

French Revolution: The National Convention passes a proclamation announcing the formal abolition of the French monarchy

Empress Dowager Cixi seizes power and ends the Hundred Days' Reform in China, imprisoning the Guangxu Emperor



US President Warren G. Harding signs a joint resolution of approval to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine

Chinese Communist leaders proclaim the People's Republic of China

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Saudi Embassy reception



On behalf of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister, HE Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, on Wednesday attended a reception organised by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Kingdom of Bahrain commemorating the 93rd Saudi National Day.

to judgment in the case and had worked closely with its intelligence agencies.

"India needs to take this matter with the utmost seriousness," he said. "We are doing that, we are not looking to provoke or escalate."

The United States has joined Canada in calling for India to reveal what it knows about the slaying. "We are deeply concerned about the allegations referenced by Prime Minister Trudeau," National Security Council spokeswoman Adrienne Watson said in a statement.

"It is critical that Canada's investigation proceed, and the perpetrators be brought to justice."

'No surprise'

Modi expressed "strong concerns about continuing anti-India activities of extremist elements in Canada" during his meeting with Trudeau at the G20.

Canada had also suspended negotiations for a free-trade agreement with India, and last week its trade minister cancelled a trip to the country planned for October.

visit as king

They then paused to remember war dead by laying wreaths at the Arc de Triomphe.

Driven down the Champs-Élysées, Macron and the king were seen chatting amicably while Camilla and Macron's wife Brigitte followed behind in a similar vehicle.

The Macrons will then in the evening host the royal couple at a sumptuous state banquet at Versailles, the palace west of the capital synonymous with French royalty.

The menu will include delicacies including blue lobster cooked as a starter by star chef Anne-Sophie Pic, who has said she was inspired by the tastes of the so called "Sun King" Louis XIV.

Dinner guests at the glittering Hall of Mirrors will include Charlotte Gainsbourg, the actor and daughter of Serge Gainsbourg and Jane Birkin, Hugh Grant and French former Arsenal football manager Arsene Wenger.

Scientists rediscover small Brazil tree, 185 years on

AFP | Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

A species of small holly tree that was last seen nearly two centuries ago and was feared extinct has been rediscovered pluckily clinging to life in an urban area in northeastern Brazil, scientists said Tuesday.

The tree, "Ilex sapiiiformis," was found in the city of Igarassu, in Pernambuco state, by an expedition that spent six days combing the region in hopes of finding it, said the conservation group that backed the project, Re:wild, co-founded by Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio.

Better known as the Pernambuco holly, the tree was first documented in Western science by the Scottish biologist George Gardner in 1838.



Mahsa Amini, Elon Musk nominated for EU's top rights prize

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

Mahsa Amini, the Iranian Kurdish woman who died in custody a year ago, and billionaire Elon Musk were among a field of nominations put forward yesterday for the EU's top rights prize.

The European Parliament's three biggest political groups each backed Amini as the recipient for this year's Sakharov Prize, making her the frontrunner for the award which will be presented in December.

The legislature's small far-right bloc was the only one to nominate Musk, the tech titan behind X, the platform former-



Elon Musk

ly known as Twitter, as well as electric car company Tesla and space rocket firm SpaceX.

Other parliamentary groupings put forward activists from Afghanistan, Georgia, Nicaragua, Poland, El Salvador and the United States as their nominations. Amini died age 22 on September 16, 2022 while being



Mahsa Amini

held by Iran's religious police for allegedly breaching the Islamic republic's strict dress code for women.

Musk was put forward by the Identity and Democracy grouping in the parliament, which counts nationalistic and extreme-right lawmakers among its members.

Putin says accepted Xi's invitation to visit China in October

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russian leader Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday he had accepted Chinese President Xi Jinping's invitation to travel to China in October.

China and Russia describe each other as strategic allies, with both countries frequently touting their "no limits" partnership and economic and military cooperation.

Russia says repelled drone, missile attack on Crimea

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russian air defence systems fended off an Ukrainian aerial attack targeting Crimea Wednesday, a regional official said, in Kyiv's latest assault on the Black Sea peninsula annexed by Moscow.

The territory has been targeted regularly since Russia launched full-scale hostilities in Ukraine last year, including the peninsula's largest city and key military port Sevastopol.

"Our air defences repelled a missile attack on Sevastopol," the Russia-installed governor Mikhail Razvozhayev said.

Authorities were clarifying the extent of any damage or whether there were victims, he added, describing the city as "calm" in the wake of the attack.

Earlier he said air defence systems had downed several drones and that debris had fallen on Verkhnosadove and Kacha on the outskirts of Sevastopol without causing any casualties.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has vowed to recapture Crimea, taken by Russia in 2014, and his newly appointed defence minister is from the region.

Last week Kyiv claimed to have damaged two Russian vessels undergoing repairs in a missile attack.

UNESCO adds Rwanda genocide memorials to World Heritage list

AFP | Paris, France

Four memorials to the 1994 genocide in Rwanda of more than 800,000 people, mainly Tutsi, were added to UNESCO's World Heritage list on Wednesday, the UN cultural body said. The sites at Nyamata, Murambi, Gisozi and Bisesero commemorating the mass killings were "just inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list", the organisation posted on X (formerly Twitter).

The four sites commemorate the genocide that targeted the Tutsi in large part but also moderate Hutus between April and July 1994. Skulls, bone fragments, torn clothing and images of piled up corpses confront visitors to the Kigali Genocide Memorial in Gisozi, the final resting place of around 250,000 victims.

Each year more are buried as new graves are uncovered around the country, with remains also housed at a former Catholic church at Nyamata, a school complex at Murambi and a memorial at Bisesero built in 1998.

In addition to human remains, the sites also feature material evidence of the 100-day killing spree by Hutu extremist forces -- spears, machetes,



Human skulls preserved are exhibited on April 4, 2014 at the Genocide memorial in Nyamata, inside Catholic church where thousands were slaughtered during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.



In April 1994, the genocide against the Tutsi erupted in Rwanda, with neighbors turning on neighbors and family turning on family. Over 800,000 people -- up to 1 million on some accounts -- were brutally slaughtered in just 100 days, leaving the once-beautiful country in ruins.

clubs, and bladed weapons.

Three of the sites were themselves the scene of massacres.

At Nyamata, more than 50,000 people who had sought shelter in the church were slaughtered over a 24-hour period. Its chapel now houses the clothing and the rosaries worn by the victims along with the weapons used by the perpetrators. At Murambi, tens of

thousands of people who were encouraged to take refuge in the technical school under the pretext of ensuring their safety were executed in one of the genocide's bloodiest episodes.

At Bisesero, a "resistance memorial" pays tribute to Tutsis who fought back with spears and stones as Hutu extremists murdered hundreds of people in the surrounding hills.



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I became Secretary-General with a commitment to ensuring gender parity at the @UN. We achieved that at senior levels and are on track to do so across the system. Gender equality is not the problem. Gender equality is the solution.

@antonioguterres

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Yesterday was a very special day for our democracy. I am confident that the new Parliament will enhance the dedication and further transformative governance for our nation.

@narendramodi

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I would urge you not to treat the issue of human rights in isolation and pay equal attention to nursing Mother Nature which is deeply wounded by the indiscretions of human beings. In India, we believe that every particle of the universe is a manifestation of divinity.

@rashtrapatibhvn

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Falcon 9 launches 22 @Starlink satellites to orbit from Florida

@elonmusk

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