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#### **UNGA elects ex-Cameroon PM Philemon** Yang as new president

United Nations: The United Nations General Assembly elected the former Prime of Cameroon, Minister of Cameroon, Philemon Yang, as its new President, a Sputnik correspondent reported. Yang will become the next President for its seventy-ninth session, which kicks off in September. The theme and his main The theme and his main message for the upcoming General Assembly will be "unity in diversity, for the advancement of peace, sustainable development, and human dignity for everyone everywhere" everywhere."

#### 4 killed, 3 injured in Afghanistan traffic accident

Jalalabad, Afghanistan: At least four commuters lost their lives and three others sustained injuries in a road accident in east Afghanistan's Nangarhar province on Thursday night, provincial police spokesman Hafiz Mawlawi Abdul Basir Zabuli Mawlawi Abdul Basir Zabuli said Friday. The accident occurred in the Khogyani district when two vehicles collided due to overspeeding, causing them to overturn, Zabuli said. The injured were promptly transported to a promptly transported to a nearby hospital for treatment. accidents hundreds of lives annually in Afghanistan, attributed to poor road conditions, rugged terrains, overloading and overspeeding.

#### Russia destroys 28 **Ukrainian drones** overnight



Moscow: Russian air defenses have destroyed 28 Ukrainian drones over Crimea, the Sea of the Krasnodar Territory, the Belgorod and Rostov regions, the Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement. The ministry said attempts by the Kiev regime to commit terrorist attacks using aircraft-type unmanned aerial vehicles (ŪAVs) against targets on Russian territory were stopped at night. "Air defense systems on duty destroyed and intercepted: 11 UAVs over the Crimean Peninsula; 8 UAVs over the Azov Sea; 6 UAVs over the Krasnodar Territory; 2 UAVs over the Belgorod Region and one UAV over the Rostov Region," it said.

#### Plane crash injures 2 in Portugal

**Lisbon:** Two people were seriously injured after a plane crashed Thursday near the Leiria airfield in central Portugal. The Sub-regional Command for Emergency and Civil Protection of the Leiria Region confirmed that the aircraft crashed on National Road 109, which has been closed for repair work. Local media said the crash of the ultralight plane seriously injured two male Portuguese, aged 32 and 39. They were trapped in the wreckage. According to reports, the ultralight aircraft "was having problems" and the accident occurred when it was trying to return to the runway.

#### About 80 migrants, including children, rescued from English Channel

London: Around 80 migrants, including at least three children, have been rescued after a boat got into difficulty while crossing the English Channel, local media reported coastguard and lifeboat crews were called to help the Border Force during the incident off the Kent coast on Thursday morning, and some migrants have been pulled from the water, The Guardian reported. No fatalities have been reported at this stage.

# 5 Israeli soldiers killed in tunnel near Rafah: Hamas



Gaza (UNI)

Hamas armed wing Al-Qassam Brigades said that it blew up a tunnel entrance set by Israeli forces near Rafah as a trap and killed five Israeli soldiers ambushed inside recently.

The entrance to an

underground tunnel had been installed near the Tal neighborhood, west of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, Al-Qassam said in a press statement, without providing further details

about the operation. There was no comment from the Israeli side yet.

In another statement on Telegram, the Al-Qassam Brigades claimed to have attacked the headquarters of the Israeli army division operating in the city of Rafah without

detailing either.
Earlier on Thursday,
the Israeli army announced the killing of three Palestinians who attempted to cross the fence of the Gaza-Israel

## Mayor of Gaza's Nuseirat killed in Israeli attack

The Palestinian mayor of central Gaza's Nuseirat refugee camp, Iyad al-Mughari, was killed in an Israeli airstrike earlier this week, Palestinian medical and security

Palestinian security sources told Xinhua that the mayor was killed, along with a number of his family members, as an Israeli attack targeted a building in the camp. Medical sources said al-Mughari's body was transferred to al-Aqsa Hospital in Deir al-Balah city in central Gaza. Al-Mughari, one of the cadres of the Hamas movement, was appointed mayor by acclamation, the sources noted.

The killing of al-Mughari came hours after the killing of about 35 Palestinians in an Israeli attack on a school affiliated with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, which was housing displaced people in the Nuseirat camp. Israel said Hamas and Islamic Jihad "terrorists" were embedded themselves inside the school, and a number



of steps had been taken to reduce the risk of harming uninvolved civilians. The Israeli army has been conducting a large-scale offensive on Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023, after Hamas carried out an unprecedented attack on the Israeli towns adjacent to the strip, during which approximately 1,200 people were killed and about 250 others were taken hostage. The Palestinian death toll from the ongoing Israeli attacks in the enclave has risen to 36,654, with 83,309 people injured, updated the Gaza health authorities on

#### 4 Indian students drown near St Petersburg

Moscow: In an unfortunate incident, four Indian medical students drowned in a river near St. Petersburg, confirmed the Indian mission in Russia here on

Two boys and two girls studying at the nearby Novgorod State University in Veliky Novgorod city were identified as the victims.

