

Mayflower Compact is signed by Pilgrims at Cape Cod, establishing the first framework of government in the territory that is now the USA

German mathematician Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz demonstrates integral calculus for the first time to find the area under the graph of the function $y = f(x)$



Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army invades England in an attempt to restore the House of Stuart to the British throne

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The @UN will not give up on the 1.5 degrees goal. The challenge is immense, but the choices are clear. We need to move faster – and move together. Let's ignite a decade of #ClimateAction acceleration & delivery.

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Condolences to those who have lost their loved ones in the blast in Delhi earlier this evening. May the injured recover at the earliest. Those affected are being assisted by authorities. Reviewed the situation with Home Minister Amit Shah Ji and other officials.

@narendramodi

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We've been talking about closing the sky since day one of this war. We understand that it's our vulnerability. And we realize that Putin had a huge number of missiles, while we had very few air-defense systems and only a small remaining stock of Soviet-era missiles.

@ZelenskyyUa

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My thoughts are with all those in the Philippines affected by Super Typhoon Fung-wong. Wishing safety, strength and a swift recovery to everyone navigating this crisis.

@DrTedros

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

Typhoon exposes centuries-old shipwreck off Vietnam port

AFP | Hoi An, Vietnam

Severe coastal erosion caused by Typhoon Kalmaegi exposed a centuries-old shipwreck in Vietnam, providing a narrow window to salvage what experts say could be a historically significant find.

Initially discovered in 2023 off the coast of Hoi An, the at least 174-metre (57-foot) vessel -- whose heavy wood-ribbed hull survived hundreds of years of rough seas almost perfectly intact -- was resubmerged before authorities could reclaim it.

Experts have not yet dated the wreck, but preliminary findings suggest it was built between the 14th and 16th centuries -- when UNESCO-listed Hoi An was at the centre of a thriving regional trade in silk, ceramics and spices.

"We are currently preparing to apply for an emergency excavation (permit)," Pham Phu Ngoc, director of the Hoi An Center for the Preservation of World Cultural Heritage, told



People stand next to a centuries-old shipwreck uncovered in the aftermath of Typhoon Kalmaegi on a beach off the Hoi An coast in central Vietnam

AFP on Monday after the wreck resurfaced following the passage of Typhoon Kalmaegi last

week. "The discovery of this ancient ship is clear evidence of Hoi An's significant historical

role in regional trade," he said, adding more of the ship had been exposed this time "which

could provide us with more information".

A team of experts from the Hoi An preservation centre, the University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Ho Chi Minh City and a local museum surveyed the wreck last year.

In addition to the rough age estimate, they found it had been made from "durable and high-strength timber" and reinforced with waterproofing materials to seal its joints.

"The ship's structure suggests that it was capable of long-distance voyages, likely used for maritime trade or naval operations," the Hoi An centre said in an earlier statement.

The relic is at risk of "serious deterioration without immediate conservation actions" given the severe coastal erosion and the ship's frequent exposure to harsh weather conditions, it said.

The wreck was still clearly visible on Monday, with crowds gathered on the beach to view its striking skeletal frame.

Three men survive 40 hours at sea after typhoon

Hanoi, Vietnam

Three men swept far from Vietnam's coast by Typhoon Kalmaegi have been plucked safely from the surf after drifting helplessly for more than 40 hours, a rescuer and the wife of one of the survivors said on Monday.

They were rescued over several hours on Saturday in an operation involving three vessels scouring the waters off Vietnam's central coast, according to a sailor aboard one of the rescue ships.

Kalmaegi crashed into the country's storm-battered middle belt on Thursday, killing at least five people after leaving more than 200 dead in the Phil-



Pham Duy Quang from Ly Son island was rescued after drifting at sea for more than 40 hours. (courtesy of straittimes)

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Phan Hau, 40, whose boat pulled one of the three men



to safety, told AFP: "We were completely stunned -- it felt miraculous." "None of us thought

(he) could still be alive. Most of the 10 of us on board believed we were only searching for his body, not that he'd still be breathing."

State media reported the three men went missing Thursday afternoon after one of them, 44-year-old Duong Quang Cuong, jumped into the water after a family dispute.

Le Quang Sanh and Pham Duy Quang rowed out with life jackets in a tiny boat to try to rescue Cuong, but the vessel overturned and all three were carried far from shore, eventually becoming separated.

Quang was first to be rescued on Saturday morning by the Hai Nam 39 vessel south of Ly Son Island, where the men initially

departed, state media said.

The Hai Nam 39 then radioed the port authority for help, which dispatched the An Vinh Express, according to its sailor Hau.

It took two hours for the second rescue ship to reach the area where Quang had been floating in his life jacket, and the crew began a painstaking search of an ocean current running southward from there.

"At first, when we saw Sanh, we didn't realise it was him. We had imagined Sanh wearing a red life jacket because, during the search, we were all looking for red objects to head toward. But he was wearing a black shirt, so we didn't think it was him," Hau said.

Dutch consumer groups to sue BMW over diesel 'cheating'

AFP | The Hague, Netherlands

The Dutch Consumer Association said yesterday it was launching a class-action suit against BMW, alleging the luxury carmaker had falsified emissions data in some 100,000 vehicles sold in The Netherlands.

The Consumentenbond group cited studies it said showed software had been installed in BMW vehicles that lowered nitrogen emissions during testing.

"However, under normal driving conditions, these vehicles exhibit alarmingly high emissions," said the association, which launched the case with another group called Car Claim.

Consumentenbond head San-

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dra Molenaar said in a statement: "It's shameful how BMW misled both the inspection bodies and consumers."

"The company must take responsibility for this. We want

BMW to compensate the consumers they misled," added Molenaar.

The case concerns all BMW and MINI diesel cars sold on the Dutch market between January 1, 2009, and September 1, 2019.

Contacted by AFP, a spokesman for BMW said the manufacturer had learned about the lawsuit through the media but that "no such claim has yet been served".

"We therefore do not know the specific allegations that... Car Claim has advanced in its claim," spokesman Andrew Mason told AFP.

The Car Claim group urged BMW to recall any cars affected and refit them, while also compensating current and former drivers of the vehicles.

US mediator Kushner and Netanyahu discuss phase two of Gaza truce

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

US mediator Jared Kushner and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held talks Monday on the second phase of the Gaza ceasefire, as Washington intensified its efforts to ensure the fragile truce endures.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, meanwhile, said Israel would enforce the ceasefire in Gaza as well as one in Lebanon with an "iron fist".

The truce in Gaza, in effect for exactly a

month now, has largely halted the war that erupted after Hamas's surprise attack on Israel on October 7, 2023.

During the ongoing first stage, a series of prisoner and hostage exchanges took place over recent weeks.

Kushner, the son-in-law of US President Donald Trump who helped broker the ceasefire, met Netanyahu in Jerusalem on Monday as part of US efforts to stabilise the truce and lay the groundwork for its next phase.

The two discussed some of the most sensitive aspects of phase two of the agreement, Israeli government spokeswoman Shosh Bedrosian told journalists.

