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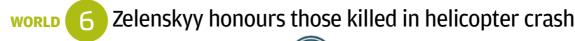
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UAE President declares 2023 the 'Year of Sustainability'



UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan

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The United Arab Emirates' President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed has declared 2023 the "Year of Sustainability" ahead of the country's staging of the COP28 climate summit.

In a post online, the UAE president said that by hosting COP28 – which aims to reduce emissions responsible for global warming and deal with the consequences of climate change, in line with the 2015 Paris Agreement - the nation will keep supporting innovation in the sustainability sector. 2023 is the Year of Sustainability in the UAE," said Sheikh Mohamed."Effective climate action requires a shared vision and collective will."

Indian customs arrest traveller from Oman with **\$100k gold**

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ndian customs officials **⊥**have seized almost 1,800 grams of gold worth more than \$100,000 from a passenger travelling from Oman.

The undeclared gold was found concealed in a mixer, Delhi Customs reported on

"Air customs have arrested one Indian national passenger returning from Muscat after six irregularly shaped gold pieces weight around 1749 grams valued at Rs85.5 Lakhs (\$105,586.51) were found concealed in a mixer. The said smuggled gold has been seized and further investigations are ongoing," the tweet said.

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Students at the College of Health and Sports Sciences received their degrees during ceremonies organised yesterday by the University of Bahrain for the 24th batch of students, under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. Yesterday, 566 BA Physical Education graduates, 170 Medical Laboratory Sciences BA graduates, 108 pharmacy graduates, and 129 diploma and associate diploma students received their degrees. UoB Deputy President for Community Service and Graduates' Affairs Dr Mohammed Saleh Al Ansari, UoB Deputy President for IT Services, Administrative and Financial Affairs Dr Osama Abdulla Al Jowder and UoB President Dr Jawaher bint Shaheen Al Mudhaihki, congratulated the graduates on their achievement. The university this year holds 20 ceremonies for its graduates from January 19 to 29.

Quran burning draws global condemnation

Swedish politician burns a copy of the Quran near the Turkish Embassy

Arab countries condemn Swedish authorities

Turkey cancels planned visit of Swedish defence minister

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♦ he burning of the Holy Ouran outside the Turkish embassy in Stockholm vesterday drew strong condemnation worldwide.

ical party Hard Line. Paludan, Sweden. who also has Swedish citi-

from police, it says his protest politician from the far-right national Cooperation (MoFAIC) tions against the perpetrators Minister Hulusi Akar said.



A demonstration against Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Sweden?s NATO bid, arranged by the Kurdish Democratic Society Center at Norra Bantorge in Stockholm, Sweden

The Quran burning was carit called Turkish President Tayyin Stockholm. ried out by Rasmus Paludan, ip Erdogan's attempt to influ-

zenship, has held a number cluding Saudi Arabia, the UAE, the Saudi Foreign Ministry said of demonstrations in the past Jordan and Kuwait strongly de- in a statement. where he has burned the Koran. nounced Swedish authorities

was held against Islam and what fringe to burn the sacred book

"Saudi Arabia calls for spreadleader of Danish far-right polit- ence freedom of expression in ing the values of dialogue, tolerance, and coexistence, and Several Arab countries in-rejects hatred and extremism,"

In a statement, the UAE Minis-In the permit he obtained for allowing an anti-immigrant try of Foreign Affairs and Inter- Sweden to take necessary ac- we cancelled the visit," Defence

Serious provocation, says Bahrain

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Bahrain yesterday expressed strong condemnation to Swedish authorities for allow- ples. ing an extremist to burn Holy bassy in Stockholm.

of Foreign Affairs termed the extremism and religious and incident as a serious provoca- racial hatred.

all practices aimed at destabilis- concrete steps. ing security and stability in contravention of human and moral values and principles.

protests in Stockholm yesterday Swedish defence minister. against Turkey and Sweden's bid to join NATO, sharply heightening tensions with Turkey.

tion to the feelings of millions of Muslims, an incitement to religious hatred, and a violation of human rights princi-

The ministry reiterated a call Quran before the Turkish em- to the international community to assume its responsibilities In a statement, the Ministry and criminalise acts that incite

affirmed the UAE's rejection of and invited all countries to take

Earlier yesterday, Turkey said that due to a lack of measures to restrict protests, it had cancelled The incident occurred amid a planned visit to Ankara by the

"At this point, the visit of Swedish Defence Minister Pal Jonson to Turkey on January The Turkish ministry urged 27 has become meaningless. So,

Over the Moon!

Buzz Aldrin, second man on moon, marries girlfriend on 93rd birthday

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m dwin}$ "Buzz" Aldrin, the second man to land on the moon, has married for the fourth time on his 93rd birthday.

The astronaut tied the knot in a private ceremony in Los Angeles on Friday with his long-time girlfriend Dr. Anca Faur.

day I will also be honored by Anca Faur. Living Legends of Aviation I in a Twitter post. am pleased to announce that my



"On my 93rd birthday & the Astronaut Buzz Aldrin with his wife Dr.

longtime love Dr. Anca Faur & I rimony in a small private cer- the surface - a photo that led have tied the knot," Aldrin said emony in Los Angeles & are as to years of controversy about

excited as eloping teenagers."

1975, and divorced three years later in 1978. His third marriage was to Lois Driggs Cannon in 1988. Their

divorce was finalized in 2012.

On the moon, he was photographed by Armstrong saluting "We were joined in holy mat- the American flag erected on

married Beverly Van Zile in known within internet circles filed against Aldrin.

the moon mission. Before tak- as the astronaut who punched His first marriage was in1954 ing part in the famed mission conspiracy theorist Bart Sibrel to Joan Archer lasted until 1974. to space, he served as a fighter while being confronted about He has three children, James, pilot with the US Air Force in the the factualness of the moon mis-Janice and Andrew, Next, he Korean War, He is also famously sion in 2002. No charges were



Aldrin was part of the 1969 Apollo 11 moon mission along with commander Neil Armstrong, who was the first person on the moon. He is the last surviving member of the mission.