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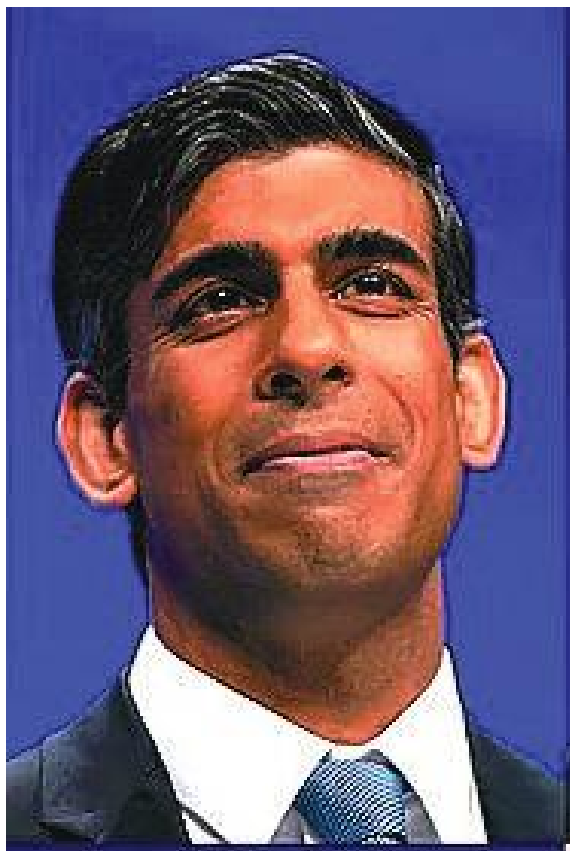
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Rare honour for hundreds, but political favouritism ignores deserving heroes

ACCUSED OF CRONYISM, TOP TORY LEADERS SPARK STORM OVER KING'S NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST

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Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is under fire for approving Knighthoods favouring Tory donors. Photo Courtesy

There were tears of joy as King Charles III honoured more than 1,000 Britons in his traditional New Year Honours list.

But the nation's overall national excitement was short-circuited amid accusations of political interference, cronyism, debasing the importance of these annual honours and scathing attacks on the honours system.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, among other top leaders, were slammed for tarnishing the image of the honours system. Sunak was slammed for handing out knighthoods to Tim Martin, the outspoken pub

magnate of the J D Weatherpoons business empire. Stephen Hester, the former boss of the Royal Bank of Scotland, reported the Mirror. The Trade Unions Congress (TUC) slammed Sunak for giving out the gongs to the two multi-millionaires embroiled in controversies. The honours many Britons did not support. The opposition Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats backed the TUC's attack on the Prime Minister. Pub tycoon Martin, 68, backed Britain's departure from the European Union (Brexit) during the 2016 referendum and is knighted for services to hospitality. Martin, a Tory party donor,

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scientific achievements, and equality of women and men. Later, Jadidists propagated the ideas of pan-Turkism.

Keywords. Turkestan, Central Asia, languages, democratic republic, Jadidism, Khiva, people, city.

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Six People Shot Dead At School In Iowa On First Day Back

By: BBC
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Worth Noting:

- Members of the community gathered in Wiese park holding candles for a vigil for the victims on Thursday evening.

- The suspect was later identified as Dylan Butler, a 17-year-old student. He was armed with a pump-action shotgun and a small calibre-handgun, according to police.

- Mr Mortvedt also said that the suspect had "made a number of social media posts in and around the time of the shooting."

- Of the injured, one was in a critical condition and four were stable, Mr Mortvedt added.

- Earlier in the day, Dallas County Sheriff Adam Infante told reporters that owing to the early hour, "luckily, there was very few students and faculty in the building, which I think contributed to a good outcome in that sense."



A student shot six people, one of them fatally, at a high school in the US state of Iowa before taking his own life on the first day back from holiday break, police said.

A "pretty rudimentary" improvised explosive device was found by investigators at Perry High School, police said, and rendered safe.

Five of those shot were students and one is a school administrator.

The student that died was in sixth-grade, which is for 11 or 12-year-olds.

Reports of an active shooter came in at 07:37 local time (13:37 GMT) and the first officer reached the scene within minutes, police said.

Speaking to reporters after the shooting, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation Assistant Director Mitch

Mortvedt said that officers responding to the scene quickly found what they determined to be the suspect with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

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Lori Meinecke, a Perry High School teacher, told a local radio station that she heard about six to seven gunshots around that time.

The middle school was cleared at about 08:25 local time and the high school was cleared at 08:27 local time. The two schools are on the same campus.

A local TV station spoke to Kevin Shelley, a parent of a 15-year-old, who said his son had been shot in the hallway, but would survive. Mr Shelley's son told him he was hit in the back and

had his arm grazed before running into a classroom to seek shelter with fellow students.

Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) responded. The Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation was leading the investigation.

"It is horrendously awful," said Linda Andorf, board president for the Perry Community School District, NBC reported. "This is just disgusting. It's terrible." "It's impossible to understand why anything like this happens," Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds said at a news conference, adding that "every Iowan stands" with the victims and their families.

US President Joe Biden was

briefed on the shooting and was in touch with Governor Reynolds' office, according to the White House.

The town of Perry has less than 10,000 residents and is about 40 miles (64km) north-west of Iowa's capital, Des Moines.

The shooting comes days before the Iowa caucuses begin on 15 January, kicking off the 2024 Republican primary process.

The shooting came as one of the candidates, Republican Vivek Ramaswamy, was scheduled to campaign in Perry. The event was cancelled and replaced by a prayer and discussion between Mr Ramaswamy and local residents.

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SOCIAL

National Social Rehabilitation: A Must Do



By: Tawanda Makwiramiti

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Worth Noting:

Children under the age of 13 could be seen drinking alcohol in the Central Business District. This left many adults and saints shocked white, with rage and remained speechless. Following my experience of working with those who work and live in streets I would like to say these Children are not from the streets, as i read on this other article which claims and labelled them "street kids".

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Yearend festive holiday in Zimbabwe

Yearend festive holiday clocked with devastating results, as the reality of anti-social activities transpired over the Christmas evening. One wonders to know who is to blame seeing the young girls filling taverns and night clubs taking drugs and alcohol, families abandoning our traditional cultures and do shameful acts for the love of money.

It came as a conviction in my heart as I was counting my losses and heart breaking circumstance of having my wife cheating with other man. I took time listening to the song by *Winky

D* which he says we need a "National Healing " and I seem to share same views with him, for sure the nation needs National Social Rehabilitation programs to restore our national Dignity and integrity.

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The ministry of labour and social welfare should advice individuals, families and communities to restore tranquillity and positive so-

cial behaviours. The National Rehabilitation Centres should be established in various parts of the country in order to restore our behavior and culture.

It is disturbing to see such young girls in bars, young boys taking DRUGS in streets, children drinking alcohol publicly while people take videos! Hunhu hwedu hwakaendepi ? Meaning we have lost our culture.It is an obligation for everyone to restore our tradition or our culture, [hunhu hwedu]. It is now time to allow teachers to discipline children from school as well as parents and

religious groups. Teachers should facilitate children proper ways of earning a living to reduce theft in communities, prostitution, domestic violence and to minimize suicidal cases especially in public holidays.

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Relationship Of Education And Education



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Abstract: In this article, the interdependence of education and training, the need to pay special attention to the education of students. Methods used in the process of education and upbringing.

Key words: Education, parents, school, science, education, effective, students, book, qualification.

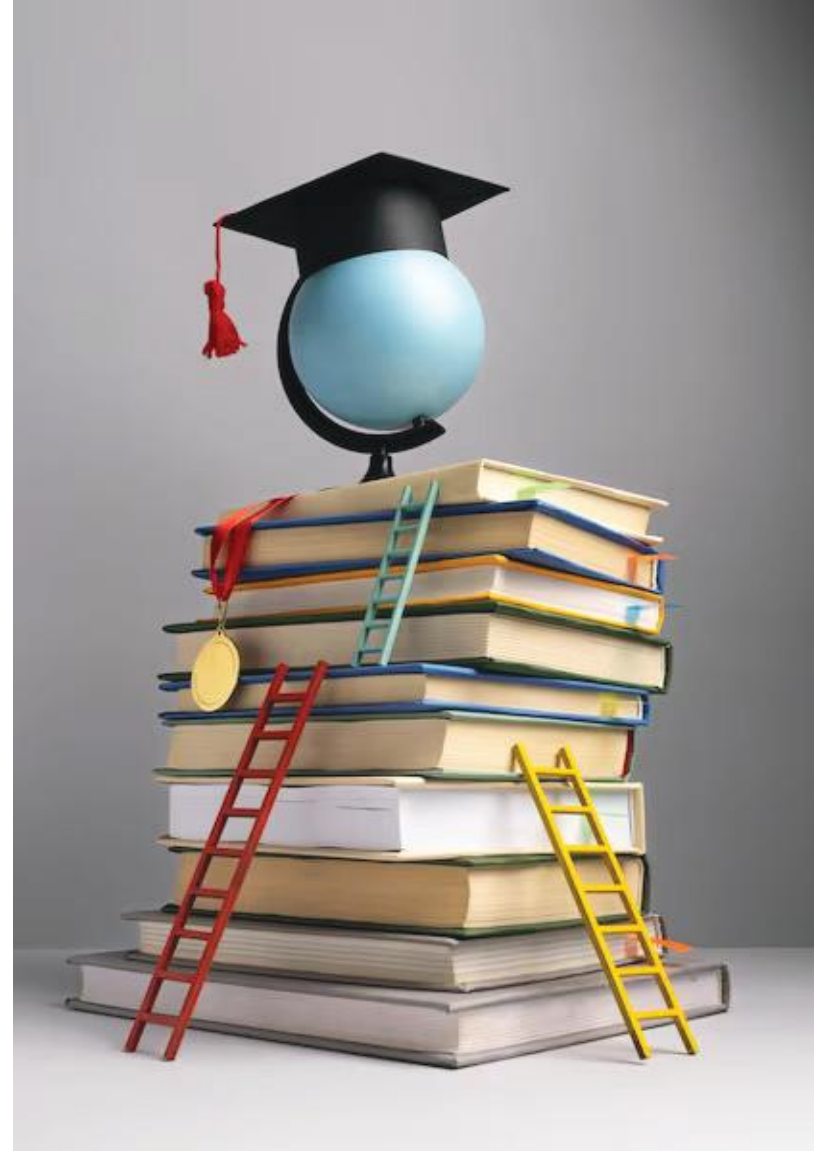
It means education. Education is

a process of formation of competences and skills. In the process of education, a person acquires new knowledge and reinforces the information he has. Education plays a very important role in preparing people for labor and, most importantly, for life. In the process of education, information is obtained and education is carried out. The content and essence of education is determined by the level of material and cultural development of the society. Depending on the progress of development, the social relations of people, their general information needs and pedagogical ideas about education, the content, essence, organizational form and method of education changes. Education helps to solve the important problems of society construction, to create the material and technical base of society, to form social relations, and to educate a new person.

