

# Trump reverses elephant trophy ban

## Washington

**P**resident Donald Trump has dramatically reversed his decision to repeal the elephant trophy ban after a public outcry.

He tweeted late Friday that he will uphold a ban on importing trophies of elephants hunted and killed in Zimbabwe, pending further review.

The move went against his own administration's decision from Thursday, which sparked a huge public backlash.

'Put big game trophy decision on hold until such time as I review all conservation facts. Under study for years. Will update soon with Secretary Zinke. Thank you!' Trump tweeted.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said the pair came to the decision after they 'talked and both believe that conservation and healthy herds are critical.'

Just hours before, Trump's spokeswoman Sarah Sanders



Donald Trump, Jr. is pictured holding the tail of an elephant he shot

had defended the US Fish and Wildlife Service's move to end the 2014 ban initiated under Trump's predecessor Barack Obama.

The service said Thursday that it would begin issuing permits to import 'sport-hunted trophies from elephants hunted in Zimbabwe' between January

21, 2016 and December 31, 2018.

Zambia would also have been covered under the revised rule.

The move was met with a barrage of criticism from animal rights groups and activists.

It also came on the same day that the US State Department presented to Congress its first annual report on wildlife trafficking which, it said, 'remains a serious transnational crime.'

French screen legend and animal rights activist Brigitte Bardot added her voice to the growing chorus of criticism, slamming Trump as 'unfit for office' after his administration's 'shameful actions.'

'No despot in the world can take responsibility for killing off an age-old species that is part of the world heritage of humanity,' Bardot said in a letter to Trump, released through Fondation Brigitte Bardot. (*Daily Mail*)

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"Russia is wasting our time. Russia will not agree to any mechanism that might shine a spotlight on the use of chemical weapons by its ally, the Syrian regime"

Nikki Haley  
US ambassador

## Rest in sight

Search stepped up for missing submarine



Argentina's military were continuing the search for the submarine ARA San Juan, which has been missing with 44 crew aboard for days.

## SL arrest 19 after Buddhist-Muslim clash

Sri Lankan police arrested 19 people after a clash between "extremists" from the majority Buddhist and minority Muslim communities in which four people were injured.

## Strong earthquake rattles Tibet

An earthquake of magnitude 6.3 struck a remote part of Tibet, but there were no immediate reports of significant damage or injuries.

## Maduro offers to help Trump fight drugs

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, whose top political allies have been accused by Washington of dealing in illegal narcotics, offered to help US President Donald Trump in fighting the drug trade.

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## Surgeon claims human head transplant a success

### New Delhi

**I**n a bizarre 18-hour operation, a team lead by Dr Xiaoping Ren of Harbin Medical University in China allegedly carried out what is being termed as the world's first human head transplant on a corpse, reported *The Telegraph*.

As per the report, through the operation, the team was able to successfully connect the spine, nerves and blood vessels of two people.

Only last year, Dr Ren had successfully grafted a head onto a monkey's body, the report said.

An Italian professor

at the Turin Advanced Neuromodulation Group, who has been working with the team behind the head transplant, told *The Telegraph* that they would eventually perform the operation on a living human paralysed from neck down. In a statement, professor Sergio Canavero claimed that the electrical stimulation of the nerves highlighted that the operation on the corpse had been successful.

Canavero also said that the details of the surgery are likely to be released in a few days by a surgical journal. (*The Indian Express*)

## Coffee drinkers in London fuelling green bus initiative



London red buses

### London

**L**ondon's caffeine habit could soon provide an eco-friendly energy kick to its buses, including its iconic red double decker.

Some 6,000 litres of oil extracted from ground coffee waste will be added to fuel tanks of the city's transport authority on Monday - enough to power a bus for a year.

Behind the stunt is British start-up Bio-bean, which has been developing fuel from coffee waste grounds for four years, with financial and

technical help from energy giant Royal Dutch Shell.

Londoners consume an average of 2.3 cups of coffee a day, contributing to 200,000 tonnes of mineral-rich coffee waste over the course of a year, according to data cited by Bio-bean.

"Instead of sending a tonne of waste coffee grounds to landfill... we collect it, recycle it and turn it into a renewable fuel which is then used to replace further conventional fuels," Bio-bean founder Arthur Kay said at a recent presentation. (*AFP*)

# India's Manushi Chhillar wins Miss World crown

## Sanya, China

**I**ndia's Manushi Chhillar yesterday won the coveted Miss World 2017 title at a glittering event, ending 16 years of drought for India at the international pageant.

Priyanka Chopra was the last winner from India in 2000.

Chhillar, 21, looked emotional as the crown was placed on her head by Miss World 2016 winner Puerto Rico's Stephanie Del Valle. She competed against 108 contestants from various countries at the pageant.

Miss Mexico Andrea Meza was announced the first runner up, while Miss England Stephanie Hill was declared the



Manushi Chhillar

second runner up at an event held at Sanya City Area.

Manushi Chhillar, born to doctor parents from Haryana, studied at St. Thomas School in Delhi and Bhagat Phool Singh Government Medical College

for Women in Sonapat.

In an interview during her grooming, she said, "The only thing I believe is certain in life is uncertainty, and this is what is amazing about the pageant." (*IANS*)

## Couple shot in church meeting about gun safety

### Washington

**A**man accidentally shot himself and his wife during a meeting about gun safety at a Tennessee church.

The couple, who are in their 80s, were discussing gun protection at a social meeting held at the First United Methodist Church in Tellico Plains when the incident occurred.

"Well, I've got my gun on me," said the 81-year-old man, police say, before he pulled out his 380-calibre Ruger handgun and removed

the magazine.

He put the magazine back in and put the gun away, but forgot it was loaded when a person later asked to see it.

The military veteran then pulled the trigger, with the bullet slicing his palm and penetrating his wife's abdomen and exiting her right side.

Both were treated at hospital for non-life-threatening injuries and are reported to be in a stable condition. (*The Telegraph*)