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Drug donanemab 'turning point' in Alzheimer's fight
London

A new drug donanemab is being hailed as a turning point in the fight against Alzheimer's, after a global trial confirms it slows cognitive decline.

The antibody medicine helps in the early stages of the disease by clearing a protein that builds up in the brains of people with this type of dementia.

Although not a cure, charities say the work, in the journal JAMA, marks a new era where Alzheimer's can be treated. The UK's drugs watchdog has started assessing it for possible NHS use.

It works in Alzheimer's disease, not in other types of dementia, such as vascular dementia. In the trials, it appears to have slowed the pace of the disease by about a third.

Mike Colley, who is 80, is one of only a few dozen patients in the UK to take part in the global trial.

Real-life story of Australian 'Cast Away'

AFP | Sydney

An Australian sailor and his dog have been rescued after two months adrift in the Pacific Ocean, surviving the ordeal by drinking rainwater and snacking on raw fish, in an unlikely rescue reminiscent of the Tom Hanks movie "Cast Away".

"I've just got fishing gear," he told one of his rescuers, in a video obtained by Australia's Nine News.

Sporting a shaggy beard, 51-year-old Shaddock was visibly gaunt after surviving on the spartan seafood diet - but said he otherwise felt "in very good health".

Tim Shaddock and his dog Bella set off in a catamaran from Mexico's seaside city of La Paz in April, and planned to sail about 6,000 kilometres (3,700 miles) before dropping anchor in tropical French Polynesia.

But they soon found themselves stranded in the vast Pacific Ocean after rough seas damaged the vessel and knocked out its electronics.

The bedraggled amateur yachtsman was plucked from the water two months later by a Mexican tuna trawler.

Cabinet hails Bahrain rights progress report

TDT | Manama

The Cabinet has commended a UK report removing the Kingdom of Bahrain from the priority countries' list for human rights concerns.

Last Thursday, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the UK published the Human Rights and Democracy Report 2022, acknowledging Bahrain's progress in human rights, which is a result of comprehensive development led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa with the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Deputy Prime Minister, HE Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, yesterday chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

On the occasion of the upcoming Islamic Hijri new year 1445 AH, the Cabinet extended its best wishes to HM the King and HRH Prince Salman, the citizens and residents of Bahrain, as well as to all other Arab and Islamic nations.

The Cabinet affirmed the importance of the official visit by His Royal Highness to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, where His Royal Highness met with HRH Prince William of Wales, the Prime Minister of the UK, the Rt



HH Deputy Prime Minister

Hon Rishi Sunak MP, and other senior officials.

The Cabinet affirmed its commitment to expedite the implementation of the agreements and MoUs signed during the visit, which will contribute to advancing cooperation between the

two countries in the economic, investment, financial, banking, education, and training fields.

It followed up on preparations for Ashura in the Kingdom's governorates, highlighting the efforts by the Ministry of Interior, and other concerned ministries and authorities to meet all Ashura-related requirements.

The Cabinet reviewed a memorandum by the Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Balance, that covered the quarterly economic report of the Kingdom of Bahrain for the first quarter of 2023. According to the report, the non-oil sector recorded growth of 3.5% year-on-year at constant prices, and the overall

economy marked a 2.0% annual growth at constant prices.

During the meeting, the Cabinet discussed several memorandums, approving the following:

1. A memorandum from the Minister of Interior on the establishment of a special platform to exchange information between GCC countries for combating money laundering, financing terrorism and other related crimes.

2. A memorandum by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs on the government's response to 10 proposals submitted by the Council of Representatives and a proposed law submitted by the Shura Council.

Mercury hits new highs as heatwaves grip globe

AFP | Athens

Temperatures reached new highs yesterday as heatwaves and wildfires scorched parts of the Northern Hemisphere, forcing the evacuation of 1,200 children close to a Greek seaside resort.

Health authorities have sounded alarms from North America to Europe and Asia, urging people to stay hydrated and shelter from the burning sun, in a stark reminder of the effects of global warming.

Near Athens, a forest fire flared in strong winds by the popular beach town of Loutraki where the mayor said holiday camps for youngsters had come under threat.

"We have saved 1,200 children who were in the holiday camps," said mayor Giorgos Gkionis.

Greek police arrested a foreign man suspected of starting another of the ongoing wildfires, in Kouvaras, some 50 kilometres



A firefighter monitors a wildfire over 7,500 acres in Moreno Valley, Riverside County, California. (AFP)

(30 miles) southeast of Athens, fire service spokesman Yannis

Artopios said. Europe, the globe's fast-

est-warming continent, was bracing for its hottest-ever

temperature on Italy's islands of Sicily and Sardinia, where a high of 48 degrees Celsius (118 degrees Fahrenheit) is predicted, according to the European Space Agency.

The United Nations validated the European heat record of 48.8C set in Sicily in 2021.

"The extreme weather - an increasingly frequent occurrence in our warming climate - is having a major impact on human health, ecosystems, economies, agriculture, energy and water supplies," said World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Secretary-General Petteri Taalas.

"This underlines the increasing urgency of cutting greenhouse gas emissions as quickly and as deeply as possible."

In Rome, American Colman Peavy could not believe the heat as he sipped a cappuccino at a cafe with his wife Ana at the start of a two-week vacation.



Scorching temperature

National Park Service Rangers Gia Ponce, left, and Christina Caparelli are photographed by Ranger Nicole Bernard next to a digital display of an unofficial heat reading at Furnace Creek Visitor Center during a heat wave in Death Valley National Park in Death Valley, California. Tens of millions of Americans braced for more sweltering temperatures as brutal conditions threatened to break records due to a relentless heat dome that has baked parts of the country all week. By the afternoon of July 15, 2023, California's famous Death Valley, one of the hottest places on Earth, had reached a sizzling 124F (51C), with Sunday's peak predicted to soar as high as 129F (54C). Even overnight lows there could exceed 100F (38C). (AFP)

