



Around the world



Washington DC, US Special passport design unveiled

To mark the US's 250th birthday (see page 14), a limited edition passport design featuring a photograph of President Donald Trump has been unveiled. The passports will become available on 6 July and there is a very limited supply. This is the first time that a current president has made it onto a US passport design.



Some of the artefacts.



Aarhus, Denmark Viking site explored

A huge Viking site has been discovered where cloth was made more than 1,000 years ago. Found near the city of Aarhus, it includes the remains of a Viking house and more than 80 workshops where wool and flax (a type of plant) would have been woven into cloth. Historians say it was built between AD600 and 950 and that the discovery will help them understand how Vikings lived and worked.



France First Ebola infection

The first person in Europe with Ebola (a serious disease) has been found in France. The man is a doctor who had recently returned from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), where there has been an outbreak of the disease. He is being looked after in a special hospital and officials say risk of the disease spreading is very low.



An illustration of the Ebola virus.



Argentina Top official resigns

Manuel Adorni, a top government official and friend of president Javier Milei, has resigned after he was accused of corruption (dishonest behaviour by those in positions of power). He was criticised for going on expensive trips and holidays it was said his income would not cover. Adorni said he paid for them with money he'd already earned.



Adorni (left) and Milei.



South Africa Prisoners' art show

Artwork made by 34 prisoners is on display inside a Johannesburg prison. It's part of a programme that uses art to help prisoners slow down and think about their feelings. Art sessions aim to make them feel calmer and help them avoid committing more crimes after they leave prison. The works can be sold for up to £90. Some of the money pays for more art supplies and some is given back to the artists.



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Tampere, Finland Driverless bus service

A self-driving electric bus that uses sensors to track its surroundings has started running in the city of Tampere. It has spent months practising with a safety driver but will now operate without one and will be monitored by humans remotely. The e-shuttle drives slowly and carries 12 passengers, who have to wear seatbelts. Officials say they want to add three more e-shuttles to the service soon.



Iran Ashura marked across world

On 25 and 26 June, Shia and Sunni Muslims marked Ashura. In Iran, where most of the population are Shia Muslim, there were mourning processions. For Shia Muslims, Ashura is the day on which Hussein ibn Ali, grandson of the Prophet Muhammad, was killed. Some marked it by honouring family members who have died.



A mourning ritual in Tehran.



Bibiclat, Philippines Mud festival celebrated

Hundreds of people in the village of Bibiclat covered themselves with mud and wrapped dried banana leaves around their bodies for the Taong Putik (mud people) religious festival. They then walked barefoot through the village to thank Saint John the Baptist for answering their prayers. The Christian tradition began in the 19th century.



Australia Update to social media ban rules

The government has proposed new laws that will double the maximum fines (money paid as punishment) for technology companies who aren't following the rules of a social media ban. The ban means under-16s shouldn't be able to access social media. Research shows that four out of five under-16s in Australia are still using social media.



South Sudan First-ever election

South Sudan plans to hold its first-ever general election in December. The election was meant to happen in 2015 but a civil war (when people in a country fight each other) delayed it. The current president, Salva Kiir, has led the country for 15 years but has never been chosen by voters. There are fears that the election may be delayed again because of the cost of organising it and continued fighting in South Sudan.

