added, "Today was awesome... We cannot thank PM Modi enough for sharing this gift with the people of Trinidad and Tobago. We saw a lot of smiles. It brought tears to my eyes when I saw the children and men realise that they could now walk... May PM Modi continue to share humanity and love throughout the nation... To the government and people of India.

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INDIAN WARSHIPS FLEX MUSCLES IN TURKEY'S BACKYARD; INDIA'S ALLIANCE WITH GREECE-CYPRUS-ARMENIA 'RATTLES' ANKARA?

Diary Times Desk: Disgruntled by Turkey's backing for Pakistan during 'Operation Sindoor,' India is further strengthening its military ties with three of Ankara's major rivals: Greece, Cyprus, and Armenia. When India launched 'Operation Sindoor' against Pakistan in May 2025 to avenge the Pahalgam terror attack, Turkey publicly chose Pakistan's side, calling India's actions "provocative."

Additionally, it provided support to Pakistan in the military domain, as evidenced by the firing of 350 Turkish drones at Indian cities during the conflict.

During its retaliatory strikes on India, Islamabad reportedly deployed Turkish-origin Bayraktar TB2 and YIHA drones for conducting surveillance, marking targets, and executing kamikaze-style attacks on targets along the borders. The Asisquard Songar drones were used to attack targets inside India.

Turkey's unprecedented diplomatic, military, and media propaganda support to Islamabad after the ghastly terror attacks in Kashmir outraged Indians.

India initially responded by blocking the X accounts of some Turkish media publications peddling 'fake news' and revoking the security clearance for Celebi Airport Services, as reported by the EurAsian Times at the time.

Furthermore, hundreds of top trade leaders from India announced a total boycott of all travel, business, and cultural interactions with Turkey, resulting in a significant decline in Indian tourists visiting Turkey.



GEORGE CLOONEY: TRUMP SHOULD CREATE INCENTIVES, NOT TARIFFS, FOR MOVIE INDUSTRY

Diary Times Desk: Movie star George Clooney said on Friday that US President Donald Trump's threat to impose a 100 per cent tariff on all films produced overseas was the wrong solution for a real issue. Clooney spoke before the annual Albies awards ceremony in London, a programme that he and his wife Amal created to recognize global human rights defenders. He said that Trump's take that movie industry jobs were leaving California was true, but that it's "because we don't have proper tax incentives or rebates like you do in New York". George Clooney said that if Trump "wants to implement a federal incentive, that would match the kinds of incentives we get in Louisiana and New Jersey and New York.

'I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON': WHAT SEAN 'DIDDY' COMBS TOLD INDIAN-ORIGIN JUDGE BEFORE HIS SENTENCE

Diary Times Desk: Sean "Diddy" Combs was sentenced on Friday to more than four years in prison over his conviction on prostitution-related charges, with the judge rebuking the hip-hop mogul for subjecting two former girlfriends to years of abuse.

Combs, 55, was stoic as US District Judge Arun Subramanian announced the 50-month sentence at the end of a day-long hearing in Manhattan federal court.

He could be released in less than three years after receiving credit for the time he has already spent locked up at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn since his September 16, 2024 arrest.

ONE OF TERRORISTS INVOLVED IN PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK WAS CARRYING PHONE WITH CHINESE SATELLITE CONNECTION: CHINESE STUDIES EXPERT KONDAPALLI



Diary Times Desk: Accusing China of double-standards on the issue of fighting terrorism, Professor Srikanth Kondapalli, a leading Chinese Studies expert has said that one of the terrorists was carrying a Huawei phone with Chinese satellite connection when Pahalgam terror attack took place and messaged back to Pakistan after the heinous attack in which 26 people were killed.

In an interview with ANI, Professor Srikanth Kondapalli Kondapalli, Chinese Studies expert at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in the national capital, also referred to Chinese support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor.

"On April 22nd, when the Pahalgam incident took place, one of the terrorists was carrying a Huawei phone with Chinese satellite connection. He was messaging back to Pakistan after the Pahalgam attacks. So, there is a Chinese role here...The Chinese have supplied satellite images of Pahalgam before the attack.

PALESTINIAN ISLAMIC JIHAD BACKS HAMAS RESPONSE TO US GAZA

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Digry Times Desk:

Palestinian Islamic Jihad, an ally of Hamas which took part in the October 7, 2023, attack on Israel, endorsed on Saturday the group's response to the US plan to end the war in Gaza.

Islamic Jihad's approval of the plan could help facilitate the release of hostages held by both groups in Gaza.

"Hamas' (reaction) to Trump's plan represents the position of the Palestinian resistance factions, and the Islamic Jihad participated responsibly in the consultations that led to this decision," it said in a statement.

Israel, meanwhile, struck Gaza on Saturday, local authorities said, after US President Donald Trump had called for a halt to the bombing and said Hamas is ready for peace, agreeing to release hostages and accepting some other terms in his plan to end the war.

Israeli fire killed six people across Gaza Strip, local authorities said. One strike killed four people in a house in Gaza City while another killed two others in Khan Younis in the south, medical workers and local authorities said.

WHY SIKHS IN US WILL NOW HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN MILITARY CAREERS AND THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

Diary Times Desk: Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth has announced a strict new grooming policy that effectively bans most beards in the US military, allowing exceptions only for elite special forces

The move is drawing sharp criticism from civil rights groups, veterans and advocates for religious freedom.

Why it matters

The new policy could force many service members — especially Sikhs, Muslims, Jews and Black troops with skin conditions — to choose between their military careers and their religious beliefs or health needs.

"If someone is good at their job but has a medical condition or religious belief, it's absurd to punish them for that," said Kyle Bibby, former Marine captain and co-founder of the Black Veterans Project, reports axios.

What Hegseth said

During a speech at Quantico, Hegseth declared:

"If you want a beard, join special forces. If not, shave. We don't have a military full of Nordic pagans."

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PAKISTAN APPROACHES US TO CONSTRUCT PORT ON ARABIAN SEA: REPORT

Diary Times Desk: Advisers to Pakistani army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir have approached US officials with an offer to build and run a port on the Arabian Sea, the Financial Times reported on Friday, citing a plan seen by the newspaper.

The plan envisages American investors building and operating a terminal to access Pakistan's critical minerals in the town of Pasni, according to the FT. Pasni is a port town in Gwadar District in the province of Balochistan, which borders Afghanistan and Iran.

The move comes after Munir, along with Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, held a meeting with US President Donald Trump at the White House in September. In that meeting, Sharif sought investment from US companies in the agriculture, technology, mining and energy sectors for investment.



According to the FT, the offer was floated with some US officials, and was shared with Munir ahead of a meeting with Trump in the White House late last month.

The blueprint excludes the use of the port for US military bases, and instead aims to attract development finance for a rail network linking the port to mineral-rich western provinces, the FT report added.

Reuters could not immediately verify the report. The US State Department, White House, and Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs did not immediately respond.