According to local media reports another female Indian student, who waded out from the beach on the river Volkhov, got into trouble, and four of her companions tried to save her.

We are working to send the bodies to the relatives as soon as possible. Proper treatment is also being provided to the student whose life has been saved," the Embassy of India in Moscow said on X (formally known as Twitter).

The Consulate General of India in St Petersburg said these students were pursuing medical education at Veliky Novgorod State

### Netanyahu to address joint meetings of US Cong



Washington (UNI)

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will address a joint meeting of Congress of the United States on July 24, US House Speaker Mike Johnson has announced on social media.

"I am pleased to announce with @LeaderMcConnell [US Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell] that Israeli PM Netanyahu will address a joint meeting of Congress on July 24th," Johnson said on X on

Thursday.

The US official added that Congress looks forward "to hearing the Israeli government's vision for defending democracy, combating terror, and establishing a just and lasting peace in the region."

Johnson said on Sunday that he

Johnson said on Sunday that he a draft invitation to Netanyahu back in March for consideration by the Senate, but US Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer took some time to coordinate the document, after which the letter was sent to the head of the Israeli government.

Saturday, accepted an invitation from US congressional leaders to address a joint meeting of Congress in support of Israel in the fight against

# Sunita Williams' little jig after she arrives on ISS wins hearts

Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams and her co-pilot Butch Wilmore safely docked their Boeing Starliner at the International Space Station and Williams broke into a bit of a heartwarming dance as she wriggled out of the American made

It was the first time the spacecraft, which came through a long and tortuous development programme, had been entrusted to carry people. The BBC quoted mission managers as saying that Starliner has experienced minor technical issues on the way, including a helium leak and some thruster failures.

Williams, 58, was launched aboard the Boeing Starliner,



alongside Barry Wilmore, a NASA astronaut, from Cape Canaveral, Florida on June 5.

The Indian-American astronaut was seen in a video dancing on Thursday as the Boeing Starliner capsule safely docked with the ISS.

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Turkish President Recep Tayyip

ammunition

"We are making every effort to

Erdogan called on countries that

weapons to Israel to stop "being

deliver humanitarian aid. Our

initiatives, including all legal processes, continue. Countries

that provide ammunition and

partners in this crime."

Williams also created history becoming the first woman to pilot a new spacecraft on its inaugural crewed test flight to space.

In a similar video posted by Boeing Space on X, Williams was seen coming outside the capsule and immediately breaking into a little dance in zero gravity as she hugs the other astronauts on ISS.

The mission, dubbed Boeing Crew Flight Test (CFT), is a crucia step in certifying the Starliner for regular crewed flights to the ISS as part of NASA's Commercial Crew Program. If successful, Starliner will be the second private spacecraft after SpaceX's Crew Dragon to transport astronauts to and from the orbiting laboratory.

the border, attacking both civilian neighborhoods and military bases. Nearly 1,200 people in Israel were killed, and some 240

others abducted during the

Israel launched retaliatory

strikes, ordered a complete

blockade of Gaza, and started a

ground incursion into the

Palestinian enclave with the

declared goal of eliminating Hamas fighters and rescuing the hostages. Over 36,200 people have been killed so far by Israeli strikes in the Gaza Strip,

according to local authorities. More than 100 hostages are still

believed to be held by Hamas in

## 11 people transported to hospital after heat Erdogan calls not to supply exhaustion at Donald Trump's event

Nearly a dozen people were hospitalised due to heat exhaustion in Phoenix, Arizona as they were waiting in line for an event featuring former President Donald Trump, reported The Hill. The Phoenix Fire Department said that they responded to the event, hosted at Dream City Church in north Phoenix and transported 11 people to the hospital, reported The Hill citing ABC15. According to the Phoenix National

Weather Service, the temperatures reached 110 degrees Fahrenheit on Thursday for the first time this year, and later it tied the daily record high of 111 degrees set in 2016. The season's first heat wave is expected to hit the region after a particularly

Helsinki (UNI)

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to Ukraine: NATO chief

The North Atlantic Treaty

Organization (NATO) Secretary

General Jens Stoltenberg said here

that NATO has no plans to deploy

Finnish President Alexander Stubb on the second day of his

two-day visit to Finland, Stoltenberg said that "we are focusing on how we can establish a stronger framework for our support" to Ulcaine.

Echoing Stoltenberg's position, Stubb also said that Finland has no plans to send troops to Ukraine, adding that Finland is in

discussions with allies about options for supporting Ukraine.

