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Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, has a tough task on his plate fighting for the future of London's public transport, but what are his chances of winning this year? Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI

A guerilla war of a kind has been taking place in the usually quiet streets of London since last summer, and its embers are still burning this year as campaigning for the Mayor of London and the London Assembly Elections heats up. The local government election will be held on Thursday, May 2, and the incumbent Mayor of London since 2016, the amiable Sadiq Khan, has put his name for re-election. The Mayor is in office for four years, after which there is another election.

However, a challenging roadblock could lead to his loss this year.

There's a short, sharp, shocking reminder of the battles of last summer when he imposed a tax to control the dangers of dark clouds of climate emissions caused by motorists in the capital, which angered Londoners. They will vote in these elections.

He extended the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) to all 32 boroughs of Greater London last year, which won him few friends and ample trophies of abuse from angry Londoners.

Mr Khan is contesting his re-election against a motley of candidates, mainly Susan Mary Hall from the Tory Party and other rival parties who

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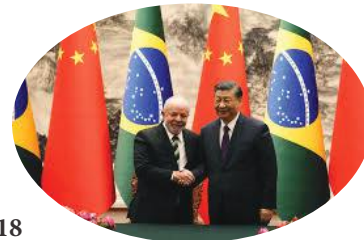
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## Kenya commends Rwanda's progress 30 years after genocide

Kenya has lauded the strides made by Rwanda after experiencing one of the horrific genocides of the 20th century, pledging Nairobi's continued cooperation for mutual prosperity.

This was said by Korir SingOei, the Principal Secretary of Foreign Af-

fairs in the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, who was representing the government of Kenya at the commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, in Nairobi.

Held at the United Nations Office in Nairobi on Tuesday, the event

brought together more than a thousand people including the Rwandan community living in Kenya, Kenyan government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of UN agencies, and friends of Rwanda among others.

Addressing the gathering, PS Sin-

gOei said that Kenya stands in solidarity with Rwanda and her people and that his country draws inspiration from how Kigali was able to

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# Palestinian request for UN membership moves on to specialized committee

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## Worth Noting:

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- Prior to the formal referral, the Council met privately to discuss the request submitted by Palestine that its earlier request for membership – made on 23 September 2011 – be reconsidered.
- Palestine is a non-member observer State of the UN, the same status as held by the Holy See.
- Any application for UN membership is considered by the Security Council, which then forwards it on to the 193-member General Assembly to adopt a resolution for the admission of a Member State.



UN Photo/Jean Marc Ferré The flag of the observer State of Palestine is raised at the United Nations Office at Geneva. (file)

The Security Council on Monday referred the application of the observer State of Palestine for full UN membership to the specialized committee set up to vet new members. The proposal for the referral, made by Ambassador Vanessa Frazier of Malta, Security Council President for April, received no objections from the body's 15 members. "Unless I hear a proposal to the contrary, I shall refer to the Committee of Admis-

sion of New Members, the request that renewed consideration be given to the application of the observer State of Palestine, during the month of April 2024," Frazier said, referring to Rule 59 of the Council's provisional rules of procedures on new members. Frazier also proposed that the admissions committee, a subsidiary organ of the Security Council, would meet at 3 PM the same day to consider the application. The Committee meetings

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for membership. If the Security Council presents a recommendation, it goes forward to the General Assembly along with a complete record of the deliberations. If the Security Council does not recommend the applicant State for membership or postpones the consideration of the application, it submits a special report plus record of discussions, to the General Assembly.

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'Fear and loss'

# 'Fear and loss' multiplies in Sudan exodus

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## Worth Noting:

- Over 13,000 people are reported to have been killed, thousands more injured, and attacks on civilians, and conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence continue unabated.
- "Sudan has experienced the almost complete destruction of its urban middle class: architects, doctors, teachers, nurses, engineers, and students have lost everything," Sarrado said.
- "Access constraints, security risks and logistical challenges are hampering the humanitarian response. Without incomes, and amid disrupted aid deliveries and harvests, people cannot get food, prompting warnings of worsening hunger and malnutrition in parts of the country," she added.



Food is distributed to Sudanese refugees in Koufroun, Chad. © WFP/Jacques David Food is distributed to Sudanese refugees in Koufroun, Chad

Over 8.5 million Sudanese have been forced to flee their homes in Sudan since the war between rival militaries erupted last April, the UN refugee agency, UNHCR, said on Tuesday.

At least 1.8 million among them fled across the border into neighbouring, South Sudan, Chad, Central African Republic, Egypt and Ethiopia; as well as Uganda. Thousands more are arriving by the day, agency spokesperson Olga Sarrado told journalists at the regular news briefing in Geneva. The war between the Suda-

nese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and its affiliated militias "has shattered people's lives, filling them with fear and loss," Sarrado said.

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**Refugee hosting countries** South Sudan has received

the most refugees from Sudan, about 640,000 people, and on average 1,800 are still arriving every day, increasing pressure on overstretched infrastructure and exacerbating the vast humanitarian needs.

In Chad, the number exceeds 560,000 and while UNHCR and aid partners have managed to relocate most refugees to new and expanded settlements, over 150,000 remain in border areas in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions, largely due to funding shortfalls.

Ethiopia, which already

hosts one of the largest refugee populations in Africa, also reported continued new refugee arrivals, recently surpassing 50,000.

### 'Desperate needs'

The situation for women and children is particularly alarming.

"Those crossing borders, mostly women and children, are arriving in remote areas with little to nothing and in desperate need of food, water, shelter and medical care. Many families have been separated and arrive in distress," Sarrado said.

"Parents and children have witnessed or experienced appalling violence, making psychosocial support a priority," she said.

### 'Critically low' funding

The UNHCR spokesperson further warned that despite the magnitude of the crisis, "funding remains critically low".