MUNICH AIRPORT CLOSED AGAIN, PILOT BLAMES DRONE SIGHTINGS

Diary Times Desk: Munich airport was forced to halt operations again late on Friday over suspected drone sightings, a day after drones caused more than 30 flights to be cancelled there and left nearly 3,000 passengers stranded.

Airports in Denmark, Norway and Poland have recently suspended flights due to unidentified drones, while Romania and Estonia have pointed the finger at Russia, which has brushed off the allegations.

For the second night in a row Munich airport said it had to "cancel air traffic until further notice" after "unconfirmed drone sightings".

Just over 24 hours earlier, at 8:30 pm local time on Thursday, drones were spotted in areas close to the airport, including the towns of Freising and Erding, according to police.

Erding plays host to an airfield used by the German military. Bild newspaper said some of the drones were spotted flying over the facility, although police could not confirm this.

JANE GOODALL QUOTES: WORDS FROM A RELUCTANT GLOBAL ICON

Diary Times Desk: Over the years, Mongabay staff and contributors have conducted numerous interviews with Jane Goodall. The following is a recap of her ideas and reflections, organized by theme. A list of the interviews and other pieces appears at the end.

When Jane Goodall died on October 1st at the age of 91, the tributes were immediate and global. Presidents recalled her counsel, children spoke of her visits to their classrooms, and conservationists remembered how she made them feel less alone in the struggle to save wild places. For many, she was a scientist who revolutionized primatology.

For others, an advocate who insisted on the dignity of animals. For still more, a cultural icon who embodied the possibility of grace in an age of crisis. But to those who knew her, she was also someone who could crouch to a child's level, pull up a video of rats doing tricks on YouTube, and exclaim with delight, "Aren't they marvelous?"

AFTER TRUMP'S BIG PRAISE, PAK SAYS IT BACKED DIFFERENT VERSION OF GAZA PI AN

Diary Times Desk : Days after US President Donald Trump praised the Pakistani leadership for supporting the Gaza peace deal, Islamabad has denied backing Washington's '20-point' proposal to end the war between Israel and According to Pakistani Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, the 20-point Gaza plan that Trump announced this week was not in line with the draft proposed by a group of Muslim-majority countries Washinaton.

"Changes were made in the plan," Dar told Pakistani lawmakers in parliament on Friday.

"I have made it clear that these 20 points, which Trump has made public, are not ours. These are not the same as ours. I say that some changes have been made in it, in the draft we had."

SYNAGOGUE ATTACKER WAS ON BAIL AFTER RAPE ARREST, POLICE SAY

Diary Times Desk: Jihad Al-Shamie was arrested on suspicion of rape and on police bail at the time he launched a deadly knife and car attack on a Manchester synagogue, police have said.

Adrian Daulby and Melvin Cravitz were killed in the attack on Thursday, while three people remain in hospital.

Police believe that Al-Shamie may have been influenced by "extreme Islamist ideology" and said three more people, between 18 and mid-40s, had been arrested on suspicion of commission, preparation and instigation of acts of terrorism. On Friday, families of the dead men paid tribute to their loved ones, hailing them as heroes who died saving others.

Al-Shamie, 35, was a British citizen of Syrian descent who was living in Prestwitch, Manchester.

Police said his name did not show up during initial searches of police and security service counterterrorism records, but the head of Counter Terrorism Policing Laurence Taylor said: "At this stage, we believe Al-Shamie may have been influenced by extreme Islamist ideology."

In a statement on Friday, Al-Shamie's family said: "We fully distance ourselves from this attack and express our deep shock and sorrow over what has happened.

"Our hearts and thoughts are with the victims and their families, and we pray for their strength and comfort." People in Prestwich told the BBC Al-Shamie was a weightlifting enthusiast who rarely spoke to his neighbours.

ROUND TWO: WHY THE NEXT ISRAEL-IRAN WAR WILL SHATTER THE MIDDLE EAST

Diagy Times Desk: Three months after a hastily brokered ceasefire ended 12 days of confrontation between Iran and Israel, a false calm settles over the Middle East. But behind the facades, both armies are studying the unprecedented exchange of fire in June that would make any round two conflict apocalyptically worse than round one.

The fear is not academic. Iran demonstrated skills that astonished even combat-seasoned intelligence professionals, and Israel's formerly celebrated air defence system demonstrated flaws that Tehran will certainly exploit in the next round. Meanwhile, Israeli strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities have fallen short of conclusively crippling Tehran's nuclear program. June's war was a teaser, not the main course. Both now have an appreciation of the other's power that they did not have before. That information cuts both ways—it may deter or inspire.

The worst news for Israel was the Iranians' launching of their Fattah-1 and Fattah-2 hypersonic missiles, which performed much better than anticipated. In the war's most fiercely contested 24 hours, Israel's intercept rate of these missiles declined from its normal 90 per cent to as low as 65 per cent. The mathematics are sobering. Iran fired over 400 missiles during the 12-day conflict, with more than 40 causing damage or casualties despite Israel's layered defense system.



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6 DEAD IN GAZA STRIKES HOURS AFTER TRUMP CALLED ON ISRAEL TO STOP BOMBING

Diary Times Desk: Israel struck Gaza on Saturday, local authorities said, after US President Donald Trump had called for a halt to the bombing and said Hamas is ready for peace, agreeing to release hostages and accepting some other terms in a US plan to end the war.

Israeli fire killed six people across Gaza Strip, local authorities said. One strike killed four people in a house in Gaza City while another killed two others in Khan Younis in the south, medical workers and local authorities said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said early on Saturday that Israel was preparing for an "immediate implementation" of the first stage of Trump's Gaza plan for the release of Israeli hostages following Hamas' response.

Shortly after, Israeli media reported that the country's political echelon had instructed the military to reduce offensive activity in Gaza. The Israeli military chief of staff instructed forces in a statement to advance readiness for the implementation of the first phase of Trump's plan, without mentioning whether there would be reduction of military activity in Gaza.

TRUMP'S \$100,000 FEE FOR H-1B VISAS FACES LAWSUIT FROM HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, PROFESSORS

Diary Times Desk: In what appears to be the first major challenge to the new \$100,000 fee required for H-1B visa applications, a coalition of health care providers, religious groups, university professors and others filed a federal lawsuit Friday to stop the plan, saying it has "thrown employers, workers and federal agencies into chaos."

President Donald Trump signed a proclamation on September 19 requiring the new fee, saying the H-1B visa programme "has been deliberately exploited to replace, rather than supplement, American workers with lower-paid, lower-skilled labour." The changes were slated to go into effect in 36 hours, which caused panic for employers, who instructed their workers to return to the US immediately.

The lawsuit, filed in US District Court in San Francisco, said the H-1B programme is a critical pathway to hiring healthcare workers and educators.

IRAN EXECUTES SIX FIGHTERS ACCUSED OF TIES TO ISRAEL: STATE MEDIA

Diary Times Desk: Iran has executed six fighters accused of waging armed attacks in the southwestern province of Khuzestan, according to state media, as the country continues its accelerated executions of people it says have ties to Israel following the 12-day June conflict with Israel and the United States.

