

Pope Urban II preaches to the West to wrest 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 becomes known as "The Model Parliament," extending the authority 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 establishes the Nobel Prizes through his will, dedicating the bulk of his fortune to funding annual awards for those who have conferred the "greatest benefit to humankind"

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I thanked Ursula for her clear position and her messages of support for Ukraine during her address at the European Parliament today. We see eye to eye: as long as Russia continues to rebuff all peace efforts, sanctions against it must be tightened, and defense and financial assistance for Ukraine must continue.

@ZelenskyyUa

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The October agreement on a ceasefire in Gaza offers glimmers of hope & the adoption of the Security Council resolution on Gaza is an important step in its consolidation. It is essential to translate this diplomatic momentum into concrete & urgently needed progress on the ground.

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On Monday, @WHO evacuated 33 patients and 109 companions from #Gaza to #Jordan. Some of the patients will continue to other countries for advanced treatment in coming days.

@DrTedros

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Most people don't know that Tesla has had an advanced AI chip and board engineering team for many years. That team has already designed and deployed several million AI chips in our cars and data centers. These chips are what enable Tesla to be the leader in real-world AI.

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# Bangladesh seize **10kgs** gold from Hasina's lockers

Lockers were seized in September

● The haul included gold coins, bars and jewellery

● Hasina failed to deposit some of the gifts at the state treasury

AFP | Dhaka, Bangladesh

Anti-corruption authorities in Bangladesh have seized about 10 kilograms (22 pounds) of gold worth about \$1.3 million from bank lockers belonging to ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina, officials said yesterday.

Officials from the Central Intelligence Cell (CIC) of the National Board of Revenue said the discovery was made after opening lockers that had been seized in September.

"Following a court order, we opened the lockers and found about 9.7 kilograms of gold belonging to the former prime minister," a senior CIC official

told AFP, requesting anonymity. The haul included gold coins, bars and jewellery.

Investigators said Hasina had failed to deposit some of the gifts she received while in office at the state treasury, known as "Toshakhana", as required by law.

The National Board of Revenue is also probing alleged tax evasion and examining whether Hasina declared the recovered gold in her tax filings.

Bangladesh has been in political turmoil since the end of Hasina's rule, and violence has marred campaigning for elections expected in February 2026.

Earlier this month, the International Crimes Tribunal sentenced Hasina to death

over a deadly crackdown against a student-led uprising.

The United Nations says up to 1,400 people were killed in the crackdown as Hasina tried to cling to power.

Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina



# Israel returns 15 bodies to Gaza after hostage remains identified

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

The health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said Israel returned the bodies of 15 Palestinian prisoners yesterday as part of the exchange deal under the US-brokered ceasefire.

It came after Israel announced that a body handed over by Gaza militants on Tuesday was that of Dror Or, one of the last three deceased hostages held in the Palestinian territory.

Under the ceasefire deal, which came into effect on October 10, Israel is required to hand over the bodies of 15 Palestinians for every deceased Israeli returned.

"The Ministry of Health announces the receipt of 15 bodies of martyrs released today by the Israeli occupation via the International Committee of the Red Cross, bringing the total number of bodies received to 345," the Gaza ministry said in a statement.

The ICRC facilitates the transfers in its role as a neutral intermediary.

Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassem said in a statement that the handover "reflects Hamas's



An ambulance is stopped for a search as an Israeli military vehicle blocks the entrance to Tammun, south of Tubas in the occupied West Bank, during a military operation

steadfast commitment to fully complete the exchange process and its ongoing efforts to finalise it despite significant difficulties".

AFP witnessed the 15 bodies, in white body bags, being carried inside the morgue at Gaza's Nasser Hospital in the southern city of Khan Yunis.

Mahmud Ashour, spokesman for the forensic evidence department in Hamas-run Gaza, told AFP that of the 345 bodies

received via the ICRC, 99 have now been identified.

