

Allies refuse Japan's offer to surrender on the condition that Emperor Hirohito retains his status

Formal peace treaty ends over 7 yrs of fighting in Indochina between the French and the Communist Viet Minh



Al-Qaeda formed at a meeting between Osama bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri and Dr Fadl in Peshawar, Pakistan

NATO takes over command of the peacekeeping force in Afghanistan

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE, PREPARATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS
ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

News in brief

◆ A close aide to Pakistan's

former Prime Minister Imran Khan and a local media house will face sedition charges, accused of inciting mutiny in the powerful military, the country's interior minister said yesterday. The charges were related to comments made by Khan adviser Shahbaz Gill and aired on ARY TV on Monday night, which the minister, Rana Sanaullah, said was a planned move to malign the military. He said the accused would face sedition charges for inciting mutiny in the military. "We've set up a special team to probe it," he told reporters in Islamabad, adding, "It was a planned move to malign our institutions." Gill and ARY TV's head of news, Ammad Yousaf, had been arrested, police officials Asad Abbas and Naeem Tahir told Reuters. The arrests came late on Tuesday and early on Wednesday, a day after a state-run media regulator said in a statement that it had ordered ARY News to be taken off air for airing "false, hateful and seditious" content. Khan said the charges were politically motivated, calling Gill's arrest an "abduction". "Can such shameful acts take place in any democracy?" he said in a tweet.



Former Pakistan PM Khan's aide, TV channel face sedition charges

◆ Malaysia urges ASEAN states to engage Myanmar junta's rivals



protests, strikes and armed resistance that the generals have met with deadly force. ASEAN countries, which have a code of non-interference in each member state's affairs, are losing patience with the junta over its failure to follow a plan that includes multi-party dialogue, humanitarian aid access and a cessation of hostilities.

◆ Malaysia wants a clear endgame in Myanmar

faltering peace process and is advocating direct engagement by ASEAN states with the junta's opponents, and bringing other countries into the fold, its foreign minister said yesterday. Saifuddin Abdullah, whose candid remarks about the troubled peace process have angered the junta, also said the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) special Myanmar envoy should have a tenure longer than a year to be more effective. Myanmar has been trapped in a spiral of violence since the military seized power last year and ended a decade of tentative democracy, triggering a backlash of

◆ British Foreign Secretary

Liz Truss yesterday summoned China's ambassador to Britain, Zheng Zeguano, to explain Beijing's actions towards Taiwan following U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit. A furious China has extended its largest-ever exercises around the self-ruled island it claims as its own following Pelosi's visit - the highest-level trip to the island by an American official in decades. "I instructed officials to summon the Chinese Ambassador to explain his country's actions.

UK summons Chinese ambassador over 'aggressive' escalation on Taiwan

COVID-19 Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	94,128,907	1,059,641	591,536,245
2 India	44,190,697	526,826	
3 France	34,117,888	152,822	
4 Brazil	34,066,000	680,598	6,442,648
5 Germany	31,379,757	145,241	
6 UK	23,368,899	185,052	Recovered: 563,473,759
7 Italy	21,368,480	173,426	
8 S. Korea	20,845,973	25,382	New cases +528,124
9 Russia	18,770,657	382,902	
10 Turkey	16,295,817	99,678	New deaths +1,020
11 Japan	14,618,271	34,075	
12 Spain	13,280,557	111,339	
13 Vietnam	11,353,573	43,095	
14 Australia	9,711,971	12,570	

Middle East

Figures as of closing

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	811,512	+150	9,264	+1	798,172	4,076
UAE	1,001,445	+889	2,338	+1	980,178	18,929
Kuwait	655,854		2,562		652,250	1,042
Oman	397,231	+509	4,260		384,669	8,302
Qatar	416,636	+760	681		409,990	5,965

Russia using power plant as 'nuclear shield': Ukraine

● Ukraine says 13 killed in Russian rocket attack

● Accuses Russia of shelling from near nuclear plant

● Russia says it does not deliberately target civilians

● Has accused Kyiv of shelling power plant from struck town



Smoke rises after explosions were heard from the direction of a Russian military airbase near Novofedorivka, Crimea

Reuters | Kyiv

Ukraine yesterday accused Russia of exploiting its position in a nuclear power plant it had seized to target a nearby town in a rocket attack that killed at least 13 people and left many others seriously wounded.