"The death sentence for six separatist terrorist elements, who in recent years had carried out a series of armed operations and bombings targeting security in Khuzestan province, was carried out at dawn today," the judiciary said on its Mizan website on Saturday.

The identities of all those executed and details of their arrests and sentencing were not immediately clear. But Mizan reported that they were involved in the killings of four security personnel, including two police officers and two members of the Basij paramilitary force, in 2018 and 2019.

OLD VIDEO OF JAPAN'S NEXT PM BELTING OUT ROCK ANTHEM ON

TV IS VIRAL

Diary Times Desk: As Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) rallies behind Sanae Takaichi to become the country's next prime minister, a video from nearly a decade ago has resurfaced showing the conservative leader singing X Japan's classic rock anthem "Rusty Nail" on national television.

The clip, filmed in 2016 on a karaoke show, has been widely shared across Japanese social media this week.

X Japan, the band whose song she performed, is one of the country's most influential rock groups known for blending symphonic ballads with high-speed metal. Their 1994 single "Rusty Nail" remains a fan favourite.

A lifelong heavy metal enthusiast, 63-year-old Takaichi once played drums in a college band and still keeps an electric drum kit at home in Nara. She has cited Deep Purple's Burn and Iron Maiden's Run to the Hills among her favourite songs. "To be honest, I wish I could go out for karaoke, but I've been reining myself in these past years," she said in an earlier television interview.

A staunch nationalist and pro-stimulus advocate, Takaichi's rise marks a potential turning point for a country that has never had a female leader.

Takaichi's elevation as party leader is being read as the LDP's attempt to consolidate its conservative base and win back younger voters who have drifted toward smaller right-wing and populist movements, such as the Sanseito Party.

"The goal is achieving economic growth, not fiscal health," she said during a recent policy debate.



"DECISIVE PROGRESS": PM PRAISES TRUMP AS HAMAS AGREES TO RELEASE HOSTAGES

Diary Times Desk: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday praised US President Donald Trump for his peace efforts in Gaza, hours after Hamas accepted parts of Trump's 20-point peace plan.

"We welcome President Trump's leadership as peace efforts in Gaza make decisive progress. Indications of the release of hostages mark a significant step forward. India will continue to strongly support all efforts towards a durable and just peace," PM Modi said in a post on X. PM Modi, earlier this week, had backed Trump's Gaza peace plan, saying it provides a viable pathway to long-term and sustainable peace for both Palestinian and Israeli people.

"We welcome President Donald J. Trump's announcement of a comprehensive plan to end the Gaza conflict. It provides a viable pathway to long-term and sustainable peace, security, and development for the Palestinian and Israeli people, as also for the larger West Asian region. We hope that all concerned will come together behind President Trump's initiative and support this effort to end conflict and secure peace," he wrote on X.

"SAVAGE": ZELENSKY SAYS RUSSIAN DRONE STRIKE ON UKRAINE TRAIN STATION KILLS 30

Diary Times Desk: A Russian drone strike on a railway station in the northeastern Ukrainian region of Sumy wounded at least 30 people, President Volodymyr Zelensky said Saturday. Russia's army has repeatedly targeted Ukraine's railway infrastructure since invading in February 2022.

Zelensky called the strike on Shostka station in Sumy "savage".

"So far, we know of at least 30 victims," including passengers and railway staff, he said.

"The Russians could not have been unaware that they were striking civilians," he added.

The site is around 50 kilometres (30 miles) from the Russian border.

A separate wave of overnight strikes by Russia's army on Saturday cut off power to some 50,000 households in the northern Chernigiv region.

Ukraine's army on Saturday also claimed to have struck a major oil refinery in Russia's northwestern Leningrad region. Kyiv has vowed to increase its own long-range drone attacks on Russian energy sites, in what it calls fair retribution for Russia's daily attacks on its cities and power grid.

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CRACKER BARREL DUMPS THE DESIGN FIRM BEHIND ITS DISASTROUS LOGO CHANGE

Diary Times Desk :

Cracker Barrel has cut ties with the design firm that created its controversial new logo and redesigned restaurants. The restaurant chain started implementing the changes but quickly reversed course following online backlash – including from President Donald Trump.

The company confirmed the split late Thursday in a press release, announcing that it's "ending its engagement with Prophet," the design agency that Cracker Barrel hired just seven months ago to help refresh its brand.

August, Cracker Rarrel unveiled a new logo created by the San Francisco-based firm. which ditched the iconic man in overalls and the barrel for a streamlined design. The new logo featured an outline that the company said was "rooted even more closely to the iconic barrel shape and word mark that started it all," according to a release initially press announcing the change.

TIKTOK SEARCHES PUSHED 13-YEAR-OLDS TOWARD PORNOGRAPHIC CONTENT, REPORT SAYS

Diary Times Desk: A new report has found that TikTok has directed young users toward sexually explicit content through its suggested search terms, according to an investigation by UK not-for-profit watchdog Global Witness, as tech companies face mounting pressure to crack down on age verification.

As part of the investigation published on Oct. 3. Global Witness said it had set up 7 new TikTok accounts in the UK posing as 13-year-olds - the minimum age required for setting up an account - on factory-reset phones with no search histories.

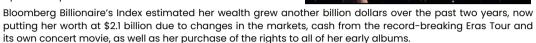
Global Witness said TikTok's search suggestions were "highly sexualized" for users who both reported being 13 years old and the app using browsed "restricted mode," which "limits exposure to content that may comfortable for be everyone" including "sexually suggestive content," according to TikTok's support page.

TAYLOR SWIFT HAS A STAGGERING BUSINESS EMPIRE. AND IT'S NOT **JUST BECAUSE OF ALBUM SALES**

Diary Times Desk: There are plenty of billionaires and pop stars, but there is only one Taylor Swift. Swift is not just selling albums; her team has created an entire economic ecosystem that extends from cassette sales to hotel room bookings.

Swift herself wears many hats. She's a global entertainer, movie producer and, thanks to her engagement to Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce, a fixture of the NFL. As of 2023, she's also a billionaire.

Swift released her 12th studio album Friday, "The Life of a Showqirl," along with a concert film, both of which are expected to pull in even further millions – if not more.



And unlike most celebrities, Swift has made lucrative business dealings a part of her persona, positioning herself at the vanquard of the long narrative in the music business that unseen executives received much of the money actually generated by artists.

"Taylor came out and said, 'I'm not going to let that happen, I'm going to change the industry,'" University of Oregon music professor Drew Nobile told CNN. "That's why the whole idea of Swiftonomics took hold."

Swift's last concert movie, "Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour," was an unprecedented boon for the sluggish post-Covid box office, grossing \$261.7 million worldwide, IMDB data shows.

THE NEXT BIG THING ON MENUS: SMALLER PORTIONS

Diary Times Desk: Olive Garden, which has traditionally seen success from its annual unlimited pasta promotion, recently noticed the opposite trend: Some customers actually wanted

Last quarter, the restaurant chain tested a new menu section at a little less than half of its locations: smaller portions, along with reduced prices, for seven of its dinner entrées. The trial was designed to appeal to cash-conscious customers, who've been cutting eating out from their budgets, hurting restaurants' profits.