Education is a set of human behavior, manners, manners. Education is a practical pedagogical process aimed at forming certain physical, mental, moral, and spiritual qualities in a person. Education is of crucial importance in the life of any society, any country. We first receive education from the family, educational institutions, and the environment. Therefore, we should receive good

education in this place and be able to spread it to the environment. Education is one of the main factors that determine a person's humanity. Education and upbringing are inextricably linked. Because a person cannot grow or improve without education and training. That is why each of us should teach and learn education and training in an integrated manner. Before educating each student, we need to improve the education of that student. Because it is very difficult and ineffective to educate students who have never been well educated. To improve the education of a student, first of all, his family it is necessary to study well with his environment and work in cooperation with his parents. Giving education to well-behaved students also shows effective results

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African Union

African Union Commission Chair calls for mutual respect between Ethiopia, Somalia

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African Union Commission Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat is calling for calm and mutual respect between the Governments of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Federal Republic of Somalia amid efforts by the international community to de-escalate simmering tensions.

Faki says he has been closely following proceedings resulting from signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Ethiopia and the region of Somalia (Somaliland). The African Union Commission Chairperson urging the two countries to refrain from any action that unintentionally may lead to a deterioration of the good relations between the two neighboring Eastern African countries even as he underscored the imperative to respect unity, territorial integrity and full sovereignty of all African Union member states.

According to Faki, there is need to adhere to the norms of good neigh-

borliness to promote and consolidate peace, security and stability in the Horn of Africa region urging the two countries to engage without delay in negotiations to settle their differences in the most constructive, peaceful and collaborative manner to consolidate and deepen their cooperation to serve peace and security in the region.

African Union Commission Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat



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HEALTH

Nearly 600 attacks on healthcare in Gaza, West Bank since war began: WHO

By: Christine Muchira and /Release
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© UNICEF/Abed Zaqout A mother cares for her daughter at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis in the south of Gaza.

Worth Noting:

- WHO's online platform covering attacks on healthcare indicated 304 attacks in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. The attacks affected 94 health care facilities (including 26 hospitals damaged out of 36) and 79 ambulances.

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- The head of the UN Children's Fund UNICEF said in a statement on Friday that children in Gaza "are caught in a nightmare that worsens with every passing day".

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- Cases of diarrhoea in children under five rose from 48,000 to 71,000 in just one week starting 17 December, equivalent to 3,200 new cases of diarrhoea per day.

Hospitals and other vital medical infrastructure in Gaza and the West Bank have been attacked nearly 600 times since war erupted in the enclave in response to the Hamas-led terror attack in southern Israel, the UN health agency said on Friday.

Some 613 people have died within health facilities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory since 7 October last year – 606 in Gaza and seven in the West Bank – and more than 770 have been injured, according to latest data on healthcare attacks from the World Health Organization (WHO).

Condemning the continuing fighting and bombardment, WHO spokesperson Christian Lindmeier said that the "ongoing reduction of humanitarian space plus the continuing attacks on healthcare are pushing the people of Gaza to breaking point".

Children in the Gaza Strip face a deadly triple threat to their lives, as cases of diseases rise, nutrition plummets and the escalation in hostilities approaches its fourteenth week.

Thousands of children have already died from the violence, while living conditions for children continue to rapidly deteriorate, with

increasing cases of diarrhoea and rising food poverty among children, raising the risk of mounting child deaths.

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es of diarrhoea per day. She said the significant increase indicated child health in Gaza is "fast deteriorating". Before the escalation in hostilities, an average of 2,000 cases of diarrhoea in children under five were recorded per month.

Relief effort stymied

A statement released on Thursday by Eri Kaneko, spokesperson for aid coordination office OCHA, echoed repeated concerns by humanitarians that the speed and volume of relief is being continually hampered by conditions on the ground.

"The UN and our humanitarian partners are committed to and continue to do all they can to meet the growing needs in Gaza. However, the operating environment and response capacity continues to be hindered by security risks, mobility constraints, delays and denials", Ms. Kaneko said.

"Multiple inspections, long queues of trucks and difficulties at crossing points continue to hamper operations. Inside Gaza, aid operations face constant bombardments, with aid workers themselves killed and some convoys having been shot at. The OCHA official made clear other challenges include poor communica-

tions, damaged roads and delays at checkpoints.

"An effective aid operation in Gaza requires security, staff who can work in safety, logistical capacity and the resumption of commercial activity."

142 UNRWA staff killed

Meanwhile, the UN agency providing help to Palestinians, UNRWA, said that the total number of staff killed since the beginning of hostilities stands at 142.

The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees also reported that since 7 October last year, up to 1.9 million people have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times. This number represents over 85 per cent of the population of the Gaza Strip, UNRWA said, adding that families have been forced to move "repeatedly in search of safety".

Nearly 1.4 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) now shelter in 155 UNRWA facilities across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip. This figure includes 160,000 in the north and Gaza City according to data last revised shortly after the escalation began.

Another 500,000 people "are in close vicinity of these installations and receiving

assistance" from UNRWA, the UN agency said in an update.

IOM launches \$69 million appeal

The UN's migration agency IOM launched an urgent appeal on Friday for \$69 million to support its response to rising and critical humanitarian needs in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The appeal also covers neighbouring countries affected by the ongoing hostilities in Gaza.

In a statement, IOM said that hundreds of thousands of civilians need aid desperately. But getting help to them continues to be hampered by "long clearance procedures for humanitarian aid trucks at the border (and) the intense ground operation and fighting".

"Frequent disruption" to communication networks has also prevented humanitarian aid coordination, the UN agency said "along with insecurity, blocked roads and scarcity of fuel".

Outside Gaza, IOM noted that deteriorating security situation along border areas between Israel and Lebanon has forced some 76,000 people from their homes in southern Lebanon.