Only 7 per cent of the funds needed for the 2024 Regional Refugee Response Plan for Sudan have been fulfilled, while the response effort inside Sudan is just 6 per cent funded.

"Firm commitments from the international community to support Sudan and the countries hosting refugees are needed to ensure those forced to flee by the war can live in dignity," Sarrado urged.

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# President Ruto welcomes Haiti's political transition

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President William Ruto has welcomed the formation of a Presidential Transition Committee in Haiti. The committee is responsible for choosing the country's next leadership following the resignation of Prime Minister Ariel Henry. The Head of State said he is confident that the new political leadership will lay a strong foundation for a resolution of the crisis in Haiti. He reiterated Kenya's solidarity with Haiti. He said the decision shows the collective courage and singular sacrifice of the Haitian Council of Cabinet to forge a Haiti free of violence and to entrench a new democratic administration. President Ruto said Kenya is confident that the new political leadership will lay a strong foundation for resolution of the crisis in Haiti and

restore security to the Haitian people. The Presidential Transition Council committee is responsible for choosing the country's next leadership following the resignation of Prime Minister Ariel Henry. The formation of the council was facilitated by Caribbean's regional bloc, which has been in the forefront of finding peace in Haiti.

President William Ruto



## KENYA

# Emotional moment as Pastor Dorcas brings together widows from 10 counties

By: Muraya Kamunde

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The Pastor Dorcas Rigathi brought together more than 1,200 from 10 counties for a prayer meeting in Nairobi. The widows who are beneficiaries of her programs had a moment to share their journey of empowerment through the office of Pastor Dorcas in various programs in their respective areas. The widows are from 10 counties of Transzoia, Kajiado, Nairobi, Laikipia, Embu, Meru, Migori, Nakuru, Kilifi and Bomet. Speaking during the meeting Pastor Dorcas encouraged the widows to stick together in their various groups that have been formed by her office for their economic empowerment. "When I see 1,200 widows gathered here, it means these are 1,200 of my boy-children who have died and these are families without the covering of fathers. Pastor Dorcas promised to continue walking with the widows on a journey of transforming their lives, a journey that has seen many involved in economic empowerment projects. "The widows you see here have gone through challenges but together we

can change their lives," she said. She shared her story of being brought up by a widow mother in Kiandutu slum in Thika, Kiambu County. She said there has been a collaboration of religious leaders in dignifying the lives of the widows across the country. The chairperson of County First Ladies Alamitu Jattani (Marsabit) said the Muslim religion calls on the society to take care of the widows and orphans terming the initiative by Pastor Dorcas very noble to the society. Pastor Dorcas is working with county first ladies in most of her initiatives across the country. The widows also got a chance to share their stories and the frustrations they went through when their husbands passed on. Some narrated how they were chased away from their matrimonial homes after the passing on of their husbands. It was an emotional moment when Prudence Kai from Kilifi County recounted the memories of the death of her husband in 2012. The mother of two narrated how the family of her late husband disowned her. "When my husband died his family disowned me. They said they had never seen me together with my two children. But through my Pastor Dorcas I have found a family, and a shoulder to lean on," an emotional Prudence said. Prudence now wants a law passed to assure widows get the inheritance



The spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi during the interview with a local TV station at her office in Karen

once their husbands pass on. She said many of them have lost their land after their husbands pass on. "Many in our county of Kilifi have lost their land after they have lost their husbands. We want a law that will ensure that the widows our land is protected and we get it as indicated by our husbands," he said. Prudence who is the chairperson of

12,000 widows from Kilifi County said this was the first time she had come to Nairobi ever since her husband died. Widows program is one of the pillars under the office of the Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi. She has been involving them in various empowerment programs in their respective areas.

In many parts the widows have now formed groups that are aimed at helping them in their economic activities. The widows also received donations of foodstuff from Pastor Dorcas.

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## Motivation

## Respect to the teacher

By: Zilola Rakhmanberganova  
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Noting:

- They take care of us like their own children, they help us when we stumble, they support us when we fall. Due to the love and attention given by them, their children, who are their students, will grow up and spend their childhood in the shadows of their teachers, carefree and carefree.
- If they didn't enter their profession with so much heart, we students would not have achieved any achievements and victories. After all, it is the same thing to teach a child who does not yet know how to write and read, to guide a child who has no idea about life, to guide him in the right way doesn't.
- The more respect and honor we have for them, the less. There are many hadiths and verses about teachers in the Holy Qur'an. Among them, our teacher Mukarram is mentioned with great respect and honor. Of course, they are worthy of such high awards.



Zilola Rakhmanberganova

*If the student is shaykhulislam, if he is a judge, if the teacher approves, God approves.*  
(Alisher Navoi)

When we come into the world, the first person we see is our mother. Thanks to this person, we learn to live in this bright world called the world. We can distinguish between good and bad, black and white because of our mother. Our mother's place in our lives is so high that we cannot describe it. There is another great breed in the world who cares for us like our mother does. He cares for us just like

our mother. He will work so that we can become good people and find our place in the future. He is so dear, so great. The only one who is as kind as our mother and as passionate as our father deserves all these descriptions. Even if he is, his teacher is honorable. We can't say a thousand thanks to our teachers who taught us the word "life" for the first time and helped us distinguish between black and white. Yes, our teachers deserve such honor and respect. As we walked towards the school, which is the place of knowledge, our hearts were

filled with excitement from the sounds of the first bell. It's not like a bell, it's like the hearts are shaking. We move forward to school with the first steps taken for life with our young hearts beating enthusiastically. Our school also embraces us. One of the places in this life that does not push us away from us, always invites us into our arms, is our home, and another is our school, which is a holy place. The more we honor our teacher like our mother, the more we value our school, which is a fortress of knowledge. After all, the school is our second

home, and our teachers are our second mother.

