

1178

Frederick I Barbarossa, Holy Roman Emperor, crowned King of Burgundy



1619

House of Burgesses Virginia forms, 1st elective American governing body

1869

The Charles, considered the world's first "oil tanker", departs from the United States headed for Europe with a bulk capacity of 7,000 barrels of oil

1935

1st Penguin book is published, starting the paperback revolution

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and ward off dangers". Several airlines including Lufthansa, Air France and Transavia announced Monday the suspension of their Beirut lines. But in central Beirut, shop owner Muhammad Saad, 53, said life went on as usual. "We're already at war, what more could happen?" he told AFP. Hezbollah has denied responsibility for the Majdal Shams rocket attack, though the group claimed multiple strikes on Israeli military positions that day. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who visited the site of the rocket strike Monday, has said "Hezbollah will pay a heavy price". He convened Sunday his security cabinet, whose members "authorised the prime minister and the defence minister to de-

cide on the manner and timing of the response", Netanyahu's office said without elaborating. Hezbollah has evacuated some positions in south and east Lebanon, a source close to the group told AFP.

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Israel and the United States have blamed the attack on Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah group, which has traded near-daily fire with Israeli forces since the start of the Gaza war in early October.

Iran's new president warns Israel against attacking Lebanon

Tehran, Iran

Iran's new President Masoud Pezeshkian yesterday warned Israel against attacking Lebanon as tensions soar over a deadly rocket strike in the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights blamed on Tehran-backed Hezbollah. "The Zionist regime (Israel) will make a great mistake with heavy consequences if it attacks Lebanon," Pezeshkian said during a call with French President Emmanuel Macron, according to the Iranian president's website. Pezeshkian assumed official responsibilities on Sunday after official endorsement from supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and is to be sworn in to parliament on Tuesday. The Islamic republic has hailed Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel that sparked the Gaza war but denied any involvement.

Children reported wounded in suspected UK knife attack

London, United Kingdom

A suspected knife attack in northern England yesterday left at least eight people injured, believed to include children, emergency services said. Police said armed officers had detained a male and seized a knife after being called to a property in Southport, near Liverpool in north-west England, at 11.50am (1050 GMT). "There are a number of reported casualties," said a police statement. The North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) said it had "treated eight patients with stab injuries who have been taken to Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Aintree University Hospital and Southport and Formby hospital."

Bangladesh protests resume after ultimatum ignored



Police personnel guide Momotaz Nahar (L), mother of the detained Bangladesh quota reform movement leader and Students Against Discrimination group's chief Nahid Islam, as she arrives at the Detective Branch office of Bangladesh police, where Nahid is held, in Dhaka

AFP | Dhaka, Bangladesh

Bangladeshi students held scattered street protests yesterday after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government ignored an ultimatum to release their leaders and apologise for those killed in deadly unrest. Student rallies against civil service job quotas this month sparked days of violence that killed at least 205 people including several police officers, according to an AFP count of police and hospital data. The clashes were some of the worst of Hasina's 15-year tenure but her government has since largely restored order by deploying troops, imposing a curfew and shutting down the internet nationwide. At least half a dozen leaders of Students Against Discrimination, the group that organised the initial protests, are among thousands since taken into police custody. "The government is continuing to show complete and utter insensitivity to our movement," Abdul Kader, one of the group's coordinators, said in a statement. "We are requesting all citizens of Bangladesh to show solidarity with our demands and join in our movement." Several protests were staged in the capital Dhaka and elsewhere in Bangladesh on Mon-

day, but they were only a fraction of the size of those seen earlier in the month. Police charged with batons to break up one protest on Dhaka's outskirts, arresting at least 20 people, newspaper Prothom Alo reported. Security forces were deployed widely elsewhere in the teeming megacity of 20 million to deter other demonstrations. Students Against Discrimination leaders had vowed to end a week-long moratorium on new demonstrations if police failed to release their leaders by Sunday evening. The group's demands also include a public apology from Hasina for the violence, the dismissal of several of her ministers, and the reopening of schools and universities around the country that were shuttered at the height of the unrest. At least 9,000 people have been arrested nationwide since the unrest began, according to Prothom Alo. Troops are still patrolling urban areas and a nationwide curfew remains in force but it has been progressively eased since the start of last week. Bangladesh's mobile internet network was restored on Sunday, 11 days after a nationwide blackout imposed at the height of the unrest, in another sign of the government's confidence that it was in control of the situation.

