

Galileo Galilei forced to recant his Copernican views that the Earth orbits the Sun by the Pope (Vatican only admits it was wrong on Oct 31, 1992!)



Somerset v Stewart court case finds slavery unsupported by English common law, encouraging the abolitionist movement

The CSS Shenandoah fires the last shot of the American Civil War in the Bering Strait to indicate surrender

Prize auction

refugees.”
Muratov, who co-founded Novaya Gazeta in 1991, won the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize with Maria Ressa of the Philippines for what the Nobel Prize committee said were “their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace”.
Muratov, who pledged to donate about \$500,000 of that prize money to charities, dedicated his Nobel to the six Novaya Gazeta journalists who have been murdered since 2000.
That list included the journalist Anna Politkovskaya, a critic of Russia’s war in Chechnya, who was killed in 2006 in the elevator of her Moscow apartment building.

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al law, given that it had violated “possibly every single international treaty”.
Moscow summoned EU envoy Markus Ederer to the Russian Foreign Ministry on Tuesday. EU spokesperson Peter Stano said Ederer asked the Russians at the meeting “to refrain from escalatory steps and rhetoric”.
The standoff creates a new source of confrontation on the Baltic, a region already set for a security overhaul that would hem in Russia’s sea power as Sweden and Finland apply to join NATO and put nearly the entire coast in alliance territory.
The EU sought to deflect responsibility from Lithuania, saying the policy was collective action by the bloc.
In a symbolic but morale-boosting decision, Ukraine is set to become an official candidate for European Union membership on Thursday, diplomats said.
US Attorney General Merrick Garland became the latest international dignitary to visit Ukraine, affirming on Tuesday Washington’s commitment to identify, arrest and prosecute those involved in war crimes during Russia’s invasion.



A residential building located in Vannikovo, a site of destruction from the Ukraine-Russia conflict in Donetsk.

Elon Musk’s child seeks name change to sever ties with father

Reuters

Elon Musk’s daughter has filed a request to change her name in accordance with her new gender identity and because “I no longer live with or wish to be related to my biological father in any way, shape or form.”

The petition for both a name change and a new birth certificate reflecting her new gender identity was filed with the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Santa Monica in April. It came to light recently in some online media reports.

The former Xavier Alexander Musk, who recently turned 18, the age of consent in California, has asked the court to change her gender recognition from male to female and to register her new name, according to court documents available online through PlainSite.org.

Her new name was redacted in the online document. Her



Elon Musk

mother is Justine Wilson, who divorced Musk in 2008.

There was no further explanation of the rift between Musk’s daughter and her father, the Tesla (TSLA.O) and SpaceX chief who is attempting a \$44 billion takeover of social media platform Twitter (TWTR.N).

Neither a lawyer who represents Musk nor the Tesla media office immediately responded to Reuters emails requesting comment on Monday.

In May, about a month after

the name and gender change document was filed, Musk declared his support for the Republican Party, whose elected representatives support a raft of legislation that would limit transgender rights in states across the country.

Musk has weighed in on the issue of transgender people choosing their preferred pronouns, tweeting in 2020, “I absolutely support trans, but all these pronouns are an esthetic nightmare.”



The couple had a baby boy named him Nevada Alexander, however, 10 weeks after being born their son stopped breathing, and was put on the life support, but the doctors could do nothing and Nevada died in his parent’s arms. Elon had a hard time dealing with the loss, and started spending even more time at work.

The couple still wanted to have children, and Justine went to a fertility clinic six weeks after Nevada passed away. She decided to try in vitro fertilisation, and in 2004 Justine gave birth to twins, Griffin and Xavier, and in 2006 to triplets, Damian, Saxon and Kai - all five are boys.

Egypt, Saudi in deals worth \$7.7 bn on crown prince’s visit

Reuters | Cairo

Egypt and Saudi Arabia signalled their intention to strengthen economic ties yesterday during a visit to Cairo by Saudi de facto ruler Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, announcing deals worth \$7.7 billion.

Saudi Arabia has already provided bns in support since Egypt’s President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi came to power in 2014, and Cairo is struggling with the economic knock-on effects of the Ukraine war.