They take care of us like their own children, they help us when we stumble, they support us when we fall. Due to the love and attention given by them, their children, who are their students, will grow up and spend their childhood in the shadows of their teachers, carefree and carefree. If they didn't enter their profession with so much heart, we students would not have achieved any achievements and victories. After all, it is the same thing to teach a child who does not yet know how to write and read, to guide a child who has no idea about life, to guide him in the right way. doesn't. The more respect and honor we have for them, the less. There are many hadiths and verses about teachers in the Holy Qur'an. Among them, our teacher Mukarram is mentioned with great respect and honor. Of course, they are worthy of such high awards. Ali Ibn Abu Talib, may Allah be pleased with him, said: "If you know how to read, every person is a book." What words are worth gold. Our teachers taught us how to find the key to the lock of this book. Our teachers who have devoted their lives to this field are always humble and sincere.

Let's recall one story here:

Alexander the Great was the first to transfer his teacher to the throne of the conquered country. One day he asked her: "Why do you do that?" when asked:

"My parents were the cause of my birth, but I was born because of my teacher", he answered.

The king of the worlds like Alexander the Great, who conquered so many countries, shows such respect and reverence to his teacher. Because he knew well about his teacher, he deeply understood how high his value was, and treated him accordingly. It is because of our teachers and coaches that we rise, and thanks to the education they give us, our heads are always high and we are tall.

At this point, the services of my teachers are very important for me to reach this level. They have always shown me the right path, and they have been my guiding star in my life. For a young girl on the threshold of a big life, the support of not only her family, but also her teachers is of great im-

portance. My teacher Aziza Ibragimova took my hand and led me to school for the first time, and my teachers Temirova Nigora, Temirova Adolat, Shahnoza Kurbanboyeva, Gulnora Avezova, and Jonibekova Oyjamol were the lights of my life. They are not tired of sharing knowledge. And until now, they have been helping me with their valuable time and knowledge. They played a very important role in my choice of my future profession. Because, envying my teachers and with the intention of justifying the knowledge they gave me, I also decided to leave their paths. I want them to be proud to mention this as my student when they see my future achievements.

Like them, I want to show love to young students and support them when they fall. I am committed to helping them become loyal and necessary people for our country.

Knowledge is an invaluable asset. It is not an easy task to acquire it. Our people compare science to digging a well with a needle. The role of our teachers is great and incomparable in our possession of such a priceless treasure.

When talking about our teachers, it is impossible not to remember these verses of Alisher Navoi, the sultan of poetry property:

Who taught you a letter on the path of truth,  
He is worth a thousand gems.

I mean, it is impossible to pay the price of a person who taught you one letter with so much effort, even with a thousand gold and jewels.

Indeed, we cannot estimate the knowledge that our teachers have given us. Because they are priceless.

In conclusion, it can be said that we should always show respect to our teachers who never tire of teaching us. After all, the knowledge and skills acquired by a person who respects and shows respect for his teacher will be effective and useful.

