



A wildfire consumes a rural area during the dry season in Varzea Paulista, Sao Paulo state, Brazil, on Saturday



Volunteer teacher Hope Kaufman leads Haitian students during an English language class at the Haitian Community Help in Springfield, Ohio



Residents fill a container with drinking water at the Madeira River, a tributary of the Amazon River, during the dry season in Humaita, Amazonas state, Brazil



People visit the Garden Expo Park during a lantern show as part of celebrations marking the Mid-Autumn Festival in Beijing, on Saturday

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Shows firemen helping a dog get out of the floods in Cudalbi, Galati county, Romania. Four people have died in Romania due to floods caused by torrential rains lashing central and eastern Europe

Germany and Kenya strike labour migration deal

BERLIN: Germany and Kenya on Friday struck a labour and migration deal to allow skilled workers from the east African country to live and work in the biggest EU economy. The deal will help Germany as it struggles with an ageing and shrinking pool of workers, said Chancellor Olaf Scholz as he welcomed President William Ruto in Berlin. The agreement will also streamline the repatriation of illegal immigrants, although there are relatively few Kenyan asylum seekers in Germany, which hosts far larger numbers of migrants from Syria and Afghanistan as well as Ukrainian war refugees. Irregular immigration has been a flashpoint political issue in Germany where popular fears have been fuelled by a recent spate of Islamist attacks and driven the rise of the far-right AfD party.

Brazil judge seizes \$3 million from Musk to pay X fines

BRASILIA: Brazil's Supreme Court said Friday that a judge has ordered the transfer of some \$3 million from Elon Musk's companies to pay fines incurred by his social network X, which has been suspended in the country. Judge Alexandre de Moraes last month ordered X shut down in Brazil after Musk refused to remove dozens of right-wing accounts and then failed to name a new legal representative in the country as ordered. A brief statement from the court said Moraes had "determined the transfer to state coffers of 18.35 million reais blocked in accounts" of X and the satellite internet firm Starlink, both owned by Musk. Moraes has repeatedly clashed with the South African-born billionaire after making it his mission to crack down on disinformation.

Peru bids farewell to divisive ex-leader Fujimori

LIMA: Peru will on Saturday lay to rest polarizing former president Alberto Fujimori, who ruled with an iron fist in the 1990s and later spent 16 years in prison for crimes against humanity. Fujimori, who had Japanese heritage, was revered by many for crushing leftist guerrillas and for boosting the economy, but reviled by others as an autocrat who signed off on brutal human rights abuses. He died on Wednesday, aged 86, after a long battle with cancer. After lying in state for three days he will be buried on Saturday following a state funeral. The death of the ex-leader, who loomed large over Peruvian politics long after he faxed in his resignation from exile in Japan in 2000, triggered a vigorous debate on social media over his legacy. Thousands of admirers queued at the National Museum in Lima on Thursday and Friday to pay their respects at his open casket.

Comoros president's attacker found dead in prison: Prosecutor

MORONI: A man who attacked Comoros President Azali Assoumani with a knife, wounding him slightly, has been found dead in prison in unclear circumstances, the public prosecutor said on Saturday. The attack on the president took place on Friday afternoon during a funeral for a well-known religious leader in a village near Moroni. Prosecutor Ali Mohamed Djounaid said the dead man was a 24-year-old soldier called Ahmed Abdou from the village of Salimani-Itsandra, where the funeral took place. He had attacked the president and a relative of the late religious leader with a "kitchen knife", the prosecutor said, before being restrained and handed over to investigators. "He (Abdou) was isolated in a cell so that he could calm down yesterday after his arrest. Investigators found his lifeless body lying on the floor this morning," Djounaid told a press conference Saturday.

