

The last eight people - Martha Corey, Margaret Scott, Mary Easty, Alice Parker, Ann Pudeator, Wilmott Redd, Samuel Wardwell, and Mary Parker - are hanged for allegedly practicing witchcraft as a result of the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts Bay Colony; 19 are hanged overall, with six other deaths caused by the hysteria.

US President Abraham Lincoln issues the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, threatening to free all enslaved people in the rebel Southern states if those states fail to rejoin the Union by January 1, 1863



Ceasefire between India and Pakistan goes into effect, ending the Indo-Pakistani War

Iraq invades Iran in an attempt to control the Shatt al-Arab waterway



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A very brutal and targeted Russian shelling of Zaporizhzhia began in the evening. Residential nine-story buildings, a university building, a shopping center, and a boiler house were damaged. As of now, five people are known to be injured, and some residents have been evacuated.

@Zelenskyyua

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“Supreme Intelligence,” probably because of its relationship to the Supreme Court, is losing badly to both “Superior” and “Extreme Intelligence.” Therefore, we are going to take “Supreme Intelligence” OUT, deleting it as a qualifier, and let you vote for the Final Two: Superior Intelligence, or Extreme Intelligence. A fresh Vote begins now! President ,

@realDonaldTrump

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I am in New York to join the @UN and world leaders at #UNGA. On #PeaceDay, I hope this week reminds us what diplomacy is for: finding what unites us, even when so much divides us.

@DrTedros

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Thirty-six years ago, Judge Rosario Livatino was cowardly assassinated by the mafia. A magistrate who carried out his duty without compromise, who defended justice and legality to the extreme sacrifice.

@GiorgiaMeloni

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Propping feet on bus seats carries \$400 penalty in ‘Fine City’ Singapore

AFP | Singapore, Singapore

Riders who eat on public buses or put their feet on the seats could face a nearly \$400 penalty in Singapore, officials said Monday, a new example of no-nonsense regulations in “Fine City”.

The rules are even stricter for “soiling” a bus or causing a danger to other passengers, with a maximum fine of Sg\$5,000 (\$3,900), said the Land Transport Authority (LTA). The penalty for propping feet on seats is up to Sg\$500.

The regulations do not explicitly list individual offences, but official enforcement guidelines indicate that soiling refers to severe cleanliness breaches, which in practice cover actions like vomiting, urinating, spitting, or spilling bodily fluids on seats, floors, or handrails, as well as smearing them with



People alight from a public bus in Singapore

food, mud, or grease.

Singapore tightly regulates public spaces with an already extensive list of penalties for littering or smoking in prohibited areas, inspiring its “Fine City” nickname.

The moniker, which can also be a compliment to Singapore’s tidiness, is often seen printed on tourist souvenirs.

Singapore famously banned

chewing gum in 1992 after discarded gum caused metro train delays due to some commuters sticking it on the doors, interfering with the sensors. The new regulations bring buses into line with the Mass Rapid Transit network and aim to create a “safer, more considerate and pleasant public transport environment”, the LTA said.

Pakistan launches deadly strikes on Afghanistan

Taliban authorities report civilian deaths in the strikes



Afghans gather to clear rubble in the aftermath of a Pakistani airstrike in the Nurgal district of Afghanistan's Kunar province

● **Three civilians killed in Patan, Kunar**

● **Pakistan says 28 militants were killed**

AFP | Patan, Kunar, Afghanistan

Pakistani bombardment has killed three civilians in eastern Afghanistan, the Taliban authorities said on Monday, with Islamabad saying its forces had targeted “terrorist hubs” along the border.

AFP journalists saw a house in rubble in the village of Patan, where dozens of men gathered for the funerals of the victims of Pakistan’s first deadly cross-border strikes since June.

Mubin Khan, a farmer who was injured in the latest bom-

bardment, told AFP: “During the night we were targeted... the house got destroyed.”

Khan said three members of his family died.

The Taliban government’s deputy spokesman Hamdullah Fitrat said in a post on X that Nurgal district, where Patan is located, came under attack at around 3:00 am (2230 GMT on Sunday).

The strike “completely destroyed” a house, killing three and wounding four members of the same family, the spokesman said.