At the press conference, Stoltenberg also noted that he saw

At a joint press conference with



warm summer last year.

NATO has no plans for troop deployment

Moreover, the videos and photos shared online showed several people fainting and requiring medical attention due to the extreme heatwave, as reported by The Hill. The Hill further reached out to the Trump campaign for his comment.

The event, sponsored by Turning Point Action, a youth-oriented conservative group, was aimed to increase voter turnout by encouraging early and mail-in voting, an idea formerly opposed by Trump.

The Arizona Republic reported that the Dream City Church event is the second time the former president has visited the place of worship, reported The Hill. In June 2020, Trump held an indoor event, his second public gathering since the start of the COVID-19 quarantine. The Republic reported that church officials incorrectly elaimed they invested discourse the start of the country of the co incorrectly claimed they installed air purification systems that could kill "99.9%" of COVID-19 within 10 minutes.

## Moscow to host international BRICS +

**Fashion Summit in Oct** Moscow: Moscow Mayor Sergey Moscow: Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyanin has signed a resolution to hold the second international BRICS+ Fashion Summit in the Russian capital in October, documents of the city government's presidium have

'The Moscow City government will support hosting the second international BRICS+ Fashion Summit forum, which is planned to take place in October 2024. A resolution regarding the issue has been signed by Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyanin," the documents showed on Thursday.

More than 80 countries have given preliminary consent to participate in the forum, according to the documents.

# that provide ammunition and weapons to Israel must stop being partners in this crime," Erdogan said at a joint press conference with Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in Ankara. On October 7, 2023, Palestinian movement Hamas launched a large-scale rocket launched a large-scale rocket attack against Israel and breached 5 terrorists killed in security

# operation in NW Pak

Five terrorists were killed in a security operation in Pakistan's northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, official sources said.

The security forces conducted an intelligence-based operation at a hideout of the terrorists in the Mir Ali area of North Waziristan district of the province on Thursday, killing five terrorists of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban on

the spot, according to the sources.

The killed terrorists were involved in several terrorist activities against the security forces and innocent citizens, the officials said, adding that a huge weapons ammunition were also recovered

from their possession.

The killed terrorists were planning to carry out terror attacks in the province.

Law enforcement agencies also launched a search operation in the surrounding

areas to arrest of the killed accomplices

#### SpaceX successfully launches Starship rocket

Washington: SpaceX launched its Starship rocket for the fourth test flight from its facility called Starbase in southern Texas on Thursday.

The rocket, which lifted off at about 7:50 a.m. local time near Boca Chica Village, has completed

the test flight for the first time, returning to Earth and splashing down in the Indian Ocean.

Minutes after liftoff, SpaceX confirmed Starship's Raptor engines had ignited during hotelessing congretion. The first stars staging separation. The first-stage booster, known as Super Heavy, executed the flip manoeuvre and boostback burn. Super Heavy has splashed down in the Gulf of Mexico. The starship coasted in space and re-entered the Earth's atmosphere. About 1 hour and 5 minutes after launch, SpaceX confirmed Starship's splashdown in the Indian Ocean.

Paris (UNI) France will supply Mirage warplanes to Ukraine and train their soldiers, said French President Emmanuel Macron in an interview with French media on Thursday evening.

no imminent military threat

against any NATO ally from

Russia, and not even after the end

"This idea that there is a kind of a countdown to the next war is

a Russian attack is implausible.

Stubb also believes the idea of

of the conflict.

wrong," he said.

"We will launch a new cooperation and transfer Mirage 2000-5s," said Macron. The French leader also promised to train a whole Ukrainian battalion of 4,500 troops, to be deployed on the battlefield.

He said the delivery of French fighter jets "is not a factor of escalation" and promised "these weapons will not be used to bomb civilians." Additionally, Macron didn't exclude the possibility of sending military instructors to Ukraine. "There should be no taboo on this subject," he said in the interview.

Mirage 2000 is a French multirole, single-engine, fourth-generation jet fighter, manufactured



by Dassault Aviation.

At the end of February, Macron suggested European nations should send troops to Ukraine during a meeting in Paris but many other European countries, including Germany, Britain, Spain, and Italy, voiced their disagreement.

Following Macron's remarks in February, Russia warned a direct

conflict between NATO and Russia would be inevitable if the alliance sends troops to Ukraine.

Earlier on Thursday, Marcon led a ceremony held at Omaha Beach in Normandy, northern France, to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-

Day landings.

According to a live broadcast by
French media BFMTV, some 20 heads of state and government, including U.S. President Joe Biden

and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, participated in the event. En route to France for the ceremony, U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan told reporters

on Tuesday that the United States will maintain its policy of not sending military advisors to The Normandy landings along the French coast on June 6, 1944,

marked an important turning point in World War II, paving the way to the Allied's victory against Nazi Germany.

















