

Pope Urban II preaches the west to wrestle control of the Holy land from the Seljuk Turks at the Council of Clermont, triggering the First Crusade

English King Edward I calls what later became known as "The Model Parliament" extending the authorities of its representatives

Portuguese Royal Family and its court of nearly 15,000 people leave Lisbon for their colony of Brazil to escape invading Napoleonic troops



Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel's will establishes the Nobel Prize

island of Ischia, missing



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Ischia is a volcanic island that draws visitors to its thermal baths and picturesque hilly coastline. It is densely populated and statistics show it has a large number of houses that were built illegally, putting inhabitants at permanent risk from flooding and earthquakes

teo Salvini said earlier during an event in Milan that not people had been killed. Twenty firefighters are working on the island, which is some 30 km (19 miles) from Naples, to rescue residents from damaged buildings and search for missing persons. Italy's fire brigade said on Twitter.

Covid protests break out in China after deadly fire

Protesters in Xinjiang blame restrictions for death toll of 10 in apartment block fire

Witnesses claim emergency response to the blaze was hampered due to Covid curbs

Reuters | Beijing

Public anger in China towards widening COVID-19 lockdowns across the country erupted into rare protests in China's far western Xinjiang region and the country's capital of Beijing, as nationwide infections set another record.

Crowds took to the streets on Friday night in Xinjiang's capital of Urumqi, chanting "End the lockdown!" and pumping their fists in the air, after a deadly fire on Thursday triggered anger over their prolonged COVID-19 lockdown according to videos circulated on Chinese social media on Friday night.

Videos showed people in a plaza singing China's national anthem with its lyric, "Rise up, those who refuse to be slaves!" while others shouted that they wanted



A screengrab from a video shows protests against coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak measures in Urumqi city, Xinjiang Uygur, China

to be released from lockdowns.

Reuters verified that the footage was published from Urumqi, where many of its 4 million residents have been under some of the country's longest lockdowns, barred from leaving their homes for as long as 100 days.

In the capital of Beijing 2,700 km (1,678 miles) away, some residents under lockdown staged small-scale protests or confronted their local officials over movement restrictions placed on them,

with some successfully pressuring them into lifting them ahead of a schedule.

A crucial spark for the public anger was a fire in a high-rise building in Urumqi that killed 10 on Thursday night, whose case went viral on social media as many internet users surmised that residents could not escape in time because the building was partially locked down.

Urumqi officials abruptly held a news conference in the early

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By yesterday evening, at least ten other compounds lifted lockdown before the announced end-date after residents complained

hours of yesterday to deny COVID measures had hampered escape and rescue, but internet users continued to question the official narrative.

"The Urumqi fire got everyone in the country upset," said Sean Li, a resident in Beijing.

A planned lockdown for his compound "Berlin Aiyue" was called off on Friday after residents protested to their local leader and convinced him to cancel it, negotiations that were captured by a video posted on social media.

Capsule enters far-flung orbit around moon



This screengrab from NASA TV shows NASA's Orion capsule nearing the moon (metres) in a few days. That will set a new distance record for a capsule designed to carry people one day.

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JIM GEFFRE, AN ORION MANAGER

explored."

NASA considers this a dress rehearsal for the next moon flyby in 2024, with astronauts. A lunar landing by astronauts could follow as soon as 2025. Astronauts last visited the moon 50 years ago during Apollo 17.

Soviet-era famine as Russia's war rages on



Children place ears of wheat as they visit a monument to Holodomor victims with hunger, now - with darkness and cold." President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote on

his Telegram channel. "We cannot be broken."

In November 1932, Soviet leader Stalin dispatched police to seize all grain and livestock from newly collectivised Ukrainian farms, including the seed needed to plant the next crop.

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"The Russians will pay for all of the victims of the Holodomor and answer for today's crimes," Andriy Yermak, the head of Ukraine's presidential administration, wrote on Telegram.

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Elon Musk says Twitter's ban on Trump after Capitol attack was 'grave mistake'

Reuters | Washington

Twitter's ban on then President Donald Trump after the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol by his supporters was a "grave mistake" that had to be corrected, Chief Executive Elon Musk said, although he also stated that incitement to violence would continue to be prohibited on Twitter.

"I'm fine with Trump not tweeting. The important thing is that Twitter correct a grave mistake in banning his account, despite no violation of the law or terms of service," Musk said in a tweet. "Deplatforming a sitting President undermined public trust in Twit-



Elon Musk and Donald Trump

ter for half of America." Last week, Musk announced the reactivation of Trump's account after a slim majority voted in a Twitter poll in favour of reinstating Trump, who said, however, that he had no interest in returning to Twitter.

Hiding in plain sight: artefacts seized from display in Italian bank

Reuters | Milan

Italian authorities have seized a valuable archaeological collection that had been on display in a meeting hall in the headquarters of an Italian regional bank, police said in a statement on Friday.

The Carabinieri police confiscated pottery artefacts that were kept inside the main branch of Banca Popolare di Bari, in the south-eastern region of Puglia, with the current management blissfully unaware of the items' illicit origins.

The 103 ceramic artefacts, including vases, plates and jugs, date back to between the 5th century BC and the first century AD, and are of "inestimable cultural-his-



A handout photo shows a pot that is part of the archaeological collection

torical worth and an extremely important economic value," police said.

The collection came into the bank's possession in 2009 after a transaction worth 100,000 euros (\$103,640) was sponsored by the then chief executive and backed by the board.



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After 4 consecutive failed rainy season, 22 million people are facing a severe hunger crisis across the Horn of Africa. @WFP is providing support, but more resources are required to help those most in need & prevent widespread loss of lives.

@antonioguterres

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Welcome the Muscat Ministerial Manifesto on #AntimicrobialResistance and the targets it has set to address this threat. This landmark commitment is a major step to achieving the outcomes the world needs at the 2024 #UNGA High-Level Meeting.

@DrTedros

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90 years after the Holodomor, the Kremlin is again using food as a weapon. We stand with Ukraine to guarantee global food security. Under President @ZelenskyyUa's Grain from Ukraine initiative, the @EU.Commission will pay to ship 40,000 tons of Ukrainian grain via two boats.

@vonderleyen

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Highly symbolic. On Holodomor Remembrance Day, over 20 leaders took part in our International Summit on Food Security, both present in Kyiv & online. Discussed #GrainFromUkraine program initiated by @ZelenskyyUa to alleviate global food crisis provoked by Russia's war on Ukraine.

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