

The first American novel, William Hill Brown's "The Power of Sympathy" is published by Isaiah Thomas

Jawaharlal Nehru's Congress Party wins India's first general election



Battle of Khe Sanh begins at the Khe Sanh Air Base, one of the most publicized and controversial battles of the Vietnam War

Fears of a possible US recession cause a Black Monday for global stock markets, European stocks suffer their worst result since 9/11, and Asian stocks drop as much as 15%

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The presence of members of the family of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan during the UAE's Year of Family lends special significance to the visit. It reflects the enduring bonds of trust and people-to-people ties between India and the UAE and reinforces confidence in a bright future for our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

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Geopolitical shocks can - and must - be an opportunity for Europe. The seismic shift underway makes it both possible & necessary to build a new European independence. From security to the economy, from defence to democracy. Europe is gathering speed

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We prefer science to conspiracy theories, rule of law to rule of force, dialogue to threats. Nous préférons la science au complotisme, l'État de droit à la loi du plus fort, le dialogue aux menaces.

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UAE president accepts US invitation to join 'Board of Peace'

A permanent seat costs \$1.0 billion

● Charter does not seem to limit its role to the Strip

● If not paid, member countries will serve no longer than three years

AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The UAE's president has accepted an invitation to join US President Donald Trump's "Board of Peace", the foreign ministry said yesterday, the body meant to oversee post-war reconstruction in Gaza.

The positive response comes amid controversy over the body, with Washington asking various leaders to sit

China confirms invited to join Trump's 'Board of Peace'

AFP | Beijing, China

Beijing confirmed yesterday that China had been invited to join US President Donald Trump's "Board of Peace". "China has received the United States' invitation," foreign ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun told a regular news

briefing, without specifying whether Beijing would accept the invitation.

Guo said China-US relations had achieved overall stability in the past year, despite a trade war that saw both countries impose tit-for-tat tariffs on each others' products.

"Over the past year, China-US relations have experienced ups and downs, but have maintained overall dynamic stability," Guo told reporters.

"Cooperation between China and the US benefits both sides, while confrontation harms both," he added.

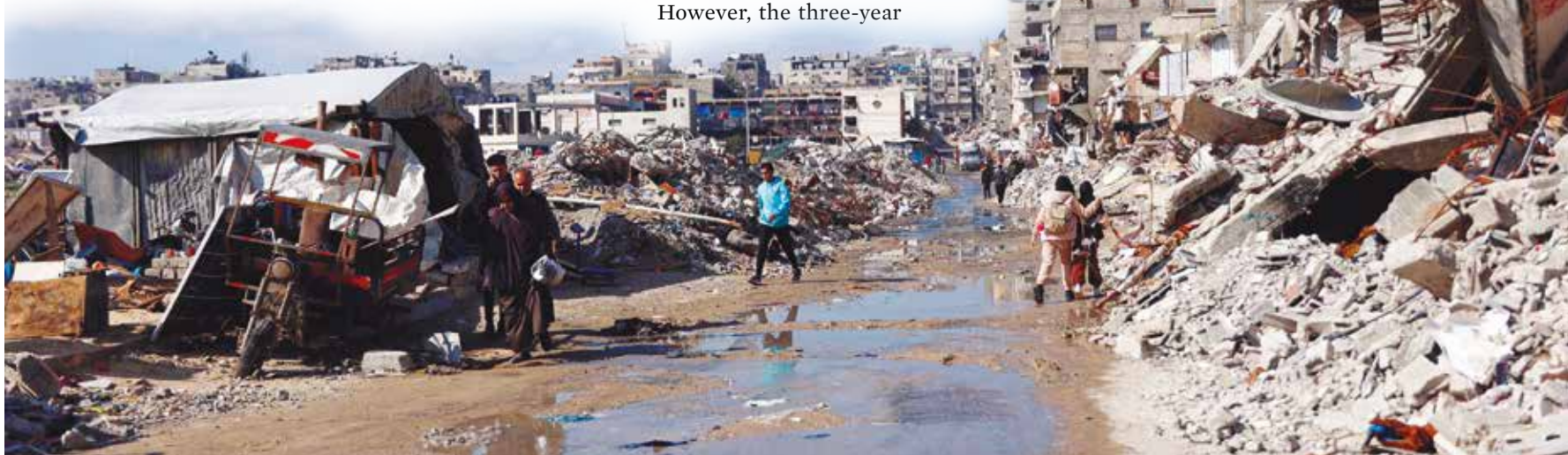
United Arab Emirates, has accepted the invitation from the United States to join the Board of Peace," the ministry said in a statement.

The board's charter, seen by AFP, says that member countries will serve no longer than three years, subject to renewal by the chairman.

However, the three-year

restriction does not apply if they "contribute more than USD \$1,000,000,000 in cash funds to the Board of Peace within the first year of the Charter's entry into force".

Emirati Foreign Minister



Displaced Palestinians live amongst the rubble and debris of homes and businesses destroyed by the Israeli military in over two years of military strikes on the Gaza Strip enclave, in Jabalia refugee camp, in the northern Gaza Strip

Heavy snow in US strands drivers in 100-vehicle crash

Washington, United States

Law enforcement officials said Monday they were working to clear roads after a 100-vehicle crash occurred on snow-blanketed roads in the northern state of Michigan.

Michigan State Police said numerous injuries were reported in the crash, with none "believed to be fatal," after big rig trucks and vehicles collided on the I-196 corridor, causing many vehicles to run off the road in "multiple slide offs."

The Monday morning incident included 30-40 semi-trucks, piled up and blocking the typically busy interstate road, which remained closed hours later.

Officials urged motorists to slow down in "treacherous" conditions Monday, with a winter storm continuing to dump snow on the region and temperatures expected to fall to -8 degrees Fahrenheit (-22 degrees Celsius) including wind chill.

US warns against EU tariff 'bazooka' over Greenland

AFP | Davos, Switzerland

The US trade envoy yesterday warned European nations against using its tariff "bazooka" in response to President Donald Trump's threat to acquire Greenland, saying it would "not be wise".

French President Emmanuel Macron in particular has urged use of the EU's anti-coercion instrument (ACI) after Trump threatened tariffs of up to 25 percent on eight European countries.

"Every country is going to do what's in their national interests," US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer told a

small group of journalists at the Davos summit.

"And those have natural consequences," he said, adding that deploying the ACI "would not be wise" -- echoing comments from US Secretary Treasury Scott Bessent at Davos on Monday.

The EU has never deployed the instrument, aimed at dissuading countries from exerting geopolitical pressure on the bloc.

But even as some officials push for talks to de-escalate a crisis that has dominated the Davos summit so far, others are urging the EU

to stand up to "blackmail" over the autonomous Danish territory.

Asked about the US response if the EU deems Greenland "non-negotiable", Greer said "If that's the case, then so be it."

"What I've found is that when countries follow my advice, they tend to do OK. When they don't crazy things happen," he added.

Separately, US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick told European countries "to keep the pressure and temperature low" with regards to threats of retaliatory tariffs.



UN report declares global state of 'water bankruptcy'

AFP | Paris, France

The world is entering an era of "global water bankruptcy" with rivers, lakes and aquifers depleting faster than nature can replenish them, a United Nations research institute said yesterday.

It argues that decades of overuse, pollution, environmental destruction and climate pressure had pushed many water systems so beyond the point of recovery that a new classification was required.

"Water stress and water crisis are no longer sufficient descriptions of the world's new water realities," read a new report by the UN University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH).

These terms were "framed as alerts about a future that could still be avoided" when the world had already moved into a "new phase", it said.