It was a success. Customers' feedback was positive. The chain's internal affordability metric jumped 15%. And early signs showed the new menu was not only bringing diners back but perhaps even turning them into regulars, Olive Garden's parent company, Darden Restaurants, revealed during last month's earnings call.

From the chain that invented unlimited breadsticks - which, by the way, was included in this trial - what changed for customers?



\$1 TRUMP COIN DRAFT IS 'REAL,' US TREASURER SAYS

Diary Times Desk:

A portrait of President Donald Trump may be featured on a commemorative \$1 coin issued by the United States Mint in honor of America's 250th birthday in 2026, according to first drafts of the images confirmed by the US Treasury.

"No fake news here," US Treasurer Brandon Beach post on X in response to images of the coin on X. "These first drafts honoring America's 250th Birthday and @POTUS are real. Looking forward to sharing more soon, once the obstructionist shutdown of the United States government is

The draft images show Trump's side profile on the front with "Liberty" at the top, "In God we Trust" on the bottom and the dates 1776 and 2026. On the reverse is the famous image of Trump raising his fist after the Bulter, Pennsylvania, assassination attempt, with the words "FIGHT FIGHT" at the top and an American flag billowing behind his head. It's not clear the controversial coin design will be minted: It's

against US law to display the image of a sitting president or living former president. A president may be featured on a coin no sooner than two years following the president's death.



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TRUMP'S TARIFFS ARE **DRIVING A WEDGE** THROUGH THE US **ECONOMY, FURTHER** SEPARATING THE HAVES FROM THE HAVE-NOTS Diary Times Desk:

Americans ramped up their spending in August; however, their costs of living were on the rise as food and other goods became even more expensive last month and services prices remained stubbornly high.

New economic data released Friday showed that consumer spending rose 0.6% in the key back-to-school shopping month of August, and 0.4% when adjusting for inflation. That's further indication that a critical driver of the US economy continues to chug along despite broader uncertainty and a slowdown in the labor market.

However, that spending is increasingly being focused on essential purchases, such as health care, at a time when income gains aren't keeping up.

At the same time, some prices - including those exposed to steep tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump - are rising faster than they have in according months. to Commerce Department data released Friday.

HOW CONSUMER PUSHBACK BEAT TRUMP'S PRESSURE **CAMPAIGN ON KIMMEL**

Diary Times Desk: The Jimmy Kimmel tug-of-war was about free speech, yes, but it was also about the free market.

This week's restoration of Kimmel's show was partly the result of consumer pushback to the late-night show's preemption.

Feedback from angry viewers, wary advertisers, and frustrated employees all weighed on the executives who ultimately brought the show back on the air despite President Trump's menacing remarks about Kimmel. The week-long drama is proof that consumers "have extraordinary power," former labor secretary Robert Reich wrote in an essay.

Owners of local TV stations also felt the pressure. Employees at some stations reported being inundated with phone calls from irritated Kimmel fans.

BOEING IS ONCE AGAIN ALLOWED TO CERTIFY 737 MAX AND 787 DREAMLINERS AS SAFE TO FLY ON BEHALF OF THE FAA



Diary Times Desk: For years, following significant and continuous quality and safety errors, Boeing has been barred from certifying the safety of some of its own aircraft on behalf of the US government. Following 18 months of intense oversight and scrutiny from US regulators, the Federal Aviation Administration is restoring Boeing's safety certification ability for some of the 737 Max and 787 Dreamliners it manufactures.

Manufacturers are typically delegated permission to perform some functions on behalf of the FAA, such as issuing airworthiness and production certifications, but Boeing lost that delegation for the two models.

The FAA revoked Boeing's authority to issue airworthiness certificates for 737s in 2019 after the deadly Lion Air and Ethiopian Air crashes and 787s in 2022 for production quality issues. A 737 Max door plug blowout in January 2024 - and the embarrassing government-led investigation that followed - led Boeing to commit to monumental changes to its quality and safety controls.

WHO IS GEORGE SOROS, THE FAMED PHILANTHROPIST UNDER ATTACK?



Diary Times Desk: Billionaire investor George Soros, whose left-leaning donations have triggered criticism from right-wingers for years, has long been painted as "the puppet master and the extreme left-wing manipulator," as he once sarcastically described himself.

Most of the conspiracy theories involving Soros, 95, have also targeted his nonprofit, Open Society Foundations, which was founded decades ago and is now chaired by his son, Alex Soros. Among the accusations against the Soros-led organization are claims by President Donald Trump that it funds violent

The vitriol against George Soros resurfaced in the Oval Office on Thursday, when Trump told reporters he thought Soros was a "likely candidate" for an investigation just days after he instructed Attorney General Pam Bondi to seek criminal charges against former FBI Director James Comey, California Sen. Adam Schiff and New York Attorney General Leticia James.

Trump's comments weren't out of the blue. In August, he said George and Alex Soros should be charged with racketeerina.

"George Soros, and his wonderful Radical Left son, should be charged with (violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) because of their support of Violent Protests, and much more, all throughout the United States of America," Trump posted on Truth Social.

Trump's justice department cited a report from conservative watchdog group Capital Research Center, titled "Exclusive: Soros' Open Society gave \$80 million to pro-terror groups." "The Open Society Foundations unequivocally condemn terrorism and do not fund terrorism. Our activities are peaceful and lawful, and our grantees are expected to abide by human rights principles and comply with the law," the group said in a statement on its website, calling such accusations "politically motivated attacks on civil society."

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ZLATAN IBRAHIMOVIC CROWNED 'RAJA' BY FIFA IN PUNJABI POST. **FANS GO WILD**

Diary Times Desk: The official Facebook page of Fédération Internationale de Association (FIFA), FIFA World Cup, recently shared a striking photo of Swedish football legend Zlatan Ibrahimovic with a Punjabi caption in Gurmukhi script reading "Raja" (King). The background of the image also featured the word "Sherdil" (lion-hearted), adding a touch of regional pride. The post instantly caught the attention of Punjabi football enthusiasts, who hailed the act as a recognition of their language and culture on a global platform. Many fans expressed excitement in the comments. calling it a proud moment for Punjabi sports enthusiasts.

FIFA, the global governing body of football and organiser of FIFA World Cup, the world's mostwatched sporting event, frequently engages fans across cultures through social media campaigns. This latest post is seen as an effort to celebrate linguistic and cultural diversity.

Ibrahimovic, widely regarded as one of the most charismatic and accomplished strikers in modern football, has played for top clubs, including Aiax, Juventus, Inter Milan, Barcelona, AC Milan, Paris Saint-Germain. and Manchester United

SAVOUR AUTHENTIC HIMACHALI FLAVOURS AT RURAL TASTE FEST

Diary Times Desk : Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Anirudh Singh on Friday inaugurated the statelevel Rural Taste Festival-2025 at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Shimla.

