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Our support for the people of Colombia continues following the terrible earthquake. We are sending hundreds of tents, blankets and emergency equipment.Euro 2 million in EU funds are at work to provide health-care, shelter, clean water and food to the communities.,

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Emergency services are working at the sites of the Russian strikes that took place this morning and last night. In Kyiv, the fires were quickly extinguished, and emergency work is now ongoing.

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Thank you, PM Andrew Holness, for your warm wishes. India deeply values its enduring friendship with Jamaica and looks forward to further strengthening our special and close ties.

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Stubborn vulture plucked from Ryanair wing before Greece flight

AFP | Athens, Greece

A vulture who refused to budge had to be removed from the wing of a Ryanair flight awaiting takeoff on the Greek island of Crete, in order to avoid potential damage to the plane, a local newspaper reported yesterday.

The Patris daily said the incident occurred late Sunday at the island's Iraklio airport, when the fire service was called in to remove the large scavenger.

It showed pictures the bird tucked inside a firefighter's fireproof jacket. The report did not specify where the flight was headed.

Other local sites showed a picture of the vulture landing on the plane's tail wing.

It was later placed in a wood-



en box and delivered to the island's natural history museum for care.

Birds are routinely sucked into aircraft engines, occasionally causing serious accidents.

Last week, the US National Transportation Safety Board said bird remains had been found in the engine of a Ryanair plane that saw a blade break off

on July 10 during a flight from Greece to Germany, shattering a cabin window and partially sucking a passenger outside.

Four suspected bird strikes to the plane's engines had been reported by flight crews in the 12 months preceding the accident, but no damage was found in subsequent maintenance, the report said.

UK PM exchanged messages with Trump aide imposter

AFP | London, United Kingdom

New British Prime Minister Andy Burnham exchanged messages with someone posing as Susie Wiles, the White House chief of staff, several media outlets reported yesterday.

According to Politico, which broke the story quoting anonymous sources, the British leader sent a "few messages" via an unspecified communication channel to a person he believed to be Wiles before becoming suspicious.

The incident was deemed serious enough for the British embassy in Washington to raise the matter with the White House, according to two sources cited by Politico.

Neither the date nor the content of the exchanges is known.

Burnham succeeded former Labour Party leader Keir Starmer as prime minister on July 20.

"We do not comment on national security matters," a



Britain's Prime Minister Andy Burnham speaks to staff

spokesperson for Burnham's Downing Street office said, without denying the exchanges.

Burnham is not the first prominent British politician to fall victim to this type of hoax.

In 2024, the British government released a video of a phone call in which the then

foreign minister David Cameron was duped by someone posing as former Ukrainian president Petro Poroshenko.

The Foreign Office explained at the time that it had disclosed the incident to preempt any attempt by the perpetrators to manipulate the footage.

Trump says US scaling back military drills with Seoul



AFP | Seoul, South Korea

Donald Trump said he ordered the Pentagon to scale back "inappropriate and hostile" military drills with South Korea, hours before the exercises began on Monday.

The US president cited his "good relationship" with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in his latest rebuke to long-standing alliances with global partners.

South Korean officials said the exercises had begun as planned and that they hoped the personal chemistry between Trump and Kim would bring them back to talks.

North Korea has not responded publicly, although it has previously voiced anger at the regular joint manoeuvres that take place in the South.

The drills began as American allies in East Asia fret over North Korean displays of weapons capabilities and its growing alignment with Russia, as well as traditional

backer China.

"Based on my very good relationship with Kim Jong Un, of North Korea, I am not happy with the fact that the United States has, long ago, agreed to participate in Joint Military Exercises with South Korea," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

"These exercises are not only costly, with much of these costs paid for by the United States of America (as usual!), but send a signal that is totally inappropriate and hostile, to a Country that, as long as Donald J. Trump has been President, has been unthreatening and respectful," he said.

He took direct aim at South Korea, writing: "I recently asked the President of South Korea if they would like to join us in the Denuclearization of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and they said, 'No thanks!'"

Trump said he had ordered Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth to "substantially reduce" the drills because it was too late to cancel them.

Pakistan detains 258 foreigners in scam centre raid

AFP | Islamabad, Pakistan

Pakistan authorities said yesterday they detained 258 foreigners, including 40 Chinese nationals, following a raid on an alleged "scam call centre" in the capital Islamabad.

"They were running a scam call centre in Gulberg Green, a housing society on the outskirts of Islamabad," an official

from the Federal Investigation Agency, a Pakistani intelligence service, told AFP.

"They came to Pakistan on tourist visas and were not allowed to do what they were doing."

Those detained -- including 170 people from Vietnam, as well as nationals from Malaysia and "other Asian countries" -- were being held at a Rawalpindi jail.

King of Jordan to visit China from August 18

AFP | Beijing, China

The King of Jordan will visit China from today for talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Beijing announced on Monday.

The trip comes as the US-allied kingdom remains caught in the middle of Washington's months-long war with Tehran.

China, a major buyer of Iranian oil, has presented itself as a neutral party in the Middle East conflict and has called for stability in the vital Strait of Hormuz.

The trip, at the invitation



of Xi, will take place from August 18 to 24, Beijing's foreign ministry said in a statement.

The leaders will "exchange views on bilateral relations and international and regional issues of common concern", Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lin Jian said.

"China is willing to work with Jordan to take this visit as an opportunity to jointly enhance political mutual trust, expand mutually beneficial cooperation... and make positive contributions to regional peace, stability and development," he added.