

1580

Francis Drake completes his circumnavigation of the world, sailing into Plymouth, England aboard the Golden Hind

1687

The Acropolis in Athens is attacked by the Venetian army in an attempt to expel the Turks, damaging the Parthenon

1688

City council of Amsterdam votes to support Prince William of Orange's invasion of England, known as "The Glorious Revolution" in the Netherlands



1901

United Kingdom annexes the Ashanti Kingdom and places it under the governor of the Gold Coast (Ghana)

Trump shows Xi US founding documents



US President Donald Trump, China's President Xi Jinping, China's First Lady Peng Liyuan and US First Lady Melania Trump visit the National Archives, accompanied by Bradford Wilson (R), Archivist of the United States, in Washington

● Trump tours archives with Xi

● Xi praises strategic stability

AFP | Washington

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On the final day of his trip,

Trump and his wife Melania brought Xi and his wife Peng Liyuan to the National Archives in Washington, where the presidential couples viewed the Declaration of Independence.

The United States this year celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the historic declaration, which set out the path for American independence from the "tyrant" British king.

Beneath the rotunda, Trump also showed China's authoritarian president the US constitution, the document that set out the principles of US democratic government two and a half centuries ago.

"We're just comparing how this goes 250 years, theirs goes 6,000 years," Trump told reporters, referring to China's ancient roots, as he stood alongside Xi, chairman of the

Chinese Communist Party, which has been in power since 1949.

"We're very proud of our 250." Xi then headed for the airport to return to Beijing.

The two leaders hailed what they said was progress in managing relations between the rival superpowers, following their third meeting since Trump's return to power.

Xi said his Washington trip had added "new substance" to his summit with Trump in Beijing in May, saying they had agreed to "strategic stability on the basis of respect, fairness, and reciprocity."

The Chinese leader also floated two more meetings with Trump this year, at the APEC meeting in Shenzhen, China in November and then the G20 summit at Trump's Doral resort in Miami in December.

Bahrain Must Innovate To Secure Environment



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Environmental degradation is the unfortunate outcome of climate change that every nation is grappling with. Bahrain is no exception. Be it spiralling temperatures, worsening marine life conditions, ground water table depletion and drop in ambient air quality, Bahrain is combating the consequences of worsening environment in every aspect. Given these conditions it is essential for the nation to draw up a resilient environment strategy that is capable of logging early successes by targeting the environmental well-being of critical aspects such as marine life, water resources security, agri-sector and clean energy. But rapid success is not possible unless cutting edge technology and innovation are deployed.

Marine life resilience and the protection of its biodiversity is critical for Bahrain. The degradation of the same can bring many more challenges for the nation. To prevent this from happening, Bahrain must first focus on rebuilding the coral reefs as they can help regenerate lost biodiversity of marine life. In this regard, implementing Biorock Technology that uses low-voltage electrical currents to accelerate the growth of limestone on steel structures can be of immense help. This can rapidly restore damaged coral reefs and boost marine biodiversity in the Arabian Gulf. Similarly, autonomous trash skimmers that are solar-powered coupled with AI-driven marine drones can autonomously patrol marinas and coastlines to scoop up plastic waste and biomass before it drifts into deep waters. This reduce the pollution load on marine ecosystems resulting in marine life recovery.

For arid and nation such as Bahrain, water is extremely precious and there is an urgent need to bolster the ground water table besides protecting the natural aquifers both in terms of water quality and quantity. A robust water resource scenario would also naturally mean a healthy agri-sector. But given the harsh climate conditions, Bahrain must rely on innovations such as adoption of advanced hydrogels for agriculture. Hydrogels are able to retain water up to 400 times its weight. This significantly slashes irrigation needs in desert terrains and increases agri-productivity without further burdening water resources. The aquifer-alternative strategy too needs to be evolved so that the aquifers are released from excess stress from catering to agri-sector needs. To ensure this, Seawater-Cooled Greenhouse Systems can be utilised wherein integrated systems pump deep, cool seawater to regulate greenhouse temperatures and provide freshwater via condensation. This can enable year-round vegetable production without depleting groundwater resources.

