

Octavian, later known as Augustus, compels the Roman Senate to elect him Consul



Details of Louis Daguerre's 1st practical photographic process are released in Paris

Iran and Iraq begin a ceasefire in their 8-year-old war

Operation Iraqi Freedom ends, with the last of the United States brigade combat teams crossing the border to Kuwait

# Erdogan warns of 'another Chernobyl' after talks in Ukraine

Urges United Nations to ensure the security of Europe's largest nuclear power plant



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres shake hands after a joint news conference following their meeting in Lviv



**We are worried. We don't want another Chernobyl. While continuing our efforts to find a solution, we remain on the side of our Ukraine friends**

RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN

President Vladimir Putin, met with the Russian leader less than two weeks ago in the Black Sea resort of Sochi.

The Turkish leader along with Guterres were key brokers of a deal inked in Istanbul last month allowing the resumption of grain exports from Ukraine after Russia's invasion blocked essential global supplies.

Ahead of the press conference with Zelenskyy, Ukraine's port au-

thority announced that the 25th cargo ship under the deal had departed for Egypt carrying 33,000 tonnes of grain.

Ukraine and Russia are two of the world's biggest grain exporters and the halt in exports saw grain prices soar and fears rise of global food shortages, particularly in poor countries already experiencing shortfalls.

Guterres said during the meeting with reporters that the sides hoped to intensify efforts to bolster operations at three southern ports designated for exports under the deal.

"We will do our best to scale up our operations to face... the coming winter," the UN chief said, hailing the deal that saw a safe corridor established for cargo ships to exit Black Sea ports.

The success of the grain deal contrasts with failed peace talks



**The facility must not be used as part of any military operation. Instead, agreement is urgently needed to re-establish Zaporizhzhia's purely civilian infrastructure and to ensure the safety of the area**

ANTONIO GUTERRES

early in the war and Zelenskyy yesterday ruled out peace with Russia unless it withdraws its troops from Ukraine.

He told reporters he was "very surprised" to hear from President Recep Tayyip Erdogan that Russia was "ready for some kind of peace", adding: "First they should leave our territory and then we'll see".

Fighting raged along the front yesterday.

In the war-scarred eastern region of Kharkiv, Russian strikes left several dead and dozens injured.

The early morning bombardments across the city of Kharkiv and nearby Krasnograd left at least six dead and 25 injured, just one day after Russian bombardments killed 13 in the country's second-largest urban centre.

The regional governor Oleg Synegebov posted images from the scene of one Kharkiv strike showing the smouldering remains of several burnt-out buildings and twisted wreckage of destroyed



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vehicles nearby.

"Kharkiv. 175 days of horror. Daily terror, missile strikes on residential areas and civilians," a senior presidential aide, Mykhaylo Podolyak, wrote on social media.

But fighting in recent weeks has focused around the southern region of Zaporizhzhia and the nuclear facility there, and Zelenskyy has called on the UN to ensure security at the plant after direct talks with Guterres in Lviv.

"The UN must ensure the security of this strategic object, its demilitarisation and complete liberation from Russian troops," he said, blaming Russia for "deliberate" attacks on the facility.

Russian forces took the Zaporizhzhia plant in southern Ukraine in March and uncertainty surrounding it has fuelled fears of a nuclear incident, recalling the Chernobyl disaster in 1986.

## Violent storm kills five on Corsica as island raises new alert



Rescue workers at a campground in Coggia, Corsica  
AFP | Washington

A violent and unexpected storm battered the French Mediterranean island of Corsica yesterday, killing at least five people including a teenage girl, and meteorologists predicted more bad weather to come.

Hail, heavy rain and winds peaking at 224 km per hour (140 mph) swept the island early in the day. Two of the victims were killed when trees fell in campsites.

"Storms formed at sea will affect large parts of the western Corsica coast throughout the night from Thursday to Friday," Meteo France forecaster said.

Witnesses of the morning storm, which wrecked campsites, delayed trains and uprooted trees, said they had never seen anything like it on the island.

"We have never seen such huge storms as this, you would think it was a tropical storm," said Cedric Boell, manager of the restaurant Les Gones Corses in northern Corsica, who saw two pleasure boats tossed on to nearby rocks.



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The United States of America can be defined by one word: possibilities. This week has shown us that there's nothing we can't get done.

@POTUS

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We have the tools and the expertise to #EndPolio and prevent other deadly diseases through vaccination. But we need the funding and political commitment. So long as #polio exists anywhere, people everywhere remain at risk.

@DrTedros

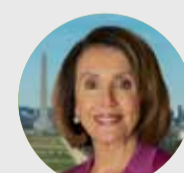
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The Myanmar junta rewards the Kremlin as one of the few governments willing to embrace it despite its brutality by agreeing to import Russian oil.

@KenRoth

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The American people deserve a government that protects hard-working families - not billionaires and special interests. That's why @HouseDemocrats put #PeopleOverPolitics: lowering costs, creating better-paying jobs and building safer communities.

@SpeakerPelosi

## Light could last until... to protect harvests



A view of the exposed riverbed of Yangtze river on a hot day in Chongqing, China

expanses of arable land. In the sprawling southwestern region of Chongqing, where most of Yangtze's Three Gorges reservoir is located, the grid is now scrambling to secure electricity from other parts of the country as supplies to industrial consumers are rationed, state media reported.

China's State Grid also promised to do its utmost to dispatch power to neighbouring Sichuan

province, which normally supplies large amounts of surplus hydroelectricity to the eastern coast but is now imposing strict consumption controls.

Normal water flows in the region could still be months away, with rainfall expected to remain low until the end of this month and beyond, said Liu Zhiyu, an official at the Ministry of Water Resources, speaking at a briefing on Wednesday.

## Russian spacewalk cut short by bad battery in cosmonaut suit

Reuters | Cape Canaveral

A Russian spacewalker had to rush back inside the International Space Station on Wednesday when the battery voltage in his spacesuit suddenly dropped.

Russian Mission Control ordered Oleg Artemyev, the station commander, to quickly return to the airlock so he could



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Roscosmos' cosmonauts Oleg Artemyev and Denis Matveev are seen during their spacewalk on the International Space Station

hook his suit to station power. The hatch remained open as his spacewalking partner, Denis Matveev, tidied up outside.

NASA said neither man was ever in any danger. Matveev, in fact, remained outside for another hour or so, before he, too, was ordered to wrap it up. Matveev's suit was fine, but Russian Mission Control cut the spacewalk short since flight rules

insist on the buddy system.

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"You know, the start was so excellent," Matveev said as he made his way back inside, with some of the robot arm installation work left undone.

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