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Iowa ratifies the 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution, allowing suffrage for all races and colors



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Peace agreements cannot hold when the root causes of conflict are left to fester. That is why prevention & peacebuilding are not optional extras – they are the first line of defence; And they are among the smartest investments we can make in lives saved & futures protected.

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I spoke with President @ZelenskyyUa this afternoon, ahead of this week's peace talks. As we approach the fourth year of the brutal war against Ukraine, Russia continues to double down on war crimes, striking civilian infrastructure and homes.

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We continue to synchronize our sanctions with the European Union. I signed a decree imposing sanctions against companies that service the Russian tanker fleet and transport sanctioned oil.

@ZelenskyyUa

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Nobody has fought harder for full release of the Epstein files and prosecutions of those who abused children more than I did, knowing full well that the legacy media, far-left propagandists and those who are actually guilty would:

1. Admit nothing
2. Deny everything
3. Make counter-accusations against me

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# Bad Bunny makes Grammys history with Album of the Year win

AFP | Los Angeles, United States

Puerto Rican superstar Bad Bunny made history Sunday at the Grammys, winning Album of the Year for his “Debi Tirar Mas Fotos” -- the first Spanish-language work to take the top honor in music.

Rapper Kendrick Lamar added five more gramophones to his trophy cabinet, including another Record of the Year award, while Billie Eilish and her brother Finneas took the Song of the Year prize.

Britain's Olivia Dean was named best new artist, on a night that featured electric performances from a constellation of stars including Lady Gaga, who won two prizes including best pop vocal album.

But the night belonged to Bad Bunny, who earned cheers as he delivered a powerful political message, ripping the nationwide immigration raids that have polarized America.

“Before I say thanks to God, I’m gonna say ‘ICE out,’” Bad Bunny said as he accepted the award for best musica urbana album.

“We’re not savages, we’re not animals, we’re not aliens; we are humans and we are Americans,” the 31-year-old said, one week before he takes one of the world’s biggest stages, headlining the Super Bowl halftime show.

Later, when he won the night’s top prize, he appeared overcome with emotion at his seat, before getting up on stage and delivering most of his speech in Spanish, honoring the people of Puerto Rico, a US territory in the Caribbean.

“I want to dedicate this award to all the people that had to leave their homeland, their country, to follow their dreams,” he said in English.

Bad Bunny’s third award of the night was for best global music performance.

Lamar’s five Grammys equaled his haul from last year, when he swept up prizes for “Not Like Us,” his viral diss track targeting rival Drake.

This time, he was honored for a variety of songs, from the Record of the Year-winning melodic “Luther” featuring SZA, which contains a sample

Bad Bunny poses with the Album of the Year, Best Musica Urbana Album, and Best Global Music Performance Awards during the 68th GRAMMY Awards at Crypto.com Arena on February 01, 2026 in Los Angeles, California

## Key winners

Bad Bunny won Album of the Year, the first time a Spanish-language work has been so honored, and two other prizes.

Rapper Kendrick Lamar won five Grammys including Record of the Year.

Album of the Year: “Debi Tirar Mas Fotos” - Bad Bunny

Record of the Year, recognizing overall performance on a song: “Luther” - Kendrick Lamar with SZA

Song of the Year, recognizing songwriting: “Wildflower” - Billie Eilish O’Connell & Finneas O’Connell, songwriters (Billie Eilish)

Best New Artist: Olivia Dean

Best Pop Solo Performance: “Messy” - Lola Young

Best Pop Duo/Group Performance: “Defying Gravity” - Cynthia Erivo & Ariana Grande

Best Pop Vocal Album: “Mayhem” - Lady Gaga

Best Rap Album: “GNX” - Kendrick Lamar

Best Rap Performance: “Chains & Whips” - Clipse (Pusha T & Malice), featuring Kendrick Lamar & Pharrell Williams

Best Music Video: “Anxiety” - Doechii

Best Musica Urbana Album: Bad Bunny - “Debi Tirar Mas Fotos”

Best Global Music Performance: Bad Bunny - “Eoo”

Best Global Music Album: “Caetano e Bethania Ao Vivo” - Caetano Veloso and Maria Bethania

Best Song Written for Visual Media: “Golden” from “KPop Demon Hunters”

## Steven Spielberg earns coveted EGOT status with Grammy win

Los Angeles, United States

Legendary director Steven Spielberg on Sunday completed the grand slam of showbiz awards, earning so-called EGOT status by winning a Grammy in the best music film category for the documentary “Music by John Williams.”

Spielberg, 79, has now won Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony awards throughout his storied career -- a feat only accomplished by 21 other

people.

That list reads like a who’s who of showbiz, from composers Richard Rodgers and Alan Menken to actresses Audrey Hepburn and Whoopi Goldberg to singers John Legend and Jennifer Hudson.

“Music by John Williams” celebrates the work of the 93-year-old composer, who collaborated with Spielberg on a host of movies including classics “Jaws” and “Schindler’s List.”

from a hit by late crooner Luther Vandross, to the more classic hip-hop song “tv off.”

“I’m not good at talking about myself, but I express it through the music. It’s an honor to be here,” said Lamar, a Pulitzer Prize winner.

## History

Bad Bunny is in the middle of a world tour, just months after a hugely successful residency in San Juan.

His “Un verano sin ti” (2022) was the first Spanish-language album nominated for Album of the Year honors. But he made good on his second attempt with “Debi Tirar Mas Fotos” (“I Should Have Taken More Photos”).

The album is an exploration of what it is to be Puerto Rican in the context of persistent colonialism -- all set to folkloric sounds, infectious salsa and reggaeton rhythms.

Host Trevor Noah repeatedly joked with the Latin megastar, born Benito Antonio Martinez Ocasio, about not performing due to Super Bowl contractual restrictions -- and even sang a few bars in Spanish himself before Bad Bunny indulged with a short verse.

## Big performances

K-pop singer Rose and Bruno Mars kicked off the televised gala with a high-octane performance of “APT.”

Lady Gaga offered an energetic version of “Abracadabra” and Justin Bieber stripped to his boxers -- and socks -- for a rendition of “Yukon.”

Pop princess Sabrina Carpenter belted out her hit “Manchild.”

Reba McEntire and Lauryn Hill sang in honor of those who died over the last year in the world of music.

Late rocker Ozzy Osbourne’s wife Sharon and children

Kelly, Jack and Aimee looked on as Post Malone



## Dalai Lama’s ‘gratitude’ at first Grammy win

New Delhi, India

Buddhist spiritual leader the Dalai Lama said Monday he was grateful for his first Grammy, after bagging the top music industry award for audio book, narration and storytelling.

The charismatic 90-year-old, who lives in exile in India, is lauded worldwide for his tireless campaign for greater autonomy for his Tibetan homeland, which Beijing says is an integral part of China.

He was announced as the winner at the Grammys ceremony in Los Angeles for his book “Meditations: The Reflections of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.”

“I receive this recognition with gratitude and humility,” he said on social media.

“I don’t see it as something personal, but as a recognition of our shared universal responsibility.”

Malone fronted an all-star band including guitarist Slash for Black Sabbath’s “War Pigs.”

The majority of the 95 awards were handed out at a pre-gala ceremony before the televised broadcast.

Sounwave accepts the Best Melodic Rap Performance award for “Luther” on behalf of Kendrick Lamar with SZA onstage