Train derailed when train, truck collide in S. Russia



The train was carrying around 800 passengers

train derailment. Nine carriages derailed. Seven of them overturned. Provisionally, more than 100 people have been injured," the emergency situations ministry said. About 30 people were hospitalised, including 15 children, and 22 ambulance crews were despatched to the scene to treat the injured, the TASS news agency reported. The country's Investigative Committee said it had launched a criminal probe into the incident.

Russian Railways, the state-run operator, blamed the driver of the truck for the incident. "The driver grossly violated traffic rules and drove onto the crossing when the signalling system was functioning properly," it said. "The train driver applied emergency brakes but the collision could not be avoided because of the short distance. The train was travelling at 65 kilometres per hour (40 mph)," it added.

Paris becomes Games symbol

old son to the gardens at the weekend. "It's for the kids, so they can join the party too," the 43-year-old told AFP. Decosta and her husband are planning to see BMX and basketball, but their children will have to stay home. "They won't have access to the Games," she said, adding that Olympic tickets were "too expensive." "But at their level they understand the importance of what's going on," she said. Paris's newest tourist attraction is free. Three hundred people are admitted to see the flame every quarter of an hour between 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. "Clean energy" French designer Mathieu Lehanneur, 49, said he wanted to

make the cauldron as accessible, visible and open "as possible." It is a nod to the hot air balloon invented by the Montgolfier brothers, the 18th century French aviation pioneers. Wearing a cap emblazoned with the Olympic rings, American Nelly Li said she came "to admire this new invention, which is environmentally friendly and uses clean energy." Baptiste Ferlin, a 35-year-old teacher, came to the Tuileries gardens to "enjoy the party." Ferlin said he loved the idea of turning Paris into "an Olympic stadium" and is happily taking advantage of the opportunity to "experience the atmosphere of the Games." Arriving from the Paris suburbs, he walked along the Seine before coming to see the flame. "It makes for a wild party!"

Six candidates vie to lead UK's embattled Conservative party

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Six senior UK Conservatives will face off in the party leadership contest to succeed Rishi Sunak, as the deadline for candidates to enter the race passed yesterday. Right-wing favourite Kemi Badenoch was the last to throw her hat in the ring to replace Sunak, who resigned after the party's historic general election defeat on July 4. James Cleverly, Robert Jenrick, Priti Patel, Mel Stride and Tom Tugendhat will also be in the running for the top job to replace Sunak, who has officially stepped down but will stay on until a successor is elected. Party MPs will hold a series of



Sunak

votes to narrow the list down to four candidates, who will make their pitches at the Conservative Party conference at the end of September, and the MPs will then decide on a final pair. The party's membership will then vote for the winner, set to be announced on November 2. Now in opposition, after 14

years in power, the party will need a candidate who can unite the 121 Tory MPs remaining in parliament. The nominees will have to show they can win back voters that defected to the hard-right Reform UK party in the election, raising fears among Tories that they were losing their core electoral base. Badenoch -- who served as secretary for business and trade, and minister for women and equalities in Sunak's cabinet -- announced her leadership bid in the Times newspaper. She wrote that Tory prime ministers had allowed the country to become "increasingly liberal" and tolerated "nasty identity politics".

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TWEETS

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Today, @SecDef Austin and I met with Japanese Foreign Minister Kamikawa and Defense Minister Kihara. We reaffirmed the United States' commitment to deepen defense industry and technology cooperation and discussed ways to implement strategic initiatives for our important Alliance.

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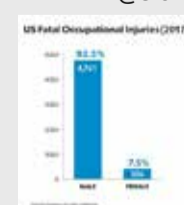
This nation was founded on a simple yet profound principle: No one is above the law. Not the President of the United States. Not a justice on the Supreme Court of the United States. So today, I'm calling for three bold reforms to restore trust and accountability to the court

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We are glad to see the government of #Pakistan's political commitment to accelerating the response to viral #hepatitis, including the launch of Prime Minister @CMShehbaz's National Hepatitis Elimination Initiative, which aims to test and treat 50% of the most at-risk populations

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The Gender Death Gap seems a lot wider than the Gender Pay Gap.



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