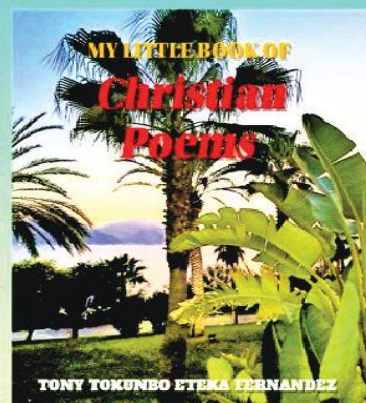
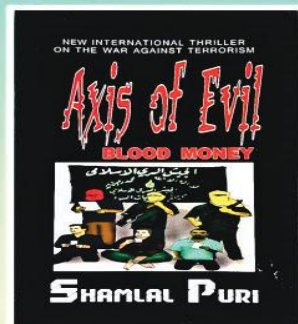
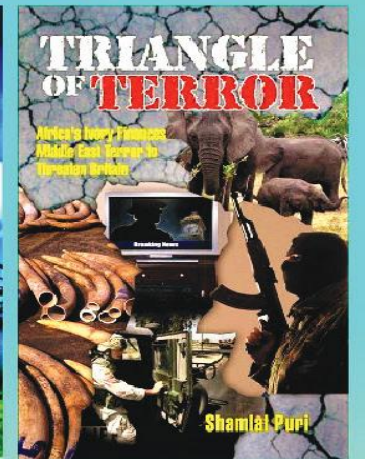
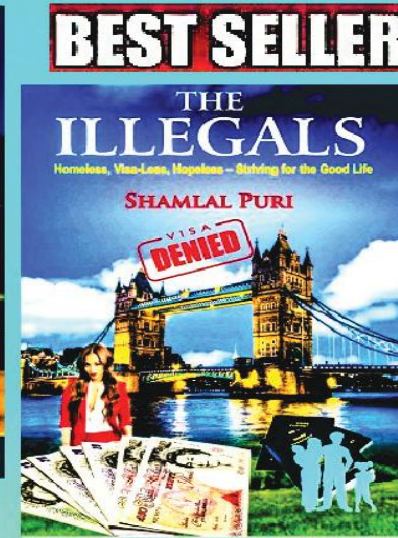
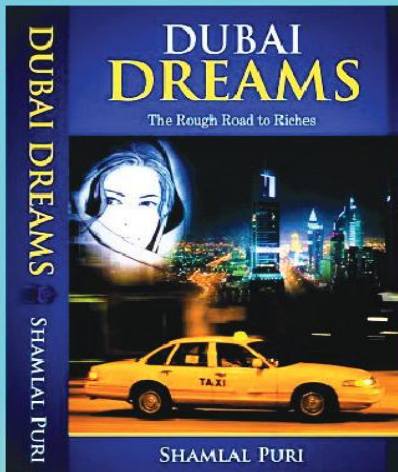
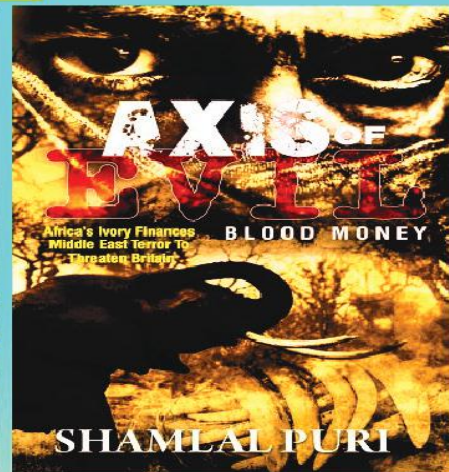
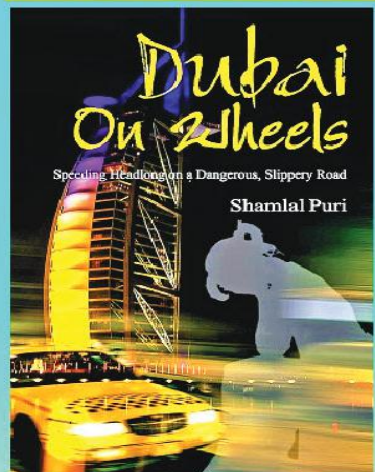
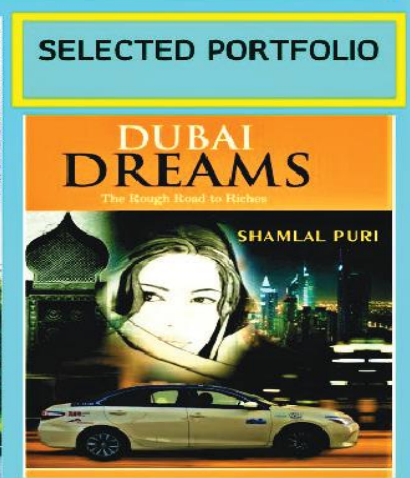
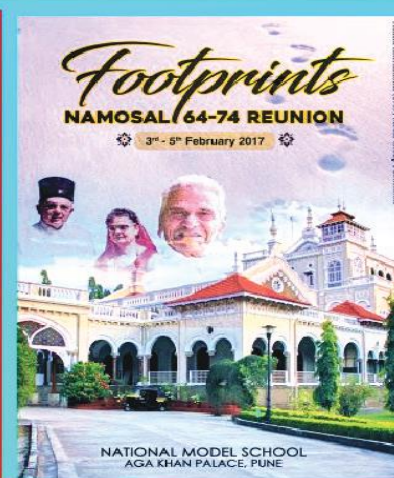
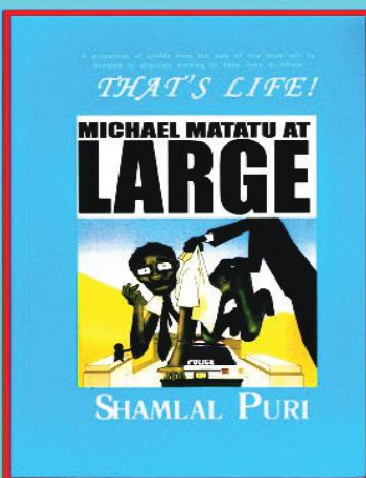
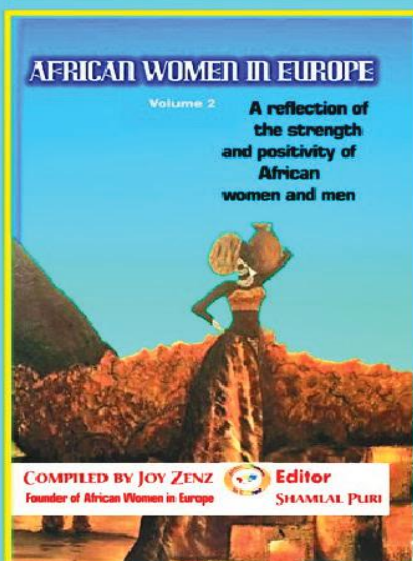
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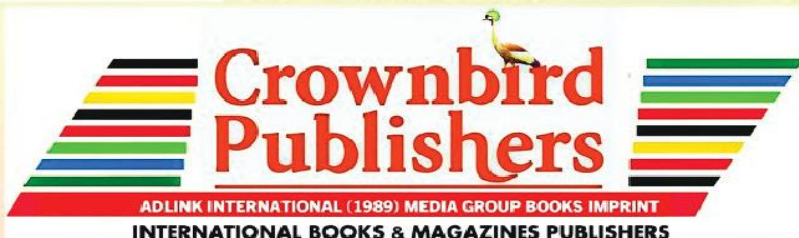
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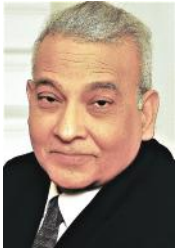


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became infamous to his 40,000 staff in the early days of Covid, refusing to pay workers at 875 pubs during the lockdown until the government stepped in with a rescue package covering 80% of the workers' salaries. Trade unionists were incensed over the honour given to Martin.

The Mirror, recalling the early days of Covid, quoted Ian Hodson, president of Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union (BFAWU): "Tim Martin's selfish approach says unless the Government puts money into my bank account today, he'll let the workers who made him rich suffer."

Martin bowed to pressure after a public outcry with his critics asking him "to serve your country".

TUC General Secretary Paul Nowak said on X, "Giving an honour to the likes of Tim Martin devalues the world of those who truly contribute to their communities."

Sarah Woolley, BFAWU general secretary, lamented the "System is corrupt".

Responding to the honour, Martin said the knighthood came as a surprise.

Wetherspoons insists that all its staff were paid, clearing the record.

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She rewarded Matthew Elliott, former chief executive of Vote Leave (Brexit) and Tory donor Jon Moynihan, its former chairman, with life peerages.

She gave a peerage to her deputy chief of staff, Ruth Porter.

Truss's close friend, Jackie Doyle-Price, Thurrock MP, who was minister of state for industry, is made Dame. Another Tory donor, novelist Shirley Ida Conran, also becomes a Dame.

MP Alec Shelbrooke, another Truss loyalist and briefly a junior defence minister, is made a knight.

Former special advisers Diasporan Shabbir Merali and Sophie Jarvis are given CBEs.

Truss said she was "delighted these champions for the conservative causes of freedom, limited government and a proud and sovereign Britain have been suitably honoured."

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Willie Sullivan, senior di-



Former Prime Minister Liz Truss angered many Britons by favouring those loyal to her in her Resignation Honours List.

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Forgotten in the honours list are foot soldiers who devote themselves to serving the community as this Salvation Army volunteer helping a destitute Briton. Photo Salvation Army



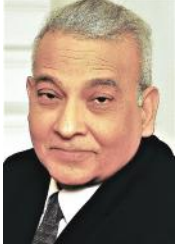
Eloquent speaker and no-nonsense Sajid Javid, former Health Secretary and Chancellor is honored for his work with Knighthood, Arise, Sir Sajid

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rector for campaigns at the Electoral Reform Society, said: "It will feel like an insult to many to see Liz Truss handing out peerages to friends and supporters after her disastrously short stint as Prime Minister. It looks like the political class is dishing out rewards for failure at a time when many people are still suffering the effects of her premiership. "Liz Truss's resignation honours list also adds yet more peers to the House of Lords, which already has around 800 members, making it the second largest legislative chamber in the world after China's National People's Congress. "This highlights just how rotten and out of control the current peerage system is and why it needs urgent reform. "This is why we need to replace the bloated and unelected Lords with a smaller elected chamber where the people of this country, not former prime ministers, choose who sits in Parliament making the laws we all live under." Controversy aside, as the curtains closed in 2023, more than 1,200 recipients were awarded for their exceptional achievements, focusing on those generously giving to others in need. The honours system strives to be inclusive of all of the UK society. Of the 1,227 people who receive an award: 1,073 candidates have been selected at BEM, MBE and OBE levels, 377 at BEM, 460 at MBE, 236 at OBE 811 (66%) of the recipients are people who have undertaken outstanding work in their communities, either in a voluntary or paid capacity. A total of 588 women are recognised, representing 48% overall. The diaspora is partly represented – some 13.8% of the successful candidates come from an ethnic minority background. Of this, 7.4% of recipients are from an Asian ethnic group; 4.8% of recipients are from a black ethnic group; 0.8% of recipients with a mixed ethnic background; 0.6% of recipients come from another ethnic background not listed; Individuals were recognised for being dedicated community champions, role models in sports, pioneers in the arts, passionate health workers, and supporters of young people. The Prime Minister said he

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Angry...Trade Unions Congress Secretary General Paul Nowak says honours are only for those who deserve them, Photo Courtesy TUC.

enhance the evidence and research base of clinical care in general practice and worked to initiate the RCGP Clinical Innovation and Research Centre. Other awardees include Sarah Graham, who received an MBE for services to Ukrainian refugees. Based in Buckinghamshire, Sarah has brought together over 50 host families and 155 volunteers across several villages through her organisation, Hilltops Ukrainian Support Community. Beauty industry stalwart Tajinder Banwait, founder of Urban ApothecUrban Apothecary, was awarded an MBE for services to business and the beauty industry. Jacqueline Savage from County Durham has been awarded an MBE for services to social care. She has worked in children's education and children's and adult social care for 30 years. She draws on her own experiences of having a neurological condition to develop staff to ensure that people accessing adult social care receive care of a high standard. Elizabeth Hall from Kent has been awarded an MBE for tackling hygiene poverty. She founded The Hygiene Bank, which delivered over £300,000 worth of donations during the pandemic. It currently has over 154 active local projects, roughly 2,000 community partners and leads more than 479 volunteers. Dr John Morrison (Morris) Brown has been awarded a BEM for services to the community in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. He was instrumental in setting up the Castlederg Patient Comfort and Terminally Ill Fund, which has raised more than £500,000 and has supported around 600 local



Angry... Labour MP Jonathan Ashworth, "These honours are a slap in the face of the working people". Photo Courtesy.



Tough talk, BFAWU Secretary General Sarah Woolley says "The system is corrupt". Photo Courtesy.

