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Argentine president swears in new FM

Buenos Aires: Argentine President Javier Milei on Monday swore in Gerardo Werthein as his new minister of foreign affairs, the president's office said in a statement. Werthein, a 68year-old veterinarian and businessman, has served as Argentina's ambassador to the United States since May. His predecessor, Diana Mondino, was removed from office by Milei on Oct. 30. Mondino's departure marks the fourth departure from Milei's cabinet since he took office in December last year.

Afghanistan reports spike in measles cases in 2024



Kabul: Measles cases are surg-6,000 positive cases in 2024, according to the latest data from the country's Ministry of Public Health. "Out of 10,000 suspected measles cases in 2024, nearly 6,000 cases have tested positive, showing an increase compared to 2023," local media outlet TOLO news quoted the ministry's spokesperson, Sharafat Zaman Amarkhil, as saying on Mon-day. The ministry planned to launch a measles vaccination campaign across the country to prevent disease outbreaks, said Amarkhil.

Cargo Dragon Spacecraft launched from Florida spaceport to deliver Cargo to ISS-NASA



(Florida): The Cargo U.S. Dragon spacecraft was launched NASA's from Kennedy Space Center in Florida to resupply the Internation-

Harris and Trump tie in Dixville Notch midnight vote to kick off Election Day

Washington (UNI)

Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump have tied with three votes each in the tiny New Hampshire township of Dixville Notch, kicking off Election Day in one of the first places in the country to report its presidential preference, media reports said on Tuesday.

The township in New Hampshire, near the US-Canada border, has a tradition of polling after midnight ET. Four Republicans and two undeclared voters participated, CNN reported.

Dixville Notch's annual production, despite a dwindling population, is a success story for local leaders and a source of joy for polit-



ical junkies eager to witness early events, despite not al-ways being predictive of the state's winner.

According to CNN re-ports, by tradition, all eligible voters gather at the nowdormant Balsams Hotel in Dixville Notch to cast their

secret ballots once polls open at midnight. Once every ballot is cast, votes are tallied and results an-nounced hours before anywhere else, making it a destination for national reporters, who often outnum-ber the voters.

Harris expects close race with trump, says every single vote matters

Washington: US Vice President and Democrat presi-dential candidate Kamala Harris expects the November 5 vote to become "one of the closest" electoral races where every single vote could tip the scales, she has said at a concluding rally in the swing state of Pennsylvania.

'This could be one of the closest races in history. Every single vote matters, Harris said in Philadelphia on Monday night.

Elon Musk can continue giving \$1m to voters, judge rules

Washington (UNI) A judge has ruled that Elon Musk's political group can continue awarding \$1 million (£722,000) to swing state voters, media reports said on Tuesday. The giveaway by Musk's

America PAC is set to end on Tuesday, and the final recipient has already been determined, a lawyer for the billionaire said in a court hear-ing on Monday, the BBC reported.

According to media re-ports, the lawyer revealed that the recipients of the money were not randomly selected from a lottery-style contest but were chosen by a group.

Philadelphia District Attorney Lawrence Krasner had sued to stop what he called an "an illegal lottery' after Musk announced he would give the money to

one voter in a swing state each day until Election Day. Pennsylvania Judge An gelo Foglietta did not imme-

diately give a reason for the ruling, made a few hours after the hearing, according to the Associated Press.

'The \$1 million recipients are not chosen by chance," the lawyer, Chris Gober, said during the hear ing, according to the Associ-ated Press. "We know exactly who will be announced as the \$1 million recipient to-day and tomorrow."

7 terrorists killed in military operations



Islamabad (UNI)

Seven terrorists were killed and three others injured in separate operations by the Pakistani military across the country, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said.

The ISPR, the media wing of Pakistan's military, said one inci-dent happened in the North Waziristan tribal district where a terrorist was killed in an intelligence-based operation.

285 migrants intercepted off Libyan coast in past week: IOM

Tripoli: The International Organization for Migration (IOM) on Monday said that 285 migrants were intercepted and returned off the coast of Libya over the past week. The migrants returned include at least three children, the IOM said in a statement on the social media platform X, adding that three bodies of migrants were recovered while 12 others remain missing.

So far this year, a total of 19,295 migrants have been intercepted and returned, while 568 migrants died and 783 others went missing off the Libyan coast, the IOM said.

Due to the ensuing insecurity and chaos after the downfall of late leader

The second incident took place in the neighboring South Waziristan district where troops intercepted terrorists trying to infiltrate through the Pakistan-Afghanistan

border. The incident triggered an exchange of fire, in which five terrorists were killed, while three others got injured. Meanwhile, a terrorist was killed in a clash with security forces in Pakistan's southwest Balochistan province on Monday.