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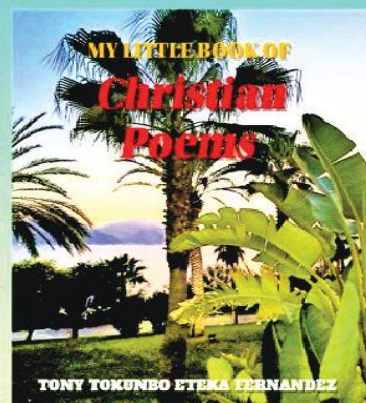
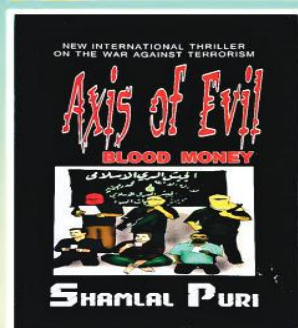
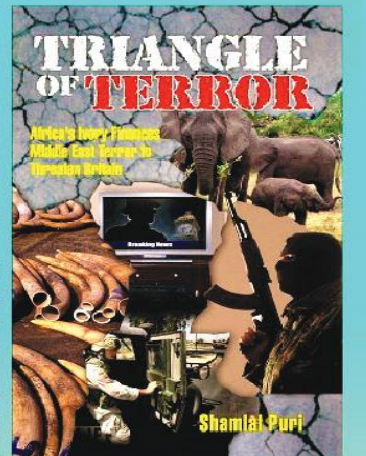
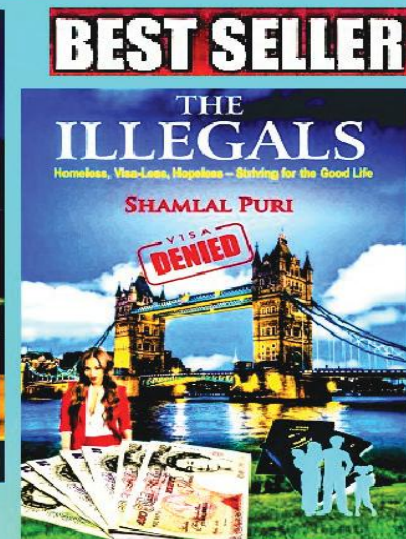
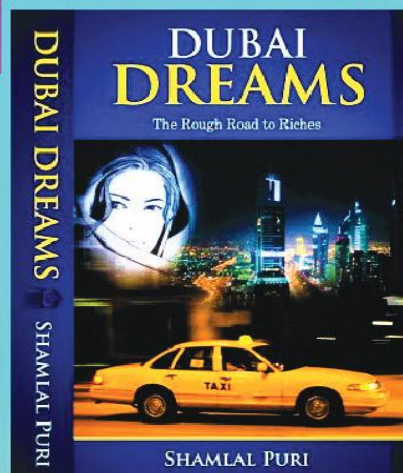
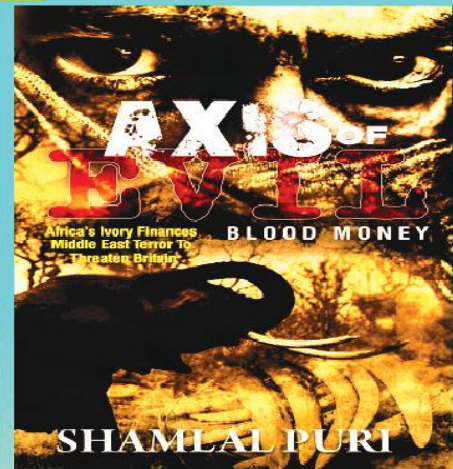
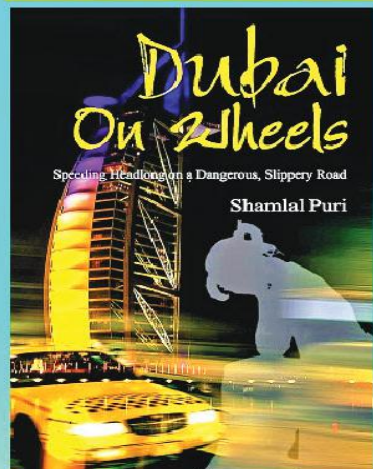
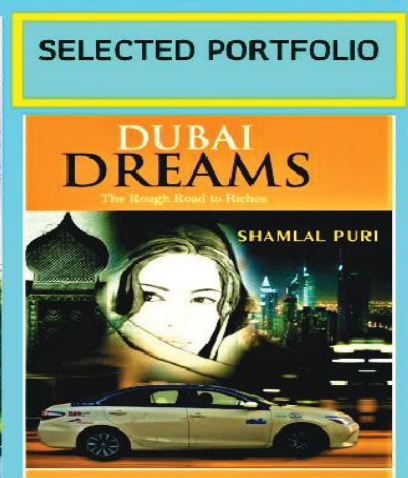
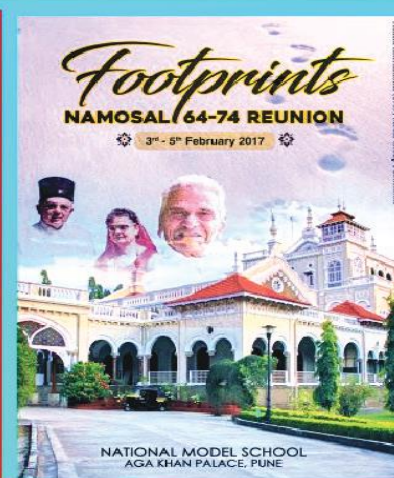
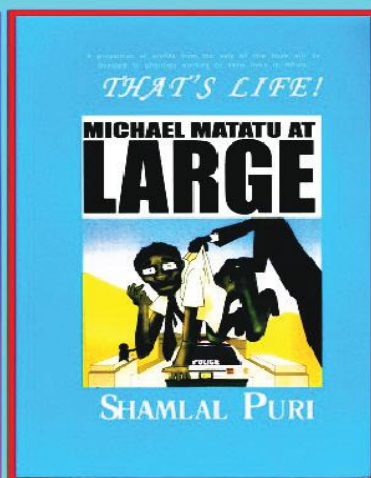
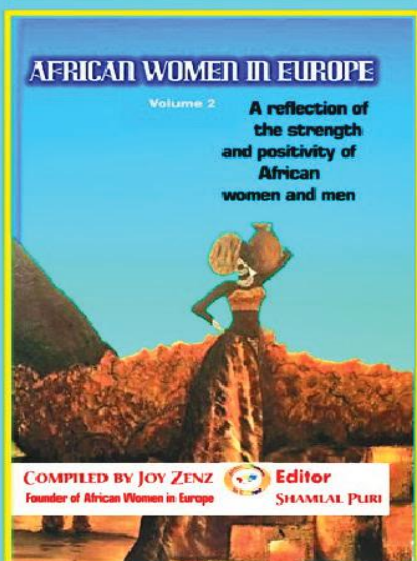
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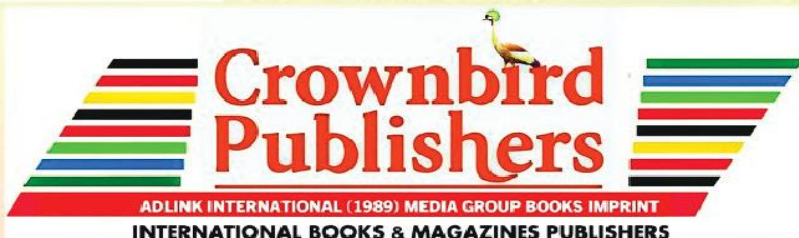
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Susan Hall (left) is the Tory Mayor candidate who has promised to cancel ULEZ and boost service to London if elected. Photo Courtesy. Twitter.



No special VIP privileges... People's man Mayor Sadiq Khan rides London Tube train to work like ordinary London commuters

