

Battle of Borodino: Napoleon Bonaparte wins a Pyrrhic victory against Russian General Mikhail Kutuzov in the most ferocious battle of the Napoleonic era; 70,000 casualties.

Pedro I, son of King John VI, declares Brazil's independence from Portugal (Independence Day)



Edith Eleanor McLean is the first baby placed in an incubator at State Emigrant Hospital on Ward's Island, New York

Eugene Lefebvre becomes the first pilot to die in an aircraft while test piloting a new French-built Wright biplane at Juvisy



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We are proud to partner with @EconforHealth in launching the Alcohol Tax Scoreboard, as part of the @WHO's 3 by 35 initiative aiming to help countries accelerate implementation of health taxes.

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When I was here two years ago, I said that Greenland already felt like home. Today, I am very happy to be back in Nuuk. We are family. I'm also back to make our unique partnership even stronger. With a Partnership Package we worked on together.

@vonderleyen

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My heart is united with the suffering of the people of #Ukraine, who have lived in anguish and fear for years. I renew my appeal to put an end to the violence, halt the destruction, and open hearts to dialogue and #peace!

@Pontifex

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Europe is taking its destiny into its own hands, including in the space sector.Following the success of Ariane 6 and those of Vega, Isar Aerospace has now written history in its turn.

@EmmanuelMacron

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Israeli ministers' Gaza expulsion plans threaten Trump peace

AFP | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Eight Islamic and Arab countries yesterday condemned plans voiced by Israeli government ministers for the removal of Palestinians from the Gaza Strip, saying the designs jeopardise a US-backed peace in the territory.

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz said Wednesday Israel had plans to remove Palestinians from Gaza but was waiting for US approval on where to displace the territory's population.

A day later, Israel's National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir said the plan aimed to remove 250,000 Palestinians from Gaza in the first year, fol-



Mourners gather for a mass burial of around 100 Palestinians, including 62 children, whose remains were recovered from rubble, in Gaza City

lowed by the rest of the roughly two million residents over the following six years.

The foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Pakistan, Indonesia and Turkey said they condemned in "the strongest terms" the "plans and mechanisms they proposed aimed at forcibly expelling Palestinians from their land".

The ministers warned of "grave consequenc-

es of transforming calls for forced displacement into declared policy or practical measures".

"Such measures directly challenge international efforts to achieve peace, particularly President Donald Trump's comprehensive plan to end the conflict in Gaza, which includes a firm rejection of forced displacement," they added referring to a US-backed, October 2025 peace plan for Gaza.

Indonesia's main airport suspends operations after volcanic eruption

AFP | Jakarta, Indonesia

About 170,000 passengers were left stranded yesterday as Indonesia shuttered its main international airport and seven others, cancelling hundreds of flights after Mount Anak Krakatoa spewed a plume of volcanic ash and lava from more than 150 kilometres away.

Mount Anak Krakatoa erupted on Saturday, producing a fountain of lava and booming sounds that could be heard up to a few hundred kilometres away, the geology agency said in a statement.

Two new eruptions were recorded on Sunday, the volcanology agency warned.

Ash from the volcano was detected in the airspace surrounding Soekarno-Hatta International Airport, prompting authorities to initially suspend operations from 1:30 am on Sunday (Saturday 1830 GMT) to 5:30 am.

The suspension was extended



several times, with the latest extension set to last until midnight, the transportation ministry said in a statement.

Operations have also been suspended at seven other airports, including the Husein Sastranegara airport in Bandung and Radin Inten II airport near Bandar Lampung on Sumatra, the ministry added.

"To date, 1,558 flights have been delayed at the eight affected airports, with 170,000 passengers stranded," the min-

istry said.

More than 900 affected flights were to and from the Soekarno-Hatta International Airport, it added.

Several airports in cities including Semarang and Surabaya have been prepared as "alternatives for landing," Transportation Minister Dudy Purwagandhi said.

Hazard warning Anak Krakatoa, which means Child of Krakatoa, sits in a strait that separates the islands of Java

and Sumatra.

Ships passing through the strait were asked to increase vigilance for possible disruption to navigation safety due to volcanic activities.

Vessels are prohibited from approaching an exclusion zone of three kilometres radius from the volcano, local port authorities said in a statement.

The volcano has been sporadically active since it emerged from the sea at the beginning of last century in the caldera that formed after the 1883 eruption of Mount Krakatoa.

That disaster was one of the deadliest and most destructive in history with an estimated 35,000 people killed.

A 2018 tsunami triggered by a collapse of parts of Anak Krakatoa killed 429 people and left thousands displaced.

Indonesia, a Southeast Asian archipelago nation, sits on the Pacific Ring of Fire, where the meeting of continental plates causes high volcanic and seismic activity.

Cape Verde in mourning after children killed in bus crash



An aerial view of residents and relatives of the victims killed in a bus crash gathering during their funeral at Sao Lourenco Church in the town of Sao Lourenco, on the island of Fogo,

AFP | Praia, Cape Verde

Cape Verde's government announced two days of mourning yesterday after 25 people, mostly children and teenagers, were killed in a bus crash.

The west African country's leaders joined a Mass on Sunday at a local church on the island of Fogo, where 18 coffins were on display.

Such accidents are rare in the Atlantic archipelago, where roads are generally in good condition.

Officials said the bus veered off the road and plunged into a deep ravine late on Saturday, following an excursion to a village inside a volcanic crater.

The dead included the bus driver, who organised the excursion every year as a present for the pupils he drove to school during term time.

Prime Minister Francisco Carvalho told public television station TVC he had ordered two days of mourning and promised further measures would be taken.

Susan Sarandon says still losing roles over Gaza stance



AFP | Venice, Italy

US actress Susan Sarandon said yesterday she was still having roles "taken away" from her in Hollywood because of her outspoken criticism of Israel's war in Gaza.

The "Thelma & Louise" star was dropped by her agency UTA in November 2023 over controversial remarks at a pro-Palestinian rally which she later said she regretted.

Speaking at the Venice Film Festival, where she has a role in Italian film "The Echo Chamber", she claimed the "narrative" around the Gaza war and the United States' support for Israel had "completely changed".

"There's a lot of things that people are aware of now," the Oscar winner told a press conference, referring to the extent of US financial and military aid for Israel.

"I've still had movies taken away recently because there are agencies that are telling people not to hire me still. But that's the power structure," she added.

Netanyahu orders evacuation of some West Bank settler outposts

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered the evacuation of some West Bank settlements deemed illegal under Israeli law, Finance Minister Bezalel

Smotrich said yesterday.

"To my knowledge, Netanyahu has given the instruction to evacuate" certain settlements, Smotrich said, adding that he did not approve of the measure.

While all Israeli settlements in the

West Bank are considered illegal under international law, some established without government approval -- often consisting of just a few prefabricated homes -- are also considered illegal by Israel.