

1679

Habeas Corpus Act passes in England, strengthening a person's right to challenge unlawful arrest and imprisonment

1703

Saint Petersburg (Leningrad) is founded by Russian Tsar Peter the Great



1873

Heinrich Schliemann discovers "Priam's Treasure" a cache of gold and other objects in Hisarlik (Troy) in Anatolia

1905

Japanese fleet destroys the Russian Baltic Fleet in the Battle of Tsushima, the only decisive clash between modern steel battleships in history.

Trump to meet cabinet at Camp David on Iran

Agencies

President Trump will hold a Cabinet meeting at Camp David today, a White House official and sources familiar with the matter confirmed to CBS News.

All Cabinet members, including outgoing Director of Na-

tional Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard, who leaves her post on June 30, are expected to attend, a White House official told CBS News.

The official said they will discuss "recent successes of the administration including economy and small business wins, Task Force to Eliminate

Fraud highlights, and foreign policy updates."

Official noted the meeting location at Camp David is contingent on the weather - Mr. Trump usually travels to Camp David by Marine One, but if the weather is bad they could scrap the trip and change the location.

Above \$100



Oil rose back above \$100 a barrel yesterday, after fresh US strikes on Iran dashed hopes of a Middle East breakthrough, with experts saying that whatever the outcome of peace talks, the global energy market may now be past the "point of no return".

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Rubio sees deal despite Iran attack

Iran media says negotiators seek \$24bn asset release in US deal

AFP | Tehran, Iran

An attack targeting Iranian missile sites and mine-laying boats spiked tensions and threatened a deal to end the war, despite Secretary of State Marco Rubio claiming that an agreement remained within reach.

Iran accused the United States of breaching their ceasefire yesterday and warned it was ready to retaliate after overnight US strikes targeting Iranian missile sites and mine-laying boats threatened a deal to end the war.

According to the maritime safety monitor UKMTO, a blast damaged a tanker on the waterline off Oman -- although the crew and vessel were reportedly safe after what was described as an "external explosion".

Iranian state media reported overnight blasts in the southern port city of Bandar Abbas, near the Strait of Hormuz, and the country's Revolutionary

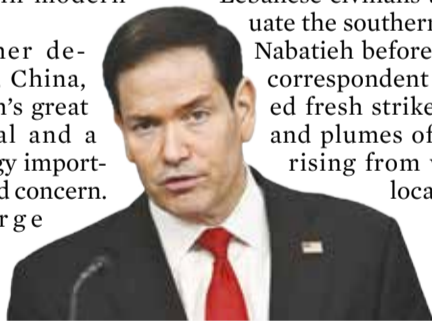


Internet restored

In better news for Iranians, internet connectivity saw a "partial restoration" after nearly three months of blackout, monitor NetBlocks said on Tuesday, calling it the "longest nationwide internet shutdown in modern history".

In another development, China, Washington's great power rival and a major energy importer, expressed concern.

"We urge the parties concerned



to fulfil their ceasefire commitments, resolve disputes through peaceful means... and promote the early restoration of peace," foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning told reporters.

On Tuesday, Israel warned Lebanese civilians to evacuate the southern city of Nabatieh before an AFP correspondent reported fresh strikes there and plumes of smoke rising from various locations.

Guards Corps said its forces had downed a US drone entering its airspace and had fired at an F-35 fighter jet.

Tim Hawkins, a spokesman for US Central Command, said: "US forces conducted self-defence strikes in southern Iran today to protect our troops from threats posed by Iranian forces."

He gave few details of the attacks and said only that the targets included missile launch sites and boats trying to "emplace mines."

"There were some talks going on in Qatar today, so we'll see if we can make progress. I think

it's a lot of talking back and forth going on about specific language in the initial document, so it'll take a few days," Rubio told reporters, during a visit to India.

He said the strait was "going to be open one way or the other," adding: "What's happening there is unlawful, it's illegal, it's unsustainable for the world, it's unacceptable."

Tasnim news agency said Tehran's negotiators are seeking the release of frozen assets, with half to be made available once an initial memorandum of understanding is signed.

"Iran's frozen assets are to be released during the course of the negotiations, and this amount is estimated at \$24 billion in accordance with the 14-point memorandum of understanding," Tasnim said.



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TWEETS

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I strongly condemn the explosion targeting a train in Pakistan. Terrorism in all its forms is unacceptable. The perpetrators must be identified & brought to justice. The @UN stands in solidarity with the people & the Government of Pakistan.

@antonioguterres

02



Delighted to receive Mr. Toshimitsu Motegi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan. Reaffirmed the vital role of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership in advancing peace, stability and prosperity across the Indo-Pacific and beyond.

@narendramodi

03



I want to praise the resilience of the Baltic people. You have responded with calm and responsibility. And with a clear message to Russia: You will fail.

@vonderleyen

04



Our independence is built through our electricity. In Belfort, in 2022, I set the course: gradually phasing out fossil fuels through decarbonized electricity produced in France. To achieve this, the entire French electrification team is mobilizing. It's very concrete.

@EmmanuelMacron

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BY-INVITATION

Dan Brown's New Book and Neurotech



JOEL INDRUPATI

What is Noetic Science? Neurotechnology? Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCI)?

We may not get full answers to these questions. But, in Dan Brown's latest book, 'Secret of Secrets,' there is enough information to pique our interest.

Released simultaneously in 16 languages, in September 2025, it started at the No. 1 position on the New York Times Best Sellers list and stayed there for over 17 consecutive weeks.

Such is the popularity of Dan Brown that his novels now number an astounding 250 million copies in print, in 56 languages.

And such was the growing anticipation of his readers, for this new book - as he hadn't written one for eight years - that it sold at astonishing speed. It was pre-ordered three months in advance, and flew off the bookstore shelves.

I had not pre-ordered it, and was upset that none of the bookshops in Bahrain had had it during September. My daughter sent a copy from India, through a friend.

"The hallmarks of Dan's books -- codes, art, history, religion, and cutting-edge science - are on full display alongside a propulsive plot," said Nihar Malaviya, CEO of publisher Penguin Random House (PRH) Global, at its launch. And, now that I've read it, I fully agree with him.

But, "there's nothing in Brown's new novel to rival the century-spanning Eurocentric conspiracy in The Da Vinci Code," says Laura Miller's review in the online magazine, Slate. And I agree with her, too.

Yes, I was a tad disappointed, like perhaps many other fans, because it did not live up to our expectations. In a way, he must be blamed. His tight plots with sudden twists used to keep us on tenterhooks. And we cannot expect anything less.

So, why am I not giving five stars? Simple. It feels less like a Robert Langdon thriller and more like a TED Talk in disguise. There's less mystery, less Langdon, and a lot more science, technology, and brainy conversations. At times, it reads more like a "Web of Science" article than a fast-paced fiction novel.

We know that Dan Brown's grip on new-age tech is just as good as it's on art and culture, and history and literature. In this book, he shows us that the blending of human consciousness and future-tech is imminent.

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Britain's King Charles III looks at equipment as he visits a conservation initiative to humanely control grey squirrel numbers, at the Animal and Plant Health Agency, in Sand Hutton, North Yorkshire, north-east England