

1398

Tamerlane captures and sacks Delhi, defeating Sultan Nasir-u Din Mehmud's armies by setting camels loaded with hay alight and charging them at the Sultan's armored elephants



1526

Pope Clemens VII publishes decree Cum ad zero - forms Inquisition

1903

The Wright brothers make the 1st sustained motorized aircraft flight at 10:35 AM, piloted by Orville Wright at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina

1986

Davina Thompson makes medical history by having the 1st heart, lung & liver transplant at Papworth Hospital in Cambridge, England

# Malaysia campsite landslide kills 21

Efforts to find survivors of deadly landslide that ripped through farm campsite overnight



Civil Defense personnel search for survivors buried after a landslide hit a campsite in Batang Kali, Malaysia

popular hilltop area of Genting Highlands, known for its resorts, waterfalls and natural beauty. The earth fell from an estimated height of 30 metres (100 ft) and covered an area of about an acre (0.4 hectares), according to the fire and rescue department's state director. The farm owners did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Two of its workers, who are Myanmar nationals, told Reuters they managed to escape

with others after being roused by neighbours, just minutes before the farmhouse was destroyed. "I have never seen such a horrible incident. I feel so shocked and terrified," said 35-year-old Thawng Uk. "We could bring nothing at all as we urgently ran ... We are asking around where to get shelter and food." His colleague Kung Tuang, 31, said he was afraid they would lose their jobs now that the farm had

been destroyed. An initial investigation showed an embankment of about 450,000 cubic metres of earth had collapsed, according to minister of natural resources, environment and climate change, Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad. There were 94 people caught in the landslide but 61 were safe, with 12 missing, according to the Malaysia National Disaster Management Agency. Seven people were injured, including a pregnant woman, while others had wounds ranging from minor cuts to a suspected spinal injury, health minister Zaliha Mustafa said. Close to 400 personnel were involved in the rescue mission, police said. Three Singaporeans were among those rescued, the Singapore government said in a statement. Its prime minister, Lee Hsien Loong, expressed condolences to Malaysian counterpart Anwar Ibrahim and offered assistance in the search and rescue effort.

**Unlicensed business**  
Pictures posted on the Father's

**YOU KNOW WHAT**

An estimated 450,000 cubic meters (nearly 16 million cubic feet) of debris – enough to fill 180 Olympic-sized swimming pools – hit the campsite

Organic Farm Facebook page show a farmhouse in a small valley, with a large area where tents can be set up. Its owners were allowed to operate organic farms, but had not applied for licences to run three campsites on the property, Local Government Development Minister Nga Kor Ming told reporters. If found guilty of violating the law, the owners can be jailed up to three years or fined up to 50,000 ringgit (\$11,300), Nga said, adding he had ordered campsites near rivers, hillsides and other high-

risk areas nationwide to close for seven days. Local television footage showed the aftermath of a large landslide through a steep, forested area beside a road, while images on social media showed rescue workers clambering over thick mud, large trees and other debris. "I pray that the missing victims can be found safely soon," minister Nik Nazmi tweeted. Selangor is the country's most affluent state and has suffered landslides before, often attributed to forest and land clearance. Landslides are common in Malaysia, but typically only after heavy rains. Flooding occurs often, with about 21,000 people displaced last year by torrential rain in seven states. Leong Jim Meng, a camper, said he had not expected a landslide as there had been only light drizzle in recent days. "My family and I were trapped when the soil covered our tent," he told Malay-language daily Berita Harian. "We managed to run to the parking lot and called the authorities. They arrived quite quickly, about 30 minutes later."

## Near French city including children



Massive building fire

**A third of Vaulx-en-Velin's population lives under the poverty threshold, in what is one of France's many highrise areas hastily developed in the second half of the 20th century to ease a housing shortage and accommodate waves of immigrants**

bour and restaurant owner. He saw a woman jumping out of a window to escape the flames and smoke, and falling to her death. "The fire was growing bigger and bigger ... it was at the entrance of the building, they (rescue) could not get in." The Lyon prosecutor's office opened an investigation to determine how the fire broke out, and said it could not rule out any hypothesis including arson. Angry neighbours told reporters they felt abandoned by public authorities, amid local media reports that the building hit by the fire had been in poor condition and the ground floor occupied by drug dealers.

