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Trump demands
Federal Reserve
Chair’ resignation

New York: US President Donald Trump has demanded the resignation of Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell. In a post on his ‘Truth Social’ account on Wednesday, Trump put the link to an article about comments from Bill Pulte, head of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, who called on Congress to investigate Powell over his alleged political bias and deception of the Senate.

5.0 magnitude earth-
quake hits southern
Mongolia

Ulan bator: An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.0 jolted the southern Mongolian province of Dundgovi at 7:03 a.m. local time on Thursday, the country’s Institute of Astronomy and Geophysics said. “The epicenter of the quake was 13 km to the north of Delgertsogt soum (administrative subdivision) of Dundgovi province in Mongolia and was initially determined to be at 46.25 degrees north latitude and 106.34 degrees east longitude” the institute said in a statement.

UN voices concern
over Iran’s suspension
of cooperation
with IAEA

United Nations: Iran’s decision to suspend cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is concerning, said a UN spokesman on Wednesday. “We’ve seen the official decision, which is obviously concerning,” said Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, when asked for Guterres’ reaction to Tehran’s announcement to suspend cooperation with the IAEA. Dujarric said the secretary-general has been consistent in his call for Iran’s cooperation with the UN nuclear watchdog and for all countries’ cooperation with the IAEA on nuclear issues.

At least 5 injured in
plane crash in US
New Jersey

New York: A small aircraft reportedly crashed near the Cross Keys Airport in Williamstown, New Jersey, injuring at least five people, said local officials. The incident occurred on Wednesday around 5:30 p.m. local time (2130 GMT). All five injured individuals were transported to the Cooper University Hospital situated near Camden. Local authorities described the crash as a “mass casualty incident” that prompted a large emergency response. The cause of the crash is being investigated.

Pakistan’s hypocrisy
at the UN threatens
world stability

Paris: Due to a scorching heatwave which has spread across Europe in recent days, a number of nuclear power plants in Switzerland and France have been forced to either reduce activity or shut down completely as extreme temperatures have prevented sites from relying on water from local rivers, Euro News reported. To cool down, nuclear power plants pump water from local rivers or the sea, which they then release back into water bodies at a higher temperature. However, this process can threaten local biodiversity if water is released which is too hot. To cool down, nuclear power plants pump water from local rivers or the sea, which they then release back into water bodies at a higher temperature.

Vietnam to join
international carbon
offsetting scheme for
aviation

Hanoi: The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has officially confirmed that the Civil Aviation Authority of Vietnam (CAAV) will participate in its Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) during its voluntary phase, starting from January 1, 2026. The statement follows Vietnam’s formal registration with ICAO on 30th June, according to the Vietnam News Agency (VNA). Initiated by ICAO, CORSIA aims to achieve carbon-neutral growth in international aviation from 2020 onwards.

PM Modi addresses Ghana Parliament

Accra/ New Delhi (UNI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today described India as the “mother of democracy” and said that Indian democracy is not merely a system but a part of its fundamental values. He noted that India would soon be the third largest economy based on the foundations of a stable polity and good governance.

In his address at the Ghana Parliament, the PM said that in these times of global uncertainty, India’s democratic stability shines as a ray of hope and its rapid progress is a catalyst for global growth. “As the world’s largest democracy, India is a pillar of strength for the world.

“A strong India will contribute to a more stable and prosperous world. True democracy promotes discussion and debate. It unites people. It supports dignity and promotes human rights. Democratic values may take time to grow. But it is our responsibility to preserve and nurture them,” he said.

In his address interspersed with Vedic verses, the Prime Minister said that India is the fastest growing

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emerging economy and on the foundations of a stable polity and good governance, will soon be the third largest economy.

“India has over 2,500 political parties. I repeat, 2,500 political parties, 20 different parties governing different states, 22 official languages, thousands of dialects. This is also the reason that people who came to In-

dia have always been welcomed with open hearts. The same spirit helps Indians integrate easily wherever they go.

