

In a letter to Jean-Baptiste Le Roy, Benjamin Franklin writes “in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes”

First modern sit-down strike by Hormel meatpackers in Austin, Minnesota



US Supreme Court rules racial segregation on buses in Alabama unconstitutional

US spacecraft Voyager 1 sends back first close-up pictures of Saturn during its fly-by



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Climate shocks are increasing humanitarian needs & the risks of displacement. Millions of displaced people are trapped in a vicious cycle of conflict & climate extremes. A new @Refugees report highlights the urgent need for #ClimateAction & finance to reach the most vulnerable:

@antonioguterres

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Saddened by the tragic crash of the Turkish C-130 aircraft in Georgia. Heartfelt condolences to my dear brother President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan @RTERdogan, the families of those on board and to our Turkish brothers and sisters. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in this moment of grief.

@CMShehbaz

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The Global #Tuberculosis Report shows a decline in new TB cases and deaths for the first time since #COVID19. New tuberculosis vaccines for adolescents and adults are within reach - 18 candidates are in development and 6 in Phase 3 trials.

@DrTedros

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Delaware needs to make major changes immediately or continue to lose its single biggest asset, which is being the incorporation state for most companies in America

@elonmusk

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Trump writes to Israel’s Herzog asking him to pardon Netanyahu

Netanyahu has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing

● Trump says he is writing to Herzog at a “historic time

● Netanyahu and his wife Sara are accused in one case of accepting more than \$260,000 worth of luxury goods

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined



U.S. President Donald Trump and U.S. Vice President JD Vance salute during a ceremony at Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery to mark Veterans Day on November 11, 2025 in Arlington, Virginia.

“I hereby call on you to fully pardon Benjamin Netanyahu, who has been a formidable and decisive War Time Prime Minister,” it adds.

“While I absolutely respect the independence of the Israeli Justice System... I believe that this ‘case’ against Bibi... is political, unjustified prosecution,” the letter says.

Netanyahu and his wife Sara are accused in one case of accepting more than \$260,000 worth of luxury goods such as cigars, jewellery and champagne from billionaires in exchange for political favours.

He is also accused of attempting to negotiate more favourable coverage from two Israeli media outlets in two other cases.

The statement from Herzog’s office said the Israeli president holds Trump “in the highest

regard and continues to express his deep appreciations for President Trump’s unwavering support for Israel”.

“Alongside and not withstanding this... anyone seeking a Presidential pardon must submit a formal request in accordance with the established procedures,” it added.

During his current term, which started in late 2022, Netanyahu proposed far-reaching judicial reforms that critics say sought to weaken the courts.

Those prompted massive protests that were only curtailed after the onset of the Gaza war in October 2023.

Trump himself has long accused his political opponents of using the Justice Department to target him during his time out of office.

UK PM says BBC should ‘correct errors’ as Trump mulls lawsuit

AFP | London, United Kingdom

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer yesterday warned that the BBC should “get their house in order” after US President Donald Trump said he had an “obligation” to sue the corporation for \$1 billion over a misleading speech edit.

Speaking in parliament, Starmer said that while he supports a “strong and independent BBC”, he also believed it should “uphold the highest standards to be accountable and correct errors quickly”.

“Where mistakes are made, they do need to get their house in order,” he said in response to a question calling for him to urge Trump to abandon his legal threat.

Trump’s lawyers threatened the British broadcaster with a billion-dollar lawsuit on Monday, according to a letter seen by AFP, as the BBC apologised



People are pictured outside the entrance to the BBC in London

for giving the impression the president had urged “violent action” ahead of the 2021 assault on the US Capitol.

Later, in a Fox News interview, which was recorded Monday, Trump was asked if he planned to sue the BBC.

“I guess I have to, why not?” said the president in

his first public comments on the potential for legal action.

“I think I have an obligation to do it because you can’t allow people to do that,” Trump said, without confirming whether he had officially begun proceedings to file a defamation lawsuit.

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Bahrain on the Move

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Being in the media, one develops a sense for the rhythm of a nation — and right now, Bahrain is beating with unmistakable energy. The Kingdom feels alive, evolving rapidly into a stronger and more confident economy under focused leadership and a clear national vision.

Just as we were stepping out of the excitement of the Asian Games, the momentum continued seamlessly. The World Endurance Championship, BAPCO Energy 8 Hours and BRAVE 100th edition added to an extraordinary season of activity. The Manama Dialogue and the Gateway Gulf Investment Forum attracted delegations from around the world. At the same time, the Arab Cybersecurity Conference and the Royal Bahrain Concours added to an already vibrant national calendar.

Amid these milestones came another exciting development — the launch of the new Bahrain-Qatar ferry service. This long-awaited link between Saadah Marina in Bahrain and Al Ruwais Port in Qatar, with a travel time of just over an hour, marks the first international passenger sea route between two Gulf nations. For many expatriates and residents alike, it is not just another travel update — it is a moment of joy, nostalgia, and renewed connection.

Having travelled on ferries in places like Macau, Malaysia, and the Maldives, I have found that each journey carries its own charm. Yet one of my most memorable experiences was in Turkey, where live entertainment, friendly chatter, and the joy of the open sea made the voyage unforgettable. That experience taught me that ferry services can be far more than mere transportation — they can be journeys filled with character, culture, and a sense of community spirit.

Bahrain’s new ferry service holds a similar promise. It can serve not only as a convenient link complementing air travel to Qatar but also as a leisure route for families and weekend travellers seeking a short and affordable getaway. The addition of thoughtful features — a small duty-free outlet, a scenic deck for sunset photos, and a children’s corner with light entertainment — could transform it into a truly memorable experience.

This ferry is more than just a vessel carrying passengers, vehicles, and cargo between two ports — it is a bridge of friendship, a voyage of joy, and a symbol of regional unity. It reflects Bahrain’s growing prominence as a hub of connectivity and innovation, guided by the visionary leadership of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

And this is just the beginning. In the near future, we may see more such ferries setting sail from Bahrain to other GCC destinations — turning the blue waters of the Gulf into dynamic routes of travel, trade, and togetherness. The sea, once seen as a boundary, may soon become the most beautiful bridge connecting nations and people across the region.

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