Highlighting the significance of the event, the minister said the festival aims to bring national and international recognition to Himachali traditional cuisine while promoting nutritious, millet-based products. He emphasised that the festival would create new avenues of self-employment for women, strengthening their economic independence and reaffirming the state government's commitment to women empowerment.

TRIDENT GROUP'S RAJINDER GUPTA LIKELY TO BE AAP CANDIDATE FOR PUNJAB **RAJYA SABHA BYPOLLS**

Diary Times Desk: Prominent industrialist Raiinder Gupta is likely to be the Aam Aadmi Party's candidate for the Rajya Sabha bypoll, scheduled for October 24

Gupta, the chairman emeritus of the Trident Group, is likely to file his nomination for the lone vacant seat in Rajya Sabha in the coming week. In preparation for this election, Gupta has already submitted his resignation as the Vice Chairman of the State Economic Policy and Planning Board, as well as the Chairperson of the Sri Kali Devi Advisory Committee yesterday.

He was appointed as the Vice Chairman of the Planning Board in 2022, and as Chairperson of the advisory committee of the temple in Patiala in August this year. He has remained the Vice Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of the Planning Board during both the previous Congress and SAD-BJP regimes and has continued to enjoy the stature of a cabinet minister.



300-YEAR-OLD FOOTWEAR OF **GURU GOBIND SINGH FINDS NEW** HOME

Diary Times Desk: Days after Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri's family requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to find a suitable home for 300-year-old footwear of Guru Gobind Singh and Mata Sahib Kaur their generations have served for centuries, the Sikh Sangat has taken a decision to safe keep it at Gurdwara Patna Saheb, the birthplace of the tenth Sikh Guru

The decision was on Saturday announced jointly by Puri, presidents of Patna Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee JS Sohi and Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee president Harmeet Singh Kalka

Puri said the committee of Sikh historians and leaders tasked with deciding where to house the holy relics has unanimously decided to keep the Jore Saheb at Patna Saheb.

"A nagar kirtan will soon be held and the holy relics will be taken in a Yatra to Patna Saheb with utmost respect in the midst of holy chanting of Gurbani verses," Puri said.

EMPLOYEES PROTEST AGAINST AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER IN HAMIRPUR

Diary Times Desk:

Employees of 102 and 108 ambulance services on Friday observed a strike and took out a procession to protest against the Medswan foundation running the operations under the National Health Mission (NHM) in Hamirpur.

The leaders of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU)-affiliated 102 and 108 Ambulance Employees Union alleged that the foundation was exploiting the employees who were not being paid the minimum wages. The employees are being forced to work for 12 hours without getting paid overtime.

CITU national secretary Kashmir Singh Thakur said that even after approaching the high court, labour court and the Labour Department, the problems of employees have remained unresolved. Instead, mental pressure was being built on them to accept transfers or resign.

YOUR HOROSCOPE



ue to irritation in the eyes, you should onsult an ophthalmologist.

Today you will get success as your long pending legal proceedings will come in your favor. There will be an atmosphere of happiness in the family as employed people will get progress in their workplace. People doing business should make a budget and spend the money in order to get financial benefits. Housewives should change their food

according to health and season.

Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will of improvement in business.Today, you

Sagittarius
Today you should take all important decisions of your career thoughtfully.
Employed people may have to face some problems due to the start of a new job in the workplace. Due to infinancial gain for business people, you can invest in a new business.
Problems like leg pain and headache may bother you.

Virgo
Today you should take special control
over your speech and behavior. People in
employment will get success in the
workplace with the help of friends. People doing business will get financial gain due to some special offer, your financial condition will be strengthened. Old diseases of elders in the house may

money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of

Cancer
Today you will get relief from all your
problems due to sudden financial gain.
Employed people may have to get
scolded by their boss due to being hasty
in the workplace. People doing business
may face increased difficulties in
business due to arguments with
business partners. As the problem of
foot pain increases, you must consult a
specialist doctor. walking due to nerve pain problems.

checked by a doctor in case of any problem today.

Pisces
Today your interest in creative work will
especially increase. Employed people may
be given an important project by their
boss to handle important projects in the
workplace. People doing business should
control their speech and behavior with
their customers. You should walk carefully
on the road, problems may arise due to
injury.

THREE NEW CRIMINAL LAWS BIGGEST REFORMS OF 21ST

CENTURY: AMIT SHAH
Diary Times Desk: Union Home
and Cooperation Minister Amit
Shah today described the three
newly implemented criminal
laws as "the biggest reform of

the 21st century."

Shah inaugurated and visited a state-level exhibition here showcasing the newly enacted Bharativa Nyaya Sanhita Nagarik Bharatiya Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam. He also inaugurated and laid foundation stones for projects worth Rs 825 crore across multiple departments.

Addressing the gathering, Shah said people had long perceived justice as a delayed process, but the new framework would change that. "People have a perception that they will not get justice for years, but I am confident that FIRs will be disposed of and justice ensured within three years, on an average, after 2026," he said.

UNDERTRIAL ESCAPES AMBALA JAIL VIA ELECTRICITY POLE; HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION DEMANDS REPORT

Diary Times Desk: Haryana Human Rights Commission (HHRC) has taken suo motu cognisance of an undertrial escaping from the Ambala jail after climbing an 18-ft electricity pole and using overhead power cables, aided by a power outage.

The commission observed that the undertrial prisoner, Ajay Kumar, a resident of Bihar, was accused in a Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act case, registered by the Panchkula police in March 2024. He had escaped on September 28, 2025.

"The escape was executed by climbing an 18-ft electricity pole and using overhead power cables, aided by a power outage within the jail. This incident marks the second such escape within two months, the first involving an undertrial named Sukhbir from Uttar Pradesh in August 2025, highlighting a recurring failure in maintaining security and custody of inmates," said the commission

KARNAL'S RISHIKA KUKREJA ARORA SECURES AIR 15 IN UPSC-ISS EXAM

Diary Times Desk: Rishika Kukreja Arora, a resident of Karnal, has brought pride to her family and district by securing an All India Rank (AIR) of 15 in the UPSC-Indian Statistical Service (ISS) examination. With her dedication, hard work, and determination, Rishika has achieved this remarkable milestone on her fourth attempt, setting an example for aspiring youth across the region.

Rishika began preparing for the exam after completing her master's degree. Despite a short break after her marriage, her families stood firmly by her, providing unwavering support throughout her journey. "The process takes time and patience, but with my family's support, everything became possible," Rishika said. "I am grateful and happy today."

Rishika emphasised the importance of the Indian Statistical Service, stating, "The ISS helps us understand where our country stands, and based on this vital data, the government formulates effective policies. Data plays a crucial role in building a strong and progressive society."



54-YEAR-OLD WOMAN STABBED TO DEATH IN PANIPAT VILLAGE

Diary Times Desk: A 54-year-old woman was stabbed to death at Nangla Aar village on Saturday.

The police claimed to have cracked the blind murder of the woman within 45 minutes and detained a suspect.

