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Britain's King Charles II ratifies Habeas Corpus Act allowing prisoners' right to a court review of the justification for their imprisonment

1790

French Revolution: The Civil Constitution of the Clergy is adopted, putting the Catholic Church in France under the control of the state



Former United States Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton dies after being shot in a pistol duel the previous day by Vice President Aaron Burr, near Weehaken, New Jersey

1804 1957

US Surgeon General Leroy Burney links smoking to lung cancer

A golden voice falls silent

Playback legend S. Janaki dies at 88

TDI | agencies

Legendary playback singer S. Janaki, whose extraordinary voice shaped South Indian cinema for more than six decades and whose timeless songs continue to resonate across generations, died in Mysuru yesterday.

Renowned for her remarkable versatility, Janaki moved effortlessly between classical compositions, romantic melodies, folk songs, comic numbers and emotionally charged duets, earning a place among the greatest playback singers in Indian cinema.

In Tamil cinema, she established herself during an era dominated by P. Susheela and other leading singers, collaborating with celebrated composers such as K.V. Mahadevan and M.S. Viswanathan. Her career reached even greater heights with the emergence of maestro Ilaiyaraaja, who chose her for several memo-

rable songs in his debut film Annakili (1976), a landmark in Tamil film music that marked its 50th anniversary in 2026.

Janaki won the National Film Award for Best Female Playback Singer for Senthooru Poove from 16 Vayathinile, the directorial debut of Bharathiraja, who passed away recently.

Among her earliest masterpieces was Singara Velane Deva from Konjum Salangai, in which she shared musical space with legendary nಾಗswaram maestro K a - r u k u - r i c h i Arunachalam.

Ilaiyaraaja often described Jana-



ki as one of his most expressive singers, capable of transforming his musical ideas into unforgettable performances. Together, they created numerous classics that continue to be cherished by music lovers.

Affectionately known as Janakiamma by colleagues and admirers, she re-

corded songs in 18 languages and was celebrated for her ability to sing effortlessly in voices ranging from childlike innocence to mature emotional depth.

Trained in Carnatic music, she also released an album of Thyagaraja kritis, reaffirming her deep roots in the classical tradition.

Nearly 2 million people flee in China

Approaching typhoon lashes Taiwan, Japan islands

AFP | Keelung, Taiwan

Nearly two million people have fled their homes in China as an approaching typhoon lashed northern Taiwan and Japan's remote southwestern islands on Saturday, toppling trees and leaving tens of thousands without power.

Extreme weather has already wreaked havoc on southern and central China this week, with storms leaving at least 39 dead and causing dozens of rivers to overflow and a reservoir dam to burst.

Typhoon Bavi is expected to make landfall early today in the eastern province of Zhejiang, where more than 1.7 million people have been evacuated from their homes, state media reported.

Classes, work, transport and outdoor activities have been suspended, and more than 400 flights and dozens of train services cancelled in the province.

More than 130,000 people have fled their homes in Fujian and around 34,000 people from Shanghai's coastal areas and high-risk areas, state media reported.

Streets were largely deserted in northern Taiwan, where most businesses were shut for a second day as wind and rain buffeted the region.

More than 14,000 people have been evacuated from their homes, hundreds of flights cancelled and more than 170,000



A fisherman handles a rope near a fishing boat as waves crash over a breakwater in Yilan

households across the island hit with power outages because of the storm.

Bavi was downgraded to a typhoon as it moved across the Pacific Ocean after slamming into Guam and the Northern Marianas on Monday as a super typhoon.

Its maximum sustained wind speeds slowed to 137 kilometres (85 miles) per hour, with gusts of around 173 kph on Saturday, Taiwan's Central Weather Administration (CWA) said.

The CWA warned of "extremely torrential rain" across northern Taiwan and "dangerous waves" of up to 10 metres (33 feet) along the coast as Bavi skirted the island's north.

