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Holy Roman Emperor Frederick I Barbarossa drowns while crossing the Saleph River in modern-day Turkey, leading an army to Jerusalem during the Third Crusade

1786

A landslide dam on the Dadu River, caused by an earthquake ten days earlier, collapses and kills 100,000 in Sichuan province, China



1898 1977

US Marines land in Cuba during the Spanish-American War

Apple Computer ships its first Apple II computers



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I'm deeply alarmed by the renewed escalation in the Middle East. All attacks must stop immediately. The ceasefires in Lebanon, Iran & Gaza must be fully respected. Any steps that could undermine ongoing diplomatic efforts must be avoided. I'm also deeply concerned by Israel's decision to close crossings into Gaza & reiterate my call for the immediate reopening of all crossings to ensure the rapid, safe & unhindered passage of humanitarian assistance at scale throughout Gaza. The exercise of navigational rights & freedoms, in accordance with international law, must be respected. There is no military solution to the conflicts in the Middle East. The only way forward is through dialogue & negotiations. I urge all concerned to work towards diplomatic solutions that advance regional & international peace & security.

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The New European Bauhaus is our shared effort to tackle what matters most to our citizens. Democracy. Affordable housing. The industries and infrastructures of the clean transition. For a sustainable, inclusive and beautiful future for Europe

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Attended the Defence Investiture Ceremony 2026 (Phase-1) where Gallantry Awards were conferred upon our brave personnel. We are proud of their extraordinary courage, commitment and selfless service to the nation.

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The Patrouille de France conducts a flyover above the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of American independence, in New York City

UK schoolgirl arrested after 3 wounded in school stabbing

AFP | London, United Kingdom

UK police said yesterday they arrested a 14-year-old schoolgirl in the northwestern English city of Manchester after two students and a staff member were wounded in a school stabbing.

The girl was arrested on suspicion of assault and was in cus-

tody for questioning, Greater Manchester Police said in a statement.

Three people were injured -- a 14-year-old schoolgirl, a 14-year-old schoolboy and a 27-year-old man who is a member of staff -- with what were believed to be stab wounds.

"All were taken to hospital, however injuries are thankfully

not believed to be serious, and all are stable at this time," police said following the incident at the Co-op Academy north of central Manchester.

The school decided to go into lockdown following the attack, as emergency vehicles surrounded the building, the Manchester Evening News reported.

Hundreds flee giant Wellington waves

AFP | Wellington, New Zealand

Authorities evacuated hundreds of people from their seaside homes in New Zealand's capital on Tuesday as 11-metre (36-foot) waves lashed the coast.

Wellington Mayor Andrew Little declared a state of emergency on the eve of the swells for seaside residents in Owhiro Bay, Island Bay, Houghton Bay and Breaker Bay.

"You must stay away from the southern coastline," Little said in a statement, warning that emergency workers would not be coming to help anyone who stayed behind.

The evacuation order took effect on Tuesday morning, with police brought in to ensure people moved to higher ground.

Officers set up cordons on surrounding roads to prevent people from heading to the coast.

The council said a similar event in 2021 affected many homes in Breaker Bay, and waves during that storm were



Stormy seas pound the coastline in the Wellington suburb of Island Bay

about 6.5 metres.

Waves entering Wellington Harbour on Tuesday were measured at 11 metres, New Zealand's MetService said.

Wind gusts were so strong at Island Bay that two women were knocked off their feet as waves washed up over the road, an AFP journalist saw.

Some flights were cancelled at Wellington Airport where

wind gusts were recorded of up to 128 kilometres per hour (80 miles per hour).

A small plane from local carrier Golden Bay Air tipped onto its side in the wind while parked at the airport with no one aboard.

Airline boss Richard Molloy told national broadcaster RNZ that fire fighters had secured the plane to the ground.

Anthropic opens most powerful AI model to public

San Francisco, United States

Anthropic, maker of the Claude artificial intelligence (AI) models, on Tuesday made the most powerful version of its technology available to the general public while restricting it from use in sensitive areas.

Dubbed Fable 5, the model is the first from the Mythos class

-- Anthropic's most advanced lineup of AI technology, unveiled in April but restricted over cybersecurity concerns -- to be made widely available.

Anthropic says Fable 5 is exceptionally good at writing and debugging software code, answering complex research questions and analyzing images.

In parallel, Anthropic is of-

fering an unrestricted version, Claude Mythos 5, to companies and organizations that already have access to this model family -- including cybersecurity partners enrolled in its Project Glasswing program.

That select group was expanded in early June to around 200 organizations in more than 15 countries and is expected to grow further.

Thailand officially frees ex-PM Thaksin after royal pardon

AFP | Bangkok, Thailand

Thailand's former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra is officially a free man, less than a week after receiving a royal pardon, the Department of Corrections said on Tuesday.

Thaksin, 76, served eight months of a one-year sentence for corruption and abuse of power before being released on parole last month due to his age and health.

The Department of Corrections said the former premier was required to wear an electronic monitoring device as a condition of his release.

The telecoms billionaire was among those eligible for a royal pardon on June 3, Queen Suthida's birthday, because he had less than one year remaining on his sentence.

The corrections department said on Tuesday Thaksin's electronic monitoring device had been removed.

"The prison issued the official release documents and certificate of discharge to Thaksin," it said in a statement.

It said Thaksin was



"no longer subject to criminal punishment, supervision or related conditions", noting that the same standards were applied to other eligible parolees.

Thailand regularly grants royal pardons to prisoners with good conduct to mark major royal occasions, including the birthdays of the king and queen.

Thaksin is one of the most influential figures in modern Thai politics and served two terms as prime minister.

His second term was cut short by a military coup in 2006, after which he spent more than a decade in self-imposed exile, largely in Dubai, before returning to Thailand in 2023.

Thai media reported that Thaksin was expected to travel to Dubai this month, although no reason for the trip has been disclosed.

His Pheu Thai Party and its predecessors have been among Thailand's most successful political movements of the 21st century.

The Shinawatra family has produced four prime ministers and has long enjoyed strong support among rural voters.

However, Pheu Thai recorded its worst election result in February, falling to third place and raising questions about the future of Thaksin's political influence.

Chile seizes 'historic' 100 tonnes of drugs hidden in lumber

AFP | Santiago, Chile



Chilean authorities on Monday announced the seizure of over 100 tonnes of drugs hidden in lumber shipments destined for Europe, hailing a record bust for the South American nation.

"Thanks to a joint effort by the prosecutor's office, maritime police, and customs, 1,080 tonnes of wood laced with various drugs were seized, marking a historic blow to organized crime in our country," the customs bureau said in a statement.

The drugs found in the lum-

ber were mostly cocaine and ketamine, with an estimated retail value of \$8.3 billion on the European market, the statement added.

Following a six-month investigation, authorities identified 45 containers arriving from Bolivia with the tainted lumber.

If the cargo had reached their intended destinations, the drugs would have to be extracted using "advanced chemical processes" in specialized labs, the customs officials said.

The total haul could grow as additional suspicious containers are examined.

Italian Luca Parmitano will be first European to join an Artemis mission: NASA

AFP | Johnson Space Center, United States

The Italian Luca Parmitano will be the pilot of NASA's Artemis 3 voyage, the first European to join one of the program's missions.

Parmitano, who will represent the European Space Agency, is one of four men named as crewmembers tasked with carrying out Artemis 3, which is targeting launch in late 2027.