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Gaza

Israel outlines its plans for Gaza after war

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Palestinian woman

Worth Noting:

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Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant has outlined proposals for the future governance of Gaza once the war between Israel and Hamas is over.

There would, he said, be limited Palestinian rule in the territory.

Hamas would no longer control Gaza and Israel would retain overall security control, he added.

Fighting in Gaza continued alongside the plan's publication, with dozens of people killed in the past 24 hours, the Hamas-run health ministry said.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is due back in the region this week. He is expected to hold talks with Palestinian officials in the occupied West Bank and Israeli leaders.

His visit comes amid heightened tensions in the region following the assassination of top Hamas leader Saleh al-Arouri on Tuesday in Lebanon's capital Beirut. His killing has widely been blamed on Israel. Israel has neither confirmed nor denied involvement.

Under Mr Galant's now “four corner” plan, Israel would retain overall security control of Gaza.

A multi-national force would take charge of rebuilding the territory after the widespread destruction caused by Israeli bombing. Neighbouring Egypt would also have an unspecified role to play under the plan.

But the document adds that Palestinians would be responsible for running the

territory.

“Gaza residents are Palestinian, therefore Palestinian bodies will be in charge, with the condition that there will be no hostile actions or threats against the State of Israel,” Mr Gallant said.

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He has suggested that the war in Gaza may yet last several months, with the avowed goal being to completely crush Hamas.

Mr Galant's plan also outlined how the Israeli military aims to proceed in the next phase of the war in Gaza.

He said the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) would take a more targeted approach in the north of the Gaza Strip, where operations will include raids, demolishing tunnels and air and ground strikes.

In the south, the Israeli military would continue to try to track down Hamas leaders and rescue Israeli hostages, he said.

On Thursday, the IDF said it had hit areas in Gaza's north and south, including Gaza City and Khan Younis.

It said it had conducted strikes on “terrorist infrastructure” and had killed people who it described as militants, who it said had tried to detonate an explosive next to soldiers.

It also announced that it had killed a senior Palestinian Islamic Jihad operative,

Mamdouh Lolo, in an air strike.

The Hamas-run health ministry in Gaza said 125 people had been killed in the past 24 hours across the Strip.

A health ministry official said 14 people – including nine children – were killed by Israeli air strikes in al-Mawasi, to the west of Khan Younis.

The small town has been designated a “safe space” by Israeli forces for displaced Palestinians. The IDF has not commented on the claims made by Hamas.

“We were sleeping at midnight when a strike hit the camp on the tents, 4x2 tents where people were sleeping, most of them children,” eyewitness Jamal Hamad Salah told Reuters news agency. “We found one body there that flew 40 metres away.”

“There is nowhere safe in Gaza,” aid agency Save the Children's country director for the occupied Palestinian territory, Jason Lee, said. “Camps, shelters, schools, hospitals, homes and so-called ‘safe zones’ should not be battlegrounds.”

The total number of people killed in Gaza since the start of Israel's retaliatory campaign had reached more than 22,400 by Thursday – comprising almost 1% of the enclave's 2.3 million population, the Hamas-run health ministry said.

Israel's offensive started after Hamas gunmen launched a surprise attack on southern Israel on 7 October, killing 1,200 people, most of them civilians, and taking about 240 people hostage.



Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant

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Tony Hudgell is this year's youngest recipient. At nine years old, he was awarded a BEM for services to prevent child abuse. He has raised over £1.8m for the hospital, which saved his life after he suffered horrific abuse as a baby. Along with his adoptive mother, he founded the Tony Hudgell Foundation in 2021 to support and help vulnerable children and has also inspired an English law change to increase prison sentences for those convicted of child cruelty and neglect.

Camilla Bowry has been awarded an OBE for services to charity. Camilla is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Sal's Shoes, based in Surrey, which donates school shoes to needy children. As of November 2021, she had collected over 2,750,000 pairs of shoes and donated them to 52 countries.

Amanda Chadwick from Greater Manchester is the Founder and Trustee of Pyjama Fairies and has been awarded an MBE for services to children in hospital. The charity has given over 50,000 handmade pyjamas to children across 150 hospitals.

Lynne Kelly, based in South Glamorgan, Wales, is Chair and Trustee of Haemophilia Wales and has been awarded a CBE for services to people with haemophilia. Lynne was pivotal to the campaign to produce safe recombinant factor VIII and IX concentrates for the treatment of haemophilia in Wales, the first country in the world to do so.

Diasporan Jahangir Alom has been awarded a BEM for tackling health inequalities, particularly during COVID-19. His efforts helped build public trust in the national vaccination programme and raise awareness of the experiences of ethnic minorities. He also works at Selfless UK, a charity that alleviates rural Bangladesh's poverty.



Knight's Bachelor Honours for Amritpal Singh Hungin, for his innovative work, one of the many diasporans honored. Photo courtesy.



Tajinder Banwait Urban Apothecary London founder received an MBE. Photo Courtesy



Forgotten one of the many volunteers who worked for charity to feed the hungry in the UK. Photo Courtesy.



Feeding the hungry... A volunteer at the Trussell Trust prepares food parcels for delivery to food banks for needy families. They ought to be honoured too not only politicians and those in the ivory towers. Photo Courtesy

Fenella Leach, Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Chief Executive for the London Ambulance Service NHS Trust has been awarded an MBE for services to the NHS. In 2019, she led a collaborative health system that saw Emergency Department conveyance safely reduced by 8%, and 70% of mental health patients were managed nearer home.

Michael Eavis, founder and leader of Glastonbury Festival, has been recognised with a knighthood for services to music and charity. The Festival contributes more than £2 million to charities and good causes each festival year.

Author Kate Mosse has been awarded a CBE for services to literature, women, and charity. She is a champion of diversity and female equality. The Women's Prize



These volunteers, among the many others who made that extra effort to serve their communities, should have been remembered in the List.

for Fiction, of which she is a co-founder, is now one of the biggest literary prizes in the world.

Stuart Murphy has been awarded a CBE for services to opera. Under his leader-

ship during the pandemic, the English National Opera manufactured scrubs for NHS staff and initiated a clinical recovery programme for COVID-19 survivors.

Dame Shirley Bassey DBE becomes the 64th living member of the Order of the Companion of Honour in recognition of her services to music. She has sold over 135 million records.

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Eastern Turkestan, Inner Mongolia, Tibet and neighbors



Turkestan autonomy

Worth Noting:

- The representatives of the Jadid movement often called themselves progressives, later Jadids. The advanced progressive forces of that time, first of all, the intellectuals, felt that the local population was lagging behind the global development and understood the need to reform the society.
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Soviet Federative Socialist Republic located in Soviet Central Asia. Uzbeks were the preeminent nation of Turkestan ASSR. Tashkent was the capital and largest city in the region. During the Russian Empire, the Turkestan ASSR's territory was governed as Turkestan Krai, the Emirate of Bukhara, and the Khanate of Khiva. From 1905, Pan-Turkist ideologues like Ismail Gasprinski aimed to suppress differences among the peoples who spoke Turkic languages, uniting them into one government. This idea was supported by Vladimir Lenin, and after the Russian Revolution of 1917, the Bolsheviks in Tashkent created the Turkestan ASSR. But in February 1918, the Islamic Council (Uzbek: Sho ro-i Islomiyya) and the Council of Intelligentsia (Uzb. Sho ro-i Ulamo) met in Kokand city and declared a rival Turkestan Autonomous Republic, battling Bolshevik forces until the 1920s as part of the conservative Basmachi rebellion. The Turkestan Soviet Federative Republic was officially proclaimed on 30 April 1918. In the late 1917, the TSFR was cut off from the RSFSR

by the revolt of the Orenburg Cossacks, but held out, despite being surrounded by hostile states, until the arrival of the Red Army in September 1919 after the Counteroffensive of Eastern Front. Meanwhile, a power struggle among the Communists ensued between those favoring a Pan-Turkist government like Turar Ryskulov and Tursun Khojaev, and those in favor of dividing Soviet Turkestan into smaller ethnic or regional units, such as Fayzulla Khodzhayev and Akmal Ikramov. The latter group won, as national delimitation in Central Asia began in 1924. Upon dissolution, the Turkestan ASSR was split into Uzbek SSR (now Uzbekistan), Turkmen SSR (now Turkmenistan) with the Tajik ASSR (now Tajikistan), Kara-Kirghiz Autonomous Oblast (now Kyrgyzstan), and Karakalpak Autonomous Oblast (now Autonomous Republic of Uzbekistan as Karakalpakstan).[1] Jadidism or Jadidism is a socio-political, educational movement that gained significant importance in the life of Turkestan, Caucasus, Crimea, and Tatarstan at the end of the

19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. Jadidism first appeared in the Crimea in the 80s of the 19th century. It spread in Central Asia from the 90s of the XIX century. Jadidism used to function as a movement in the field of culture. The representatives of this trend called for struggle for development, development of Turkic languages, enrichment of literature in these languages, study of secular sciences, use of scientific achievements, and equality of women and men. Later, Jadidists propagated the ideas of pan-Turkism. In the literature written during the Soviet period, modernism is described as a "bourgeois-liberal, nationalist movement". During this period, the names of Jadidist figures, who were mainly criticized, were revived after the collapse of the SSR. Jadidism first arose in the 80s of the 19th century in the Crimea under the leadership of Ismailbek Gasprinsky among the Crimean Tatars. The representatives of the Jadid movement often called themselves progressives, later Jadids. The advanced progressive forces of

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went as far as restricting the activities of madrasahs and schools, replacing local place names with Russian terms, and even putting crosses on the necks of judges during court proceedings. The situation of that time was well described by the son of Muhammadali Khalifa Sabir (Dukchi Eshon) in his "Address" (1898) to the people. Progressive forces thinking about the nation's perspective existed among almost all classes of people - artisans, farmers, merchants, landowners, scholars. The intellectuals initially decided to start the struggle against tsarism from the political-educational front, awakening the people from centuries-old backwardness. The Jadidism movement found a favorable ground for its development in the Turkestan region under such historical conditions. Advanced scientists, modern experts in the fields of industry and agriculture, culture figures grew up among the ancients, they dreamed of seeing the coun-

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try prosperous and their homeland independent, and they fought for it. In the struggle of the Jadids for the independence of Turkestan, the following areas were mainly prioritized: expansion of the network of new method schools; sending talented young people to study abroad; creation of various educational societies and theater troupes; building a national democratic state in Turkestan by publishing newspapers and magazines, raising the socio-political consciousness of the people.