The deceased has been identified as Sukhdei Devi. Bhagat Singh, brother-in-law of the deceased, said Sukhdei was alone at home when a masked assailant entered their house and attacked her. He said his son Ritik tried to stop the assailant but he attacked on his hand and ran away.

Muni Ram, husband of the deceased, was working in the factory at the time of the incident.

After getting information, a police team reached the spot and took custody of the body and sent it to hospital for post-mortem examination.

ASP Harshit Goel, along with Inspector Ved Pal, SHO Sanoli, and an FSL team led by Forensic Expert Dr Neelam Arya, reached the spot and collected samples. SP Bhupender Singh said the police solved the blind murder within 45 minutes and detained the main accused, identified as Ritik, the son of the deceased's brother-in-law. The accused reportedly made up the story of robbery and said that a masked man entered their house and murdered his aunt, the SP added.

HARYANA INFANT RACES AGAINST TIME FOR LIFE-SAVING RS 9 CRORE INJECTION

Diary Times Desk: As his first birthday on October 9 draws near, one-year-old Yuvansh, the son of a Haryana Police constable, is still waiting for a life-saving gene therapy injection worth Rs 9 crore. With just Rs 2 crore left to raise, his family is in a desperate race against time to arrange the funds before his condition deteriorates.

Yuvansh has been diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) type-1, a rare and often fatal genetic disorder that progressively weakens muscles and movement. The only treatment available is Zolgensma, a one-time gene therapy injection manufactured in Switzerland. Originally priced at Rs 14.5 crore, the manufacturer agreed to supply the drug at a reduced cost of Rs 9 crore after learning of the family's crowdfunding efforts.

So far, Rs 7 crore has been mobilised through public donations, voluntary contributions, and state support. The family now hopes to collect the remaining Rs 2 crore within days so the injection can be ordered from Geneva before Yuvansh's first birthday.

COUNTRY'S EVERY VILLAGE TO BE LINKED WITH COOPERATIVE: AMIT SHAH



Diary Times Desk: Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah today said India has become the world's largest milk-producing country. He said the government's goal is to connect every village in the country to the cooperative movement by 2029.

"More than 75,000 dairy societies will be set up across the country and 40,000 dairy cooperative societies will be strengthened," Shah said while addressing the gathering on the occasion of the inauguration of the expansion plant of Sabar Dairy (Amul plant) at IMT Rohtak.

He said the plant — the biggest in the country — will produce 150 metric tonnes of curd, 3 metric tonnes of butter-milk, 10 metric tonnes of yoghurt and 10 metric tonnes of sweets daily.

The Union Minister maintained that the dairy sector in India has seen the fastest global growth with a development rate of 70 per cent over the past 11 years.

He said in 2014, milk production in the country was 140 million tonnes, which has now increased to 249 million tonnes. "The production of milk from indigenous cows has also risen from 29 million tonnes to 50 million tonnes, marking a significant achievement. Today, 8 crore new farmers are engaged in the dairy sector. As a result, per capita milk availability has increased from 124 grams in 2014 to 471 grams per day currently," said Shah

He pointed out that Sabar Dairy, which started with three persons in Gujarat's Sabarkantha district, gradually expanded to nine districts of Gujarat and today operates a business worth Rs 85,000 crore in India and abroad. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini was also present among others.

EDITORIAL

Writing On Ammo Is Ancient, But The Way...

Scrawled messages on bullet casings and weapons left behind have popped up at several high-profile shootings over the past year. The seemingly unusual practice is actually reminiscent of a centuries-old tactic but can often provide insight to investigators.

From the fatal 2024 ambush of UnitedHealthCare CEO Brian Thompson to the August attack on a Minneapolis Catholic school, plus deadly shootings this month of conservative activist Charlie Kirk and people at a Dallas immigration facility, each gunman inscribed messages on their ammunition and firearms depicting cultural and political ideologies.

Experts say while the micro-trend is alarming, in some instances it's revealing for detectives through crime scenes for a potential And motive. while performative in nature,



suspected want to ensure their shared a photo of crime point controlling the narrative with a message penned even if they aren't alive in blue ink on one of the to see it or are on the enforcement.

extremists FBI Director Kash Patel scene evidence made, scene evice...depicting a bullet casing rounds.

Here's a look at how the practice has evolved and what we can interpret from the messages left behind.

'Psychological warfare

Early warfare focused on hand-to-hand combat, but in time, the types of weapons advanced to include items like slings, crossbows and swords and with them came the practice of sending messages with their use.

Inscriptions on weapons and ammunition alike take on three categories: personalization for the owner, personalization for an opponent, and personalization for someone else to find, firearms historian Ashley Hlebinsky told CNN, and those messages can be a starting point investigators.

The ancient Greeks and Romans would either chisel or write phrases and symbols on projectiles like arrows or cast their own for slingshots, Hlebinsky said, adding the practice dates back as early as 400 BCE.

People would mark their projectiles with symbols or words solely for identification purposes, she said, while others would use the markings to antagonize or bait their opponent.

As time went on, the messages evolved into sentiments of national pride

During World War II, surviving artifacts and photos show messages written on bombs and missiles destined for Axis powers with words and phrases like "ouch" or "catch," Hlebinsky, executive director of the University of Wyoming's firearms Research Center, said



would be destroyed upon impact, without the message ever being received.

The practice of political messages ammunition isn't limited to soldiers, military or individual extremists. Last year, Nikki Haley, a former US ambassador to the United Nations, wrote "Finish Them!" on Israeli artillery shells during a Memorial Day visit to Israel, according to photos in a post from Danny Danon, a forme Israeli ambassador to the UN, who accompanied her on the trip.

Haven't Won The Prize

5 Nobel-Worthy Scientific Advances

t's the time of year when leading scientists might not want to let any calls go to voicemail.

Prizes in chemistry, physics, and physiology medicine, established bv Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel more than a century ago, will be announced next week, along with prizes in peace and literature.

The awards are a pinnacle of scientific achievement. predicting who will win is largely quesswork.

The short list and nominators remain a secret, and documents revealing the details of the process for selection accolades are sealed from public view for 50 years.

There is, however, no shortage of worthy scientific advances from which the Nobel Prize committees can pick. Here are five life-changing breakthroughs and discoveries that experts think are Nobel-worthy.

obesity

The development of blockbuster type-2 diabetes and weight-loss drugs that mimic a hormone called glucagon-like peptide 1, or GLP-1, has shaken up the world of health care

One in 8 people in the world live with obesity - a figure that has



"There was a very, very big stigma (around boxing), and you're also a criminal in Norway, so it was very hard sorship, it was hard to get recognition," says Brækhus.

more than doubled since 1990 - and the medication, which lowers blood sugar and curbs appetite, has the potential to usher in a new era for obesity treatment and related conditions such as type 2 diabetes

Three scientists — Svetlana Mojsov, Dr. Joel Habener and Lotte Bjerre Knudsen involved in the development of the drug, known as semaglutide, won the 2024 Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award, often considered an indicator of whether a specific breakthrough or scientist will win a Nobel Prize.

