

Third Crusade: Crusaders begin the Siege of Acre under Guy of Lusignan

King John of England grants small town of Liverpool a charter (right to elect a mayor and aldermen)



English explorer Henry Hudson is the first European to sail into Delaware Bay, naming it South Bay

The first American-built locomotive, "Tom Thumb," races a horse-drawn car from the Stockton and Stokes stagecoach company from Baltimore to Ellicott Mills; due to mechanical problems, the horse wins!



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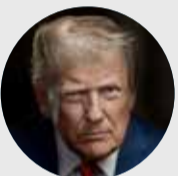
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Welcome the General Assembly's decision to establish two new mechanisms within the @UN to promote international cooperation on AI governance. I call on all stakeholders to support this historic initiative & help build a future where AI serves the common good of all humanity.

@antonioguterres

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I have been fully briefed on the tragic shooting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The FBI quickly responded and they are on the scene. The White House will continue to monitor this terrible situation. Please join me in praying for everyone involved!

@realDonaldTrump

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This morning, @WHO evacuated 18 child and 1 adult patient from #Gaza to #Jordan, along with 62 companions. Since October 2023, WHO has supported medical evacuations for over 7600 patients, including 5300 child patients.

@DrTedros

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The loss of lives due to a landslide on the route to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Temple is saddening. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. May the injured recover at the earliest. The administration is assisting all those affected. My prayers for everyone's safety and well-being.

@narendramodi

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Israel demands UN-backed monitor retract Gaza famine report

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel yesterday called on UN-backed hunger monitor the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Initiative (IPC) to immediately retract a report which determined that famine was present in parts of Gaza.

"Israel demands that the IPC will retract immediately its fabricated report and publish a notice," the director general of Israel's foreign ministry, Eden Bar Tal, told a press conference.

He said Israel would share "evidence" of misconduct in preparing the report with IPC's donors if the organisation fails to heed

"within a short time".

Bar Tal called the IPC a "politicised" institute that is "working for an evil terror organisation", referring to Palestinian militant group Hamas whose 2023 attack on Israel triggered the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip.

The United Nations officially declared a famine in Gaza on Friday, blaming "systematic obstruction" of aid by Israel during more than 22 months of war.

The Rome-based IPC said famine was affecting 500,000 people in the Gaza governorate, which covers about a fifth of the Palestinian territory including Gaza City.

The IPC projected that the famine would expand to Deir

el-Balah and Khan Yunis governorates by the end of September, covering around two-thirds of Gaza.

Israel has severely restricted aid allowed into Gaza and at times completely cut it off during the war.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has dismissed the IPC's findings as an "outright lie".

He said Israel "does not have a policy of starvation", citing figures on aid it had allowed into Gaza.

COGAT, an Israeli defence ministry body which oversees civil affairs in the Palestinian territories, has argued that the IPC's findings relied on "partial data and unreliable sources".

Jean-Martin Bauer, director of the UN World Food Programme's food security analysis, defended the IPC, saying it was the "gold standard" for these kind of assessments.



The vast majority of the Gaza Strip's population of more than two million people have been displaced at least once during the war.

Trump urges criminal charges against George Soros, son



Hungarian-born US investor and philanthropist George Soros
Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump called yesterday for billionaire George Soros and his son to face criminal charges over unfounded claims that their family, a favorite right-wing target, is behind "violent protests" around the country.

Trump did not specify what prompted his morning outburst, but it comes as his administration pursues multiple criminal investigations against his perceived enemies.

"George Soros, and his wonderful Radical Left son, should be charged with RICO because of their support of Violent Protests, and much more," the president wrote on his Truth Social platform, referring to a law against taking part in a criminal organization.

The Open Society Foundations, the philanthropic empire founded by Soros, slammed Trump's comments.

"These accusations are outrageous and false. The Open Society Foundations do not support or fund violent protests," a spokesperson for the foundations said in a statement to AFP.

The foundations support the "rights to free speech and peaceful protest that are hallmarks of any vibrant democracy," the spokesperson added.

Long-standing conspiracy theories involving the Soros family swirled again in June, as street protests broke out in Los Angeles against a ramp up of immigration raids.

Trump used the demonstrations as justification to deploy the National Guard and Marines into the Democratic-run city.

Fact-checkers including AFP debunked several images which circulated online at the time, purporting to show that nonprofit groups backed by the Soros family had strategically placed bricks to hurl at police.



Palestinians wait to receive food portions from a charity kitchen in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip

Record-breaking rain fuels deadly floods in India's Jammu region

AFP | Srinagar, India

Floods and landslides triggered by record-breaking heavy rain have killed more than 30 people in India's Himalayan region of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said yesterday.

A landslide on the route to the famous Hindu shrine Vaishno Devi killed 33 people, local disaster management official Mohammad Irshad told AFP.

India's Meteorological Department said the torrential rain had smashed records in two locations.

Jammu and Udhampur recorded their highest 24-hour rainfall on Wednesday, with 296 mm (11.6 inches) in Jammu, nine percent higher than the 1973 record, and 629.4 mm (24.8 inches) in Udhampur -- a staggering 84 percent surge over the 2019 mark.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the loss of lives was "saddening".

The intense monsoon rainstorm in the Indian-administered territory has caused widespread chaos, with raging water smashing into bridges and swamping homes.

Floods and landslides are common during the June-September monsoon season, but experts say climate change,



Women sit over a car buried under mud and debris along the banks

coupled with poorly planned development, is increasing their frequency, severity and impact.

Climate experts from the Himalayan-focused Interna-

tional Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) warn that a spate of disasters illustrates the dangers when extreme rain combines

with mountain slopes weakened by melting permafrost, as well as building developments in flood-prone valleys.