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Burkina Faso's

military leader



A MAN IS BUT THE PRODUCT OF HIS THOUGHTS WHAT HE THINKS, HE BECOMES MAHATMA GANDHI

News in brief

Burkina Faso coup leader Damiba sworn in as president

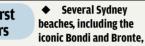


Paul-Henri Damiba was sworn in as president on Wednesday, weeks after leading a successful coup, and he promised to deal with the mounting insecurity that helped oust his predecessor. Damiba led a military junta that on Jan. 24 overthrew President Roch Kabore, citing Kabore's inability to curb an Islamist insurgency that has killed thousands of people and forced

more than one million people to flee their homes in the West African country.

♦ An influential cardinal Cardinal slams abuse coveropened a Vatican symposium ups at Vatican priest forum on the priesthood Thursday apologising for "unworthy ministers" and the cover-up of child sexual abuse by Catholic clergy, before an audience that included Pope Francis. Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet acknowledged that "we are all torn and humbled by these crucial questions that every day question us as members of the Church", with Francis at his side in the Vatican's vast Paul VI Hall.

Sydney beaches close after first fatal shark attack in 60 years



were shut down yesterday after a swimmer was killed in a shark attack, the first such fatality at the city's beaches in nearly 60 years. Drum lines, which are used to bait sharks, have been set up near the attack site while drones have been deployed as officials search for if the shark is still in the area.

Bulgarian MEP gives Nazi salute

A Bulgarian nationalist MEP gave a Nazi salute in the

chamber of the European Parliament in Strasbourg on Wednesday, sparking outrage after he spoke during a debate on the rule of law in Poland and Hungary. Going up the steps that lead to the exit of the hemicycle, Angel Dzhambazki of the eurosceptic ECR group can be seen on a video of the debate turning around and extending his right arm in front of him for a few seconds before leaving.

Bill Gates visits Pakistan to discuss polio eradication with PM Khan



founder turned philanthropist Bill Gates visited Pakistan yesterday, meeting with Prime Minister Imran Khan to discuss polio eradication in one of the last two countries of the world where the virus is endemic. "This is the final, and hardest, phase of the eradication effort, but by

keeping up the momentum and staying vigilant, Pakistan has an opportunity to make history by ending polio for good," Gates said in a

statement. "Pakistan's commitment to ending polio is inspiring.

COVID-19: Countries worst affected

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		Country	Total cases	Total				
		country	Total cases	deaths	Global tally			
1	1	USA	79,808,643	952,603	410 414 571			
i	2	India	42,754,315	510,441	419,414,571			

War imminent, says US Iran ni

Biden says war appears imminent after shelling on front line

Zelenskiy calls shelling big provocation'

Kremlin says it is seriously concerned

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ar drums are beating louder and louder on the Ukraine frontline, with Kyiv and its Western allies fearing an assault soon across the Ukraine front line.

US President Joe Biden said yesterday there was now every indication Russia was planning his travel plans at the last minto invade Ukraine.

He accused Moscow of carrying out a false flag operation to Ukraine. justify invasion after Ukrainian forces and pro-Moscow rebels traded fire.

Moscow, for its part, ejected a crucial moment," US Ambasthe number two official from sador to the United Nations, the US embassy and released Linda Thomas-Greenfield, told a strongly worded letter to the reporters. United States accusing Washington of ignoring its security combat and support aircraft. demands.

"We have reason to believe readiness in the Black Sea," operation to have an excuse to tin said at NATO headquarters called a "big provocation".



An interior view shows a kindergarten, which according to Ukraine's military officials was damaged by shelling, in Stanytsia Luhanska in the Luhansk region, Ukraine

go in. Every indication we have is they're prepared to go into Ukraine and attack Ukraine," parted the White House.

Biden ordered Secretary of State Antony Blinken to change ute to speak at a United Nations Security Council meeting on

The evidence on the ground is that Russia is moving toward an imminent invasion. This is

'We see them fly in more plies."

We see them sharpen their

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Russia denies planning to invade its neighbour and said this week it was pulling back some of the more than 100.000 troops it has massed near the frontier. Washington says Russia is not withdrawing, but in fact sending more forces.

in Brussels. "We even see them stocking up their blood sup-

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said the pro-Russian forces had shelled they are engaged in a false flag Defense Secretary Lloyd Aus- a kindergarten, in what he

Builders find 2,000-year-old Roman cemetery in Gaza

Reuters | Gaza

2,000-year-old Roman Acemetery containing at least 20 ornately decorated graves has been uncovered near the shoreline in the northern Gaza Strip, with the antiquities past decade. ministry calling it the most important local discovery of the clude the remains of a siege by jars.



Alexander the Great as well as a Mongol invasion.