New York (UNI)

Striking workers at embattled plane maker Boeing voted Monday to accept the company's most recent offer, ending the costliest strike in the United States in more than 25 years, media reports said on Tuesday. The International Association of Machinists (IAM) said rank-and-file members voted by 59% to approve the deal, CNN reported.

IAM members unanimously opposed Boeing's first offer, extending the strike, and 64% voted against the second offer less than two weeks ago, the report said.

"I'm proud of our members. It is a win," said Jon Holden, president of the largest IAM local at Boeing and the union's chief negotiator. "They achieved a lot, and we're ready to move forward." Asked what prompted a positive vote this time after two previous rejections, Hold-en told reporters, "Members are



ready, ready to come back. I look forward to getting them back to work." Boeing said it was pleased with the outcome.

"While the past few months have been difficult for all of us, we are all part of the same team," CEO Kelly Ortberg said in a statement. "We will only move forward by listening and

working together. There is much work ahead to return to the excellence that made Boeing an iconic company.

According to reports, around 33,000 union members, who have been on strike since September 13, will start returning to work Wednes dav.

Spanish naval vessel arrives in Valencia to help with flood relief operation

Valencia (Spain): The Spanish Navy vessel Galicia arrived at the port of Valencia early Monday morning to aid in the relief operation following severe floods that have claimed at least 217 lives, with many more people still unaccounted for.

The Galicia arrived from Rota in southwestern Spain, carrying 104 marines who will join the over 5,000 soldiers already deployed in the area to support emergency response ef forts caused by the flooding in the region. The vessel has also brought trucks loaded with food, water, support materials, and two SH-60F heli copters for humanitarian assistance nd reconstruction w ily impacted areas of Aldaia, Algemesi, Massanassa, Alfafar, Benetusser, Ribarroja, Chiva, Torrente, Cheste, Utiel, and Catarroja.

TikTok facing legal issues: 7 French families sue for harmful content

Paris (UNI)

Online short form video sharing social networking service Tiktok has been taken to court by seven families in France who accused the media giant of exposing their children to disastrous content, compelling two to commit suicide.

The case alleges the video platform's algorithm exposed them to content promoting self-harm, eating disorders and suicide, said Laure Boutron-Marmion, a lawyer for the families.

She informed French media that



highlighted that its community guidelines prohibit content promoting self-harm or suicide. It even argued it uses a combination of technology and moderation to enlast year by the parents of 15 year old Marie, who killed herself, ac-cording to her mother, owing to the unmoderated content displayed on the site.

Another girl, whose family is in-volved in the lawsuit, also died by suicide, while four of the other five young women attempted to take their own lives. At least one of them

had developed an eating disorder. Boutron-Marmion told broad-caster Franceinfo, "The parents want TikTok's legal liability to be

recognised in court".

This is a commercial company

al Space Station (ISS), according to a broadcast on the NASA website. According to the broadcast, the launch happened on Tuesday at 02:29 GMT, this is Space X's 31st resupply mission to the ISS. SpaceX, led by Elon Musk, uses its launch pads on the east coast of the United States for space launches. For missions from the ISS, SpaceX most often launches its Falcon 9 rockets from LC-39A pad at the Kennedy Space Center in Flori-

US betting market raises odds of Trump's victory in presidential election

Washington: US Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's market-implied odds of winning the election on Tuesday grew from 58.6% to 60.3% on election betting site Polymarket. Democrat candidate Vice President Kamala Harris' odds at presidency, on the contrary, declined from 41.3% to 39.8%. Polymarket's estimate of total bets on the US presidential election is exceeding \$3.2 billion.

Three injured in stabbing attack at Melbourne shopping center

Sydney: A man has been arrested after he allegedly stabbed multiple people at a shopping center in Melbourne on Tuesday. Police in the state of Victoria said in a statement that emergency services were called to the Fountain Gate shopping center in Melbourne's southeast at about 2:25 p.m. local time on Tuesday following reports that three people were attacked at a bus stop. The three victims, two men and a woman, were taken to a nearby hospital with non-lifethreatening injuries. Local media reported that they were slashed with a box cutter.

Muammar Gaddafi in 2011, Libya has become a preferred departure point for many migrants, primarily from Africa, who attempt to cross the Mediterranean Sea to reach European shores.

the lawsuit is first of rope, according to BBC.

Then contacted, TikTok dis-missed claims that it has been served any such legal notice and sure these standards are upheld.

The group lawsuit, which has been filed in the Créteil judicial court, is separate to a criminal complaint lodged against TikTok

offering a product to consumers who are, in addition, minors. They must, therefore, answer for the product's shortcomings.'

