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Roman Emperor Constantine the Great is said to have received his famous Vision of the Cross

1795

Pinckney's Treaty [Treaty of San Lorenzo] signed by Spain and US, establishing the southern boundary of the US and giving Americans right to navigate the Mississippi River

1962

Black Saturday during the Cuban Missile Crisis: An American spy plane is shot down over Cuba and the navy drops warning depth charges on Soviet submarines



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China announces its population has reached 1 billion plus people



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In one case he is said to have murdered five inmates in one go in Serra Azul Jail in Sao Paulo in 2011 in one of his bloodiest attacks to date.



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devils and a swastika, kills again once he is transferred to a new prison. Da Silva also has the phrase 'Lucifer, my protector' tattooed on his body, Brazilian media says, giving him his satanic nickname.

US to share satellite, sensor data with India

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The United States and India signed off on a series of accords including one which will allow the US military to share sensitive satellite and sensor data with its Indian counterparts.

US Defence Secretary Mark Esper, in a statement, said, "We stand shoulder to shoulder, in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific for all, particularly in light of increasing aggression and destabilising activities by China."

India's External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called for a "multi-polar Asia".

This will help New Delhi to better use US technology in targeting missiles and placing its troops.

It will also allow the United States to provide the latest navigational technology on



US Defence Secretary Mark Esper, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and India's External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar during a photo call

any fighter jets it supplies to India.

Esper has been pressing the case for India to buy US F-18 jets and move away from its reliance on Russian weaponry. But India wants more of its military equipment made domestically and is demanding greater investment.

Pompeo and Esper had already called for a deeper relationship during one-on-one talks with their Indian counterparts on Monday. Jaishankar tweeted after his meetings with Pompeo that relations between the emerging allies have "grown substantially".

Esper and Singh "welcomed the expansion of information-sharing", a US statement said, while the Indian Defence Ministry reported the two officials had discussed "potential new areas of cooperation", without giving details.

India is shopping for US cold-weather equipment, officials said, and has also agreed to expand naval manoeuvres in the Indian Ocean next month to include Australia.

Traditionally, the MALABAR exercises have involved India, the United States and Japan.

'Very Nice!': Kazakhstan taps Borat movie to woo tourists

Reuters | Moscow /Almaty

Ridiculed once again in a film featuring fictional Kazakh journalist Borat Sagdiyev, the ex-Soviet state of Kazakhstan has embraced the joke this time round and adopted Borat's catch phrase to try to attract tourists.

"Borat Subsequent Moviefilm: Delivery of Prodigious Bribe to American Regime for Make Benefit Once Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan," a follow-up to a 2006 film featuring the same sexist and racist character, was released on Amazon Prime last week.

Borat's first outing caused anger



in Kazakhstan where authorities discouraged its screening and threatened legal action over what they saw as an insult to their national character.

This time round, they have taken a different approach and adopted Borat's catchphrase "Very Nice!" to try to promote tourism in the vast Central Asian country.



Support for king

More than 1,000 yellow-shirted Thai royalists demonstrated in support of King Maha Vajiralongkorn on Tuesday, close to where thousands of people marched a day earlier to demand reforms of the monarchy. "We want to show support and encouragement to his majesty," said Thatchapan Boripheth, 57, at Lumpini Park in central Bangkok. "I am neutral politically but I cannot stand it when there is a violation of the monarchy."

Water on sunlit surface of Moon

- trapped in a cubic meter of soil spread across the lunar surface. The results are published in the latest issue of Nature Astronomy.

"We had indications that H₂O - the familiar water we know - might be present on the sunlit side of the Moon," said Paul Hertz, director of the Astrophysics Division in the Science Mission Directorate at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "Now we know it is there. This discovery challenges our understanding of the lunar surface and raises intriguing questions about resources relevant for deep space exploration."

As a comparison, the Sahara desert has 100 times the amount of water than what SOFIA detected in the lunar soil. Despite the small amounts, the discovery raises new questions about how water is created and how it persists on the harsh, airless lunar surface.

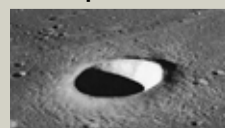


When the Apollo astronauts first returned from the Moon in 1969, it was thought to be completely dry.

Meanwhile, several spacecraft - including the Cassini mission and Deep Impact comet mission, as well as the Indian Space Research Organization's Chandrayaan-1 mission - and NASA's ground-based Infrared Telescope Facility, looked broadly across the lunar surface and found evidence of hydration in sunnier regions. Yet those missions were unable to definitively distinguish the form in which it was present - either H₂O or OH.



Orbital and impactor missions over the past 20 years, such as NASA's Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite, confirmed ice in permanently shadowed craters around the Moon's poles.



Greek warship collides with freighter



AFP | Athens

Two crew members of a Greek minesweeper were slightly hurt Tuesday after it collided with a Portuguese container ship off Piraeus, the port next to Athens, the navy said.

There were 27 sailors on board the naval vessel, who were rescued by coastguard patrol boats.

The two injured were taken to hospital for treatment.



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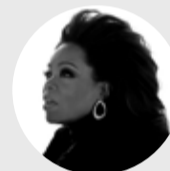
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Warm conversation today with Indian Prime Minister @narendramodi. Our close relationship, which is rooted in our vibrant democratic traditions and fostered by the free and open exchange between our peoples, is beneficial for the world.

@SecPompeo

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Books offer wisdom, solace and inspiration in even our darkest moments. That's why we're introducing The Books That Help Me Through - seven of @oprah's favorite books to turn to during uncertain times, that we hope will be a comfort to you too.

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There are 2 parties to choose from in our corporate idiocracy. Neither is perfect. But only one is guilty of criminal negligent homicide on a massive scale, and probably, treason. Red is dead. Do blue instead. #BidenHarris

@JimCarrey

04



A player who swung the ball at will and also his bat to score those invaluable runs for the team. Wishing my teammate and friend @IrfanPathan a very happy birthday.

@sachin_rt

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