

Conquest of Seville by Christian troops under King Ferdinand III of Castile after the city capitulates

"Areopagitica", a pamphlet by John Milton decrying censorship, is published



The clipper Cutty Sark is launched in Dumbarton, Scotland, one of the last clippers ever built and the only one still surviving

Sumatran rhino officially declared extinct in Malaysia after last known specimen, 25-year-old Iman, dies of cancer in Sabah, Malaysian Borneo

# Iran starts enriching uranium to 60% purity

Reuters | Dubai

Iran has begun enriching uranium to 60% purity at its underground Fordow nuclear site, the country's nuclear chief said yesterday, a move that may irk Western powers pushing Tehran to roll back its nuclear work by reviving a 2015 pact.

Iran is already enriching uranium to up to 60% purity elsewhere, well below the roughly 90% needed for weapons-grade material but above the 20% it produced before the 2015 agreement with major powers to cap enrichment at 3.67%.

"We had said that Iran will seriously react to any resolution and political pressure ... that is why Iran has started enriching uranium to 60% purity from Monday at the Fordow site," said Mohammad Eslami, according to Iranian



A handout satellite image shows a general view of the Natanz nuclear facility after a fire, in Natanz, Iran July. (file)

media. The International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) 35-nation Board of Governors on Thursday passed a resolution ordering Iran to cooperate urgently with the agency's investigation into uranium traces found at three

undeclared sites. Iran had warned that the move could impact its "constructive relations" with the agency.

In a letter to the IAEA, the semi-official ISNA news agency reported, Iran had informed the agency about Tehran's decision to use "IR-6 advanced centrifuges to produce 60% enriched uranium" at Fordow, a site buried inside a mountain.

The 2015 nuclear pact between Iran and six world powers lets Iran use only first-generation IR-1 centrifuges but, as the deal unravelled after then-President Donald Trump ditched it in 2018, Tehran has installed cascades of more efficient advanced centrifuges, such as the IR-2m, IR-4 and IR-6.

The semi-official Fars news agency said Tehran had also started the process of "replacing the

first-generation centrifuges (IR-1) with advanced IR-6 ones" at the Fordow site, while installing new cascades, or clusters, of advanced centrifuges at its underground Natanz nuclear sites.

"Iran has also started the process of injecting gas into two cascades of IR-2m and IR-4 advanced centrifuges at the Natanz site," state TV reported.

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## S. Africa's Ramaphosa starts Charles III's first state visit as king

AFP | London

King Charles III on Tuesday welcomed South African President Cyril Ramaphosa to London for the first state visit of his reign, with climate change, trade and the Commonwealth expected to be on the agenda.

Charles and Queen Consort Camilla were joined by heir to the throne Prince William and his wife Catherine to greet Ramaphosa and First Lady Tshepo Motsepe for a ceremonial welcome at Horse Guards Parade in central London.

The monarch and Ramaphosa inspected the guard of honour together.



The two-day state visit is the first since Charles became king

For Ramaphosa, a protege of anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela, however, the visit also comes amid political difficulties and a threat of impeachment at home.

## Five dead, 40 injured in Iraq gas tank explosion

AFP | Dohuk, Iraq

Five people died and 40 were injured when a gas tank exploded and sparked a fire in a student dormitory in northern Iraq, authorities said yesterday.

The blast hit Monday night when a rooftop gas tank leaked at a building housing the student accommodation and a bakery in the Kurdish city of Dohuk.

"The gas leaked, reaching the students' rooms, and police arrived to evacuate them," Dohuk's governor, Ali Tatar,



The explosion in Dohuk is the second LPG tank explosion to occur in Iraqi Kurdistan in less than a week

told AFP. "Unfortunately at that moment, the explosion occurred."

A student, a bakery worker and three policemen who arrived as part of the emergency response were killed, including the unit's deputy director,

# Russian born with half a body after exposed to Chernobyl radiation reveals his active lifestyle

Daily Mail

A man with no legs and only one arm says he refuses to let his disability hold him back as he loves to 'prove people wrong'.