Adding urban sustainability and clean energy to the strategy mix can pay off handsome environmental dividends for Bahrain. In this regard, Bahrain can focus on mainstreaming and large scale implementation of algae-powered building facades. This innovation integrates bio-reactive architecture, such as the algae-filled glass louvers to convert sunlight and carbon dioxide into biomass and heat, providing natural insulation and renewable energy for skyscrapers. Currently available in some buildings in Bahrain, this concept when scaled up can change the narrative of clean energy. Add to this the installation of smart tiles in high-foot-traffic areas can help generate off-grid electricity directly from pedestrian footsteps to power local street lighting.

Bahrain must embark on innovation for ecological conservation.

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Daytime Russian attacks kill five in Kyiv

AFP | Kyiv

Russian daytime strikes on Kyiv killed five people yesterday, local authorities said, the latest in a wave of intensifying attacks on the war-torn capital.

Kyiv has faced increasing drone and missiles strikes in recent months, prompting renewed calls for air defence systems, including for advanced Patriot air defence systems that Ukraine hopes to produce with US licences.

New explosions rang out in the capital in the early afternoon, sending some people running for shelter, while others walked by without reacting, an AFP journalist saw.

Shortly after, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said four people had been found dead.

This followed an earlier attack, which killed a 14-year-old boy, in what Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky called "an absolutely savage and sickening strike, devoid of any military logic".

Crowds cheer pope in Paris after AI 'paradise of machines' warning

AFP | Paris

Enthused believers hailed Pope Leo XIV as he waved to the crowds from a popemobile in the French capital yesterday, after speeches calling for peace and warning against losing humanity in an AI-driven "paradise of machines".

Balconies and sidewalks were decked out in the Vatican's yellow-and-white colours as the pope made his slow journey to the Notre Dame cathedral in the centre of Paris.

People rushed forward to kiss the hand of the first US pontiff before he entered the cathedral to organ music, on the first official papal visit to the European nation in 18 years.

"There he is, he's here!" one person cried as the popemobile passed by on Pope Leo's first major public appearance in the capital, under a clear blue sky.

"Look, it's the Pope, this is crazy," said another.

David Charton, 53, said he had arrived at 6 am to find a good spot after travelling all the way from Mulhouse, near the border with Switzerland and Germany.

"I'm a believer, and it's our duty to welcome the head of the



France's President Emmanuel Macron (L) and Pope Leo XIV meet with authorities, members of civil society and the diplomatic corps following their meeting at the Elysee Presidential Palace, in Paris

Church," said the factory worker.

Monique Barusseaud, 83, was waiting with a foldable stool.

"Today, at last, I will see the pope," said the retiree from the southwestern city of La Rochelle.

Leo is the first pope to inspect renovations at the Notre Dame Cathedral following a devastat-

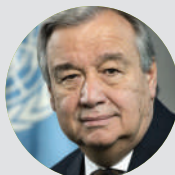
ing 2019 fire.

His predecessor Pope Francis -- who visited France three times, but never officially -- did not attend the Gothic masterpiece's reopening in late 2024, when then president-elect Donald Trump and billionaire Elon Musk were among the guests.



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The @UN exists because power requires rules & humanity needs a place where power answers to principle. The world does not need a weaker UN. The world needs a UN strong enough to face the world as it is – and determined enough to build the world as it should be.

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Walk. Talk. Listen. Repeat. Another day of health diplomacy in motion at #UNGA.

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Our human magnificence is not simply that we built AI. It is whether we are wise enough to decide how to use it. Whatever AI becomes, the measure of progress must still be what it makes possible for humankind and our planet. Amidst #UNGA, we brought our AI & Human Development journey and harvest to New York. Tomorrow, we take it back across the world to seed the outcomes so we keep the promise of the SDGs.

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75 years ago the world came together to make a promise: to protect those forced to flee. At #UNGA the world came together again to reaffirm that promise.

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