Even in Ghana, they have blended into society, just like sugar in tea,” the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister said the world order created after the Second World War was changing fast.

Hamas seeks ceasefire guarantees as
scores more killed in Gaza

Agencies, Cairo/Gaza

Hamas is seeking guarantees that a new U.S. ceasefire proposal for Gaza would lead to the war’s end, a source close to the militant group said on Thursday, as medics said Israeli strikes across the territory had killed scores more people.

Israeli officials said prospects for reaching a ceasefire deal and hostage deal appeared high, nearly 21 months since the war between Israel and Hamas began.

On the ground, intensified Israeli strikes across Gaza continued unabated, killing at least 59 people on Thursday, according to health authorities in the territory.

Efforts for a Gaza truce have gathered steam after the U.S. secured a



ceasefire to end a 12-day aerial conflict between Israel and Iran.

On Tuesday, U.S. President Donald Trump said that Israel had accepted the conditions needed to finalise a 60-day ceasefire with

Hamas, during which the parties will work to end the war.

Hamas is seeking clear guarantees that the ceasefire will eventually lead to the war’s end, the source close to the group said. Two Israeli officials said that those details were still being worked out.

Ending the war has been the main sticking point in repeated rounds of failed negotiations.

A separate source familiar with the matter said that Israel was expecting Hamas’ response by Friday and that if it was positive, an Israeli delegation would join indirect talks to cement the deal. It was unclear whether those would be held in Egypt or Qatar, the two countries that have been mediating talks.

US judge blocks Trump ban on asylum claims

Sacramento, United States (UNI)

A US federal judge has blocked President Donald Trump’s latest effort to shut the nation’s asylum door, ruling that the White House overstepped both Congress’s immigration statutes and the Constitution.

In a 128-page opinion, Judge Randolph D Moss of the US District Court for the District of Columbia on Wednesday wrote that Trump’s January proclamation, which branded the rise in border crossings as an “invasion” and tried to create “an alternative immigration system,” bypassed the protections Congress built into the US Immigration and Nationality Act.

Since the proclamation would have denied humanitarian screenings to people entering between



ports of entry as well as at official crossings, the court found it “fundamentally irreconcilable” with the statutory text guaranteeing anyone on US soil a chance to seek refuge, he said.

He dismissed the administra-

My bilateral talks with President Mahama
were extremely fruitful: PM Modi in Accra

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said his bilateral talks with Ghana’s President John Dramani Mahama were extremely fruitful and the two nations have elevated their ties to a Comprehensive Partnership.

In a post on X, after holding talks with President Mahama in the Jubilee House in Accra, the PM posted: “The talks with President John Dramani Mahama were extremely fruitful.

“We have elevated our ties to a Comprehensive Partnership, which will be beneficial for the people of our nations.

“We discussed ways to improve trade and economic linkages. Cooperation in FinTech, skill development, healthcare and other such sectors were also deliberated upon.”

The two nations inked four MoUs after the talks, besides announcing elevation of the ties to a Comprehensive Partnership

The MoUs included:

-MoU on Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP): To promote greater cultural understanding and exchanges in art, music, dance, literature, and heritage.

-MoU between Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) & Ghana Standards Authority (GSA): Aimed at enhancing cooperation in standardization, certification, and conformity assessment.

-MoU between Institute of Traditional & Alternative Medicine (ITAM), Ghana and Institute of Teaching & Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), India: To collaborate in traditional medicine education, training, and research.

-MoU on Joint Commission Meeting: To institutionalize high-level dialogue and review bilateral cooperation mechanisms on a regular basis.

Deputy head of Russian Navy
killed by Ukraine in Kursk area



Agencies, Moscow

Major General Mikhail Gudkov, deputy head of the Russian Navy and a former commander of a marine brigade fighting against Ukraine, has been killed in action, depriving Moscow of one of its most senior of-

ficers, the Russian military said on Thursday.

