

Concordat of Worms agreed between Pope Calixtus II and Holy Roman Emperor Henry V

Fall of Tripolitsa, Greek forces massacre 30,000 Turks during Greek War of Independence

American Herman Hollerith patents his mechanical tabulating machine, the beginning of data processing



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches "Modicare", free healthcare for 500 million, world's biggest healthcare program

Up in fighting as missile attacks keep hitting Ukraine

Free market in Melitopol on the eve of "referendums" that could see four Ukrainian annexed by Russia



100 prisoners of war are seen arriving, following successful mediation efforts by Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, from Russia to King Khalid International Airport, in Riyadh

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Among the freed fighters were Ukrainian defenders of a steel plant in Mariupol during a long Russian siege, along with 10 foreigners, including five British citizens and two US military veterans, who had fought with Ukrainian forces. Some of those freed had faced death sentences in Russian-occupied areas.

Russia defends war in Ukraine as US, others call for accountability at UN



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addresses the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly

AP | Kyiv

World leaders at the United Nations yesterday called for Moscow to be held accountable for human rights violations in Ukraine as Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov defended Moscow's war and accused its neighbor of committing atrocities.

Addressing a meeting of the UN Security Council on atrocities committed in Ukraine since Russia's Feb. 24 invasion, Lavrov accused Ukraine of creating threats against Russian security and "brazenly trampling" the rights of Russians and Russian-speakers in Ukraine.

"I can assure you that we will never accept this," said Lav-

rov, who came to the council chamber to speak and then left. "Everything I've said today simply confirms that the decision to conduct the special military operation was inevitable."

He said countries supplying weapons to Ukraine and training its soldiers were parties to the conflict, adding that "the intentional fomenting of this conflict by the collective West remained unpunished."

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken pledged that Washington would continue to support Ukraine to defend itself.

"The very international order we've gathered here to uphold is being shredded before our eyes. We can't let President Putin get away with it," Blinken told the council.

Saudi mission on SpaceX capsule to include first female Arab astronaut



General view of a SpaceX Starship prototype

Reuters | Paris

Saudi Arabia's mission to the International Space Station next year aboard a SpaceX capsule will include a woman who would become the world's first female Arab astronaut, according to Axiom Space, the U.S. company arranging the mission for the kingdom.

Neither Axiom nor the Saudi government provided the name for the female astronaut, who will be accompanied by another Saudi and two Americans as part of Axiom's second private mission to the space station, slated for early 2023.

A US official familiar with the mission said the Ax-2 passengers have yet to receive approval from a NASA-chaired panel of the space station's international partners. Astronauts' identities are not usually confirmed publicly until that panel provides approval.

Reuters first reported Axiom's deal with Saudi Arabia on Wednesday, and that the mission is slated for early 2023 under a deal signed earlier this year.



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How much more climate havoc do we have to witness? We have 45 days to #COP27. Today at #UNGA I urged world leaders to have the courage to back the decisive #ClimateAction the world needs - on mitigation, finance, adaptation, and loss & damage.
@antoniogetterres

02



The new @WHO report shows how governments can #BeatNCDs and risk factors with cost-effective interventions that every country, no matter its income level, can and should be using and benefiting from - saving lives and saving money.
@DrTedros

03



Had a cordial conversation with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin #Salman. Thanked for facilitation in the release of foreign citizens, involvement in mediation and the leading role of Saudi Arabia in the region. We discussed Ukraine's energy security, post-war recovery and joint investment projects
@ZelenskyyUa

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Hugely welcome news that five British nationals held by Russian-backed proxies in eastern Ukraine are being safely returned, ending months of uncertainty and suffering for them and their families.
@trusslitz

Cambridge says it gained from slave trade



General view shows the University of Cambridge



It is not in our gift to right historic wrongs, but we can begin by acknowledging them

VICE-CHANCELLOR STEPHEN TOOPE

which was produced by a group of Cambridge academics.

"Such financial involvement both helped to facilitate the slave trade and brought very significant financial benefits to Cambridge," the Legacies of Enslavement report said.

It also said that while notable abolitionists such as William Wilberforce were educated at Cambridge and developed their campaigns there, their full legacy needed to be examined further, while prominent members of the university also defended the intellectual underpinnings of the slave trade.

Strong night time earthquake jolts sleeping Mexicans, at least one death reported

Reuters | Mexico City

A magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck western Mexico early yesterday, claiming the life of a woman in Mexico City who fell and hit her head as residents evacuated their homes during the country's second major temblor this week.

The Mexico City government said the woman stumbled on the stairs of her home in the city's central Doctores neigh-



People wait outside their homes after a tremor was felt in Mexico City

bourhood as quake alarms rang out and buildings began to shake.

The city also reported that a man in the south of the capital suffered a fatal heart attack after the quake.

Elsewhere around the country, there were no immediate reports of serious damage, authorities said.

The quake, which the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) first measured at magnitude 7.0, was weaker and deeper than Monday's temblor, striking at

a depth of 20.7 km (12.9 miles).

In Mexico City's Roma Sur neighbourhood alarmed residents ran outdoors in night dresses and pajamas, some wrapped only in blankets. Neighbours comforted each other, holding crying children and pets, as the quake alarm sounded four times.

The epicenter of yesterday's earthquake, which struck at around 1.16 a.m. local time (0616 GMT), was logged in the state of Michoacan, not far from Monday's temblor.

Monday's more powerful quake was the third major earthquake to strike on Sept. 19 — in 1985, 2017 and now 2022. The 2017 and 2022 Sept. 19 quakes came very shortly after the annual earthquake drill conducted every Sept. 19 to commemorate the devastating 1985 temblor that killed some 9,500 people

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