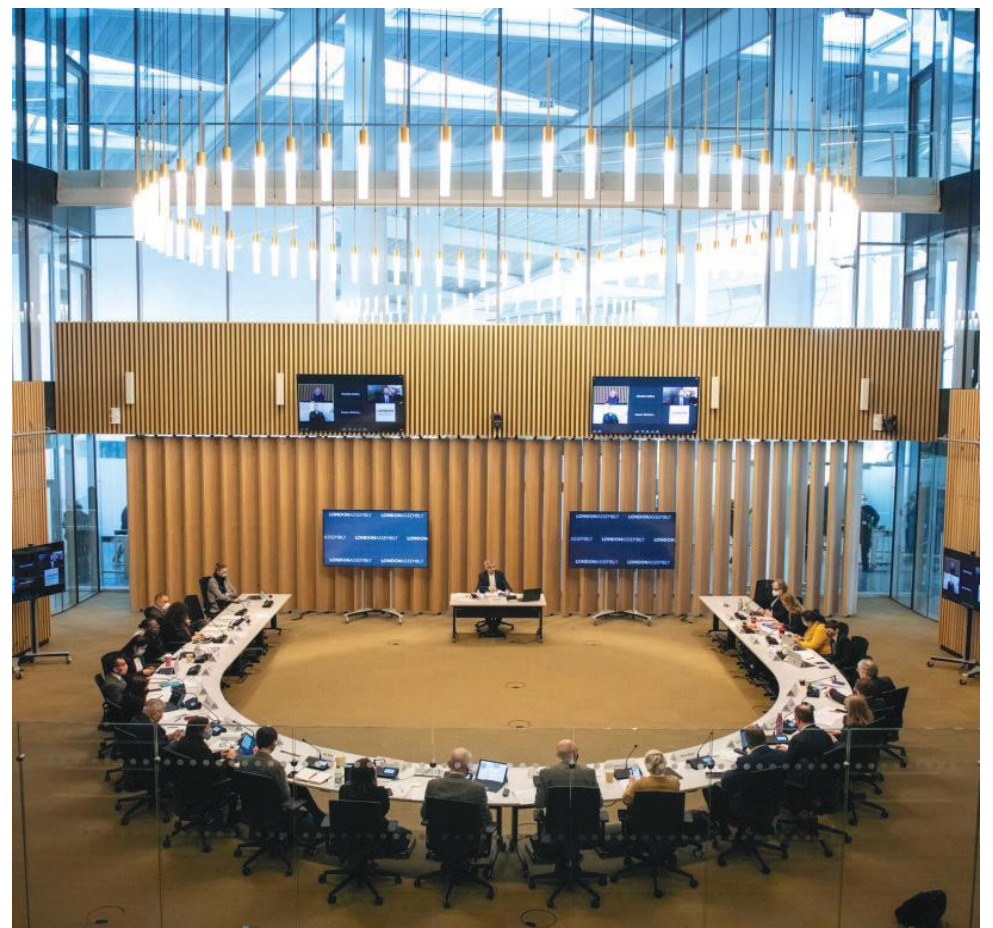
**Worth Noting:**

- Mr Khan is contesting his re-election against a motley of candidates, mainly Susan Mary Hall from the Tory Party and other rival parties who may be there only as vote spoilers to block Mr Khan's victory juggernaut.
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Mr Khan is weighed down by what Londoners see as a draconian action that he took to raise taxes. The world's first 24-hour Ultra Low Emission Zone

(ULEZ) tax hit Londoners for a sixer. Call it a toll tax by any name; motorists must fork out money to drive through parts of London. What is ULEZ? To help clear London's air, ULEZ operates 24 hours, seven days a week, every day of the year except on Christmas Day. Those who drive vehicles that don't meet the ULEZ emissions standards have to pay £12.50 (US\$15.88) daily charge to drive within the ULEZ zone. If motorists work daily throughout the year, as some do, their annual ULEZ will total £4,550 per vehicle, assuming they pay daily and there is no price increase. The tax applies to cars, motorcycles, vans, and specialist vehicles, up to 3.5 tonnes and minibuses, up to 5 tonnes. Owners of foreign-registered vehicles that do not meet the ULEZ standards must also pay the daily charge to drive through London. It seemed Londoners were, in a way, not bothered about the ULEZ being imposed in central London just as the congestion charge to relieve traffic snarl-ups in the heart of the city, but what incensed them was the Mayor's decision to extend the ULEZ charge zone throughout Greater London, where most Londoners live. The Mayor of London has installed hundreds of ULEZ cameras to track down pol-



London Assembly at work making tough decisions. Photo courtesy



London City Hall from where Mayor Sadiq Khan works. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI

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# Will people's power stop the Local Authority from squeezing motorists till the pips squeak?: LONDON MAYOR SEEKS RE-ELECTION AMIDST FIERY REVOLT OVER ROAD TAX THAT'S TAKEN AN UGLY TURN



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The introduction of ULEZ sparked angry protests, and Londoners took to the streets, resulting in mayhem and serious damage to the street furniture.

The Mayor's decision to extend the ULEZ zone from central London to Greater London seems to have raised frayed tempers, encompassing nearly every Londoner with an environmentally unfriendly car driven through the streets. The Mayor installed ULEZ cameras throughout London, and angry mobs took to the streets to protest this unwanted charge. Mobs turned violent and smashed the cameras at night, leaving behind carcasses of what was meant to be an orderly introduction of the charge to all motorists who filed to comply with ULEZ requirements. Protesters used chainsaws to cut or strength to pull out and dislodge the cameras.

Between 200 and 300 people used to gather in groups to protest. Mayor Sadiq Khan became the city's enemy number one and a hated figure. His detractors reared their heads, condemning him and his failures as the city's Mayor. An angry Sadiq Khan condemned ULEZ protesters, calling them "far-right, Covid deniers and Tories".

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ULEZ warning sign, but many Londoners are adamant about paying the tax.



No mercy... smashed ULEZ camera, the work of angry protesters

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When the Tories waded into power, the then Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, polished Livingstone's idea by announcing the creation of ULEZ in July 2014 when he was the Mayor of London. ULEZ was confirmed in March 2015 after consultations, and it was backed by the then Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron (now Foreign Secretary Lord Cameron), who agreed to provide funding for its implementation. Now, the Conservatives or the Tories are condemning ULEZ, their creation, which defies logic.

Mayor Sadiq Khan only moved it forward! The ULEZ riots, Labour supporters suspect, were inspired, if not instigated, by the Tories to undermine the Labour Mayor.