These things could be done only if a strong party of Jadid intellectuals was formed. The main ideas and goals of Jadidism were the following: liberating Turkestan from medieval backwardness and religious superstition, reforming the Sharia, spreading enlightenment to the people, fighting for the establishment of an autonomous government in Turkestan, constitutional monarchy and parliament in Bukhara and Khiva, and then freedom by establishing a democratic republic system. and building a prosperous society, introducing a stable national currency and creating a national army. In Tashkent, Fergana, Bukhara, Samarkand and Khiva, the Jadidist movement was formed from cultural and educational societies and associations opened by some groups of free-thinking and progressive people.

Directions in Turkestan region. Turkestan tradition

There are some differences between the Jadids of Bukhara and Khiva. Intellectuals formed the social basis of Jadidism in Turkestan. They stood at the forefront of the struggle against the colonialism of Tsarist Russia and supported the first autonomous and then independent state of Turkestan, which was turned into a raw material source of Tsarism.

Bukhara Jadidism

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were enemies of any innovations and reforms. At the beginning of the 20th century, Bukhara society was divided into 2 groups: the progressives led by Ikram Domla and the old-timers led by Mulla Abdurazzaq. In 1908, "Bukharoi Sharif Company" was established and engaged in publishing textbooks and selling books. Ahmadjon Hamdiy (Abusaidov), Usmankhoja Polathojayev (Usman Khoja), Hamidkhoja Mehriy, Abdulvahid Burhanov, Abdulkadir Muhiddinov, Sadridin Ainiy, Abdurahman Sa'diy were the organizers of the company. In December 1909, Jadids founded the secret society "Tarbiyai atfol" ("Children's education") in Bukhara (founders: Abdulvahid Burkhanov, Hamidkhoja Mehriy, Ahmadjon Hamdiy, Mukammil Burkhanov, Haji Rafe). This society sent young people from Turkestan and Bukhara to study at the "Taste of Bukhara Educational Society" department in Istanbul. Education abroad has made a radical change in the outlook of young people. Although Jadidism started in Bukhara and Turkestan at the same time, the difficult environment in the emirate accelerated its development. Since 1910, the Jadidist movement took an organizational form in Bukhara, and a party was formed on the basis of the secret society "Tarbiyai Atfol".

The history of Khiva

Jadidism formed in Khiva at the beginning of the 20th century arose in somewhat different historical conditions. It mainly consisted of two streams here. Its right-wing movement united the owners of trade and industrial enterprises developing in the khanate and representatives of the rich. Islamkhaja, the prime minister of Khiva Khan Asfandiyar Khan, led this movement. The right-wing current of Jadidism aimed to pave the way for the development of free market relations by carrying out socio-economic reforms while preserving the power of the khan in the country. In Khiva, the leftist current of Jadidism united small investors, artisans and representatives of various classes of the people, and the leader of it was Bobohun Salimov. They set the goal of increasing the political activity of the people by establishing new method schools in Khiva Khanate. 1904 "Community of Charity" was formed, with its support the first New Methodist school was opened in Khiva (November 10, 1904). Khiva's Jadids were not content with educational activities, but also fought against the khan system. Until the First World War, Khiva did not have a single center and program documents. However, the Jadidist movement became a major social and political force in the Khiva Khanate, and in August 1914 it took the form of a party. The last years of

the Jadidist movement are not characterized by active political struggles. During this period, the Soviet regime organized various political activities ("Group of Eighteen", "Inoghamovism", "Kasimovism", "Badridinism", etc.) and began mass repression of national intellectuals. In November 1929, Jadidist movement was dealt a strong blow with the imprisonment of 38 people led by Munavvarqori (later their number increased to 87). The modernist movement was able to rise from a political enlightenment to the level of modern progressives. According to their activity and program, the members of this movement and sect were not "representatives of the liberal bourgeoisie serving the interests of a handful of rich people", but representatives of the democratic process, which considered the fate of all the peoples of Turkestan. Soviet Union in Turkestan after the regime was established by violence, some of the Jadids withdrew from active political life and engaged only in artistic creation (Abdulvahid Burkhanov, Abdulla Avloni, Sadridin Ainiy, etc.). Some veterans worked in the cultural and educational palaces of the Soviet authorities (Ubaidullohoja Asadullohojayev, Munavvargori, Hamza, Sadullohoja Tur-sunhojayev, Tashpolatbek Norbotabekov, etc.). Some Jadids continued to work in high state and government positions as "local communists" (Fayzulla Khojayev, Abdulkadir Muhiddinov, Nizomiddin Khojayev, etc.). Some veterans joined the ranks of the Turkestan independence movement and emigrated abroad (Usmonkhaja Polathojayev, Sadridinkhan Sharifhojayev, Abdulhamid Oripov, etc.). All prominent representatives of the Jadidism movement (except Sadridin Ainiy) died in the 1930s as a result of the massacre carried out by the Soviet authoritarian regime. During the Soviet era, Jadidism movement was labeled as "nationalism", pan-Turkism, and pan-Islamism. It was forbidden to read Jadid literature.

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China

Equal, orderly, multipolar world



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Worth Noting:

- It was pointed out that building a community with a shared future for mankind is the core tenet of Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy. It is how China proposes to solve the questions of what kind of world to build and how to build it based on our deepening understanding of the laws governing the development of human society.
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- The guiding principle is to apply the common values of humanity, the basic underpinning lies in building a new type of international relations.

Having had the privilege to attend the Central Conference on Work Relating to Foreign Affairs, in Beijing, on December 27-28, last year, I believe all friends who care about China's foreign relations and external work should follow its outcomes closely.

At the quinquennial event, President Xi Jinping presented a systematic review of the historic achievements and valuable experience of major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics in the new era, and gave a profound exposition on the international environment and historical mission of China's external work on the new journey, and made comprehensive plans for China's external work for the present and coming periods.

The conference noted that great transformation is accelerating. Changes of the world, of our times, and of historical significance are unfolding like never before,

and the world has entered a new period of turbulence and transformation. Yet the overall direction of human development and progress will not change, the overall dynamics of world history moving forward amid twists and turns will not change, and the overall trend toward a shared future for the international community will not change. We must have full confidence in these trends of historical impact.

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ing peace, universal security and shared prosperity. The pathway is promoting global governance that features extensive consultation and joint contribution for shared benefit. The guiding principle is to apply the common values of humanity, the basic underpinning lies in building a new type of international relations. The strategic guidance comes from the implementation of the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative. And the platform for action is high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

On this basis, China seeks to bring countries together to meet challenges achieve prosperity for all and usher in a bright future of peace, security, prosperity and progress for our world. And given the series of major issues and challenges the world faces, China calls for an equal and orderly multi-

polar world and universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization.

An equal and orderly multipolar world is one in which all countries, regardless of size, are treated as equals, hegemonism and power politics are rejected and democracy is truly promoted in international relations. To keep the progress toward greater multipolarity generally stable and constructive, the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter must be observed by all, the universally recognized basic norms governing international relations upheld and true multilateralism practiced.

Universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization is one that meets the common needs of all countries, especially the developing ones, and properly addresses the development imbalances between and within countries resulting from the global allocation

of resources. It is important to resolutely oppose the attempt to roll back globalization and abuse the concept of security, oppose all forms of unilateralism and protectionism, firmly promote trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, overcome the structural problems hindering the healthy development of the world economy, and make economic globalization more open, inclusive, balanced and beneficial to all. Under the strategic guidance of President Xi Jinping and President William Ruto, we have every confidence that China and Kenya will continually enrich the comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership to jointly build an even closer China-Kenya community with a shared future in the new era.

(Dr. Zhou Pingjian is Ambassador of China to Kenya)

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Nigeria seeks to ban degrees from Kenya, Uganda in crackdown

Nigeria says it will extend the suspension of degrees accreditation to more countries, including Kenya and Uganda.

This comes days after the West African country suspended the accreditation of degrees from Benin and Togo.

"We are not going to stop at just Benin and Togo," Education Minister Tahir Mamman said on Wednesday during an interview on Nigeria's Channels Television channel.

"We are going to extend the dragnet to countries like Uganda, Kenya, even Niger here where such institutions have been set up," he added.

The new directive is an effort to stop fraudulent qualifications from foreign degree mills, following an exposé by the Daily Nigerian newspaper.

In an undercover investigation, the newspaper's reporter Umar Audu revealed how he obtained a degree for a four-year program from a Benin university in under two months. Mamman says he has "no sympathy" for those with fake certificates from foreign countries, adding that they are not victims but "part of the criminal chain that should be arrested".

Nigeria has launched a formal investigation into the ministries and agencies responsible for accrediting



The crackdown aims to protect Nigeria's academic qualifications, education minister says

academic qualifications obtained abroad.

Mamman said the measure will protect Nigeria's employers and the

integrity of the country's qualifications.

BBC NEWS

US

U.S. Supreme Court agrees to review Trump's Colorado ballot eligibility

By: Xinhua

The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday agreed to take up whether former President Donald Trump can be disqualified from appearing on Colorado's primary ballot, setting up a historic case ahead of the presidential election.

The U.S. Supreme Court's announcement came two days after Trump asked the court to invalidate a recent ruling by the Colorado Supreme Court, which removed him from the state's 2024 presidential primary ballot, citing a U.S. constitutional provision that prohibits people who have engaged in "insurrection" from federal office.