Groundbreaking treatments for Mojsov, a biochemist and associate research professor at Rockefeller University, and Habener, an endocrinologist and professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, helped identify and synthesize GLP-1. Knudsen. chief scientific adviser in research and early development at Novo Nordisk, played a pivotal role in turning it into an effective drug promoting weight loss that millions of people take today.

The same three scientists, along with Dr. Daniel Drucker, endocrinologist and professor at the University of Toronto, and Danish physician Dr. Jens Juul Holst, a professor at the University of Copenhagen, were awarded the Breakthrough Prize, founded by Chan and Priscilla Zuckerberg and others, in life sciences in April.

Quantum computing pioneers Quantum computing an emerging field that is ripe for some Nobel recognition, according to David Pendlebury, head of research analysis at Clarivate's Institute for Scientific Information. identifies "Nobel-Pendlebury worthy" individuals by analyzing how often fellow scientists cite their key scientific papers throughout the

This year, he tipped two physicists for their work on quantum bits, or aubits, the basic unit of information used to encode data in quantum computing: David P. DiVincenzo, a professor at the Institute for Quantum Information at RWTH Aachen University in Germany, and Daniel Loss, a professor of theoretical physics at the University of Basel in Switzerland

"There's certainly, of course, a lot of anticipation of quantum computing.

Morocco to Madagascar

GEN Z IS TAKING DIGITAL DISSENT OFFLINE



Katie Hunt

Two years ago,

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ounced that the genetic

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longer automatically a qualifying condition for the

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Kara Fox The priorities of ruling elites, "seems very far away from the everyday lives of and fears and anxieties that Gen Z is facing," he told CNN. underlining a bleak economic outlook for many.

rom Kathmandu to Lima, youthuprisings thousands from their screens to demanding the streets. accountability, change and, in cases, governments.

These Gen-Z protesters come from disparate backgrounds and have different demands.

But the throughline is clear: Growing inequality marginalization is destroying young people's hopes for the future - and the only way forward is to confront a broken social contract head on.

Here's what you need to know. A global movement

On consecutive nights this week cities and towns across Morocco have pulsed with the anger of young people mobilized under the umbrella "GenZ 212" - the country's international dialing code. Led by mostly students and unemployed graduates, the protesters are demanding sweeping reforms in healthcare, education and social justice issues they say have been sidelined as the government pours billions into 2030 World Cup infrastructure While stadiums and luxury hotels are erected, hospitals remain overcrowded and rural areas

underserved. Morocco's

education system, long

underfunded, is churning out

graduates with few job prospects:

Youth unemployment sits at 36% - and nearly 1 in 5 university graduates are out of work. The recent protests were triggered by the deaths of several pregnant women following routine C-sections in the coastal city of Agadir, spotlighting the crumbling healthcare system. The government's response has been swift and brutal: Three people were killed and hundreds of others injured, authorities said. Riot police have been deployed across major cities, using force and arresting dozens. Prime Minister Aziz Akhannouch said Thursday his government had "engaged" with the protesters' demands and was ready for "dialogue and discussion." On Friday, GenZ 212 demanded the government resign

But protests aren't fading. Thousands of miles away to the south, youth-led unrest is rocking Madagascar. For several days this week, cities across the Indian Ocean nation - one of Africa's poorest - have been flooded with young protesters outraged over water shortages and rolling blackouts.

They quickly morphed into calls for systemic reform, with the protesters demanding the resignation of President Andry Rajoelina, who first came to power in a 2009 coup, and his government.

Rajoelina responded by dissolving the government this week, saying, "I heard the call, I felt the suffering," but authorities continue to crack down on dissent. The United Nations said Monday at least 22 people had been killed and more than 100 injured. The government disputes these figures.

Meanwhile, in the South American nation of Peru, youth demonstrations began on September 20 after the government announced reforms to a pension law. The protests then swelled to wider calls to stamp out corruption, repression and rising crime under President Dina Boluarte's rule. The Peruvian leader's approval ratings recently sank to 2.5%, with her government at 3%, according to the Institute of Peruvian Studies' July report, reflecting widespread economic anxiety, anger over corruption scandals and continued outrage over the killing of dozens of protesters after she took office in late 2022.



ARTS & INFOTAINMENT

FONDATION OPALE: 'A HAVEN FOR ABORIGINAL ARTISTS' - IN THE SWISS ALPS

Diary Times Desk: The artist Mirdidingkingathi Juwarnda Sally Gabori first picked up a paintbrush in 2005, when she was 81 years old. She had been born on Bentinck Island, off the coast of Queensland, Australia, but in her twenties she was moved away, along with all the indigenous Kaiadilt people, after drought and sea-flooding rendered Bentinck all but uninhabitable.

The effect of that migration was devastating for Kaiadilt culture: much of their language and lore was lost. For the greater part of her life, Sally Gabori was cut off from the place where she grew up. Yet that place was the almost exclusive theme of the hundreds of paintings she produced in the last decade of her life.

An exhibition of work by Sally Gabori and Forrest Bess — Beneath the Reflections of the World — can presently be seen at the Fondation Opale in the Swiss mountain village of Lens (until 16 November). And it is utterly joyous to behold. Sally Gabori's large compositions, made up of irregular swathes of bright acrylic paint, pulsate with youthful energy. It is hard to credit that they were painted by an octogenarian.

In the show there is a piece entitled My Country, dating from 2010, in which the roughly rectangular fields of primary colour are like an Expressionist take on some newly minted national flag. A work with the same name, from the same year, is made up of two unequal blocks of purple and pink, like a raggedyedged Rothko or Clyfford Still. It could be a picture of magenta hills silhouetted against a glowing sunset, or an overhead view of dark water lapping on a coral beach.

One thing is for sure: it is not an abstraction. Encoded in these and other paintings are Sally Gabori's memories of Bentinck — the sandbars and the rivers, the forms of eddies in the water off the coast. Many contain areas of black paint which, it seems, stand for human intervention in the landscape.

All Sally Gabori's work in the show is drawn from the collection of Bérengère Primat, who has been collecting Aboriginal art for more than 25 years, and set up the foundation as a means to promote it, celebrate it, and to help define its unique place in the global scene. 'This is a contemporary art gallery,' says Primat. 'It is also a haven for Aboriginal artists, a place where they can come and be loud, say whatever they want.'







IN THE FRAME: WILLO PERRON

Diary Times Desk: What are you working on currently?

Willo Perron: 'A mix of studio and personal projects that aren't public yet, but we did just launch a new chair with Knoll.'

What ritual or routine keeps you going?

WP: 'Most mornings start with tennis before heading into the studio. If we're talking creative input, I'm always researching across different sources – books, film, exhibitions, online, etc. And when I travel, I'm on the ground exploring the area through its museums, galleries, local markets, restaurants – whatever exposes me to what is distinctive about that place'

What work of art made you see things differently?