Twenty Roman graves have been located so far and the team expect to unearth 80 in total within the 50-square-meter cemetery. Only two graves have been opened, one contained Ruins discovered there in- skeletal remains and some clay

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Delegates say much o

Measures to be implemented in phases, diplomats say

First phase includes Iran suspending enrichment above 5%

Unfreezing Iranian cash, releasing prisoners also at start

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US-Iranian deal taking shape to revive Iran's 2015 **L**nuclear agreement with world powers lays out phases of mutual steps to bring both sides back into full compliance, and the first does not include waivers on oil sanctions, diplomats say.

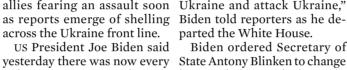
Envoys from Iran, Russia, China, Britain, France, Germany, the European Union and United States are still negotiating details of the draft accord amid Western warnings that time is running out before the original deal becomes obsolete. Delegates say much of the text is settled but some thorny issues remain.

The broad objective is to return to the original bargain of lifting sanctions against Iran, including ones that have slashed its crucial oil sales, in exchange for restrictions on its nuclear activities that extend the time it would need to produce enough enriched uranium for an atomic bomb if it chose to.

Bahraini press frameworks on Biden's Iran p

in European Parliament

Microsoft Corp co-



3	Brazil	27,812,210	640,868	Deaths
4	France	21,976,290	135,855	C 074 1C7
5	UK	18,499,058	160,221	5,874,157
6	Russia	14,840,502	343,173	Recovered:
7	Turkey	13,266,265	91,646	242 021 1
8	Germany	13,065,825	121,341	342,931,1
9	Italy	12,323,398	152,282	New cases
10	0 Spain	10,778,607	97,710	
11	I Argentina	8,783,208	124,765	+1,454,07
17	2 Iran	6,894,110	134,420	New deaths
13	3 Colombia	6,031,130	137,586	
14	4 Netherlands	5,963,238	21,449	+5,657

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Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	461,299		23,519		393,254	44,526
Saudi Arabia	735,958	+1,569	8,978	+1	704,896	22,084
UAE	872,210	+895	2,290	+1	811,632	58,288
Kuwait	607,952		2,524		575,803	29,625
Oman	372,060	+1,440	4,225	+4	349,666	18,169
Qatar	352,894	+447	660	+2	345,636	6,598

The strategic frameworks highlighted the importance of the early solidarity between the Biden Administration and the Gulf States to preserve global Arab national security

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Figures as of closing

Tn his scientific study 'Bahrain Land America: Developments a of the Alliance in Security and of Joe Biden and Ronald Reagan', researcher Dr Nooh Khalifa tion – and included attempts to a rate of 34.9%." highlighted the importance of influence the course of President America's control of the Irani- Biden's policies." an regime's multiple wars in the Arab region, which aim to protect published in Bahraini newspa-Iran's escalating nuclear military ambitions.

nian threats in the region formed of 41.3%."

a fertile field of effect that adheres to the course of long-standing historical Arab-American relations of solidarity in addition to requirements of major powers in the region – which include undermining developments of the Iranian nuclear program and transgressions.

"The press materials that highlighted the Iranian expansionist and missile chaos formed factors that pushed the direction of security solutions towards new alternatives," stated Dr Khalifa.

"These materials recorded - which occupied the top posi-

"The majority of press material pers on Iranian threats during icies at 23.8%. President Joe Biden's era focused



Dr Nooh Khalifa

"The content that focused on percentage close to the per- Iranian threats – which formed centage registered for content factors tending towards new al-Peace Issues Between the Reigns highlighting nuclear negotiations ternatives for security solutions tion and the Gulf states. – occupied the second rank with

Dr Nooh Khalifa highlights the importance of America's tende

ranked third as determinants of economical and security interconfidence in Washington's pol- ests.

Dr Nooh indicated that the on the negotiations of the nucle- study revealed that 49.2% of the dent Joe Biden's tendency to conextensive coverage of Bahraini ar program as a major focus for press material published in Bah- sult with allies and put additional newspapers on US President Joe changing America's policies in raini newspapers about America's restrictions after returning to the Biden's policies towards the Ira- the region - with a percentage policy towards Iranian threats nuclear agreement," added Dr – under US President Joe Biden – Khalifa.

The responsibility frameworks elicited an anticipated security commitment from President Joe Biden and made undermining Iran's terrorism a priority



employed strategic frameworks to highlight the importance of an early reciprocal pace of solidarity between the Biden Administra-

He added that this preserves the intertwined national security Dr Khalifa also added that con- interests between both nations tent focused on lifting sanctions who are historically linked by

"This became evident as the According to Dr Khalifa, the newspapers highlighted Presi-