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Manuel I Komnenos, last Emperor of the Komnenian restoration dies. The Byzantine Empire slips into terminal decline



1786

US Federal Judiciary Act passes, creating a six-person Supreme Court

1869

Black Friday; Wall St panic after Gould & Fisk attempt to corner gold

1950

Operation Magic Carpet concludes after having transported 45,000 Yemenite Jews to Israel

oy to Haiti resigns, migrant deportations

His resignation letter that Haiti 'has collapsed' and cannot provide for refugees



US Customs and Border Protection mounted officers attempt to contain migrants as they cross the Rio Grande from Ciudad Acuña, Mexico

idental assassination, gang violence and a major earthquake.

Filippo Grandi, the head of the U.N refugee agency, warned that this week the US expulsions to Haiti might violate international law.

Foote submitted his resignation to Blinken on Wednesday, a State Department spokesperson said, adding that Washington was committed to the long-term well being of Haiti, as well as offering immediate help to returning migrants.

The resignation follows growing pressure on the administration of US President Joe Biden from the United Nations and his fellow Democrats over the treatment of Haitians in a sprawling impromptu migrant camp in Texas near the Mexican border.

Biden's handling of what Republicans portray as a crisis at the

border - including record numbers of migrant detentions this year - has led to growing disillusionment from advocates who hoped for an end to deterrent measures brought in by his predecessor Donald Trump. read more

Foote's decision to leave was interpreted and welcomed by rights groups as a stern criticism of the administration's immigration strategy.

"A big bold move. And a big deal," said William O'Neill, a lawyer specializing in humanitarian, human rights and refugee law. "He will be missed."

Mexican pressure

As many as 14,000 people gathered in the camp in Del Rio, Texas last week. The population is now reduced to less than half by expulsion flights and detentions. Other

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DANIEL FOOTE

ers have left the dusty riverbank on the Rio Grande for Mexico to avoid being sent home.

Wade McMullen, an attorney with the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights organization, said several hundred people, mostly pregnant women and parents with children, had been released in Del Rio, Texas, over the past several days.

Images of US border guards on horseback using long reins to whip at Black migrants at the weekend caused outrage within the White House and from rights groups.

On the Mexican side of the river early yesterday, close to 20 police patrol cars lined the bank, overlooking the area where hundreds of Haitian migrants in recent days have crossed back and forth.

Migrants said they were awoken at 6 a.m. by the cars driving through the camp that has sprung up alongside the river, and fearful of being detained, some migrants chose to take their things and cross back to the US side again.

Snubbed Australia to be 'patient' in fixing France ties



French President Emmanuel Macron greets Australia's Prime Minister Scott Morrison at the Elysee Palace in Paris (file photo)

AFP | Washington

Australia's leader said he is being given the cold shoulder by French President Emmanuel Macron after the controversial scrapping of a submarine deal, but vowed to be "patient" in repairing frayed relations.

Speaking in Washington late Wednesday, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said he had tried to reach the French leader but the call had "not yet" happened.

"But we'll be patient. We understand their disappointment," Morrison said.

It is a week since Australia without warning tore up a long-standing Aus\$90 billion (USD\$66bn) deal to buy a dozen French submarines.

Australia simultaneously announced plans to acquire at least eight US or British nuclear-powered vessels after months of secret talks, sparking fury in Paris.

France in retaliation cancelled a cocktail party to mark US-French ties, recalled its ambassadors to Washington and Canberra and accused both countries of backstabbing and lies.

While US President Joe Bid-

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en and Macron have moved to patch up their differences in a 30-minute phone call, which the White House described on Wednesday as "friendly", there has been no such effort made with Morrison.

France plans to return its ambassador to Washington next week, but there is no announcement yet on the return of the French ambassador to Canberra.

"Australia decided not to proceed with a very significant defence contract. And understandably, we know that France is disappointed about that," Morrison said.

"I think those issues will take further time to work through than the ones that were being dealt with between the United States and France."



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A green economy does not have to be a poor economy. As we approach @COP26 we have a chance to save ourselves from the threat of climate change, and also to make investments that will create more jobs, growth and opportunities in the future. #UNGA @BorisJohnson

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The effects of climate change are particularly profound when they overlap with fragility & conflict. We simply cannot achieve lasting peace & security without investments in resilience & adaptation. @antonioGuterres

03



It's urgent to continue support for health services for millions of Afghans, esp. at a time when they're most vulnerable. @WHO calls on intl. donors to rapidly re-commit to finance the Sehatmandi project, which covers 2300 health facilities, as they've done for almost 2 decades. @DrTedros

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It's simple: The wealthy don't need another tax break, the middle class does. That's why we're going to ensure the wealthy and large corporations pay their fair share and then use that money to give one of the largest middle class tax breaks in history. @POTUS

ers find bodies in Peru



bundles containing the remains of

any whose workers made the discovery, told AFP.

The eight had lived in the ancient town of Chilca some 10 kilometers (37 miles) south of Lima. Some had been buried with shells on their heads, and in bags in which coca leaves, additionally chewed as a stimulant, are kept.

"It is an important find that gives us more information about the pre-Hispanic history of Chilca," said the researcher. Workers of the same company found another 30 ancient bodies in Chilca in 2018.

UN head says world must change food priorities to save planet

AFP | New York

United Nations chief Antonio Guterres urged nations to revamp their food priorities yesterday, saying the world needed food systems that safeguard the environment.

"The war on our planet must end and food systems can help us build that peace," the Secretary-General told a UN summit in New York.

Guterres said food systems "can and must play a leading role" in meeting the UN's sustainable development goals by 2030.

The goals include ending poverty, protecting ecosystems and ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns that limit waste.

Guterres told delegates of the food systems summit, taking place on the sidelines of the high-level meeting of the UN General Assembly, that the world needed "nature-based solutions."

He noted that food systems currently generate one-third of all greenhouse gas emissions.

"It is possible to feed a growing global population while also safeguarding our environment," he said.



United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres speaks at a High-level meeting during the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly

"It takes sustainable consumption and production methods and nature-based solutions. It takes the smart, sustainable management of natural resources -- from farms to fisheries," Guterres added.

The United States heeded Guterres's call, announcing it would invest more than \$10 billion over several years to promote a transformation of food systems.

The world's top diplomat said

the international community was "waging a war against nature -- and reaping the bitter harvest."

He cited "ruined crops, dwindling incomes and failing food systems."

Guterres added that the world needs to "ramp up" emergency food and nutrition systems in areas affected by conflict or climate emergencies and invest in early-warning famine prevention systems.

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Guterres noted that three billion people cannot afford a healthy diet. He added that two billion are overweight or obese, with 462 million underweight.

He reminded delegates that nearly one-third of all food that is produced is lost or wasted and said changing food systems can drive the post-pandemic global recovery.

Guterres called on governments and businesses to work together to increase access to healthy diets, lamenting that nutritious food is "often too costly or inaccessible."

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