Death toll rises

In the Philippines, the death toll from landslides and other incidents triggered by heavy

rains driven by Bavi rose to 18, most on the southern island of Mindanao.

Nearly 11,000 people across the archipelago fled their homes and dozens of ports remain closed, with 313 vessels taking shelter.

More than 18,000 households and facilities across Okinawa lost power as the typhoon pounded Japan's remote southwestern islands, with the Miyako region hardest hit.

Japanese airlines cancelled dozens of flights, affecting more than 26,000 passengers.

Bavi had been on track on Friday to be the largest typhoon to hit Taiwan in more than 30 years, but its strong-wind radius has since shrunk to 350 kilometres, CWA forecaster Jason Cheng said.



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Digital technologies are transforming health. #AI can strengthen disease surveillance, accelerate research, support earlier diagnosis, assist health workers, advance drug and vaccine development, and expand access to care. But the real challenge is ensuring that the transformation is trusted, equitable and responsive to people's needs.

@DrTedros

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The global economy has been broadly resilient to the shock from the war in the Middle East. The impact has been uneven, affecting energy supplies, food security, commodities, and economic activity, while raising concerns about growth and price stability.

@KGeorgieva

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Eleven people, including a child, have been injured in Kyiv during last night's Russian attack.

@ZelenskyyUa

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Remembering the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica means confronting hate speech & discrimination, and renewing our resolve to make "never again" a reality for all. On this solemn day, let us remember the victims, listen to the survivors, and take action to advance justice, reconciliation & peace.

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The Battle for Our Children's Attention



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A global reckoning over children's online safety is knocking loudly at our doors. Around the world, nations are drawing strict legal lines, from Australia's landmark social media bans to the UAE's heavy financial penalties for parental neglect in the digital space. Here in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the conversation has officially reached a boiling point. The recent legislative debate over a proposed Shura Council amendment to the Child Law to ban social media accounts for children under 15 highlights a sharp national anxiety. While our government rightly pushes for a balanced approach to preserve digital literacy over complete prohibition, the core question remains unanswered: whose job is it to protect our children from the digital wilderness?

The truth is, creating a safe digital ecosystem requires a dual-engine framework built on corporate accountability and unwavering parental responsibility.

On the corporate front, tech giants can no longer treat child safety as an afterthought or shift the entire burden onto families. Tech platforms operating within our borders must be legally compelled to implement strict, foolproof age-verification mechanisms and remove the addictive, algorithm-driven features that encourage compulsive scrolling.

However, legislation and corporate compliance are only half the battle. The true frontline of defense is the home. Official initiatives like Bahrain's 'Himaya' National Awareness Campaign and resources from the National Cyber Security Center offer robust reporting helplines (like 998 and 992) to combat cyberbullying and exploitation. Yet, all the government infrastructure in the world cannot replace active parenting.

Are today's parents brave enough to enforce the boundaries our children desperately need? It is easy to capitulate to a toddler throwing a tantrum or a teenager demanding a smartphone to fit in. Reclaiming the household means establishing firm "house rules," implementing mandatory screen-free "detox" hours - for adults as well as children - and choosing short-term friction over long-term psychological distress.

Our children's mental health, privacy, and innocence are on the line. It is time for parents to find their courage, for corporations to accept their liability, and for our community to collectively protect Bahrain's digital future.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

Apple sues OpenAI for stealing trade secrets

AFP | San Francisco, United States

Apple on Friday sued OpenAI, accusing the artificial intelligence company of orchestrating a campaign to steal the iPhone maker's trade secrets as it tries to develop its own consumer hardware device.

The lawsuit -- filed in a federal court in San Jose, California -- paints a pic-

ture of an aggressive effort by OpenAI to poach Apple employees and extract confidential information to build its own device.

The lawsuit marks a dramatic escalation in tensions between two companies that partnered in 2024 to integrate ChatGPT into Apple's products. The suit will significantly complicate OpenAI's plans for a hotly anticipated initial public offering.