WP: 'Music was probably my gateway drug into any of the creative fields. There's a moment in Straight, No Chaser, the documentary on Thelonious Monk, that has stayed with me: he's rehearsing before a show in Europe, shifting time signatures mid-performance, while the band continues on. Watching him deconstruct time like that made me understand the depth of his genius. When you get so good at something it's at a point where it no longer controls you, but instead you see above the clouds.'

Which artist or designer from history do you wish you knew more about?

WP: 'I was just in Sao Paulo and someone recommended the book Francis Bacon in Your Blood by Michael Peppiatt. I just started reading it, and I'm obsessed with him and his work.'

What artists or designers are you excited about right now?

WP: 'In the basement of the MASP in Sao Paulo, there is this one Salman Toor painting, and seeing it reminded me of how much I love his work. There is something very kind and vulnerable that comes through his paintings. On the same trip, I came across the sculptor Laura Vinci. It was my first time seeing her work and I found some really interesting ideas – like her use of smoke and perishable materials. There was an element of impermanence that really struck me – something that parallels the nature of working on shows and temporary spaces.'

What's your design 'no no'?

WP: 'The interesting thing is, at least for me, the very things we consider completely off-limits are often the most worth examining. The ugliest or most garish elements can be compelling when studied closely. For me, nothing is off the table; everything deserves a closer look.'

Your favorite view, anywhere in the world?

WP: 'Yet to be discovered, but the view of the sunrise on top of Kilimanjaro is up there. And a few more simple ones—like looking out from my apartment in Paris overlooking the river, or making first tracks on a perfect ski day.'

Most memorable art or design show you've seen in the past year?

WP: 'Markus Lüpertz's show at Michael Werner Gallery. It was their inaugural show at their LA gallery, and it really stuck with me. It just felt very special. And Arthur Jafa's pieces at the Bourse de Commerce.'







MAN CITY BELIEVE BUT WILL THEY WIN WSL THIS SEASON?



Diary Times Desk: Without crucial results to back it up, Andree Jeglertz's message to his Manchester City players that they are capable of winning the Women's Super League would be "empty words".

But his side are already delivering, closing the gap to leaders Chelsea to just one point with a well-fought 3-2 victory over fellow title rivals Arsenal on Saturday.

It is still early days in Jeglertz's tenure and only five games into the WSL season - but that is almost a quarter of the way through the campaign in a 12-team league. City haven't won the WSL for nine years, coming runners-up six times since 2016, including missing out on the title on goal difference in 2023-24.

DRIBBLE KING KUDUS IMPRESSES AGAIN AMID 'BIG EXPECTATIONS'

Diary Times Desk: Mohammed Kudus is quickly becoming Tottenham Hotspur's most influential player.

Since joining the club for £55m from West Ham this summer, the Ghana international has been a bright spark in Tottenham's midfield.

Now, having provided four Premier League assists, he finally has a goal of his own after scoring the winner in a 2-1 victory over Leeds at Elland Road.

"It was about time, wasn't it? We've got big expectations," said manager Thomas Frank.

"I'm so happy for Mo - he needed that goal. He's been our best offensive player so far. You just see he looked a little bit more fluid."

Kudus' through ball teed up Mathys Tel to score his first goal of the season before the midfielder struck into the bottom corner to restore Spurs' advantage after Noah Okafor had equalised for the bosts

equalised for the hosts. PRO-PALESTINE PROTESTERS TARGET ITALY TRAINING FOR

ISRAEL WORLD CUP TIE

Diary Times Desk: Pro-Palestinian protesters approached the gates of the Italy football team's training centre on Friday to demand the cancellation of its upcoming World Cup qualifier against Israel due to the war on Gaza.

The protest was part of a national strike that was reacting to Israeli forces' interdiction of an aid flotilla.

Italy is scheduled to host Israel in Udine on October 14. But UEFA is considering suspending Israel over the war. The players were not at the Coverciano training centre in Florence, but the squad will convene there on Monday.

Protesters appeared to behave peacefully on the opposite side of the street from the football complex, holding aloft a banner that read in Italian, "Let's stop Zionism with the resistance." A protest leader grabbed a microphone and shouted, "How can you still allow Israel, a Zionist and criminal state, to play football games?"

Dozens of protests have erupted across Italy since Wednesday night, after the Israeli navy intercepted the Global Sumud Flotilla, detaining its activists.

On Friday, workers and students took to the streets after the country's largest unions called for a one-day general strike in solidarity with the Palestinians and the flotilla. Hundreds of trains were cancelled or delayed, as were several domestic flights, and many private and public schools closed.

WHAT IS BARCELONA'S PURCHASE OPTION FOR MARCUS RASHFORD?

Diary Times Desk: A fresh insight into the value of the purchase clause included in Barcelona's summer deal for Marcus Rashford has on Saturday been provided.

This of course comes amid something of an explosion into life on the part of the Englishman in Catalunya's capital.

Rashford for his part linked up with Hansi Flick's Barca on a season-long loan deal over the summer.

And after something of a hit-and-miss start to life in Blaugrana colours, recent weeks have seen the 27-year-old provide any who may have forgotten with a reminder of his unquestionable talents.

All told, across his last seven outings for club and country, Rashford has directly contributed to seven goals.

Should things continue in a similar fashion, the expectation is that Barcelona will in turn move to make the attacker's signing permanent.

And as alluded to above, this weekend, a fresh insight into the kind of purchase fee which the Catalans agreed upon with Manchester United has been forthcoming.

BARCELONA TIPPED TO LAUNCH MOVE FOR BORUSSIA DORTMUND STAR



Diary Times Desk: La Liga champions Barcelona have this week been credited with an interest in the signature of a member of the defensive ranks at Borussia Dortmund.

The player in question? Nico Schlotterbeck.

Stopper Schlotterbeck is for his part understood to be giving consideration to a move away from Sianal Iduna Park.

The German international, it is claimed, is keen to join a club where he has a better chance of securing silverware. With as much in mind, Bayern Munich are keeping a close eye on the situation of the 25-year-old. As alluded to above, though, so too are those behind the scenes at Spanish heavyweights Barcelona.

LEVANTE STAR IS AVERAGING A GOAL OR ASSIST EVERY 80 MINUTES THIS SEASON



Diary Times Desk: The remarkable opening to the campaign being enjoyed by Levante star Karl Etta Eyong has on Saturday continued

This comes owing to the youngster's exploits in his side's La Liga meeting with Real Oviedo. Levante marked their return to action a short time ago, making the trip to the Estadio Carlos Tartiere for a meeting with Oviedo.

When all was said and done, the day's visitors emerged on the right side of a 2-0 result, to climb to 12th in the Spanish topflight table. And the aforementioned Etta Eyong played a starring role along the way.

The Cameroonian rounded out the scoring in the clash, to kill off Oviedo's comeback efforts with 72 minutes on the clock. And as alluded to above, in the process, Etta Eyong kept alive what has been nothing short of a brilliant start to the 2025/26 season.

All told, the summer arrival at Levante has now racked up eight combined goals and assists in eight La Liga appearances.