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Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan begins crossing the Pacific Ocean



1814

The Times of London first printed by automatic, steam powered presses built by German inventors Friedrich Koenig and Andreas Friedrich Bauer - makes newspapers available to a mass audience

1919

US-born Lady Nancy Astor elected as the 1st female member of the British House of Commons

1967

1st radio pulsars detected by British postgraduate Jocelyn Bell Burnell and her supervisor Antony Hewish at Cambridge University



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Biden can only enter the White House as President if he can prove that his ridiculous "80,000,000 votes" were not fraudulently or illegally obtained. When you see what happened in Detroit, Atlanta, Philadelphia & Milwaukee, massive voter fraud, he's got a big unsolvable problem!

@realDonaldTrump

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Had an excellent discussion with my friend, UK PM @Boris-Johnson on an ambitious roadmap for India-UK ties in the next decade. We agreed to work towards a quantum leap in our cooperation in all areas - trade & investment, defence & security, climate change, and fighting Covid-19.

@narendramodi

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Thankful for our farm workers and food bank staff whose hard work has put food on the tables for millions of families across our country.

@KamalaHarris

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This Native American Heritage Day, we give thanks to our Indigenous communities and their ancestors. As we celebrate their rich heritage and contributions, let's commit to writing a new future together - one built on a strong partnership and filled with opportunity for all.

@JoeBiden

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# Maradona buried as world mourns flawed soccer great

Diego Maradona was buried amid a global outpouring of grief from the streets of Buenos Aires to Naples in Italy

Fans waving Argentina flags had gathered along roads as Maradona's funeral car drove by under heavy security

Reuters | Buenos Aires

Diego Maradona was buried in a private ceremony attended by only two dozen people - a stark contrast to earlier in the day when tens of thousands of weeping fans filed past his coffin for hours in an observance that mixed head-of-state-like honours with the chaos of a rowdy stadium.

Only family members and close friends were permitted at Jardín Bella Vista cemetery for the final religious ceremony and burial of Maradona next to the graves of his parents, Dalma and Diego.

Fans waving Argentina flags had gathered along roads as Maradona's funeral car drove by under heavy security. Many tried to touch the vehicle whenever it was stopped by traffic.

The earlier viewing at the Argentinian presidential mansion was halted shortly before 6pm, 12 hours after it started, as Maradona's family wished and the body of the Argentinian icon was taken away for burial, frustrating many who were waiting to pay their respects and causing new tensions at the gates of the cemetery.

Fans, some draped in the national flag, sang soccer anthems as they formed a line that stretched more than 20 blocks from the Plaza de Mayo, where Argentinians gathered to celebrate the Maradona-led triumph in the 1986 World Cup.



The coffin with the remains of late Argentine football legend Diego Armando Maradona is carried by his family and friends at the Jardín Bella Vista cemetery, in Buenos Aires



Hundreds of fans blocked entry to the cemetery before the arrival of Maradona's casket, dancing and chanting as police moved in to open a way. The crowd continued making noise after the final ceremony began

But with the time for viewing the coffin at the presidential palace drawing short, police moved to cut off the back end of the crowd, enraging fans who hurled rocks and other objects at officers, who responded with rubber bullets.

The crowd overwhelmed organisers and the violence resulted in injuries and arrests, which led Maradona's family to end the public visitation. The casket was placed in a car that carried the former footballer's name on a paperboard by the window.

Desperate to say goodbye, Maradona's fans climbed on the fences of the presidential mansion as if they were in a soccer stadium, while firefighters worked to clear the ground.

## Funeral workers' selfies with body of Maradona spark outrage

Yahoo | Buenos Aires

Funeral workers in Argentina have received death threats after taking photos with Diego Maradona's body.

The football legend died on Wednesday at the age of 60 after suffering a heart attack at his home outside Buenos Aires.

Tens of thousands filed past Maradona's body as the sporting icon was farewelled by friends, family and the general public.

Argentines were left disgust-



Photos taken by funeral workers beside Maradona's coffin

ed earlier in the day when two photos emerged on social media showing funeral workers posing for photos with Maradona's body.

One man can be seen giving a thumbs up as his other hand rests on Maradona's head, while the other shows a younger man smiling and also giving a thumbs up.

The manager of the Sepelios Pinier funeral parlour has since spoken of his disgust, saying the men were "outsourced employees".

## Rare and 'ancient' whale skeleton discovered in Thailand

BBC | Bangkok

An almost perfectly preserved whale skeleton thought to be between 3,000 and 5,000 years old has been discovered in Thailand.

The bones were found in early November some 12km (7.5 miles) off the coast just to the west of Bangkok.

The 12m (39ft) long skeleton is thought to be that of a Bryde's whale.

Experts hope the find might provide "a window into the past," especially for research on



The skeleton of the whale found in Thailand

12m

long skeleton is thought to be that of a Bryde's whale which could be between 3,000 and 5,000 years old

sea levels and biodiversity.

The partially fossilised bones are "a rare find," mammal researcher Marcus Chua of the National University of Singa-

pore told the BBC.

"There are few whale subfossils in Asia," he said, and even fewer ones are "in such good condition".

Pictures shared by Thailand's environment minister Varawut Silpa-archa show the bones apparently almost entirely intact.

According to the politician, more than 80% of the skeleton have so far been recovered, including vertebrae, ribs, fins and one shoulder blade.

The skeleton's head alone is estimated to be about 3m in length.

## Belgium tries Iranian diplomat over bomb plot



Iranian opposition supporters attended the annual meeting of the NCRI near Paris (file photo)

AFP | Paris

An Iranian diplomat goes on trial in Belgium accused of plotting to bomb an opposition rally outside Paris, in a case that has stoked tensions with Tehran.

The case shines another uncomfortable light on Iran's international activities just as it hopes to ease tensions with the United States after President Donald Trump tore up the 2015 nuclear deal signed by both countries and other world powers.

It also comes a day after a prisoner swap that saw the release of three Iranians jailed over a 2012 bomb plot in Thailand, in exchange for the freeing of an Australian-British lecturer imprisoned by Tehran for alleged spying.

In June 2018, Belgian authorities thwarted what they said was an attempt to smuggle explosives to France to attack a meeting of one of Iran's exiled opposition movements. Later that year, the French government accused Iran's intelligence service of being behind the operation, a charge the Islamic republic has furiously denied.

Assadollah Assadi, a 48-year-old Iranian diplomat formerly based in Vienna, faces life in prison if convicted.

The National Council of Resistance in Iran (NCRI), which includes the People's Mojahedin of Iran or (MEK), organised a rally in Villepinte outside Paris on June 30, 2018. Several well-known international figures -- including Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani and former British officials as well as Franco-Colombian former senator Ingrid Betancourt -- and NCRI leader Maryam Rajavi were to attend