"We always receive these bodies in a state of decomposition and with facial features missing," he said.

"We also see signs of injuries on the bodies, and we do not know the true circumstances" that led to their deaths, he added.

"The families face extreme difficulty in identifying the bodies."

# US to slap big surcharge on foreign visitors to national parks

AFP | Washington, United States

Foreign tourists visiting US national parks including the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone will now pay a hefty surcharge, the Trump administration announced Tuesday.

The Department of the Interior, which operates the renowned US national parks, said that starting in 2026 visitors from abroad will have to pay \$100 on top of the individual park fee to enter 11 of the most popular destinations in the system.

The cost of an annual pass to all the parks will meanwhile more than triple to \$250 for non-residents.

"President Trump's leadership always puts American families first," said Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum in a statement.

# Safran hopes annual India revenue to triple by 2030



Safran Aircraft Engines' President Stéphane Cueille (2L) with Chief Executive Officer Olivier Andrieux (3R) and Telangana's Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy (2R) with Civil Aviation Union Minister Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu (R) pose in front of CFM LEAP-1A engine during inauguration at GMR Aeropark in Hyderabad

AFP | Hyderabad, India

French aerospace group Safran said yesterday it will triple its annual revenue in India to \$3.5 billion by 2030 as it invests in one of the world's fastest-growing aviation markets.

Half of that revenue will be generated by facilities in India, Safran CEO Olivier Andrieux said, with the group building what it bills as the world's largest maintenance centre for LEAP engines, used in most single-aisle planes.

"The opening of this site illustrates the importance of India for our group," Andrieux said.

"We are proud to support the rapid growth of the civil and military aviation markets in the country as well as the strategic autonomy of the country," he added.

India's Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said the prospects in the world's fifth-largest economy were immense for foreign players.

"Over the past 11 years, India's aviation ecosystem has

made a decisive leap, doubling the number of airports, aircraft, and passengers," Naidu said.

LEAP engines are used in all Boeing 737 MAX and about 60 percent of Airbus A320neo -- the best-selling models of the two aircraft manufacturers -- as well as Chin's COMAC C919 aircraft.

The Hyderabad centre, due to begin operations early next year, cost \$234 million to build and will have the capacity to maintain and repair 300 LEAP engines a year.

Spanning 45,000 square metres (484,000 square feet), it will initially employ more than 250 people and up to 1,100 in the long term.

Until now, Indian airlines have serviced their single-aisle aircraft engines abroad.

"By 2030, up to 90 percent of the maintenance of LEAP engines for Indian airlines will be carried out in this workshop," said Naidu, referring to the Hyderabad centre.

"This will significantly reduce dependence on foreign centres, costs, and turnaround times," he said.

# Brazil's Bolsonaro begins 27-year jail term for coup bid

AFP | Brasília, Brazil

Brazil's Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered far-right former president Jair Bolsonaro to begin serving a 27-year sentence for plotting a failed coup, after he exhausted all appeals.

The brash former army captain who fired up Brazil's right and reshaped the country's politics is ending a divisive career jailed in a small room at police headquarters equipped with a TV, mini-fridge, and air-conditioning.

Bolsonaro, 70, was convicted in September over a scheme to stop Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva from taking office as president after the 2022 elections that included a plot to kill the veteran leftist.

Prosecutors said the scheme failed only due to a lack of support from military top brass.

The Supreme

Court rejected an appeal to his sentence earlier this month, and on Tuesday ruled the judgment was now final.

The court also ordered a military tribunal to decide whether Bolsonaro should be stripped of his captain's rank.

Bolsonaro had been under house arrest until Saturday, when he was detained at police headquarters in the capital Brasilia for tampering with his ankle monitor using a soldering iron.

Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes said there were signs Bolsonaro was planning to flee during a planned vigil organized by his son outside his home.

The justice pointed to the location of the nearby US embassy, and Bolsonaro's close relationship with US President Donald Trump, suggesting he may have tried to escape to seek political asylum.