Last year's protests were sparked after Mayor Khan announced the expansion of the ULEZ scheme to greater London from August 29, 2023. This was the last straw for the Londoners who took to the streets. Though Mr Khan described them as right-wingers and

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S for surveillance One down... Protestors damaged this ULEZ camera and left it lying on the ground.



Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, (centre holding pole) travelling on London Tube train. He is under pressure on the ULEZ tax. Photo Transport for London.



Toxic message to block toxic tax... Londoners came out in full force to condemn Sadiq Khan for imposing ULEZ.

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# Zuma wins court battle to stand in South Africa's election

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South Africa's former President Jacob Zuma is free to run in May's general election after an electoral court overturned a ban on his candidacy.

Last month the electoral commission barred him over a contempt of court conviction.

It argued the constitution prevented people from holding public office if convicted of a crime and sentenced to more than 12 months in prison.

Mr Zuma, 81, has been campaigning for the new uMkhonto we Sizwe (MK) party.

A former stalwart of the governing African National Congress (ANC), he is a controversial figure and served as president from 2009 until 2018, when he had to step down because of corruption allegations.

He was sentenced to 15 months in jail in 2021 for failing to testify in a corruption investigation, though he only served three months on health grounds.

The ruling could have a significant impact on the outcome of next month's election.

Mr Zuma is the face of a newly formed MK opposition party, which is named after the ANC's former military wing.

The ex-president sees himself as the

true heir to the revolutionary roots of ANC, once led by Nelson Mandela.

Mr Zuma's court victory means he can now run as the MK's leading candidate.

Rather than voting directly for a president, South Africans elect members of the National Assembly. The head of whichever party can muster a majority is likely to become the country's leader, though it could put forward another candidate.

The ruling will also be a blow to the ANC, which after 30 years in power, faces a potentially bruising election. For the first time since the start of the democratic era in 1994, the ANC's vote share could fall below 50%, several opinion polls predict.



South Africa's former President Jacob Zuma

## AU Chairperson

# Mahamoud Youssef nominated as Djibouti's candidate for AU Chairperson position

*He is directly responsible to Executive Council for the discharge of his duties.*

By: Christine Muchira

Djibouti has officially nominated its Foreign Minister, Mahamoud Ali Youssef, as a candidate for the position of Chairperson of the African Union Commission.

Youssef joins Kenya's Raila Odinga and Somalia's Fawzia Yussuf in the race.

The three are vying to replace the outgoing AU Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat who is serving his second and final term.

On 30 January 2017, after seven rounds of voting, Chad's Moussa Faki was elected chairperson over Kenya's Amina Mohamed.

He was re-elected in 2021 for another four year term which ends in 2025.

The Chairperson of the Commission is the Chief Executive Officer, legal representative of the AU and the AU Chairperson's Chief Accounting Officer.

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Damaged... Vandalised ULEZ camera in London

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Tories, many objected to that labelling. His supporters called the protesters vandals.

The protesters said they were not vandals but London's poor fighting against what they described as blatantly wrong and blocking the authority from tyranny. Many Londoners describe the demonstrations against ULEZ and the consequent damage to the cameras as a "legal self-defence of fundamental rights." He urged the public to keep tearing down those ULEZ cameras and refuse to comply. These people are patriots, not vandals or "freedom fighters". Some demonstrators described the smashing of ULEZ cameras as people exerting their rights. One angry Londoner said the cameras weren't vandalised by "morally decommissioned." Adding the idea of ULEZ was nonsense.

Though the authorities saw the vandalism as an act of criminals, the public thought otherwise, describing them as "heroes."

Angry Londoner Simon said, "Sadiq Khan must be voted out as soon as possible; he's the worst of the worst."

Another Londoner said the ULEZ scheme is poorly planned, using emissions as an excuse to scam people, the poorest in the society, to in Transport for London's budget caused by the office of the Mayor. The buck rests with Sadiq Khan. It's nothing short of a scandal!

A trader who operates in London, driving a heavily polluting car, finds the ULEZ payment of £12.50

laughable. He says he can enter the zone and pollute the air, but how will they get rid of that pollution?

These voters could haemorrhage Labour's vote for the Mayor of London.

Mr Khan has become a much-maligned figure among Tory supporters who blame him for all the ills afflicting London. He has walked through a gauntlet of jeering Londoners who blame him for all the ills afflicting London.

They accuse him of not fulfilling his promises on vital issues like housing and public transport, forgetting that the Government of the day has an equal share in taking the blame and not giving the London Authority the resources it needs to efficiently run the city's affairs. But Labour supporters and the party leadership admire his determination to fight on.

The ULEZ backlash began when Mr Khan extended the zone to cover greater London. Protesters gathered in central London, condemning Mr Khan over his move.

On the first day of introducing the London-wide ULEZ, vandals targeted 14 cameras on a single road in south-east London. Only two of the newly installed cameras survived.

Over 300 ULEZ cameras were vandalised or stolen in four months as the introduction of the London-wide ULEZ neared, inflicting a heavy loss to taxpayers.

The protesters severed cables, covered lenses in red paint, ruined electronics sprayed with foam and devices blocked by a card box so it could not read the

		2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
UK registered vehicles	PCNs Issued	261,277	968,136	1,680,029
	unpaid after 6 months	18,808	462,560	984,237
	unpaid after 12 months	7,833	431,779	944,059
	written off	86,589	19,008	3,526

		2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Non-UK registered vehicles	PCNs Issued	61,416	147,893	325,343
	unpaid after 6 months	49,305	120,639	261,056
	unpaid after 12 months	49,254	120,471	260,277
	written off	9,266	17,077	38,497

		2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
UK & Non-UK Registered vehicles	PCNs Issued	322,693	1,116,029	2,005,372
	unpaid after 6 months	68,113	583,199	1,245,293
	unpaid after 12 months	57,087	552,250	1,204,336
	written off	95,855	36,085	42,023

Can't pay, will not pay.... London's ULEZ offenders have refused to pay hundreds of thousands of Pounds in fines.