Gaza polio vaccination drive a 'massive success': WHO

GENEVA: The WHO chief hailed Friday the success of the first phase of a giant polio vaccination campaign in war-ravaged Gaza after more than 560,000 children received a first dose. "This is a massive success amidst a tragic daily reality of life across the Gaza Strip," Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on X, formerly Twitter. Disease has spread with Gaza lying in ruins and the majority of its 2.4 million residents forced to flee their homes due to Israel's military assault - often taking refuge in cramped and unsanitary conditions. After the first confirmed polio case in 25 years, a massive vaccination effort began on September 1 targeting at least 90 percent of children under 10, aided by localised "humanitarian pauses" in fighting. The first phase of the campaign, which first brought vaccines to children in central Gaza, then the south, and finally to the hardest-to-reach north of the territory, wrapped up Thursday.

Bomb threats close schools, offices after Trump spread false rumours about Haitians in Ohio

AP, SPRINGFIELD (OHIO): Bomb threats prompted the evacuation of schools and government buildings for a second day on Friday in an Ohio community that has been the focus of unwanted attention after former President Donald Trump amplified false rumours that Haitian immigrants are abducting and eating pets.

An emailed threat said bombs had been planted in the homes of Springfield's mayor and other city officials, said Karen Graves, a city spokesperson. A

second email said that bombs would be detonated at locations including Springfield City Hall, a high school, a middle school, two elementary schools, a local office of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and a licensing bureau.

The buildings were evacuated, and authorities with explosive-detection dogs swept and cleared them, officials said.

"We are committed to the safety and well-being of our community and take all threats to public safety with the utmost seriousness," Graves said.



Former US President and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally at the Expo World Market Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Saturday

"We are currently collaborating with the Dayton of-

fice of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine the origin of these email threats."

The Springfield City School District said in a statement Friday that "all threats to the Springfield City School District are taken seriously and will be prosecuted at the highest levels. The district's messaging to families continues to be one of gratitude for their patience and understanding as our Wildcat Family navigates these events."

The threatening emails referenced an influx of

thousands of Haitian immigrants into the predominantly white, blue-collar city of about 60,000, about 45 miles (72 kilometres) from the state capital of Columbus.

At Tuesday's presidential candidate debate with Vice President Kamala Harris, Trump repeated debunked claims about Haitian immigrants eating cats and dogs. Trump's comments echoed similar claims made by his campaign, including his running mate, Ohio Sen. JD Vance, and other Republicans.

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Attendees look at items at vendors' stalls during the annual Braderie de Lille flea market in Lille, northern France, on Saturday

Thousands in France protest 'rape culture'

AFP, PARIS: Thousands took to the streets across French cities on Saturday to demand an end to rape and support the main plaintiff in a mass sexual assault trial that has shocked the country.

Gisele Pelicot, who is using her married name, has requested the trial of her ex-husband and 50 co-defendants since September 2 be made public to raise awareness about the use of drugs to commit abuse.

Dominique Pelicot, her partner of around five decades, has admitted to drugging her for years to rape her or watch her being raped while unconscious by

dozens of strangers he recruited online.

The case has horrified France, especially as many of the co-accused are seemingly ordinary men with everyday jobs, and several of the suspects remain at large.

"We are all Gisele," a large crowd chanted in the capital Paris.

"Rapist we see you, victim we believe you." In the southern city of Marseille, activists hung up a banner on the city's court building calling for alleged perpetrators - not victims - to be ashamed.

"Shame must change sides," it read, echoing Gisele Pelicot's own words through one of her lawyers.



Protesters take part in a demonstration in support of Gisele Pelicot in Paris, on Saturday

Turkey buries activist shot in West Bank

AFP, DIDIM: Mourners gathered in southwest Turkey on Saturday for the funeral of a US-Turkish activist, who was shot dead while protesting Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

The killing last week of 26-year-old Aysenur Ezgi Eygi has sparked international condemnation and infuriated Turkey, further escalating tensions over the war in Gaza that began with Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel.

Eygi's body, wrapped in the Turkish flag and carried by uniformed officers, arrived at its final resting place in the Aegean town of Didim.

A picture of Eygi was placed near the coffin during the funeral at the local mosque.

A large crowd gathered during the prayers including Eygi's family, members of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Islamic-rooted AKP party, and activists advocating the Palestinian cause.

Protesters chanted slogans near the mosque showing their support for Palestinians.