Tim Mason, 25, says despite despite only having one limb, he can still run, cook, dance, walk his dog, and live life independently.

He also ditched his prosthetics at a young age and said they held him back from being himself.

Tim Mason's birth mother was exposed to high amounts of radiation following the Chernobyl nuclear accident in 1986, meaning he was born with only one working limb.

He was then put into an orphanage where it was thought that he would never be adopted.

Virginia Mason, 80, a retired charity CEO said she read about Tim and travelled to Russia to meet him. The head of the orphanage told her that Tim would not have a good quality of life.

But Virginia Mason said she wanted to be a mother as soon as she met Tim, and raised him as a single moth-



Tim lives in Hartford, Connecticut, US, working at the Napa Valley Wine Academy.

er after losing her partner when Tim was seven years old.

Now aged 25, Tim lives in Hartford, Connecticut, US, working at the Napa Valley Wine Academy.

Tim says he wants to prove people wrong and show others that having no arms and only one leg doesn't hold you back.

Tim said: 'People think that disabled people cannot exercise, but we can all do it. Exercise is for anyone.'

'People don't realise that I'm not just sitting in my room as a triple amputee. I love exercise and it keeps me healthy both physically and mentally

'I wake up every day and fight on. My independence is the thing I'm most grateful for.'

Tim says although Virginia was told by the orphanage that he wouldn't have a good quality of life, she knew he would be fine.

'She knew I would be fine as I looked over and made fish faces at her. She was very happy to find me.'

After Virginia adopted three-year-old Tim, he came to America with her and started speaking English soon after he arrived.

'I went to elementary school and I just skyrocketed,' he said. 'I was really active and always played on

the playground.'

When he was younger, Tim said he used prosthetics, a walker and a crutch to help him get around.

But this stopped him from being himself, he said. 'I really didn't like them, they weren't me. I wanted to be myself without them.'

Virginia supported her son's choice he stopped using prosthetics.

Tim said growing up was 'like a rollercoaster'.

He initially enjoyed school and made friends, but struggled during his teenage years.

'Middle and high school is when I started to notice the impacts my disabilities have on making friends.

'I would get asked 'who would even date you?'

Now, with a job and loving family and

friends around him, Tim says he can ignore any negative comments.

'There is a lot of doubt in what I can do,' he said.

'It can be discouraging. But I am here and making it through. I have seen so many positive comments and it means the world

to me.

'People are scared to ask questions. I get asked questions like why I was born like this and general questions about my condition.'

'I am frequently asked how do I go to the bathroom which I find hilarious.'

Despite everything, Tim is still convinced that 'life is as normal as he makes it'.

'I really strive to prove people wrong so a lot of my hobbies have come from that,' he said.

He said he loves to walk his dog, dance and exercise.

'People thought I wouldn't be able to take care of a dog but he is my best friend.'

'I fully take care of him and take him on three walks a day. The only thing I need help with is driving him to the vet.'

Tim was also proud to say that he enjoys exercise and even lost 40 pounds (18kg) in 2021.



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A deserved victory.. A combative performance.. Arab joy.. congratulations to the Saudi national team.. who made us happy, entertained, and made us happy..

@HHSkMohd

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Thank you PM @AlBOMP! The entry into force of IndAus ECTA will be greatly welcomed by our business communities, and will further strengthen the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

@narendramodi

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No matter where you go in the world, you'll find people who love the beautiful game. Spoke with @TheAtlantic about my love of soccer, came to terms with my legacy as a mediocre player, and dove deeper into soccer as a tool of diplomacy

@SecBlinken

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The forces of division and hate are finding fertile ground in a landscape marred by injustice and conflicts. At @UNAOC Forum, I called for the creation of an alliance of peace - recognizing diversity as richness & ensuring that everyone can live lives of dignity & opportunity.

@antoniouterres

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