

Theodosius I makes his adventus, or first formal entry, into Constantinople

Dutch explorer Abel Tasman is the first European to discover Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania)



English naturalist Charles Darwin publishes "On the Origin of Species," radically changing the view of evolution and laying the foundation for evolutionary biology

UN troops begin an assault intending to end the Korean War by Christmas



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Had a very good meeting with Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. The India-Italy Strategic Partnership is growing from strength to strength, greatly benefiting the people of our nations.

@narendramodi

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We need peace in Gaza: By upholding the ceasefire & fully implementing the commitments of the peace agreement. And by establishing a credible political path towards ending the occupation & leading to a two-state solution that enables Israelis & Palestinians to live in peace & security.

@antoniogeterres

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Together with our European and G7 partners, we welcome the United States' efforts to bring peace to Ukraine. It shows one thing: everyone wants peace — except Russia, which continues to stubbornly bomb Ukraine.

@EmmanuelMacron

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The Ukrainian delegation is working in Geneva today, focused on finding doable solutions to end the war, restore peace, and guarantee lasting security.

@ZelenskyyUa

Trump blasts Ukraine for 'zero gratitude'

Top US, Ukrainian representatives met in Geneva for talks

AFF | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump yesterday accused Ukraine again of lacking "gratitude" for Washington's support against Russia's invasion, as top US and Ukrainian representatives met in Geneva for talks on a proposal to halt the war.

"UKRAINE 'LEADERSHIP' HAS EXPRESSED ZERO GRATITUDE FOR OUR EFFORTS," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform, while also re-airing frustration at the war's "HUMAN CATASTROPHE" and attacking his predecessor Joe Biden, but offering no direct condemnation of Moscow.

Trump's blast at Ukraine and the US allies reflected the Republican's annoyance over the war, which began when Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, seizing and destroying swaths of territory.

Trump claimed in his presidential campaign last year that he would

Ukraine says new draft of US plan reflects Kyiv's 'key priorities'

AFF | Kyiv, Ukraine

The latest version of the US draft plan for ending war in Ukraine now includes most of Kyiv's "key priorities", its negotiator said yesterday, after holding a few rounds of talks in Geneva.

"The current version of the document, although still in the final stages of approval, already reflects most of Ukraine's key priorities," negotiator Rustem Umerov said, adding: "We look forward to further progress throughout the day."

brokered a peace within 24 hours.

However, his sporadic diplomatic efforts have made little ground and he faces fierce criticism from within his own party for a new 28-point plan being discussed in Geneva that would deliver several of Russia's key war aims.

While Trump has previously said he is disappointed in Putin, he rarely criticizes

the Kremlin leader directly or condemns the invasion, instead pressuring Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

In yesterday's social media post, he criticized European countries that he said continued to buy oil from Russia and called Biden "crooked Joe" for giving Ukraine weapons "free, free, free."

The only mention of Putin in the lengthy post was to claim that the Russian president thought "Now is my chance!" to invade Ukraine only because "Sleepy Joe" Biden was in office.

Zelensky has repeatedly expressed thanks for the huge US military support to Ukraine, which continues to battle the occupying Russian forces across a front hundreds of miles long.

Turkey's Erdogan says will speak with Putin

Johannesburg, South Africa

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said yesterday he would speak with Russia's Vladimir Putin Monday, just days after the US unveiled a controversial plan to end the Ukraine war.

"Tomorrow I will have a phone call with Mr. Putin," he told a news conference at the G20 in South Africa, following pushback from Kyiv and its allies over the draft plan which accepts some of Russia's

hardline demands. US President Donald Trump has given Ukraine until November 27 to approve the plan to end the nearly four-year conflict.

Erdogan said Turkey would leave no stone unturned to try and broker an end to the conflict.

"So many people have died; I will discuss with (Putin) what steps we can take to stop these deaths. After these discussions, I believe I will have the opportunity to discuss the outcome with our European partners,

Mr. Trump, and other friends," he said.

On November 19, Erdogan hosted Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelensky in Ankara for talks in which he urged both sides to return to the negotiating table in Istanbul where they had held three rounds of negotiations earlier this year.

Zelensky had said he was heading to Ankara to try and revive US involvement in diplomatic efforts to end the Russian invasion, saying he wanted to revive the frozen peace talks.

Fantasia



Libyan men in traditional costumes ride horses during a Fantasia show in the coastal city of Zliten

G20 grapples with splintering world order

Johannesburg, South Africa

G20 leaders wrapping up a summit in South Africa on Sunday hailed multilateralism -- even as they struggled to adapt to a changing world order beset by go-it-alone US policies, wars and deepening geopolitical rivalries.

"Too many countries are retreating into geopolitical blocs or the battlegrounds of protectionism," Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney told reporters.

He added: "We are not experiencing a transition, but a rupture."

He and the other leaders at the summit -- which was boycotted by the United States -- held a searching discussion on how the G20 can survive in a fragmenting world.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa said, just before bringing the gavel down on the summit, that the meeting took place "at a crucial time, as calls around the world grow louder for progress on the imperatives of our time".

Despite challenges to international cooperation, Ramaphosa said a joint declaration by G20 leaders issued early in the meeting "reaffirms our renewed commitment to multilateral cooperation and our recognition that our shared goals outweigh our differences".

Dozens of leaders from key

economies around the world -- including Europe, China, India, Japan, Turkey, Brazil and Australia -- attended the summit, the first to be held in Africa.

In their G20 statement, they said their meeting was held "against the backdrop of rising geopolitical and geo-economic competition and instability, heightened conflicts and wars, deepening inequality, increasing global economic uncertainty and fragmentation".

French President Emmanuel Macron on Saturday warned that "the G20 may be coming to the end of a cycle".

Noting difficulties in finding a common stance on conflicts around the world, he argued it should refocus just on strategic economic issues going forward.



The G20 -- comprising 19 nations plus the European Union and the African Union -- was founded in the wake of the 1997-1998 Asian financial crisis, and its original mission was to boost global economic and financial stability.

Six airlines cancel Venezuela flights after US warning



LATAM airline planes are pictured on the tarmac at El Dorado International Airport in Bogota

AFF | Caracas, Venezuela

Six airlines cancelled flights to Venezuela on Saturday, an industry group said, after the US aviation regulator warned of dangers from "heightened military activity" amid a major buildup of American forces in the region.

Spain's Iberia, Portugal's TAP, Chile's LATAM, Colombia's Avianca, Brazil's GOL and Trinidad and Tobago's Caribbean have suspended their flights to the country, said Marisela de Loaiza, president of the Venezuelan Airlines Association (ALAV).

She did not specify how long the flight suspensions would last. Panama's Copa Airlines, Spain's Air Europa and PlusUltra, Turkish Airlines, and Venezuela's LASER are continuing to operate flights for now.

The US Federal Aviation Administration on Friday urged

civilian aircraft in Venezuelan airspace to "exercise caution" due to the "worsening security situation and heightened military activity in or around Venezuela."

"Threats could pose a potential risk to aircraft at all altitudes, including during overflight, the arrival and departure phases of flight, and/or airports and aircraft on the ground," it said.

Washington has sent an aircraft carrier strike group, other Navy warships as well as stealth aircraft to the region -- deployments it says are aimed at curbing drug trafficking but which have sparked fears in Caracas that regime change is the goal. A US terrorism designation takes effect Monday for a drug cartel allegedly headed by leftist Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro -- a move that some believe could presage military action against his government.

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