Two locations in Paktika province were also bombard- ed, Fitrat said, reporting no casualties.

Pakistan’s Information and Broadcasting Ministry confirmed that forces had struck three locations, saying “terror- ist hubs” along the border were

targeted “based on credible in- telligence”.

The ministry said “28 ter- rorists alongside multiple su- icide bombers” were killed, a figure rejected by the Taliban government, which said it was “not true”.

Taliban government spokes- man Zabihullah Mujahid con- demned the “aggression” and said that “Afghans will give it an appropriate response”.

The strikes follow an attack on a police headquarters in northern Pakistan on Friday that killed at least 31 people including 16 officers.

A local faction, Itte- had-ul-Mujahideen Pakistan, which is linked to the jihadist group Tehreek-i-Taliban Paki- stan (TTP), claimed responsi- bility for the attack in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, which borders Afghanistan.

Poland aims to host 15,000 US soldiers on its territory: minister

AFP | Warsaw, Poland

Poland is seeking to host 15,000 US troops on its ter- ritory, its deputy defence min- ister said yesterday, as Russia’s war in neighbouring Ukraine enters a fifth winter.

“We are speaking about a target number of 15,000 sol- diers,” minister Stanislaw Wziatek told broadcaster RMF FM.

He said this would include about 10,000 soldiers de- ployed on a rotational basis, as well as “3,500 to 5,000” sta- tioned permanently.

US President Donald Trump on Thursday touted “major progress” on establishing a permanent US military base in Poland, even as his admin- istration launched a formal review of its military presence in Europe.

According to the Polish minister, the intended US force would be “built up in stages” by 2039.

Poland currently hosts be- tween 6,500 and 7,000 US troops on a rotational basis, he said.



That is a lower number than in May, when the United States withdrew some of its soldiers from the continent, including from Poland.

Last week, Poland’s Prime Minister Donald Tusk warned of “hybrid” threats from Rus- sia -- including drone and mis- sile strikes-- against Ukraine’s allies.

The NATO and EU member state along the alliance’s east- ern flank has accused Russia of “sabotage” on several oc- casions since Moscow’s full- scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

Poland is currently one of NATO’s highest spenders in relative terms, allocating al- most five percent of its GDP to defence.

Russia takes control of factory owned by US packaging firm

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Moscow on Monday said it took control of a fac- tory belonging to US food and health packaging company Aptar, just days after seizing the Russian assets of Switzer- land’s Nestle and three other French groups.

The announcement came several days after US law- makers approved broad new sanctions on Russia and is the latest move against Western firms as the war in Ukraine drags on.

A Kremlin decree said “Aptar Vladimir” -- a factory based in the city of Vladimir 180 kilometres (110 miles)

east of Moscow that belongs to the US firm -- was given for “temporary management” to a Russian company that used to belong to France’s Danone.

On its website, Aptar says that its Vladimir facility pro- duces packaging components for food, beverages and health products.

Western countries imposed massive sanctions on Rus- sia for its military offensive against Ukraine, which is now in its fifth year.

Last week, Moscow said it had taken control of the Swiss and French groups in Russia because they represented “un- friendly countries” that back Ukraine.

China confirms Xi to visit US this week for Trump talks

AFP | Beijing, China

China’s leader Xi Jinping will visit the United States this week for talks with Pres- ident Donald Trump, Beijing confirmed Monday, express- ing hope they will strengthen “strategic stability” between the world’s two largest econ- omies.

Washington had already made clear that the leaders would meet in a bid to find common ground on trade dis- putes, artificial intelligence and broader strategic issues including Trump’s war in the Middle East.

Xi will make a state vis- it to the United States from Wednesday to Friday, a gov- ernment statement said.

Foreign ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun said the two lead- ers would “have an in-depth exchange of views on major issues concerning China-US relations and world peace and development”.



Beijing would “work with the US to enrich the sub- stance of the relationship of constructive strategic stability between China and the US... (and) properly manage differ- ences”, he added.

Trump will personally wel- come Xi at Joint Base Andrews on Wednesday before their meetings the following day, a US official confirmed. The US leader was greeted by China’s vice president when he landed in Beijing for his state visit in May.