The stop in Egypt was the start of the first tour outside the Gulf region in over three years by the prince. He left on Tuesday evening for Jordan, and will later visit Turkey.

The prince and Sisi discussed trade, investment and security, as well as a regional summit in Saudi Arabia next month that will be attended by US President



Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is received by Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi upon his arrival in Cairo, Egypt

Joe Biden, a statement from Egypt’s presidency said.

The 14 deals signed yesterday ranged from renewable energy to petroleum, food and fintech. They included a \$1.5 bn agreement between Saudi Arabia’s

Acwapower (2082.SE) and the Egyptian Electricity Holding Company to build a wind power plant, according to an Egyptian cabinet statement.

Among the other agreements was the development of the mul-

ti-purpose terminal at Egypt’s Damietta port, Egypt’s General Authority for Investment and Free Zones said in a statement, and the establishment of a \$150 million “pharmaceutical city” by Egypt’s Pharco Pharmaceuticals in Saudi Arabia, the company’s chairman told *Alsharq TV*.

A joint statement said Saudi Arabia was resolved to lead investments in Egypt worth \$30 bn, though it was unclear what the figure referred to.

In March, Saudi Arabia deposited \$5 bn in Egypt’s central bank. The Egyptian government had said previously that cooperation with the Saudi sovereign wealth fund would result in \$10 bn in investments.

The Saudi-based Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) has started disbursing \$3 bn in new financing to help Egypt import commodities, its CEO said last week.

Hamas to restore Syria ties after 10 years of dispute, sources say

Reuters | Gaza

Hamas has decided to restore ties with Syria, 10 years after its leadership shunned Damascus over opposition to President Bashar al-Assad’s crackdown on a revolt against his rule, two sources within the group told Reuters.

One official who asked not to be named said the two sides have held several “high-profile meetings to achieve that goal.”

A Syrian official did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment.

Hamas leaders had publicly endorsed the revolt aimed at overthrowing Assad’s dynastic rule, and left their Damascus headquarters. That angered their common ally, Iran.

Hamas’s ties with Iran were later restored and officials of the Palestinian Islamist faction praised the Islamic Republic for help with building their Gaza arsenal of long-range rockets, which they used in fighting Israel.

Outgoing Israeli government partners vow to block Netanyahu comeback

Reuters | Jerusalem

Ministers in Israel’s outgoing government vowed yesterday to prevent a comeback by ex-premier Benjamin Netanyahu, their fellow right winger, as the country braced for a fifth election in less than four years with polling predicting no clear winner.

Sapped by infighting that ended his razor-thin parliamentary majority, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett on Monday announced he would move to dissolve the Knesset, with Foreign Minister Yair Lapid assuming top office in a caretaker capacity.

A preliminary vote on that motion is set for today with final legislation continuing next week.

The prospect of an election as early as October - delighted Netanyahu, Israel’s longest-serving leader who was toppled a year ago after Bennett mustered a rare coalition of hard-right, liberal and Arab politicians.



Former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

Lebanon, Syria, Egypt sign gas import agreement

Reuters | Beirut

Lebanon, Syria and Egypt yesterday agreed to ship 650 million cubic metres of natural gas per year from Egypt to Lebanon via Syria.

The deal, signed at a ceremony at the Lebanese energy ministry in Beirut, would see gas piped to Lebanon’s northern Deir Ammar power plant, where it could add some 450 megawatts, or around four extra hours of power per day to the grid. Deir Ammar is one of several plants in Lebanon that can run on both gas and diesel, but use the latter as the gas pipeline has yet to come online.



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More than 90% of people in the northwest of Syria need life-saving aid. Today I urged the Security Council to maintain consensus on allowing cross-border humanitarian operations for an additional 12 months. We cannot give up on the people of Syria.
@antoniouterres

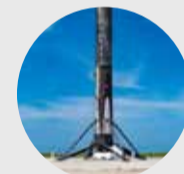
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Southern India is home to several Mutts which have preserved and celebrated our cultural heritage.

@narendramodi

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I gets better every day

@elonmusk

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To recover from the pandemic, transform and cope with the food and energy crisis, the world needs a positive investment impulse. This is where the 300 billion strategy #GlobalGateway comes into play.

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