The town Ukraine says Russia targeted - Marhanets - is one that Russia has alleged Ukrainian forces have used in the past to shell Russian forces who are holed up at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant which they took over in March.

Rafael Grossi, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), has urged both sides to exercise restraint, warning of the "very real risk of a nuclear disaster."

And foreign ministers from the Group of Seven leading industrialised countries on Wednesday demanded that Russia immediately hand back control of the plant to Ukraine, something Moscow seems unlikely to do.

Russia says its forces are behaving responsibly and doing everything they can to ensure the facility's safety. Moscow has accused Ukrainian forces of shelling the plant, something Kyiv denies.

Valentyn Reznichenko, governor of Ukraine's central Dnipropetrovsk region, said on Wednesday that the Russian attack on Marhanets was carried out with 80 Grad rockets.

More than 20 buildings had been damaged in the town, which is located on the other side of the Dnipro river from the power plant, he said.

The same attack damaged

a power line, leaving several thousand people without electricity, he added. A hostel, two schools, a concert hall, the main council building and other administrative buildings had been hit too, he said.

Images supplied by Ukrainian officials showed the rubble-strewn corridor of a school that had apparently been hit with its windows blown out and a residential building pierced by a rocket.

Britain, which is helping Ukraine with weapons, intelligence and training, said on Wednesday that it believed Russia had "almost certainly" established a major new ground force to support its war.

The new force, called the 3rd Army Corps, was based in the city of Mulino, east of Russia's capital, Moscow, the British Defence Ministry said in a daily intelligence bulletin.

Beluga whale that strayed into River Seine euthanised during rescue

Reuters | Saint-Pierre-La-Garenne, France

An ailing beluga whale that strayed into the River Seine died yesterday during an attempt to return it to the sea off northern France, authorities said.

Rescue divers overnight guided the whale into a net before a crane lifted it from the river in an operation which lasted six hours. It was then transported in a refrigerated truck to the Channel port of Ouistreham.

During the road journey, the already-weak beluga suffered respiratory failure and it was euthanised by vets shortly after arriving in Ouistreham.

"Despite an unprecedented rescue operation, it is with sadness that we announce the

cetacean's death," the local Calvados authorities said.

The plan had been to move the malnourished whale to a saltwater basin in the hope it might recover some strength before being transferred to the sea.

But it was a risky venture.

The four-metre male weighed 800 kilograms (1763 pounds), well below an adult beluga's typical weight of 1,200 kg, and had not fed since it was first spotted in the Seine last week.

Rescuers believe it was sick before it wandered up the river to within 70 km (43 miles) of Paris. The whale's condition deteriorated during the road journey to the coast. It was still alive when it reached Ouistreham but was weak and struggling to breathe.

Marine conservation group Sea Shepherd France, which was involved in the rescue operation, said leaving the whale in the Seine would have condemned it to certain death. Beluga cannot survive prolonged periods in the warm, freshwater of rivers.

"(The operation) was risky, but essential to give a chance to an otherwise doomed animal," the group added.

In late May, a gravely ill orca swam dozens of miles up the Seine and died of natural causes after attempts to guide it back to sea failed.

In September 2018, a beluga was spotted in the River Thames east of London, in what was then the most southerly sighting of a beluga on British shores.



The beluga, or white whale, is one of the smallest species of whale. Their distinctive color and prominent foreheads make them easily identifiable. Unlike most other whales, the beluga has a very flexible neck that enables it to nod and turn its head in all directions.



TOP 4 TWEETS

01



2G Ethanol Plant in Panipat will help boost production and usage of biofuels in the country.
@narendramodi

02



American journalist Austin Tice has spent a decade in captivity in Syria. I am committed to bringing home all U.S. hostages and wrongful detainees abroad and will continue to pursue the release of Austin and other U.S. hostages in Syria.
@SecBlinken

03



One of the ways we're giving working people a fighting chance is by making health care, prescriptions, energy, and so much more affordable and accessible through the Inflation Reduction Act.
@JoeBiden

04



I applaud Mongolia's ambition to plant one billion trees by 2030. If we work hard to restore ecosystems, we will heal nature and ourselves.
@antoniogeterres

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