The U.S. The Supreme Court's decision, expected to be made at a speedy pace, could potentially set guidelines nationwide that would determine how Colorado and other states handle the issue. The case would be argued on an accelerated schedule on Feb. 8, with a ruling likely to follow soon after.

Lawsuits in Colorado, as well as some other states, argue that Trump should be disqualified from ballots

because he engaged in inciting the Capitol Hill insurrection on Jan. 6 of 2021, in an attempt to block the 2020 presidential election victory of Joe Biden. The Colorado Supreme Court's ruling two weeks ago marked the first time a U.S. state court agreed that Trump should be disqualified from the 2024 presidential election citing the rarely used insurrection clause.

Last week, Maine's Secretary of State Shenna Bellows, a Democrat, barred Trump from the primary ballot, making Maine the second state to block the former president from running again. Both states will hold their primaries on Super Tuesday, March 5.



Former US President Donald Trump gestures after delivering remarks at Trump National Golf Club Bedminster in Bedminster, New Jersey, on June 13, 2023. Trump appeared in court in Miami for an arraignment regarding 37 federal charges, including violations of the Espionage Act, making false statements, and conspiracy regarding his mishandling of classified material after leaving office. (Photo by Ed JONES / AFP)



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Nairobi: A Vibrant Hub of Tourism, Innovation, and Youthful Spirit

By: **John Chirchir**, Acting CEO of Kenya Tourism Board (KTB)

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Worth Noting:

• The city and its people are now ready to provide unparalleled tourism experiences, showcasing our rich cultural heritage through architecture, art, music, and daily life. The five-day Youth Connect Summit and its accompanying festivities will breathe life into this heritage through performances and exhibitions by local artists, musicians, and cultural ambassadors, offering young visitors a vibrant immersion into the heart of Kenyan culture.

• During their stay, visitors can anticipate experiencing the warm Kenyan hospitality, engaging in lively conversations, and enjoying an eagerness to serve that makes them feel right at home. While safaris have made Kenya famous for its wildlife and landscapes, it's the people that consistently draw tourists back—a testament to the friendliness that transcends language and cultural barriers, making Kenya a must-visit destination.



President William Ruto at the Youth Connect Summit held in Nairobi on December 8, 2023. /PCS.

Nairobi is once again in the global spotlight, as approximately 20,000 youth gather in Kenya's capital city for this year's Youth Connect Summit. This event not only underscores Nairobi's journey toward becoming a regional economic and innovation powerhouse but also serves as a stage to unveil the beauty, vibrancy, and heartbeat of the Kenyan capital.

Beyond the sheer scale of the Summit and its importance as a nexus for global youth engagement, Nairobi, fondly known as "The Green City in the Sun," has evolved from a mere safari stopover to a bustling city that offers everything travelers seek in their destinations.

It comes as no surprise that Lonely Planet, a leading travel guide publisher, has bestowed upon Nairobi the title of 'the world's best city to visit in 2024,' surpassing cities like Paris, Montreal, and Philadelphia. This recognition speaks volumes about the remarkable growth and development

that Nairobi has experienced in recent years.

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Nairobi's allure is further enhanced by the energy and optimism of its young generation, making it an exciting destination that seamlessly blends modern amenities with traditional charms. Tourists can embark on safari tours by day and revel in vibrant nightlife in the evenings, experiencing the cosmopolitan mix of skyscrapers and local markets, high-end restaurants, and street food stalls.

Nairobi is not just a city with a deep-rooted culture but also boasts world-class infrastructure, technology hubs, and a thriving business environment. The city pulsates with the energy of young innovators and entrepreneurs shaping the future of commerce and creativity across Africa. The Youth Connect Summit provides a firsthand look at how Nairobi is rising to become a beacon for opportunity and innovation.

With heads of states and delegates from various coun-

tries worldwide, the Summit underscores Kenya's position as a regional leader and preferred destination for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Events (MICE) tourism. Following the city's successful hosting of the inaugural Africa Climate Summit (ACS), the convergence of these youth attendees at the iconic Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) adds another feather to our MICE standing.

For the youth visiting Nairobi, it represents the promise of what Africa can become—a continent teeming with opportunities limited only by the magnitude of their dreams. Nairobi epitomizes the future Africa: confident, progressive, and ready to lead on the global stage. This Summit, occurring at a pivotal moment, will inspire the youth of Africa and the world, leaving them more optimistic about their continent and future—a testament to the true power of bringing peo-

ple together.

As events like the Youth Connect Summit continue to shape the future of tourism in Africa, Kenya is prepared to lead the way in showcasing the dynamism of African cities, with Nairobi poised to be a focal point. Let us join together to celebrate Nairobi's rich cultural heritage, its innovation, investment opportunities, and the youthful energy that permeates every corner of our city. Together, let's explore Kenya, let's explore Nairobi, and let's embrace the magic that awaits us.

Diaspora

Xi 2024 New Year message leaves no room for second guesses

By: Stephen Ndegwa
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President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, delivers an important speech at the New Year gathering organized by the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in Beijing, Dec 29, 2023. [Photo/Xinhua]

Worth Noting:

- China achieved the foregoing achievements through its constant pursuance of high-quality development, upgrading of its modernized industrial system, the establishment of advanced, smart and green industries, and rural revitalization. The country's bumper harvest for the 20th consecutive year also contributed to global food security.
- Technologically and industrially, China reaffirmed its position as the innovation capital of the world. At the basic level, "Made in China" brands continue with their massive global appeal due to their innovativeness and cost effectiveness. From the commercial launching of the C919 large passenger airliner and the trial voyage of its large cruise ship, to new energy vehicles, lithium batteries, and photovoltaic products, China made an indelible mark in the global economy.

At the end of every year, experts around the world listen in or read the Chinese President's New Year message. Expectedly, the president takes stock of what has happened in the current year, says what could have been done better to avoid the shortcomings, and broadly indicates the country's direction for the incoming year.

In his message delivered on December 31 in Beijing, President Xi Jinping was upbeat about what awaits both China and the world in 2024. His message had no illusions, remembering the year 2023 "as one of hard work and perseverance". Indeed, nothing comes easy, and the Chinese did not expect any free lunches either. In the beginning of 2023, China transitioned its COVID-19 response by downgrading the high alert in its fight against the pandemic. The effect of China's reopening its international borders and removal of travel restrictions both at home and abroad was immediate. In addition to firing up the choked global supply chains, this easing of pandemic measures has contributed immensely to the world's economic recovery. China achieved the forego-

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The hosting of the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) underscored China's pivotal role in global socioeconomic development. As of 2023, more than 150 countries and over 30 international organisations had signed BRI cooperation documents. This shows the faith that the world continues to have in the country's

socioeconomic initiatives aimed at lifting the lives of millions of people out of poverty.

On the diplomatic front, China made tremendous contribution to world peace, commensurate to its role in global economic recovery. In fact, the country's diplomatic initiatives were ranked by China Media Group as one of the major events in 2023. One of the major diplomatic breakthroughs was the Beijing-brokered rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and Iran in March.

The above unprecedented event reverberated across the Middle and is seen to have opened the door for the resumption of diplomatic ties between Bahrain and Qatar in April, Egypt and Türkiye in July, and Syria and Saudi Arabia in December. In 2024, experts see China playing a bigger role in international affairs, even daring to hope that the international community will at this early stage of 2024 adopt China's roadmap to a permanent ceasefire between Israel and Palestine, and the ultimate rapprochement between the two perennial foes.

Naturally, China realizes that its peace and prosperity is dependent on the same

prevailing the world over. It is immoral for one to eat satisfactorily in peace, while the neighbors are starving and fighting. This is one of the motivations behind the country's initiatives aimed at sharing its successes and fruitful outcomes with the rest of the world. Moreover, there are key best practices to learn from China's social and economic resilience for developing countries.

In March, Xi introduced the Global Civilization Initiative (GCI) to the world during the Communist Party of China's (CPC) Dialogue with World Political Parties High-Level Meeting held in Beijing. As another important public good China has shared with the world in the new era after the Global Development Initiative and the Global Security Initiative, the GCI will inject strong impetus into advancing humanity's modernization process, and building a community with a shared future for mankind. The Chinese communal spirit did not disappoint in thwarting the man-made challenges and natural disasters experienced in 2023. The leadership under Xi effectively mobilized patriotic citizens to stand up and be counted in solving the

country's problems not just for themselves, but for their fellow citizens.

As China celebrates the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic this year, observers expect more pleasant surprises as the country continues its relentless journey in pursuit of rejuvenation, growth and excellence. China has truly remained as a true bastion of hope in a world currently fraught with seemingly insurmountable problems. The world should also wait for the reunification of Taiwan with the motherland, a development that Xi stated he was committed to undertake in 2024. "China will surely be reunified, and all Chinese on both sides of the Taiwan Strait should be bound by a common sense of purpose and share in the glory of the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation."

This loaded and unequivocal statement actually sets the tone and mood for China in the coming 364 or so days. The single-mindedness of the Chinese leader gives no room for second-guessing his commitment in delivering his promises and those of the CPC, which he heads.

Love that shines in darkness



By: Ozodova Gulzora
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Worth Noting:

• A mother is such a kind that, despite the fact that it is snowing on the street, she does not care about anything, seeing her child's illness, her heart is a hundred thousand bribes, and she gives up her own health, thinking about the happiness of her child. , grieving day and night, the one who feeds her child even if she is hungry, even if she has no clothes to wear, says, "I have many clothes, I don't need anything", the one who eats the sorrow of her child, burning in her heart the fire of unquenchable love the one standing.

• Mother is a candle. He keeps on giving his love, until his last breath, he burns his soul for his child. Even before his death, he says, "If my children don't suffer, how will they be?" said.

Where do we see real love, warm affection, hot passion that burns the heart, pure sincerity that shakes the soul? Have you ever thought? Of course, in Mother's eyes...

