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Emperor Constantius II shuts all heathen temples

1600

Peruvian stratovolcano Huaynaputina explodes in the most violent eruption in South American recorded history

1878

Thomas Edison is granted a patent for his gramophone (phonograph)



1942

About 150 Japanese warplanes attack the Australian city of Darwin

1945

US 5th Fleet launches invasion of Iwo Jima against the Japanese with 30,000 US Marines

# Earthquake death toll passes 40,000; desperation for signs of life

Three rescued in Turkey 13 days after earthquakes



People look at damaged buildings and piles of rubble in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake in Kahramanmaraş

Antakya city in southern Turkey. Three people, including a child, were rescued alive. The mother and father survived but the child died later of dehydration, the rescue team said. One older sister and a twin did not make it.

“We heard shouts when we were digging today an hour ago. When we find people who are alive we are always happy,” Atay Osmanov, a member of the rescue team, told Reuters.

Ten ambulances waited on a

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While many international rescue teams have left the vast quake zone, domestic teams continued to search through flattened buildings yesterday hoping to find more survivors who defied the odds

nearby street that was blocked to traffic to allow the rescue work. Workers asked for complete silence and for everybody to crouch or sit as the teams climbed further up to the top of the rubble of the building where the family was found to listen for any more

sounds using an electronic detector.

As rescue efforts continued one worker yelled into the rubble: “Take a deep breath if you can hear my voice.”

The head of Turkey’s Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD), Yunus Sezer, said the search and rescue efforts will largely be terminated on Sunday night.

The death toll in Turkey stands at 40,642 from the quake while neighbouring Syria has reported more than 5,800 deaths, a toll that has not changed for days.

WFP Director David Beasley said the Syrian and Turkish governments had been cooperating very well, but that its operations were being hampered in northwestern Syria.

The agency last week said it was running out of stocks there and called for more border crossings to be opened from Turkey.

“The problems we are running into [are with] the cross-line

operations into northwest Syria where the northwestern Syrian authorities are not giving us the access we need,” said Beasley.

“That is bottlenecking our operations. That has to get fixed straight away.”

“Time is running out and we are running out of money. Our operation is about \$50 million a month for our earthquake response alone so unless Europe wants a new wave of refugees, we need get the support we need,” Beasley added.

In Syria, already shattered by more than a decade of civil war, the bulk of fatalities have been in the northwest.

The area is controlled by insurgents at war with forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad which has complicated efforts to get aid to people.

Thousands of Syrians who had sought refuge in Turkey from the civil war have returned to their homes in the war zone - at least for now.

## Man goes on Mississippi town



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Jill and I are mourning for the six killed in today’s violence in Tate County, Mississippi - as we have for far too many Americans

JOE BIDEN

they would start by examining the suspect’s relationship with his ex-wife.

Authorities first received a call about a shooting at a gas station convenience store, and before deputies arrived they received another call about a second shooting at a nearby home, Lance said.

One man was shot dead at the store. A woman, later determined to be Crum’s ex-wife, was found dead at the home, Lance said.

Deputies tracked down the suspect in the driveway of another home and arrested him without a struggle, Lance said. That turned out to be Crum’s home, and deputies found four more bodies: two were behind the home and two in the roadway, Lance said.

## India welcomes 12 cheetahs from South Africa

AFP | New Delhi

India welcomed 12 cheetahs from South Africa yesterday that will join eight others it received from Namibia last year as part of an ambitious drive to reintroduce the big cats in the country after 70 years.

An aircraft carrying the cheetahs landed at Gwalior Air Force base, the Press Trust of India news agency reported. The cats will then be flown in helicopters to Kuno National Park in India’s Madhya Pradesh state, where they will be released into quarantine enclosures.

In January, India said it planned to import 12 cats annually for the next eight to 10 years as part of an agreement signed by the two African countries.



A cheetah lies inside a transport cage before traveling to India (file photo)

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The eight cheetahs flown from Namibia were released

into the sprawling Kuno National Park in central India in September.

Cheetahs were once widespread in India but became extinct in 1952 from hunting and loss of habitat. They remain the

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first and only predator to die out since India’s independence in 1947. India hopes that importing African cheetahs will aid efforts to conserve the country’s threatened and largely neglected grasslands.

## Warm water melts weak spots on Antarctica’s ‘Doomsday Glacier,’ say scientists

Reuters | Mexico City

Scientists studying Antarctica’s vast Thwaites Glacier - nicknamed the Doomsday Glacier - say warm water is seeping into its weak spots, worsening melting caused by rising temperatures, two papers published in Nature journal showed.

Thwaites, which is roughly the size of Florida, represents more than half a meter (1.6 feet) of global sea level rise potential, and could destabilize neighbouring glaciers that have the potential to cause a further three-meter (9.8-foot) rise.

As part of the International Thwaites Glacier collaboration - the biggest field campaign ever attempted in Antarctica - a team



The Thwaites Glacier in Antarctica is seen in this undated NASA image

of 13 U.S. and British scientists spent about six weeks on the glacier in late 2019 and early 2020. Using an underwater robot vehicle known as Icefin,

mooring data and sensors, they monitored the glacier’s grounding line, where ice slides off the glacier and meets the ocean for the first time.

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Warm water is getting into the weakest parts of the glacier and making it worse. That is the kind of thing we should all be very concerned about

RESEARCHER BRITNEY SCHMIDT

In one of the papers, led by Cornell University-based scientist Britney Schmidt, researchers found that warmer water was making its way into crevasses and other openings known as terraces, causing sideways melt of 30 meters (98 feet) or more per year.



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The earthquakes in #Türkiye affected many hospitals and other health facilities. Amid the destruction, @WHO is supporting international Emergency Medical Teams and local health workers to set up mobile clinics and provide health care, incl. complex surgeries, for people in need.

@DrTedros

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Based on the law and available facts, I have determined that members of Russia’s forces and other Russian officials have committed crimes against humanity in Ukraine. All those responsible for these atrocities must be held accountable.

@SecBlinken

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I took part in a G7 ministerial meeting at the invitation of Japanese FM Hayashi Yoshimasa. We focused on everything needed for Ukraine’s victory in 2023. There will be rapid deliveries of weapons and new sanctions. Russia must realise we won’t tire of countering its aggression.

@DmytroKuleba

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Kenya’s leadership and efforts to promote stability in the Horn of Africa and in the Great Lakes region are essential. I assured President @WilliamsRuto of the EU’s support. We are moving forward with our strategic dialogue, notably the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

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