

1517

Ottoman forces take Cairo, capital of the Mamluk Sultanate

1689

Prince William of Orange (future King William III of Britain), summons Convention Parliament to discuss ruling jointly with his wife Mary (daughter of exiled King James II)



1905

In St Petersburg, Russia, a large demonstration of workers led by Father Gapon, march to the Winter Palace with a petition to the Tsar; troops fire on protesters in what becomes known as 'Bloody Sunday'

1973

Roe vs Wade: US Supreme Court legalizes most abortions

China says COVID outbreak has infected 80% of population



A patient lies on a bed at the emergency department of a hospital

Reuters | Beijing

The possibility of a big COVID-19 rebound in China over the next two or three months is remote as 80% of people have been infected, a prominent government scientist said yesterday.

The mass movement of people during the ongoing Lunar New Year holiday period may spread the pandemic, boosting infections in some areas, but a second COVID wave is unlikely in the near term, Wu Zunyou, chief epidemiologist at the China Center for Disease Control and Prevention, said on the Weibo social media platform.

Hundreds of millions of Chinese are travelling across the country for holiday reunions that had been suspended under recently eased COVID curbs, raising fears of fresh outbreaks in rural areas less equipped to manage large outbreaks.

China has passed the peak of COVID patients in fever clinics, emergency rooms and with critical conditions, a National Health Commission official said on Thursday.

Sunak fined by police for failing to wear seat belt

Reuters | London

British police fined Prime Minister Rishi Sunak for failing to wear a seat belt while he filmed a social media clip in the back seat of a moving car, a potentially embarrassing blow as he tries to revive his party's fortunes.

Sunak, who apologised on Thursday for a "brief error of judgement", had uploaded the video to Instagram during a trip to north west England. It was widely shared by other users who noticed that he had not buckled up.

Local police had said later that day they would investigate, and confirmed late on Friday that an offence had taken place.

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British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak appears to not be wearing his seat belt in this screen grab taken from a social media video

after last year they found he broke COVID-19 lockdown rules, along with then-prime minister Boris Johnson.

Sunak becomes the second prime minister after Johnson to have broken the law in such a manner.

The fine represents an additional distraction for Sunak, whose Conservative Party trails far behind the opposition Labour Party in the opinion polls, ahead of an election due by January 2025 at the latest.

"The prime minister fully accepts this was a mistake and has apologised. He will of course comply with the fixed penalty," a spokesman from Sunak's Downing Street office said in a statement.



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Bahrain Inc. Must Prioritise Environmental Sustainability



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The United Nations defines environmental sustainability as meeting the needs of today without compromising the future generations ability to meet their needs. This applies aptly for businesses and corporate entities who have a sizeable consumption of natural resources and therefore a potentially larger carbon footprint. Given this the industrial and business sectors need to go the extra mile to dial down the negative impact they have on the environment by adopting sustainable business and manufacturing practices. In this regard, till date Bahrain has made commendable progress by encouraging the industrial sector to focus on technological innovation and sustainability by embedding the principles of a circular economy. This has paid rich dividends in the form environmental conservation for the nation.

But the new year brings challenges. Bahrain has set a national target of achieving carbon neutrality by 2060, with an interim goal of a 30% reduction in CO emissions by 2035. Maintaining the pace of economic development while ensuring achieving the above targets is a crucial challenge.

Using cloud technologies innovatively, for instance, to increase efficiencies is an important part of sustainable action for environment protection while maintaining the speed for economic development



Plugging data capture and analysis tools into the energy infrastructure of private and public companies alike can help in understanding energy usage better and take action to make manufacturing facilities more efficient. Mondelez International, for example, has developed a cloud based technology that helps the company efficiently monitor the use of water, electricity and natural gas at its Bahrain factory. The data is available in real time and can be readily compared with sustainability benchmarks. The technology has already helped the company bring down Co2 emissions by large measure.

Given the fact that Bahrain is predominantly an oil based economy, the carbon footprint of Bahrain's nation is relatively high. The non-oil based industrial sectors must therefore be encouraged to counter-balance and achieve carbon neutrality in their spheres faster. Carbon neutrality not only requires technologies for reducing CO2e emissions at the source and enhanced carbon sinks, but it also requires the introduction of a circular economy culture and efforts to foster pro-environmental behaviour within the population. The involvement of different stakeholders in the journey toward carbon neutrality is critical, along with the formulation of requisite policies regulating the roles of technology, behaviour and research.

These aspects can help Bahrain Inc. to accelerate sustainable economic development that is in conformity with environmental conservation goals.

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Avalanche; death toll rises to 28



Rescue workers working on an avalanche in Nyingchi, southwest

Many of the people were

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headed home for China's Lunar New Year holiday, which starts Sunday.

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Over 50 injured in Peru as protests cause 'nationwide chaos'



Smoke and flames rise from a building during the 'Take over Lima' march to demonstrate against Peru's President Dina Boluarte

Reuters | Lima

Dozens of Peruvians were injured after tensions flared again on Friday night as police clashed with protesters in anti-government demonstrations that are spreading across the country.

In the capital Lima, police officers used tear gas to repel demonstrators throwing glass bottles and stones, as fires burned in the streets, local TV footage showed.

In the country's southern Puno region, some 1,500 protesters attacked a police station in the town of Ilave, Interior Minister Vicente Romero said in a statement to news media.

A police station in Zepita, Puno, was also on fire, Romero said.

Health authorities in Ilave reported eight patients hospitalized with injuries, including broken arms and legs, eye contusions and punctured abdomens.

By late afternoon, 58 people had been injured nationwide in demonstrations, according to a report from Peru's ombudsman.

Abandoned in supermarket car park



World certificate

right in and sat on the seat, as if he knew where we were going. It was meant to be".

Years later, the almost blind and hard of hearing Spike has

made himself at home with his family, waking up at 7am on most days and visiting the animals on the Kimballs' farm, which include horses, cows and cats.

He has also proved to be a fighter, having survived multiple attacks from other animals despite being given a low chance of survival each time.

Kimball first thought that her dog could be a Guinness World Record holder (GWR) after watching a Jimmy Fallon episode which featured a picture of a former oldest living dog GWR winner who was younger than Spike.

She said that seeing her Spike get the accolade is a testament to his positive nature.



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After years of consecutive declines, the steep rise in the number of journalists killed in 2022 is extremely alarming. I urge countries to investigate & prosecute crimes against journalists with the full force of the law.

@antoniogeterres

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Thank you, Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari @BBhuttoZadari Pakistan, for the useful discussion at #WEF23 on how the @WorldBank can continue to lean in & support your efforts to foster #ResilientRecovery, face current challenges & get back on track on your development goals.

@AxeIVT_WB

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Two years in, and I've never been more optimistic about America's future.

@POTUS

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@elonmusk

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