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The National Geographic Society is founded in Washington, D.C. for “the increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge”

1908

Henri Farman becomes the first person to fly an observed circuit of more than 1km, winning the Grand Prix d'Aviation



1943

Adolf Hitler declares “Total War” against the Allies

2000

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates steps aside as chief executive and promotes company president Steve Ballmer to the position

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Shocked by reports of violence & excessive use of force by the Iranian authorities against protesters resulting in deaths & injuries in recent days.

The rights to freedom of expression, association & peaceful assembly must be fully respected & protected.

I urge the Iranian authorities to exercise maximum restraint & refrain from unnecessary or disproportionate use of force.

I also urge steps that enable access to information in the country, including restoring communications.

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Chancellor Merz and I met Indian and German CEOs. Close collaboration between India and Germany is important for the entire world. Growing trade and investment ties have infused new momentum into our partnership. Our bilateral trade has reached an all-time high, several German companies are investing in India. We want to deepen economic linkages even further in the times to come.

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We are inviting applications for a key leadership role as Director of Communications at @WHO to lead our strategic communications and global advocacy. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2026.

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Greenland rejects US takeover ‘under any circumstance’: govt

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AFP | Nuuk, Denmark

Greenland’s government yesterday said it could not accept a US takeover of the Arctic island under “any circumstance”, after US President Donald Trump said that the United States would take the territory “one way or the other”.

Trump has repeatedly threatened to bring the island under US control, arguing that the Danish autonomous territory is crucial for national security.

“The United States has once again reiterated its desire to take over Greenland. This is something that the governing coalition in Greenland cannot accept under any circumstance,” the Greenlandic government said in a statement.



A tourist looks at the statue of Hans Egede (1686-1758), a Dano-Norwegian Lutheran missionary, in Nuuk, Greenland

On Sunday, Trump warned that if the United States didn’t take Greenland, “Russia or China will, and I’m not letting that

happen”.

The US leader said he would be open to making a deal with the Danish self-governing is-

land, “but one way or the other, we’re going to have Greenland.”

Last week, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain and the

United Kingdom issued a joint statement with Denmark to show their backing for Copenhagen and Greenland against Trump.

“On the basis of the very positive declaration from the six NATO member states regarding Greenland, the Government of Greenland will intensify efforts to ensure that the defence of Greenland is carried out within NATO,” Monday’s statement said.

“Greenland will always be part of the Western defence alliance,” the government added.

Denmark and other European allies have voiced shock at Trump’s threats over the strategic island, which has been home to a US military base since World War II.

A Danish colony until 1953, Greenland gained home rule 26 years later and is contemplating eventually loosening its ties with Denmark. Polls show that Greenland’s people strongly oppose a US takeover.

‘One Battle After Another,’ ‘Hamnet’ triumph at Golden Globes

AFP | Beverly Hills, United States

“One Battle After Another” reigned supreme at the Golden Globes on Sunday, winning best comedy, while “Hamnet” sprung a surprise by taking best drama film at the splashy Hollywood ceremony.

Paul Thomas Anderson’s screwball thriller “One Battle,” which centers on an aging revolutionary played by Leonardo DiCaprio, led the night by winning four of its nine nominations.

It also collected awards for best director, best screenplay and best supporting actress for Teyana Taylor at the lavish Globes gala, which is a key stepping stone on the road to the Oscars in March.

“You guys are being so generous with this affection for me and this film -- and I’ll take it,” beamed Anderson.

His film -- a rollicking ride featuring violent leftist radicals, immigration raids and white supremacists -- has connected with audiences and critics at a time when the United States is deeply polarized.

But in the closely watched lead actor category, DiCaprio was passed over in favor of Timothee Chalamet’s performance as an ambitious 1950s table tennis player in “Marty Supreme.”

“I’m in a category with many greats -- this category is stacked. I look up to all of you,” said Chalamet, who also bested George Clooney (“Jay Kelly”) and Ethan Hawke (“Blue Moon”).

Chalamet said his four previous Globes losses “make this



(L/R) Noah Jupe, Nicolas Gonda, Maggie O’Farrell, Pippa Harris, Joe Alwyn, Chloe Zhao, Steven Spielberg, Max Richter, Liza Marshall, Jessie Buckley, Paul Mescal and Jacobi Jupe, winners of the Best Motion Picture - Drama Award for “Hamnet”, winners of the Best Motion Picture - Drama Award for “Hamnet,” pose in the press room during the 83rd annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton hotel in Beverly Hills, California

moment that much sweeter” before thanking his girlfriend Kylie Jenner.

‘Hamnet’ upset

The Globes offer separate awards for dramas and comedies -- widening the field of stars in attendance.

The night’s final award was its biggest surprise.

“Hamnet,” a tragic literary adaptation that imagines the life of William Shakespeare and his wife as they cope with the death of their son, took best drama.

“Sinners,” Ryan Coogler’s period horror film about the segregated South of the 1930s, had been expected to prevail.

“I loved the book, but I felt there was really only one film-

maker on the face of the planet who could tell the story,” said Steven Spielberg, a producer on the movie, before handing the microphone to director Chloe Zhao.

Zhao, the Chinese-born director of best picture Oscar winner “Nomadland,” dedicated the award to “Hamnet” cast and crew members who “lost their loved ones while we were making this film.”

She also pointedly thanked Coogler, who honed his trade together with Zhao at the Sundance film labs set up by the late Robert Redford.

Jessie Buckley, playing Shakespeare’s grief-stricken wife Agnes, won best drama actress honors.

“Sinners,” which surprised moviegoers with its eclectic

mix of vampires, politics, race relations and blues music, had to settle for best score, and the Globes’ recent -- and vaguely defined -- “best cinematic and box office achievement” award.

“Sentimental Value,” a Norwegian family dramedy, took best supporting actor for Stellan Skarsgard.

Rose Byrne won for best comedy actress for “If I Had Legs I’d Kick You.” Netflix’s musical mega-hit “KPop Demon Hunters” won best song and best animated film.

The Globes also honor the best in television. Searing teen murder saga “Adolescence” topped the section with four wins, while “The Pitt” won best drama and “The Studio” took the best comedy prize.

FILM

Best film, drama: “Hamnet”
Best film, musical or comedy: “One Battle After Another”
Best male actor, drama: Wagner Moura, “The Secret Agent”
Best female actor, drama: Jessie Buckley, “Hamnet”
Best male actor, musical or comedy: Timothee Chalamet, “Marty Supreme”
Best female actor, musical or comedy: Rose Byrne, “If I Had Legs I’d Kick You”
Best supporting actor: Stellan Skarsgard, “Sentimental Value”
Best supporting actress: Teyana Taylor, “One Battle After Another”
Best director: Paul Thomas Anderson, “One Battle After Another”
Best screenplay: Paul Thomas Anderson, “One Battle After Another”
Best non-English language film: “The Secret Agent” (Brazil)
Best cinematic and box office achievement: “Sinners”
Best animated feature: “KPop Demon Hunters”

TELEVISION

Best drama series: “The Pitt”
Best male actor, drama: Noah Wyle, “The Pitt”
Best female actor, drama: Rhea Seehorn, “Pluribus”
Best musical or comedy series: “The Studio”
Best male actor, musical or comedy: Seth Rogen, “The Studio”
Best female actor, musical or comedy: Jean Smart, “Hacks”
Best limited series or TV movie: “Adolescence”
Best male actor, limited series or TV movie: Stephen Graham, “Adolescence”
Best female actor, limited series or TV movie: Michelle Williams, “Dying for Sex”