Gudkov, who was handed a top military honour in the Kremlin by Russian President Vladimir Putin in February, was killed on Wednesday “during combat work in one of the border districts of Kursk region,” the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

Unofficial Russian and Ukrainian military Telegram channels had earlier reported that Gudkov had been killed, along with other servicemen and officers, in a Ukrainian missile attack on a command post in Russia’s Kursk region, which borders Ukraine, with a U.S.-made HIMARS missile.

Reuters could not independently verify how Gudkov, 42, lost his life.

4 dead, 38 missing after
passenger ship sinks

Jakarta: Four people have been confirmed dead, 38 are missing, and 23 others survived after a passenger ship sunk in the Bali Strait of Indonesia on Thursday, a senior official from the East Java Search and Rescue Office, Tholeb Vatelehan, said.

The wooden vessel, KM Tunu Pratama Jaya, was traveling from Ketapang seaport in Banyuwangi Regency, East Java, to Gilimanuk seaport in Jembrana Regency on Bali Island when it went down, according to the officials.

“As many as 23 people survived the incident, four were dead, and 38 others remained missing,” Vatelehan told Xinhua via phone.

Search and rescue operations have since been launched from both Bali Island and East Java, as the incident occurred near the maritime boundary between the two regions.

US strikes pushed Iranian N-plan
by up to 2 years: Pentagon

Washington (UNI)

The Pentagon today said that US strikes last month on three key Iranian nuclear facilities have set back Tehran’s nuclear program by as much as two years.

“We have degraded their program by one to two years, at least intel assessments inside the department assess that,” Sean Parnell, a Pentagon spokesperson, said at a news briefing, without providing further details.

“All of the intelligence that we’ve seen led us to believe that Iran’s, those facilities especially, have been completely obliterated,” Parnell added.

On June 22, US forces bombed the three Iranian nuclear facilities of Natanz, Fordow, and Isfahan.



“No one exactly knows what has transpired in Fordow,” Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi told CBS News in an interview Tuesday.

“What we know so far is that the facilities have been seriously and heavily damaged.”

Indonesian Prez orders
immediate rescue of
Bali Strait ferry victims

Jakarta: Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto has ordered the National Search and Rescue Agency (Basarnas) to immediately rescue the passengers and crew of the inter-island ferry Tunu Pratama Jaya, which sank in the Bali Strait due to severe weather.

Teddy Indra Wijaya, cabinet secretary, stated that the President issued the directive directly from Saudi Arabia, where he is performing the Umrah pilgrimage and undertaking an official visit.

“From the Holy Land, he immediately instructed Basarnas and related agencies to initiate an emergency response and rescue the passengers and crew as quickly as possible,” Teddy said on Thursday.

Experts warn ‘new era of drought’ driven by climate change

Bucharest (Romania) (UNI)

Experts warn extreme heat and worsening drought conditions gripping large parts of Europe, signify a global pattern of new era of drought.

Extreme heat condition driven by climate change across Europe, fuelling wildfires and prompting urgent weather alerts across multiple countries, poses escalating threats to food security, ecosystems, and national economies, urging global action and collaboration.

Germany experienced what may have been its hottest day of the year on Wednesday, with temperatures forecast to reach 40 degrees Celsius, according to the German Weather Service, which has issued extreme heat warnings across much of the country and highlighted a rising risk



of wildfires, especially in the south-east.

Similar conditions have been reported across Central and Western Europe with Czech Republic, Poland, Prague, Slovakia, Croatia,

Romania and Netherland experiencing varying degrees of high temperature weathers, with multiple fire related accidents reported and alerts issued across the country.

Southern Europe is faring no bet-

ter as Spain continues to endure a record-breaking heatwave, with June 2025 confirmed as the country’s hottest month on record.

Tragically, two farmers died on Tuesday in a wildfire that scorched 5,000 hectares in La Segarra, north-east Spain. Italy, Bosnia, Herzegovina have also issued orange weather alerts across the country.

A new report released on Wednesday, Drought Hotspots Around the World 2023-2025, presents a stark picture. Jointly prepared by the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the US National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC), the report warns that drought has become one of the most widespread and damaging crises of our time.