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Cnut the Great [Canute], King of Denmark, claims the English throne after the death of Edmund 'Ironside'

1487 1648

The first German Beer Purity Law (Reinheitsgebot), is promulgated in Munich by Albert IV, Duke of Bavaria stating beer should be brewed from only three ingredients – water, malt and hops

English Parliamentary army captures King Charles I



1786

Grand Duke of Tuscany Leopold II promulgates a penal reform, making his the 1st state to abolish the death penalty. November 30 commemorated as Cities for Life Day.

# Operation ed Fakhrizadeh

## Enmity will 'never cease'

The funeral was not open to the public in order to maintain health protocols over the novel coronavirus pandemic, the defence ministry said.

Some "say we can make the enemy not have enmity (towards us) through talking. That is not possible," said the supreme leader's representative at the defence ministry, Ziaodin Aghajanjour, standing next to Fakhrizadeh's coffin.

"Why? Because the enemies are against the basis of the Islamic republic system," he added, emphasising that Iran's foes "will never cease their enmity."

As part of the procession before the funeral, Fakhrizadeh's remains were taken on Saturday and Sunday to holy Shiite shrines in the northeastern city of Mashhad and Qom in central Iran, as well as the shrine of the founder of the Islamic republic, Ruhollah Khomeini in Tehran.

The scientist's coffin was buried at Imamzadeh Saleh, an important Shiite shrine in northern Tehran where two other slain nuclear scientists were buried in 2010 and 2011.



Iran (MEK) were "certainly" involved, along with "the Zionist regime and the Mossad", he said, referring to the Israeli government and its spy agency.

Shamkhani's comments came in video interviews broadcast by state television and the Fars news agency.

Without citing sources, Fars

itself reported the attack had been carried out with the help of "a remote-controlled automatic machinegun" mounted on a pickup truck.

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani had on Saturday accused Israel of acting as a "mercenary" for the United States by carrying out the assassination.

to the nuclear deal the Islamic republic agreed with world powers

was promised a return to diplomacy.

ctions on Fakhrizadeh in 2008 for "activities and transactions that

ement.



## Royal defamation

Thai police charged five key leaders of the country's pro-democracy protest movement Monday under the kingdom's tough royal defamation laws, the first such use of the controversial legislation in two years. Section 112 of the Thai penal code is one of the world's toughest lese majeste laws, shielding the ultra-powerful King Maha Vajiralongkorn from criticism. But in recent months leaders of the pro-democracy movement have called for reforms to the monarchy -- including for the law's abolition -- a move that has sent shockwaves through Thai society.

## Pope cancels pre-Christmas ceremony due to COVID-19

Reuters | Vatican City

Pope Francis has cancelled a ceremony that traditionally begins Rome's Christmas season on Dec. 8 at the Spanish Steps because of coronavirus restrictions, the Vatican said on Monday.

The pope customarily places a wreath of flowers at the base of a 12-metre column bearing a statue of the Madonna and blesses from a distance another wreath already placed around the statue's arm by firefighters using a ladder.

The Vatican said Francis would skip the ceremony, which popes have been carrying out on the feast of the Immaculate Conception since 1953, "in order to avoid any risk of contagion caused by gatherings of people".

Thousands of people usually line the streets near the area to see the pope and pray with him.

The Vatican said the pope would instead hold a private service to entrust the city, its people and the sick around the



Pope Francis leads the Immaculate Conception celebration prayer in Piazza di Spagna in Rome.

world to the Madonna.

It has already announced that access to all of the pope's traditional Christmas activities, including his "Urbi et Orbi" ("To the city and the world") blessing and message, will be restricted because of the COVID-19 crisis.

Only a limited number of people will be allowed into St. Peter's Basilica for papal Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, which will be broad-

cast on television and streamed on the internet.

Last month, the pope's weekly general audiences were moved back indoors with public participation after a period when a limited number of people were allowed to take part.

Recently, more than a dozen Swiss Guards and one person who lives in the residence that houses the pope tested positive for the coronavirus and had to be quarantined.

## erupts

## Thousands flee as Indonesian volcano bursts

AFP News

Thousands have fled the scene of a rumbling Indonesian volcano that burst to life for the first time in several years, belching a massive column of smoke and ash, the disaster agency said Monday.

The evacuation of more than 4,400 residents came as Mount Ili Lewotolok erupted Sunday, spouting a thick tower of debris four kilometres (2.5 miles) into the sky, triggering a flight warning and the closure of a local airport.

The crater's last major eruption was in 2017. There were no reports of injuries or damage from the eruption in a remote part of the South-east Asian archipelago.



Reuters | Ankara

Turkey's seismic exploration vessel Oruc Reis returned to port yesterday from disputed Mediterranean waters, less than two weeks before a European Union summit where the bloc will evaluate possible sanctions against Ankara.

NATO members Turkey and Greece have conflicting

claims to continental shelves and rights to potential energy resources in the eastern Mediterranean. Tensions flared in August when Ankara sent Oruc Reis to map out energy drilling prospects in waters also claimed by Greece.

Turkey withdrew Oruc Reis from contested waters ahead of a previous EU summit in October to "allow for diplomacy", but later sent

## Turkish vessel back in port ahead of EU summit

it back after what it called unsatisfactory outcomes from the summit. Earlier this month, Turkey said Oruc Reis would operate in the region until Nov. 29. The energy ministry said on Monday the vessel had completed a mission which started on Aug. 10. "Our ship, which has collected 10,995 km of 2D seismic data, has returned to the Antalya port," it said in a tweet.



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I'm not fighting for me, I'm fighting for the 74,000,000 million people (not including the many Trump ballots that were "tossed"), a record for a sitting President, who voted for me!

@realDonaldTrump

02



It's easy for those living far outside the range of Iran's nuclear capable missiles to downplay or ignore the danger they pose. But those who lead a nation surrounded by Iranian potential launching sites for a future attack don't have the luxury of being delusional or naive.

@marcorubio

03



Thank goodness we have 5 constitutional conservatives on the Supreme Court.

@Jim\_Jordan

04



The United States has surpassed 13 million coronavirus cases. I'm thinking about all those who have lost a parent, a grandparent, or a loved one to this deadly pandemic. My heart goes out to each and every one of you.

@SenKamalaHarris

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