

1948

World Health Organization formed by the United Nations

1954

US President Dwight D. Eisenhower in news conference is first to voice fear of a “domino-effect” of communism in Indo-China

1969

The Internet's symbolic birth date: publication of RFC 1



1999

The World Trade Organisation rules in favor of the United States in its long-running trade dispute with the European Union over bananas

UAE's first nuclear power plant begins commercial operations

Reuters | Dubai

The United Arab Emirates' first nuclear power plant started commercial operations on Tuesday, the Gulf Arab state's leaders announced on Twitter.

“The first megawatt from the first Arab nuclear plant has entered the national power grid,” Vice President Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum said on Twitter.

De facto ruler Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan said it was a historic milestone for the country, which this year celebrates 50 years since its formation.

Barakah's construction has faced delays as the Gulf state builds a nuclear industry from scratch.

Unit 1 received its operating licence from the nuclear regulator in 2020, three years after its expected planned start up in 2017.

Last August, Unit 1 was connected to the national power grid and in December reached 100% of reactor power capacity during testing.

Unit 2 was issued an operating licence in March this year.

When completed Barakah,



Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan arrives to meet with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson at Downing Street in London, Britain

which is being built by Korea megawatts (MW) of total capacity Electric Power Corp (KEPCO), - equivalent to around 25% of the will have four reactors with 5,600 UAE's peak demand.



The Barakah nuclear power plant in the Abu Dhabi emirate is the first nuclear power station in the Arab world and part of the oil producing state's efforts to diversify its energy mix.

Death million



Gunmen free more than 1,800 inmates in attack on Nigerian prison



● Nigerian police believe IPOB, was behind the attack

Reuters | Yenagoo, Nigeria

More than 1,800 prisoners are on the run in the south-east

Nigeria after escaping when heavily armed gunmen attacked their prison using explosives and rocket-propelled grenades, the authorities said on Tuesday.

Nigerian police said it believed a banned separatist group, the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), was behind the attack in the city of Owerri, but a spokesman for the group denied involvement.

The secessionist movement in the southeast is one of several serious security challenges facing President Muhammadu Buhari, including a decade-long Islamist insurgency in the northeast, a spate of school kidnappings in the northwest and piracy in the Gulf of Guinea.

“The Owerri Custodial Centre in Imo state has been attacked by unknown gunmen and forcefully released a total of 1,844 inmates in custody,” a Nigerian Correctional Service spokesman said in a statement late on Monday. The attackers stormed the facility at around 2:15 a.m. (0115 GMT) on Monday, he said.

The police said attackers used explosives to blast the administrative block of the prison and entered the prison yard.

Clear link between AZ vaccine and rare blood clots in brain, EMA official tells paper

Reuters | Rome

There is a link between AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine and very rare blood clots in the brain but the possible causes are still unknown, a senior official for the European Medicines Agency (EMA) said in an interview published yesterday.

“In my opinion we can now say it, it is clear that there is an association with the vaccine. However, we still do not know what causes this reaction,” Marco Cavaleri, chair of the vaccine evaluation team at the EMA, told Italian daily Il Messaggero when asked about the possible relation between the



AstraZeneca shot and cases of brain blood clots.

Cavaleri added that the EMA would say there is a link although the regulator would not likely be in a position this week to give an indication regarding the age of individuals to whom the AstraZeneca shot should be given.

He did not provide evidence to support his comments.

Unique culture of Asir

Landmark books from famed photographer Thierry Mauger republished



TDI | Riyadh

The Literature, Publishing and Translation Commission yesterday announced the republishing of five books by French ethnographer and photographer Professor Thierry Mauger.

The announcement was made at a book launch event held at the recently developed creative district of JAX in Ad-Diriyah.

Documenting the culture and the life of communities in Saudi Arabia's southwestern region of Asir between 1979 to 1991, Mauger's works captured global attention by highlighting the unique cultural traditions and customs of the region, as well as the ancient architectural structures. Mauger's famous book 'Flowered Men and Green Slopes of Arabia' introduced the world to the fascinating tradition of the people of Asir, where men wear flower wreaths to attract beauty and health.

Mohammed Alwan, CEO of the Literature, Publishing and Translation Commission said, “Mauger's books contain valuable cultural information and rare images showing the heritage and traditions of the Kingdom's southwestern region. Through their republication, we hope to reintroduce

the unique identity of the Asir region as part of the diversity of culture and heritage in the Kingdom.”

Mauger lived in Saudi Arabia for 12 years during which time he captured more than 10,000 photographs that have been published in 20 different books about the Kingdom. His curiosity and admiration for the life and traditions in Asir led him to go on three expeditions to the area to document different cultural aspects, including art and architecture. The republication of the books is part of the Commission's aims to preserve the Kingdom's heritage and traditions through the publication and translation of significant books, highlighting the efforts of international writers and researchers who are interested in learning and documenting Saudi culture.

The books that are being republished are The Bedouins of Arabia (1987), Flowered Men and Green Slopes of Arabia (1988), Undiscovered Asir (1993), Impressions of Arabia (1996), and Rijal at the Stroke of a Brush (2020).

The books will be republished in cooperation with Obeikan Publishing, one of the largest book publishers in the region.



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Climate is not like a footy match where you lose and it is game over. The climate game continues, so even if the 1.5C game is lost, it is still game-on for 1.6C and 1.7C. /.../every fraction of a degree, every year and every choice matters.”

@GretaThunberg

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In this country, there is an understanding that the level of income and wealth inequality we have now is unsustainable and immoral. The time is long overdue to demand the wealthiest people and the largest corporations in America start paying their share of federal income taxes.

@SenSanders

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Here's the deal: Wall Street didn't build this country — the great American middle class did. It's time we rebuild the middle class and bring everyone along regardless of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or disability.

@POTUS

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I am looking forward to speaking to my Iraqi counterpart, Dr. Fuad Hussein, tomorrow at the U.S.-Iraq Strategic Dialogue. We will review progress in every area of our broad and strategic partnership.

@SecBlinken

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