What kind of mother is she? Mother! A light that illuminates in the dark, a gardener of the flower of love that never gets tired of sharing love. Mother is the embodiment of grace, the owner of a unique heart. A mother is ready to sacrifice her life thinking about the perfection of her child. Mother is the symbol of happiness, luck, loyalty, love, sincerity, faith. A number of poems were written about the mother, and there is no writer who did not mention it. But any work written about a mother is sweet and close to the heart. Because such works are not chosen by the reader, they are liked by everyone. Be it a poem or a prose work, this topic will stir the hearts of everyone. It awakens the knots hidden inside. God has given a mother such a soul, such a heart that no one else can love or be like a mother. A mother sleeps sweetly at night for her child. He is ready to do anything he can to see just one smile of his child. If his child becomes sick, he will suffer a thousand times more than his child. He cries from the inside, from the heart. But he deceives us by saying, "I'm fine, baby." A mother always fights for her child's happiness, she does not want him to be inferior to anyone. Even if he does not eat or wear himself, he provides everything for his child. No matter how loyal, loving and precious your close friend or friend may be to you now, someday he may leave you and stab you. However, a

mother does not turn away from her child, no matter what he does. God gave the mother such a heart that even if you hurt her a thousand times, even if you hurt her tongue, if you do not value her without entering her words, if you do not show kindness, she will still love you. He will not give up his child anyway. Not at all. Tell me, who else can do that? No one! No one in this world can have such love except a mother!!!

Who is the first person you remember when you are in a difficult situation? Who will you run to? Remember your childhood. If someone hurt you, hurt your tongue, who did you run to? Your mother's, of course. A single sweet word from your mother is a thousand times better than any false friends, false relationships. Mother is like the sun. The sun does not shine its light from nowhere. It spreads evenly to the whole earth, and it illuminates the world and gives warmth to the whole earth. Mother is the same. He will not show his affection and love for you. No matter how much you hurt her, her heart beats only for you. Mother is the angel of the house. Think about it, how will you feel if you don't see your mother one day? Well, maybe you will get used to being away from your mother, but if your poor mother is left there for a day, if she does not see her child for an hour, she misses, grieves, and her heart aches.

A mother's love is infinite and indescribable. Neither the pen nor the tongue can express it. After all, this is a miracle of the Creator.

Have you ever looked into your mother's eyes? Take a look. Your heart flutters. Your whole body starts to

burn. Because you see true, pure, snow-white love in it. This is called true love.

No matter how many reproaches and slander stones are thrown at her head, she is tormented and humiliated, she takes care of her child and fights for her child, despite any difficulties and obstacles. Even if a mountain rises in front of her, the mother will have the power to destroy the mountain. A mother is ready to go against the whole world to protect her child. Her heart beats only for her child. Who do you think is the happiest person in life? We see real happiness in the eyes of a mother holding her child, pure sincerity in the smile of a mother when she sees her child, and pure feelings in the love of a mother for her child. All - all possessor of pure feelings - mother.

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Any child whose mother is life will not be afraid of any difficulties or obstacles in this world. Mother is a

shield angel to all. Any love in the world can be fake, or just be. But a mother's feelings are never fake. In general. When a mother loves, she loves with all her heart, with all her heart. A mother loves her child so much that it is extremely difficult to understand. To feel it, it is enough to look at your mother's eyes staring at you and saying, "My child". A mother can destroy mountains and stones for her child or turn an entire desert into a garden. Mother's love is capable of everything. If her child's soul hurts a little, the mother's whole body will be affected. If her child achieves a small achievement, the mother's joy and happiness will be at such a level that you cannot imagine. She does not expect anything from you, she He doesn't need anything from you, he doesn't demand anything from you. He just wants his child to be healthy and happy. That's enough for him. If the child's mother dies, he can mourn for a month or a year, suffers, grieves. However... but for a mother whose child dies, life stops at that moment. She becomes a living corpse, as it were. God forbid. May God forbid such a fate. Tell such grateful love, set the rules Where else can you see such love? If you want to see true love, look into your mother's eyes. You can't stand it, you're shaking...

It is called a miracle of God, a sign of his greatness. You look into your mother's eyes. Feed once. In him you will see the love equal to the whole world, the pure love called for you and the great power of God that you have not seen in anyone else.

We should appreciate our mothers over time. Otherwise, no matter how much

we look for it, we will not find it anywhere. Now is the time, your mother is by your side with you. You can't imagine how happy you are. Don't spare your mother a sweet word. Such love, such love is not for everyone. How many people have grown up without a mother's love.

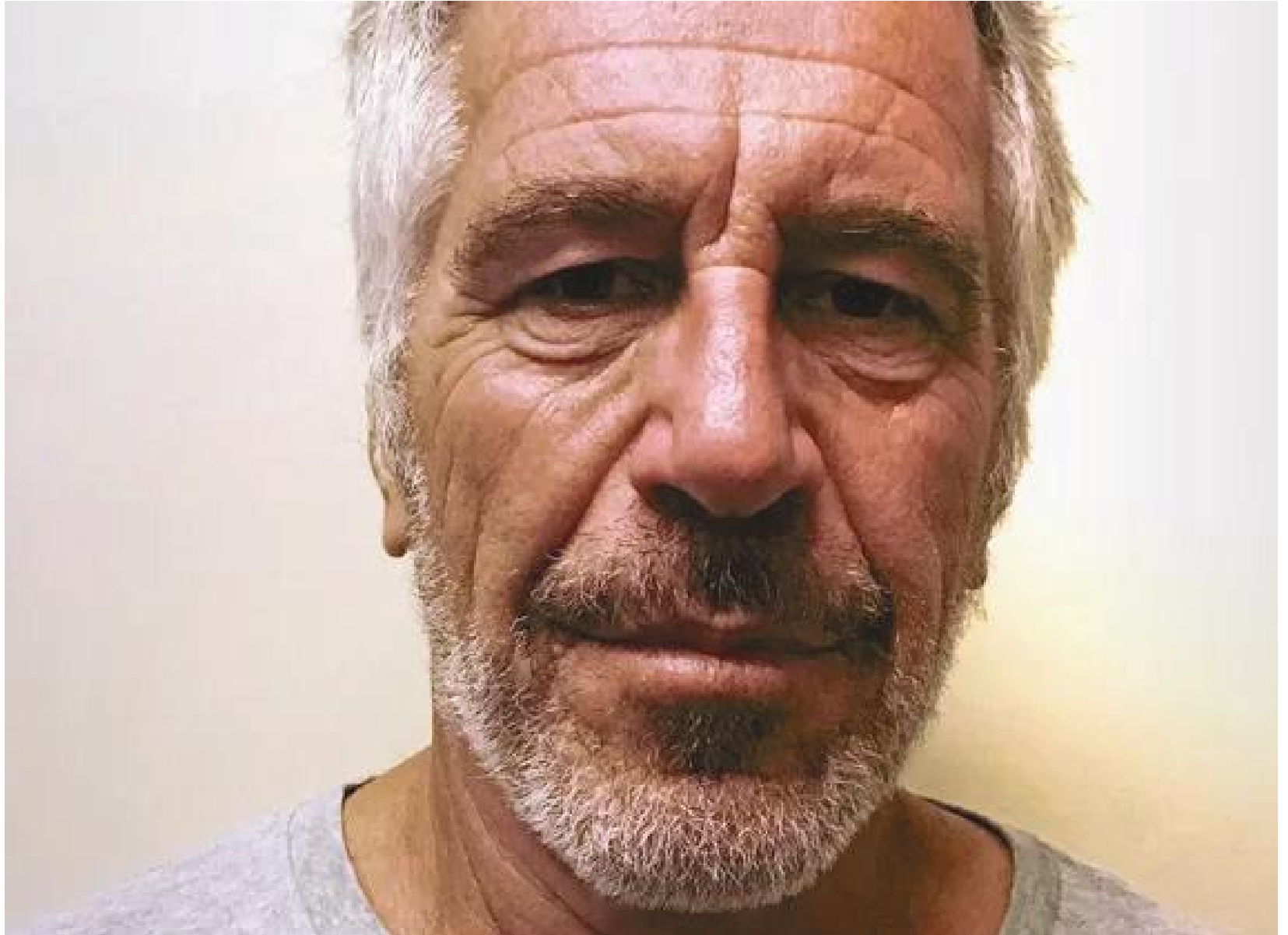
Growing up without a mother, not even seeing their own mother, not feeling her love, there are many despondent hearts. They only dream of this happiness for a lifetime. They can imagine. However, our hearts ache when we see those who hurt their mother's tongue without going into her words. Maybe they don't know, maybe they don't realize how much mother is a great source of love. You will be pitied.

Sometimes we even say sweet words to our mother. Sometimes we are busy with family concerns and our personal affairs, and we forget our real wealth, our mother who is thinking of us and waiting for our call day and night. What kind of people are we? What kind of children have we become if we cannot express our love and affection to our own mother, if we do not stand beside her as a support when she is old? In fact, such children are not worthy to be called children. They will realize their mistakes one day. But by then it may be too late. Then there is no point in regretting it and banging your head against a stone a thousand times. For this reason, from now on, let's appreciate our mothers, receive their prayers and please them.

In conclusion, it is worth saying that you should protect the love that shines in this pupil, that needs a little affection and is called for you

Jeffrey Epstein: Prince Andrew named in newly released court files

By: BBC News
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Prince Andrew

Worth Noting:

- The files include references to Johanna Sjoberg, who has claimed that Prince Andrew groped her breast while sitting on a couch inside Epstein's Manhattan apartment in 2001.
- Buckingham Palace has previously said her allegations are "categorically untrue".
- In one deposition, which has already been reported, Sjoberg alleged that Prince Andrew put his hand on her breast to pose for a photo with another accuser, Virginia Giuffre, and a puppet that said "Prince Andrew" on it.
- In 2022, the British royal paid millions to Giuffre to settle a case she filed alleging he sexually abused her when she was 17 years old.
- Prince Andrew said he had never met Giuffre and denied her allegations.
- Former US President Clinton is also named in the court documents, although there is no implication of any illegality. When contacted for comment, his representatives referred to a statement he issued in 2019 saying he "knows nothing" about Epstein's crimes.