Campaigning is in full swing for the May 2 London Assembly election

number plates of cars. It showed how incensed Londoners were about what they said were unacceptable charges.

Police stepped in and vowed to stamp out the protests amidst the Mayor defending the ULEZ fiercely defending it, saying it was essential for good health.

And he was acting to tackle London's toxic air and prevent London's children from growing up with defective lungs.

Metropolitan Police vowed to use its resources to protect the ULEZ expansion amidst fears that the protests would spike throughout London.

Advocates counter that it is needed to improve air quality and help meet targets in the UK and Europe. In many British cities, including all London boroughs, air pollution far exceeds the limits the World Health Organization recommends. The May 2 Mayoral and London Assembly elections are being held under these circumstances.

Many believe that Sadiq Khan will lose to the Con-

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Vote Conservative for your London Assembly Constituency Member

using your yellow ballot paper  
Susan Hall will need Assembly support to scrap ULEZ

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Vote for your London-wide Assembly Member

Mark a cross next to Conservative or Reform on your orange ballot paper  
(this could get Howard Cox working alongside Susan Hall).

VOTE KHAN OUT on 2nd MAY

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Placard shows how Tories waded in to take advantage of ULEZ protests, which proves one point: they could have possibly instigated the protests.

servative contender Susan Hall, but others believe that since the tide is turning against the Conservatives and Rishi Sunak's Government. Labour has a strong chance of winning the General Election, now being touted around the end of January 2025—the current

low poll ratings of the Tories may benefit Sadiq Khan in the May 2 elections.

Mayor Sadiq Khan is a tough man. He knows what to do and will not buckle down to threats.

Whether that will make him victorious is yet to be seen.

Kenya - Rwanda

# Kenya commends Rwanda's progress 30 years after genocide

By: Beth Nyaga.  
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## Worth Noting:

- Addressing the gathering, PS SingOei said that Kenya stands in solidarity with Rwanda and her people and that his country draws inspiration from how Kigali was able to rebuild and overcome its tragic past.

- “We are inspired by Rwanda’s determination to forge ahead with an unwavering resolve. Present-day Rwanda serves as a distinct mirror of progress, a nation founded on a united vision for the future anchored in economic and structural reforms,” he said.

- He added: “We stand in respect and admiration of the survivors who despite their circumstances have worked tirelessly to rebuild Rwanda as we know it today. Their resolve, resilience, strength, courage and fortitude are an inspiration to humanity.”

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PS Korir SingOei and High Commissioner Martin Ngoga lighting the candles of hope during the Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The event was held in Nairobi on Tuesday, April 09

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The commemoration, he said, enflames a deep sense of poignancy on one hand, while at the same time reinforces the importance of upholding the collective duty as the international community to never allow the ugliness of intolerance to rear its head anywhere globally.

He added: “We must never forget that the genocide

against the Tutsi happened partly because the international community could not master the resolve to act in a preventative fashion to halt an imminent atrocity.”

This was also echoed by the High Commissioner of Rwanda in Kenya, Martin Ngoga, who said the tragic genocide that Rwanda experienced should serve as a powerful reminder to confront hatred, discrimination, and division wherever it may arise.

“Genocide is not an isolated event but a consequence of a society that has allowed prejudice and intolerance to take root. We must ensure that the lessons of the past are never forgotten. We must strive to create a world where diversity is celebrated, where differences are respected, and where all individuals can live free from fear and discrimination,” he noted.

Additionally, Ngoga stressed the need for international cooperation in fighting genocide denial and bringing to book genocide perpetrators.

“Genocide deniers, including several academics,

continue to perpetuate negationism by conveniently ignoring the judgements of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Negationism can in no way be accepted as a tolerable opinion or a legitimate right. Genocide denial is a crime, and therefore must be fought by all means,” he underscored. He added: “Perpetrators and deniers of the Genocide against the Tutsi continue to

move freely in many parts of the world, spreading hate ideology and misinformation on the facts surrounding the genocide against the Tutsi. This commemoration is therefore a collective plea to members of the international community to ensure the arrest of genocide perpetrators and to deny platforms to the deniers of the genocide against the Tutsi.”

On 26 January 2018, the

General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a resolution designating the 7th of April of each year as the International Day of Reflection on the Genocide perpetrated against the Tutsi in Rwanda in 1994.

In Rwanda, the commemoration period lasts for 100 days, which represents the duration of the genocide in 1994.



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America

# 'Don't' – US President warns Iran against attacking Israel

By: BBC  
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US President Joe Biden

## Worth Noting:

- Ever since the lethal 1 April strike on the consulate building in Damascus, from which Israel believes Iran was directing its covert arms supplies to Iranian proxies in Lebanon and Syria, Iran's security establishment has been debating its response.
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- Pragmatists in Tehran and Qom will be urging restraint, while hawks, including the ageing Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, will be demanding a firm response.

US President Joe Biden says he expects Iran to attack Israel "sooner than later", as fears grow of Iranian retaliation over an air strike that killed top commanders early this month.

Israel has not admitted attacking an Iranian consulate in Syria but is widely believed to have been behind it.

US officials have told CBS News, the BBC's US partner that a major attack on Israel could happen imminently. Israel says it is ready to defend itself. Mr Biden told Iran: "Don't."

"We are devoted to the defence of Israel. We will support Israel," Mr Biden said. "We will help defend Israel and Iran will not succeed."

Iran backs Hamas, the Palestinian group fighting Israel in Gaza, as well as various proxy groups throughout the region, including some – such as Hezbollah in Lebanon – that frequently carry out strikes against the Israelis.

On Friday, Hezbollah said it had launched "dozens" of rockets from Lebanon towards Israel. An Israel Defence Forces (IDF) spokesman said around 40 missiles and two explosive drones had been launched. No ca-

sualties were reported and there were no indications of involvement from other actors.