Chinese envoy calls on U.S. to create conditions for easing Korean Peninsula tensions

United State (UNI)

A Chinese envoy on Monday urged the United States to abandon provoking bloc confrontations and create conditions for easing tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

The current situation on the peninsula remains tense with growing antagonism and confrontation, which is not in the interest of any party, Fu Cong, China's permanent representative to the United Nations, told a Security Council meeting.

Fu noted that China, as a close neighbor of the peninsula, hopes for peace and stability on the peninsula and does not wish to see any turbulence or even war and chaos there.

The envoy said the key to solving the disputes lies in the hands of the United States. However, the country, while claiming that it wants to up-

hold the international nuclear nonproliferation regime and denuclearize the peninsula, has continued to increase the deployment of its strategic forces, strengthened the extended deterrence arrangement on the peninsula, and transferred tons of weapon-grade highly enriched uranium to non-nuclear weapon state under AUKUS nuclear submarine cooperation framework, he said.

In particular, Fu said that the U.S.-deployed land-based intermediate range missiles are offensive weapons, which, if deployed in close proximity, can easily lead to strategic miscalculation, significantly increase the sense of insecurity of regional countries, and heighten the risk of an arms race and military conflicts.

Uzbek prez to attend **Turkic summit in** Kyrgyzstan on Nov 5-6

Tashkent: Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev will pay a working visit to the Kyrgyz capital of Bishkek from November 5-6 to attend an Organization of Turkic States (OTS) summit, his office said on Tuesday.

"President Shavkat Mirziyoyev will pay a working visit to Bishkek from November 5-6 at the invita-tion of Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov to participate in the events of the summit of the OTS heads of state," the Uzbek president's office said.

The Turkic leaders will discuss international and regional agenda as well as the multilateral cooperation within the OTS, the statement read.

Russia launches rocket to deploy 55 satellites into orbit

Moscow (UNI)

Russia launched a Soyuz-2.1b rocket Tuesday from the Vostochny Cosmodrome in Russia's Far East to deploy two heliophysics satellites and 53 smaller ones into orbit, Russia's RIA Novosti news agency reported.

The primary payload, two "Ionosphere-M" satellites, are set to monitor Earth's ionosphere to study structural changes, electromagnetic disturbances, atmospheric composition, and ozone distribution in the upper layers, as well as radiation conditions.

Each weighing 430 kg, the two satellites will operate at an altitude of 820 km, said the report. They are expected to reach the target orbit 56



minutes and 15 seconds after launch and be joined by the smaller satellites to expand scientific observation.

Of the 53 small satellites launched for scientific, educational and commercial use, 28 are SITRO-AIS satellites from Russian company Sputniks, designed for maritime identification.

Israel launches airstrikes near Syrian capital

Damascus/Jerusalem (UNI)

Israeli airstrikes targeted areas near the Syrian capital Damascus on Monday evening.

Israeli enemy "The launched an aerial attack from the direction of the occupied Syrian Golan, targeting several civilian sites south of Damascus," resulting in material damage, the Syrian Ministry of Defense said in a statement.

Specific details on the extent of the damage were not immediately available. Meanwhile, the Israeli mili-

tary said in a statement that it struck a site used as Hezbollah's intelligence headquarters in Syria, aiming to "undermine the intelligence abilities of Hezbollah

The military said the com-



pound attacked reportedly served as a branch of Hezbollah's intelligence headquarters, "an independent intelligence gathering, coordination, and assessment network under the direct command of Hezbollah's Head of Intelligence.

Hamas official says discussed joint efforts with Fatah over Gaza issues Gaza: A senior Hamas leader announced on Monday that the movement has held discussions with Fatah about forming a committee to manage Gaza-related issues. "Following meetings between our move-

ment's leadership and various Palestinian factions, we held a meeting with our brothers in Fatah, graciously invited by Egypt," said Osama Hamdan, a Hamas leader, in a televised speech

He added that both leaderships discussed key issues, focusing on the war in Gaza and the need for unified national action based on Palestinian consensus, rejecting any imposed arrangements.

He stressed that the management of Palestinian affairs, whether in Gaza, the West Bank, or the diaspora, is a matter to be determined solely through national agreement.

FBI arrest Neo-Nazi who planned drone attack on US power plant

Washington: The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has arrested 24year-old white supremacist Skyler Philippi for planning to blow up a power plant in Nashville; he faces life in prison, the US Justice Department said on Monday.

'As alleged in today's charges, Skyler Philippi, a man dedicated to white supremacist ideology and the destruction of our critical infrastructure, planned to attack Nashville's power grid using a drone carrying an explosive device Thanks to brave work by the FB his scheme was thwarted," US Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said. The FBI had been monitoring Philippi for several months; undercover officers went with the accused to purchase the materials needed to create a homemade bomb.

