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Around 1,000 soldiers of the Mongol army land on the Japanese island of Tsushima in the first attack of Kublai Khan's Mongol invasion of Japan

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Women of Paris march to Versailles in the March on Versailles to confront Louis XVI about his refusal to promulgate the decrees on the abolition of feudalism, demand bread, and have the king and his court moved to Paris



1813 1864

Battle of the Thames: American forces under General William Henry Harrison defeat Tecumseh's Confederacy and their British allies led by Henry Procter near Chatham, Upper Canada

Most of Calcutta is destroyed by a cyclone, killing approximately 60,000 people

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From 1 to 7 October, "Aid to the Church in Need" is promoting "A Million Children Praying the Rosary" initiative for peace and unity in the world. I wholeheartedly thank all the boys and girls who are joining in this prayer in so many parts of the world. Let us all follow their example, invoking the intercession of the Virgin Mary so that peoples may be freed from the scourge of war. In particular, let us pray for the Holy Land and for the innocent victims of violence.

@Pontifex

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I just brought together the G7 leaders to discuss the global energy situation. We agree to work in a coordinated manner to help bring down the prices of petroleum products, particularly diesel.

@EmmanuelMacron

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Held a wide-ranging meeting with Sjoerd Sjoerdsma, Netherlands Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, on Dutch-@WHO collaboration in responding to the Ebola outbreak in DRC, addressing health needs in Gaza, and ensuring sustainable financing for WHO's work.

@DrTedros

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As the Asian Games 2026 draw to a close, my compliments to every member of the Indian contingent for representing our nation with determination, passion and remarkable sporting spirit.

@narendramodi

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US Marine arrested in Japan on suspicion of murder

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

A US Marine stationed on Japan's southern island of Okinawa was arrested on suspicion of the murder of a Japanese woman, police said yesterday.

The suspect "killed the 39-year-old woman at a hotel in Naha and stole her wallet on Saturday", a local police spokesman told AFP.

Crimes including rapes, assaults, hit-and-run and drunk-driving accidents by US personnel have long sparked protests on Okinawa, which bears a disproportionate burden of hosting about 70 percent of US military facilities in Japan.

US Ambassador George Glass posted on social media that he had spoken with Japan's foreign ministry and Okinawa's governor, offering "our sincere condolences and pledging full cooperation as the investigation continues".

Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi said Japan had lodged a protest with US authorities and called the crime "exceptionally



brutal and vicious".

The government has urged the US "to provide maximum cooperation with the investigation, enforce stricter discipline among US military personnel, and take thorough measures to prevent the recurrence of similar crimes," Takaichi said.

Public broadcaster NHK and other Japanese media outlets, citing investigation sources, reported that CCTV footage from near the scene showed a foreign man entering a room with a woman and later leaving with her belongings.

Police then found a 20-year-old man who matched the de-

scription of the suspect seen in the footage, and asked him to accompany them voluntarily to a local police station where he was arrested, NHK reported.

He reportedly denied the charges.

"We have lost a family member and are deeply saddened. My parents, in particular, are utterly devastated at the loss of their daughter," the woman's brother said through local police, according to the Asahi Shimbun daily newspaper.

The United States has around 54,000 military personnel stationed in Japan, mostly on Okinawa.

Ethiopia controls Tigray capital as regional rivals meet in Egypt



Members of the Ethiopian pro-government Tigray Peace Force (TPF) gesture as residents welcome them while they ride in a pickup truck during a street patrol after Ethiopian federal and allied forces entered the Tigray capital of Mekelle

AFP | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Ethiopian federal forces were in full control of the Tigray rebels' regional capital, a local journalist said on Sunday, while Ethiopia's regional rivals gathered in Egypt to discuss the risk of a wider war.

The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) and federal forces began fighting again on September 23, sparking fears of a return to the devastating civil war of 2020-2022.

The presidents of Egypt, Somalia, Sudan and Eritrea -- all of whom have difficult relations with Ethiopia -- were set to meet in the Egyptian city of Alamein on Sunday to discuss the conflict.

Ethiopia has accused Eritrea of directly backing the Tigray rebels, with the added support of Sudan and Egypt, which all three countries deny.

A counter-offensive has seen

Ethiopian forces push deep into rebel-held territory, entering the regional capital, Mekelle, on Saturday without a fight, as TPLF leaders and troops abandoned the city.

