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Ukraine Soviet-era famine a 'genocide': Council of Europe

AFP | Kyiv

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe yesterday recognised the 1930s starvation of millions in Ukraine under Soviet leader Joseph Stalin a "genocide".

The text was voted through almost unanimously with 73 votes in favour and one against at the meeting in Strasbourg, which followed a similar resolution approved by the European Parliament in December last year.

The 1932-33 "Holodomor" - Ukrainian for "death by starvation" - is regarded by Kyiv as a deliberate act of genocide by Stalin's regime with the intention of wiping out the peasantry.

House Republicans struggle to muster support for nominee

AFP | Washington

The Republican nominee to lead the US House of Representatives struggled yesterday to find enough support to win a vote of the full chamber, underlining the mountain he will have to climb to unite the deeply fractured party.

House Republicans picked Majority Leader Steve Scalise as their replacement for ousted speaker Kevin McCarthy in a secret ballot on Wednesday - but only by a narrow margin of 113-99 over hardline rival Jim Jordan.

With just a little over half of Republicans supporting Scalise, the party's hopes for a moment of unity dissolved into more chaos and infighting, nine days after McCarthy's unprecedented removal in a mutiny by right wing lawmakers.

UK economy rebounds

AFP | London

Britain's economic output rebounded in August, powered by the services sector, official data showed yesterday.

Gross domestic product grew 0.2 percent compared with a contraction of 0.6 percent in July, the Office for National Statistics said in a statement.

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Focus on economy, tourism, labour and telecommunications plan



The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, chaired the 466th Government Executive Committee meeting. The implementation of the Economic Recovery Plan's 2022-2026 tourism sector strategy, labour market regulations development, and the sixth National Telecommunications Plan were reviewed.

45 die, dozens hurt in Israeli air strike

Gaza humanitarian crisis worsens: No electricity, no water, no food, and no hope

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Agencies

An Israeli air strike yesterday afternoon in the Jabaliya refugee camp collapsed a residential building on families sheltering inside, killing at least 45 people, Gaza's Interior Ministry said.

At least 23 of the dead were under the age of 18, including a month-old child, according to a list of the casualties.

Ministry spokesman Eyad Bo-

zum said dozens were wounded and the death toll was likely to rise as rescue workers were still pulling bodies from the rubble.

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza, where around 2.3 million people reside, further deepened yesterday, with food and water running out and Israel taking the stance that it will not restore electricity, water, or food supply to the Palestinian enclave without the release of hostages allegedly held by Hamas activists.

By noon, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said the humanitarian situation in Gaza will become unmanageable very quickly. By yesterday morning, hospitals in Gaza stopped providing care to all but emergency cases, faced with the lack of electricity and



A fireball erupts from an Israeli airstrike in Gaza City yesterday. (AFP)

supplies.

Rafah, Gaza's border crossing point with Egypt, remains closed, thereby making replenishment of fuel to run generators impossible. Hamas health ministry said yesterday afternoon that the death toll has risen to 1,354, as dozens were killed following a massive Israeli bombardment and over 6,000 have suffered injuries.

Yesterday morning, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, spoke to Iran President Ebrahim Raisi by phone about the Israel-Palestine conflict, AFP said quoting Saudi state media.

(Detailed coverage on World page).

Digital cosmos journey



Visitors are seen during the new digital exhibition 'Destination Cosmos - An Infinite Journey' at the former gas plant Phoenix West in Dortmund, western Germany yesterday. In 2023, production company Culturespaces created an immersive art centre at the Phoenix Halle, a former gas treating plant, part of the famous Phoenix West blast furnace. The exhibition is open to the public until January 5, 2024. (AFP)

NASA probe set to journey to 'metal-rich asteroid'

AFP | Washington

It's a world like no other: A metal-rich asteroid that could be the remnants of a small planet, or perhaps an entirely new type of celestial body unknown to science.

A NASA probe is set to blast off today bound for Psyche, an object 2.2 billion miles (3.5 billion kilometres) away that could offer clues about the interior of planets like Earth.

"We've visited either in person or robotically worlds made of rock, worlds made of ice and worlds made of gas...

but this will be our first time visiting a world that has a metal surface," lead scientist Lindy Elkins-Tanton told reporters during a briefing this week.

NASA and SpaceX are targeting Friday at 10:19 am Eastern Time (1419 GMT) for launch from Kennedy Space Center, aboard a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket, with a backup window on Saturday if weather conditions are unfavorable.

The van-sized probe should arrive at its destination in the Asteroid Belt, between Mars and Jupiter, in July 2029.