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Justinian I becomes the sole ruler of the Byzantine Empire



1086

Results of the Domesday inquiry presented to William the Conqueror in Salisbury (the date of compilation and the Great Domesday are historically contestable)

1774

English chemist Joseph Priestley discovers oxygen by isolating it in its gaseous state

1834

Slavery Abolition Act 1833 comes into effect, abolishes slavery throughout the British Empire

# Urged Justice officials are election 'corrupt'

House oversight committee show Trump pressured officials to overturn election was not legitimate



Former President Donald Trump arrives at the Sarasota Fairgrounds to speak to his supporters during the Save America Rally in Sarasota, Florida (file photo)



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HOUSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REP. CAROLYN MALONEY

The pressure is all the more notable because just weeks earlier, Trump's own attorney general William Barr, revealed that the Justice Department had found no evidence of widespread fraud that could have overturned the results. Unsubstantiated claims of fraud have been repeatedly rejected by judge after judge, including by



The demands are the latest example of Donald Trump's wide-ranging efforts to delegitimise the election results during his final weeks in office

Trump appointees, and by election officials across the country.

"These handwritten notes show that President Trump directly instructed our nation's top law enforcement agency to take steps to overturn a free and fair election in the final days of his presidency," committee chairman Rep. Carolyn Maloney, a New York Democrat, said in a statement.

She said the committee had begun scheduling interviews with witnesses as part of its investigation into Trump's effort to overturn the results. The Justice Department earlier this week authorized six witnesses, including Rosen and Donoghue, to appear before the panel and provide "unrestricted testimony," citing the public interest in the "extraordinary events" of those final weeks.

The Dec. 27 call took place just days after Barr had resigned, leaving Rosen in charge of the de-

partment during a turbulent final weeks of the administration that also included the Jan. 6 riot at the US Capitol in which pro-Trump loyalists stormed the building as Congress was gathered to certify the election results.

During the call, according to the notes, Trump complained that people were "angry" and blaming the Justice Department for "inaction" and said that "We have an obligation to tell people that this was an illegal, corrupt election." He claimed the department had failed to respond to legitimate complaints and reports of election-related crime.

The Justice Department officials told Trump that the department had been investigating, including through hundreds of interviews, but that the allegations were not supported by evidence. They said that much of the information the president was getting was "false," according to Donoghue's notes.

# Doctors in Saudi separate Yemeni baby from twin



The father of a Yemeni baby thanks doctors after successful surgery in Saudi Arabia to separate her from her parasitic twin

Reuters | Riyadh

A team of doctors in Saudi Arabia has separated a Yemeni baby from her parasitic twin, authorities said, marking their 50th successful operation on conjoined twins.

Aisha Ahmed Saeed was born fully developed but with an extended pelvis area and an extra pair of lower extremities, the Saudi English-language Arab News daily reported.

The procedure to separate her took seven hours and 45 minutes and involved a team of 25 medical staff including doctors, technicians and nurses, said the state-run King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center.

"The surgery went very well... the coordination between the team was excellent," Dr. Abdullah al-Rabeeah, head of the team, told Arab News.

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A parasitic twin occurs

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when a twin embryo begins to develop in the mother, but ultimately does not separate. This results in a semi-formed twin adjoined to the body of the developed twin.

The official Saudi Press Agency said Aisha is from Al-Mahra province in war-torn Yemen, where a Saudi-led military coalition is backing the government against the Iran-backed Huthi rebels.

Yemen has been mired in a devastating war for over six years which has left it on the brink of famine and with a healthcare system in ruins.

# m wildfires



Wildfires in Hatay province, Turkey.

said 400 people affected by the fires in Manavgat were treated at hospitals and released, while 10 others were still hospitalized for fire injuries. In Marmaris, 159 people were treated at the hospital and one person was still undergoing treatment for burns.

In southern Hatay province, flames jumped into populated areas but were later apparently brought under control.

Wildfires are common in Turkey's Mediterranean and Aegean regions during the arid summer months. A heat wave across southern Europe, fed by hot air from Africa, has led to wildfires across the Mediterranean.

# US military says it is assisting tanker that was attacked off Oman

Reuters | Dubai

The US Navy is assisting an Israeli-managed petroleum products tanker that was fatally attacked on Thursday off the coast of Oman, the US military said yesterday, adding the ship was most likely hit by a drone strike.

The Mercer Street, a Liberian-flagged, Japanese-owned vessel, is currently being escorted by the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, the US Central Command said in a statement.

"US Navy explosives experts are aboard to ensure there is no additional danger to the crew, and are prepared to support an investigation into the attack," said the Central Command, which oversees American military operations in the Middle East and Central Asia.

"Initial indications clearly point to a UAV-style (drone) attack," it added.

Israel's foreign minister Blumenthal said on Friday for the attack, which killed two crewmen, a British and a Romanian.

US and European sources familiar with intelligence reporting said on Friday Iran was their



Sailors prepare a helicopter in response to a call for assistance

leading suspect for the incident, which a US defense official said appeared to have been carried out by a drone, but stressed their governments were seeking conclusive evidence.

Al Alam TV, the Iranian government's Arabic-language television network, cited unnamed sources as saying the attack on the ship came in response to a suspected, unspecified Israeli attack on Dabaa airport in Syria. There was no immediate of-

ficial reaction from Iran to the accusation that it may have been responsible.

The vessel is managed by Israeli-owned Zodiac Maritime. The company said on Friday the vessel was sailing under the control of its crew and own power to a safe location with a US naval escort.

Iran and Israel have traded accusations of attacking each other's vessels in recent months. Tensions have risen in the

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Israel is pressing for international action against Iran over a deadly attack, branding Tehran an "exporter of terrorism"

Gulf region since the United States reimposed sanctions on Iran in 2018 after then-President Donald Trump withdrew Washington from Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal with major powers.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO), which provides maritime security information, said vessel was about 152 nautical miles (280 km) northeast of the Omani port of Duqm when it was attacked.

According to Refinitiv ship tracking, the medium-size tanker was headed for Fujairah in the United Arab Emirates, from Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.



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Huge congratulations to @TeamGB for their world record-breaking win in the pool and win in the triathlon mixed relay. Fantastic!

@BorisJohnson

02



Sustainable and reliable transportation is critical for our economy and our families. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal will make the largest federal investment in public transit in history.

@VP

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As the eviction moratorium deadline approaches tomorrow, I call on all state and local governments to take all possible steps to immediately disburse these funds given the imminent ending of the CDC eviction moratorium.

@POTUS

04



Great to see United Kingdom announce that it will start donating #COVID19 vaccines. Millions will go via #COVAX to health workers and others at risk. But the world needs more and faster action on #VaccineEquity. We call on all countries to donate doses to COVAX ASAP.

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