Federal troops were patrolling Mekelle and manning key institutions on Sunday, a local journalist told AFP, as communications were restored for the first time in more than a week.

"We have taken control of Mekelle and we are marching forward," a commander with a pro-government militia told AFP.

Businesses and shops remained closed, with owners moving stock to safer locations ahead of time, fearing looting and vandalism.

"There are no police. Last night, we had to organise ourselves and take care of security," one resident told AFP, like others speaking on condition of anonymity because of the uncertainty of the situation.

Egypt mini-summit

The mini-summit in Alamein -- on the sidelines of an African Business Forum -- was set to bring together Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki, Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud and Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) head Abdel Fattah al-Burhan.

Before the talks, Sisi urged "dialogue, not confrontation", as concerns grow that Ethiopia's escalating violence could spill across borders.

'Cooperation, not competition'

Addressing the African Union's mid-year coordination summit, Sisi said Egypt opposed foreign interference in African states and called for relations to be based on "mutual respect, good neighbourliness, dialogue and consultation, far from unilateral policies or narrow interests".

Brazil votes in nail-biter polls closely watched by Trump



People vote during the presidential election at a polling station in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,

AFP | Brasília, Brazil

Brazilians started voting Sunday in a knife-edge race between President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Flavio Bolsonaro, in an election to decide whether Latin America's biggest nation follows a regional swing to the right championed by US President Donald Trump.

From villages deep in the Amazon rainforest to the agricultural heartlands in the south and sprawling urban favelas, Brazilians are facing a familiar cast -- with many forced to pick who they least dislike.

At almost 81 years old, the veteran leftist Lula is seeking a fourth and final term in office, warning voters that Brazil's sovereignty is at stake due to pressure from Trump.

"The people will have to choose between strengthening the democratic regime and barbarism," Lula said after voting in the state of Sao Paulo.

He is facing a tough battle with right-wing senator Bolsonaro, 45, the son of former president Jair Bolsonaro, who is serving a 27-year sentence for attempting a coup after his failed 2022 re-election bid.

Flavio Bolsonaro has cen-

tered his campaign on a message of change, while vowing to crack down on crime, a major concern among voters.

"Brazil cannot bear any more suffering, such high taxes, so many women killed. I want to free the Brazilian people," he said after voting in Rio de Janeiro.

Opinion polls show neither candidate is likely to score more than the 50 percent -- the threshold required to win in the first round on Sunday and are neck-and-neck in an October 25 runoff.

Both candidates have extremely high rejection rates in the deeply polarized nation.

"We're basically in a situation where we're voting for the lesser of two evils," said Janaina Oliveira, 45, a financial administrator in Rio de Janeiro, who picked Bolsonaro.

Oscarina de Oliveira, a 62-year-old caregiver, told AFP she had planned to vote for Lula as she always has, but "when I got there, I switched to Bolsonaro. Just to see what happens, to see if anything changes."

Brazil uses electronic voting machines, and results are expected within a few hours after polls close at 5pm (2000 GMT).

UK's Glastonbury festival tickets sell out in 45 minutes

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Tickets for next year's Glastonbury music festival in the UK sold out in 45 minutes on Sunday, organisers said, with thousands rushing for sought-after tickets despite the hefty price tag.

"Tickets for Glastonbury

2027 have now sold out," the organisers posted on social media, less than an hour after the general sale began.

The iconic festival held at Worthy Farm in southwest England has become a fixture of the international musical calendar, after first launching in 1970 inspired by British hippie and counterculture movements.

Philippines arrests 244 'mostly Chinese' workers in online scam crackdown

AFP | Manila, Philippines

Philippines authorities arrested more than 200 "mostly Chinese" foreign workers in the country's largest crackdown on illegal online gaming operators this year, the immigration bureau said.

Manila banned Philippine online gaming operators, known locally as POGOs, in 2024 on the grounds that organised crime groups used them as a cover for human trafficking, money laundering, online fraud, kidnappings and

murder.

The military and other law enforcement agencies raided two addresses in the southern region of Mindanao on Friday, arresting 110 Chinese nationals, two Cambodians and a Hong Kong resident at one site, an immigration bureau statement released late Saturday said.

Another 131 foreigners were arrested at the second site. They were "mostly Chinese" and also included citizens of Malaysia, Indonesia and Myanmar.