## Russia fires scores of missiles in one of its biggest attacks on Ukraine

Reuters | Kyiv

Russia fired more than 70 missiles during yesterday's morning rush hour in one of its biggest attacks on Ukraine since the start of the war, forcing Kyiv to introduce emergency power cuts nationwide, Ukrainian officials said. Two people were killed when an apartment block was hit in central Kryvyi Rih and another died in shelling in Kherson in the south, they said. Russian-installed officials in occupied eastern Ukraine said 12 people had died in Ukrainian shelling. Kyiv warned late on Thursday that Moscow planned a new all-out offensive early next year, around a year after its Feb. 24 invasion, which has destroyed huge areas of Ukraine but



A police officer stands next to a part of a Russian cruise missile shot down by the Ukrainian Air Defence Forces

brought little of it under Moscow's control. Russia has rained missiles on Ukrainian energy infrastructure almost weekly since early October after several battlefield

**60**

out of 76 Russian missiles fired at Ukraine area were shot down but Energy Minister said at least nine power generating facilities had been hit

air defences, Ukraine's air force said. Its army chief said 60 of 76 Russian missiles had been shot down but Energy Minister German Galushchenko said at least nine power generating facilities had been hit. Moscow says the attacks are aimed at disabling Ukraine's military. Ukrainians call them a war crime.

## National Archives releases documents related to JFK assassination

Reuters | Washington

The US National Archives on Thursday released thousands of documents related to the 1963 assassination of then-President John F. Kennedy, acting shortly after President Joe Biden issued an executive order authorizing the release that also kept hundreds of other sensitive records secret for up to another year. The release of 13,173 documents was not expected to include any new bombshells or change the conclusion reached by the commission led by Chief Justice Earl Warren that Lee Harvey Oswald, a former Marine and communist activist who had lived in the Soviet Union, acted alone. However, the latest cache will be useful



Roses lie on a marker outside the home where John F. Kennedy was born

for historians focusing on the events around the assassination. Kennedy was shot and killed while riding in his motorcade through Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, at the age of 46.

**The US National Archives said that 515 documents would remain withheld in full, and another 2,545 documents would be partly withheld**

Thousands of books, articles, TV shows and films have explored the idea that Kennedy's assassination was the result of an elaborate conspiracy. None have produced conclusive proof that Oswald - who was fatally shot by nightclub owner Jack Ruby two days after killing Kennedy - worked with anyone else, although they retain a powerful cultural currency. Many of the documents released on Thursday belonged to the Central Intelligence Agency,

including several that focused on Oswald's movements and his contacts. Other documents focus on requests from the Warren Commission investigating the assassination. The documents show that the US government opened a so-called 201 file on Oswald in December 1960, nearly three years before Kennedy's murder and after Oswald's failed defection to the Soviet Union in 1959. A December 1963 document described how CIA officials in Mexico City "intercepted a telephone call" Oswald made in October from that city to the Soviet Embassy there "using his own name" and speaking "broken Russian." Oswald was hoping to travel through Cuba on his way to Russia and was seeking a visa, documents show.



TOP  
4  
TWEETS

01



The future of Ukraine begins with its children. We are helping rebuild the schools destroyed by Russia's war, with 100 million in EU funds. And we are sending hundreds of school buses so children can travel to school safely. More are coming. #SchoolBusesForUkraine

@vonderleyen

02



The United States stands with Japan at this critical moment. Our alliance is the cornerstone of a free and open Indo-Pacific and we welcome Japan's contributions to peace and prosperity.

@POTUS

03



If anyone posted real-time locations & addresses of NYT reporters, FBI would be investigating, there'd be hearings on Capitol Hill & Biden would give speeches about end of democracy!

@elonmusk

04



Glad to participate to the launch of the Global Network of National Heads of Road Safety Agencies, a @WHO initiative reinforcing the collaboration and driving global actions to achieve the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for #RoadSafety 2021-2030.

@JeanTodd

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stances)