Prince Andrew is among high-profile figures named in newly released US court documents detailing connections of sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

A judge ordered the release of the records as part of a legal case related to Epstein associate Ghislaine Maxwell. The legal papers include a previously reported claim of groping by Prince Andrew, which he has denied.

Former US presidents Bill Clinton and Donald Trump are also named, though neither is accused of illegality. The much-hyped trove – covering about 900 pages – did not appear to reveal any new bombshell revelations about Epstein, who died in jail in 2019, as he awaited federal sex-trafficking charges.

However, more documents in the case are expected to be released in the coming days.

Of more than 100 people named, some are accused of wrongdoing, while others in the court records are making allegations or are potential witnesses.

The legal filings highlight the well-connected social circle in the orbit of Epstein, who pleaded guilty to soliciting prostitution from a minor in 2009.

When ordering the release of the files, New York Judge

Loretta Preska said many of those named had already been identified by the media or in Maxwell's criminal trial.

She added that many others did not raise an objection to the release of the documents. Judge Preska also ordered that some names remain redacted because they would identify victims of sexual abuse.

The files include references to Johanna Sjoberg, who has claimed that Prince Andrew groped her breast while sitting on a couch inside Epstein's Manhattan apartment in 2001.

Buckingham Palace has previously said her allegations are "categorically untrue".

In one deposition, which has already been reported, Sjoberg alleged that Prince Andrew put his hand on her breast to pose for a photo with another accuser, Virginia Giuffre, and a puppet that said "Prince Andrew" on it.

In 2022, the British royal paid millions to Giuffre to settle a case she filed alleging he sexually abused her when she was 17 years old.

Prince Andrew said he had never met Giuffre and denied her allegations.

Former US President Clinton is also named in the court documents, although there is no implication of

any illegality. When contacted for comment, his representatives referred to a statement he issued in 2019 saying he "knows nothing" about Epstein's crimes.

According to the records, Sjoberg testified that Epstein once told her that Clinton "likes them young, referring to girls". Clinton had an affair with a 22-year-old White House intern while he was US president.

The files include testimony from Maxwell confirming that Clinton had travelled on board Epstein's private jet, but she did not know how many times.

Clinton travelled on Epstein's plane on what were described as humanitarian trips to Africa in the early 2000s and at the time praised Epstein as a committed philanthropist, though said he later cut ties with him.

The former US president's 2019 statement said he was accompanied on his trips aboard Epstein's jet by staff and supporters from his charity, the Clinton Foundation.

"His Secret Service detail travelled on every leg of every trip," his statement added.

The court documents include a section where Maxwell's lawyer seeks to debunk a media report that, shortly after he left office in

January 2001, Clinton travelled to Epstein's private island in the Caribbean.

A lawyer for Maxwell said that the former US president "did not, in fact travel to, nor was he present on, Little St James Island between January 1, 2001 and January 1, 2003".

The lawyer added that if the claim were true, Secret Service agents would have been required to submit travel logs of the trip.

The document also includes testimony from Sjoberg saying that Epstein told her he would contact Donald Trump on their way to one of his New Jersey casinos.

"Jeffrey said, 'Great, we'll call up Trump,'" she testified, after pilots said their plane could not land in New York and would need to stop in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The documents contain no alleged wrongdoing by Trump. Sjoberg is asked at one point in the deposition whether she ever gave Trump a massage, and she replies: "No."

She also testified that she met musician Michael Jackson and magician David Copperfield through Epstein, although she did not allege any wrongdoing by them.

French modelling agent Jean-Luc Brunel, who killed himself in a Paris jail in 2022

while awaiting rape charges, is also mentioned multiple times.

In her deposition, Giuffre says she was forced to have sex with prominent figures including New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson. Before his death last year, Richardson denied ever meeting Giuffre, and he was not charged with any crime.

Alfredo Rodriguez, a household employee who was tasked with security for Epstein, described Maxwell as "the boss" in his testimony, according to the court files.

Rodriguez, who died in 2015, was told to carry cash at all times to give to high school girls, and the girls who were helping recruit for Epstein, the documents say. Epstein's death in 2019 was ruled to be a suicide by the New York medical examiner.

Maxwell, the daughter of publishing tycoon Robert Maxwell, is currently serving a 20-year prison sentence for her role as a recruiter for Epstein. Her lawyers are appealing against the sentence. Lawyers for Maxwell said in a statement cited by CNN on Wednesday: "She has consistently and vehemently maintained her innocence."

The Aral Sea Crisis: Unraveling the Ecological Catastrophe



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Worth Noting:

- The roots of the Aral Sea crisis can be traced back to the mid-20th century when the Soviet Union initiated large-scale irrigation projects for cotton cultivation in the arid regions surrounding the sea.
- Multiple factors have contributed to the desiccation of the Aral Sea. Excessive water extraction for agricultural purposes, inefficient irrigation practices, and the absence of sustainable water management strategies have led to a substantial reduction in inflow.
- The desiccation of the Aral Sea has unleashed a cascade of ecological consequences. The shrinking water body has resulted in the salinization of the remaining water, negatively impacting aquatic ecosystems.
- The tragedy of the Aral Sea offers valuable lessons for policymakers, environmentalists, and communities worldwide. It underscores the importance of carefully balancing economic development with environmental sustainability.



The Aral Sea Crisis

The Aral Sea, once one of the world's largest inland bodies of water, has undergone a drastic transformation over the past few decades, resulting in an environmental catastrophe of global significance. This scientific article explores the historical context, causes, and ecological consequences of the Aral Sea crisis. The desiccation of the Aral Sea serves as a poignant example of the complex interplay between human activities and environmental degradation, highlighting the urgent need for sustainable management of water resources.

The Aral Sea, situated in Central Asia between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, was once the fourth-largest lake globally, covering an area of approximately 68,000 square kilometers. However, the past 50 years have witnessed a dramatic decline in its size, leading to severe environmental, economic, and social consequences for the region.

Historical Context: The roots of the Aral Sea crisis can be traced back to the mid-20th century when the Soviet Union initiated large-scale irrigation projects for cotton cultivation in the arid regions surrounding the sea. The diversion of water from the Amu Darya and Syr Darya rivers, the primary sources feeding the Aral Sea, significantly altered the natural hydrological balance. Causes of the Aral Sea Des-

iccation: Multiple factors have contributed to the desiccation of the Aral Sea. Excessive water extraction for agricultural purposes, inefficient irrigation practices, and the absence of sustainable water management strategies have led to a substantial reduction in inflow. Additionally, the evaporation of water due to rising temperatures in the region has exacerbated the crisis.

Ecological Consequences: The desiccation of the Aral Sea has unleashed a cascade of ecological consequences. The shrinking water body has resulted in the salinization of the remaining water, negatively impacting aquatic ecosystems. The loss of habitat has decimated fish populations, leading to the collapse of the once-thriving fishing industry. Dust and salt storms originating from the exposed seabed have caused widespread soil degradation and respiratory health issues for the local population.

Social and Economic Impacts: The Aral Sea crisis has had profound social and economic repercussions on the communities surrounding it. Unemployment and poverty have surged as traditional livelihoods, such as fishing and agriculture, have been rendered unsustainable. Health problems, including respiratory diseases, have become endemic due to the inhalation of dust and salt particles carried by

the wind.

Mitigation and Restoration Efforts: Efforts to address the Aral Sea crisis involve both regional and international collaboration. The construction of dams and water reservoirs, improved irrigation practices, and the implementation of sustainable water management policies are critical components of ongoing restoration initiatives. International organizations, NGOs, and governments are working together to fund and execute projects aimed at reviving the Aral Sea ecosystem.

The Aral Sea crisis stands as a stark reminder of the environmental consequences of unsustainable human activities. Addressing this ecological catastrophe requires a holistic approach encompassing regional cooperation, sustainable water management, and community engagement. The ongoing efforts to mitigate the impacts of the Aral Sea crisis provide hope for the restoration of this once-vibrant ecosystem and serve as a valuable lesson for the global community in the pursuit of environmental sustainability.

Lessons Learned: The tragedy of the Aral Sea offers valuable lessons for policymakers, environmentalists, and communities worldwide. It underscores the importance of carefully balancing economic development with environmental sustain-

ability. Unbridled exploitation of natural resources without proper planning and management can lead to irreversible ecological damage, affecting not only local ecosystems but also the well-being of communities dependent on them. Sustainable Water Management: One of the critical takeaways from the Aral Sea crisis is the urgent need for sustainable water management practices. Governments and stakeholders must prioritize the development and implementation of water conservation measures, efficient irrigation technologies, and policies that consider the long-term ecological impact of water use. Integrated water resource management, involving local communities and scientific expertise, is essential to prevent similar disasters in other regions facing water scarcity.

Climate Change Adaptation: The Aral Sea crisis is closely linked to climate change, with rising temperatures exacerbating the evaporation of water and contributing to the region's aridification. As climate change continues to pose global challenges, it is imperative to develop adaptive strategies that consider the interconnectedness of water resources, ecosystems, and human societies. The Aral Sea serves as a cautionary tale, emphasizing the necessity of climate-resilient policies and infrastructure.

International Collaboration:

The Aral Sea crisis transcends national boundaries, emphasizing the need for international collaboration in addressing environmental challenges. Regional cooperation between Central Asian countries, supported by global partnerships, has played a crucial role in ongoing restoration efforts. The experience of the Aral Sea underscores the importance of fostering transboundary cooperation and sharing best practices to tackle shared environmental issues on a global scale.

In conclusion, the Aral Sea crisis stands as a poignant example of the intricate relationship between human activities and the environment. By learning from the mistakes of the past and implementing sustainable practices, we can strive to prevent similar ecological disasters and pave the way for a more harmonious coexistence between humanity and the planet. The restoration of the Aral Sea remains an ongoing endeavor, illustrating the enduring commitment required to heal our planet and preserve its natural wonders.

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