Russia, Ukraine swap 206 POWs in UAE-brokered deal

AFP, KYIV: Moscow and Kyiv swapped 103 prisoners of war each on Saturday in a deal brokered by the United Arab Emirates, a rare moment of coordination between the two warring sides as Russia pushes ahead in east Ukraine.

The Russians released in the swap were captured during Ukraine's incursion into the Kursk region, Moscow said, while some of the Ukrainians freed had been held prisoner since Moscow seized the Azovstal steel plant in May 2022.

"Another 103 soldiers were returned to Ukraine from Russian captivity," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Telegram.

Among the freed were 82 privates and sergeants as well as 21 officers, Zelenskyy said.

"The defenders of Kyiv, Donetsk, Mariupol and Azovstal, Lugansk, Zaporizhzhia and the Kharkiv regions," he added.

Russia confirmed it had "handed over" 103 Ukrainian army prisoners, and received 103 Russian servicemen captured by Kyiv in its Kursk offensive in return.

"At present, all Russian servicemen are on the territory of the Republic of



Russian prisoners of war (POWs) sitting in a bus following a swap at an undisclosed location, Russia said on Saturday

Belarus, where they are being provided with the necessary psychological and medical assistance, as well as an opportunity to contact their relatives," the Russian defence ministry said.

Despite ongoing hostilities, Russia and Ukraine have managed to swap hundreds of prisoners throughout the two-and-a-half-year conflict - often in deals brokered by the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia or Turkey.

The announcement comes a day after Zelenskyy said 49 Ukrainian POWs had been returned from Russia, and three weeks ago both sides swapped 115 prisoners each in a deal also mediated by the UAE.

The UAE's foreign ministry hailed the deal as a "success" and thanked both sides for their cooperation on Saturday. - Russian advances -

The prisoner swap came as Russia pushed ahead in east Ukraine, where it claims to have captured a string of villages in recent weeks.

The Russian defence ministry said in a daily briefing it had "liberated" the village of Zhelanne Pershe, less than 30 kilometres (19 miles) from the key Ukrainian-held logistics hub of Pokrovsk.

Pokrovsk lies on the intersection of a key road that supplies Ukrainian troops and towns across the eastern front and has long been a target for Moscow's army.

G20 nations agree to join efforts to fight disinformation and set AI guidelines

AP, SAO PAULO: Group of 20 leaders agreed Friday to join efforts to fight disinformation and set up an agenda on artificial intelligence as their governments struggle against the speed, scale and reach of misinformation and hate speech.

The ministers, who gathered this week in Maceio, the capital of the northeastern state of Alagoas, emphasised in a statement the need for digital platforms

to be transparent and "in line with relevant policies and applicable legal frameworks".

It is the first time in the G20's history that the group recognises the problem of disinformation and calls for transparency and accountability from digital platforms. João Brant, secretary for digital policy at the Brazilian presidency, told The Associated Press by phone. G20 representatives also

agreed to establish guidelines for developing artificial intelligence, calling for "ethical, transparent, and accountable use of AI," with human oversight and compliance with privacy and human rights laws.

"We hope this will be referenced in the leaders' declaration and that South Africa will continue the work," Renata Mielli, adviser to Brazil's ministry of science, technology and

innovation, said. The G20 Leaders' Summit is scheduled for November, in Rio de Janeiro.

Mielli, Brazil's negotiator in the AI working group, said there were disagreements from countries including China and the United States, but declined to provide details. In the end, she said, a consensus prevailed that the world's richest countries should collaborate to reduce global asymmetry in

AI development.

This week's meeting took place in the aftermath of X's ban in Brazil, ordered by Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes after a monthslong feud with its owner, tech billionaire Elon Musk.

Since last year, X has clashed with de Moraes over its reluctance to block some users, mostly far-right activists accused of undermining Brazilian democracy. Musk has called

the Brazilian justice a dictator and an autocrat due to his rulings affecting his companies in Brazil.

Brazil currently has the presidency of the 20 leading rich and developing nations and President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has put issues that concern the developing world - such as the reduction of inequalities and the reform of multi-lateral institutions - at the heart of its agenda.