A US official told CBS the barrage was separate from any expected Iranian attack on Israel.

BBC Security Correspondent Frank Gardner says Iran is deliberately keeping the Middle East and Washington guessing.

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full-scale war, nor do its neighbours on the Arab side of the Gulf. Governments there have already asked Iran for restraint. The question now, our correspondent says, is whether it is the hawks or the doves who prevail.

The mounting tensions have led countries including the US, UK, India and Australia to warn against travel to Israel. Germany called on its citizens to leave Iran.

The US state department also barred diplomatic staff and their families in Israel from travelling outside the cities of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Beersheba.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has met members of his war cabinet amid the warnings.

Some Israelis said they were not worried about a potential Iranian attack.

"We know that we are surrounded by enemies, in the south, in the north, the east and the west," Daniel Kosman told AFP news agency at a market in Jerusalem. "We are not afraid, I can promise you. Look around: people are going out."

The Israeli government has not issued any new advice to its people on top of existing guidance to stock up on wa-

ter, food for three days and essential medicine.

Israeli radio, however, reported local authorities had been told to prepare for the possibility of an attack, including by assessing the readiness of public shelters. Last week, the Israeli military cancelled home leave for combat troops, bolstered air defences and called up reservists.

Thirteen people were killed in the 1 April missile strike on the Iranian consulate in Damascus.

They included senior Iranian military leaders, among them Brig Gen Mohammad Reza Zahedi, a senior commander of Iran's elite Quds Force in Syria and Lebanon. Israel has not commented but is widely considered to have carried out the attack. Officials in several countries have been trying to dissuade Iran from launching an attack, fearing it could spark a wider regional war.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has spoken to the foreign ministers of China, Saudi Arabia and Turkey in an attempt to convince them to use their influence with Iran.

After meeting the commander of US Central Command on Friday, Israeli

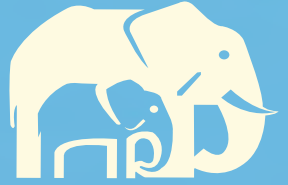
Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said the bond between the two countries had been strengthened by the threat, adding "we will know how to respond".

The war in Gaza was sparked when Hamas attacked Israeli communities near the Gaza Strip, killing about 1,200 people, most of them civilians, and taking more than 250 hostage. Israel says that of 130 hostages still in Gaza, at least 34 are dead.

More than 33,600 Gazans, the majority of them civilians, have been killed during Israel's campaign in Gaza, the Hamas-run health ministry says.

The conflict has also seen Israel trade almost daily fire across its northern border with Hezbollah, while Iran-backed groups in Iraq and Yemen have attempted to hit Israeli territory as well as US bases in Iraq and Syria.

Yemen's Houthi movement has also attacked shipping in the Red Sea, sinking at least one ship and prompting the US and UK to conduct air strikes on Houthi targets in Yemen.




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# China, Brazil seal deal on landmark clean energy transmission project

By: CGTN

China and Brazil signed a 30-year franchise agreement on the Brazil northeast ultra-high-voltage direct current (UHVDC) power transmission line project, which is expected to be operational by 2029, in the Brazilian capital of Brasilia on Wednesday.

The landmark project aims to deliver clean energies of wind, solar and hydropower from northeastern and northern Brazil to the central part of the country, aiming to promote national clean and low-carbon energy transformation.

Being the largest auction of infrastructure power transmission project ever held in Brazil, the project was won by China's State Grid last December, following the Chinese company's previous two bids for the Belo Monte UHVDC transmission project in Brazil.

Spanning over 1,468 kilometers, the new engineering project involves construction of a 800kV DC transmission line to deliver 5 million kilowatts of clean power from northeastern wind and solar farms to key regions in the southeast including metropolitan areas in Brasilia.

In this case, the new project will meet the electricity needs of over 12 million people while supporting Brazil's green development goals, as it aims to guarantee the flow of renewable energy generation from



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the northeast region which is experiencing a boom in wind and solar power plants.

The signing ceremony of the concession agreement was held at the Brazilian Presidential Palace in Brasilia. Witnessed by Chinese Ambassador

to Brazil Zhu Qingqiao, Brazil's Minister of Mines and Energy Alexandre Silveira and Sandoval Feitosa, head of the Brazilian Electricity Regulatory Agency (ANEEL), the contract was inked between the project company under China's State Grid Brazil

Holding Company and the ANEEL. The Brazilian Minister Alexandre Silveira said that the mega project will play an important role in improving the safe and stable operation of the power grid in his country, promoting wind and solar energy in

northeastern Brazil to support the green and low-carbon development of Brazil's economy and society.

## Abortions

# Arizona can enforce an 1864 law criminalizing nearly all abortions, court says

By VOA

The Arizona Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that the state can enforce its long-dormant law criminalizing all abortions except when a mother's life is at stake.

The case examined whether the state is still subject to a law that predates Arizona's statehood. The 1864 law provides no exceptions for rape or incest but allows abortions if a mother's life is in danger. The state's high court ruling reviewed a 2022 decision by the state Court of Appeals that said doctors couldn't be charged for performing the procedure in the first 15 weeks of pregnancy.

An older court decision blocked enforcing the 1864 law shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court issued the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision guaranteeing a constitutional right to an abortion. After the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June 2022, then state Attorney General Mark Brnovich, a Republican, persuaded a state judge in Tucson to lift the block on enforcing the 1864 law.

Brnovich's Democratic successor, Attorney General Kris Mayes, had urged the state's high court to side with the Court of Appeals and hold the 1864 law in abeyance. Since the

U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 decision ending a nationwide right to abortion, most Republican-controlled states have started enforcing new bans or restrictions and most Democrat-dominated ones have sought to protect abortion access.

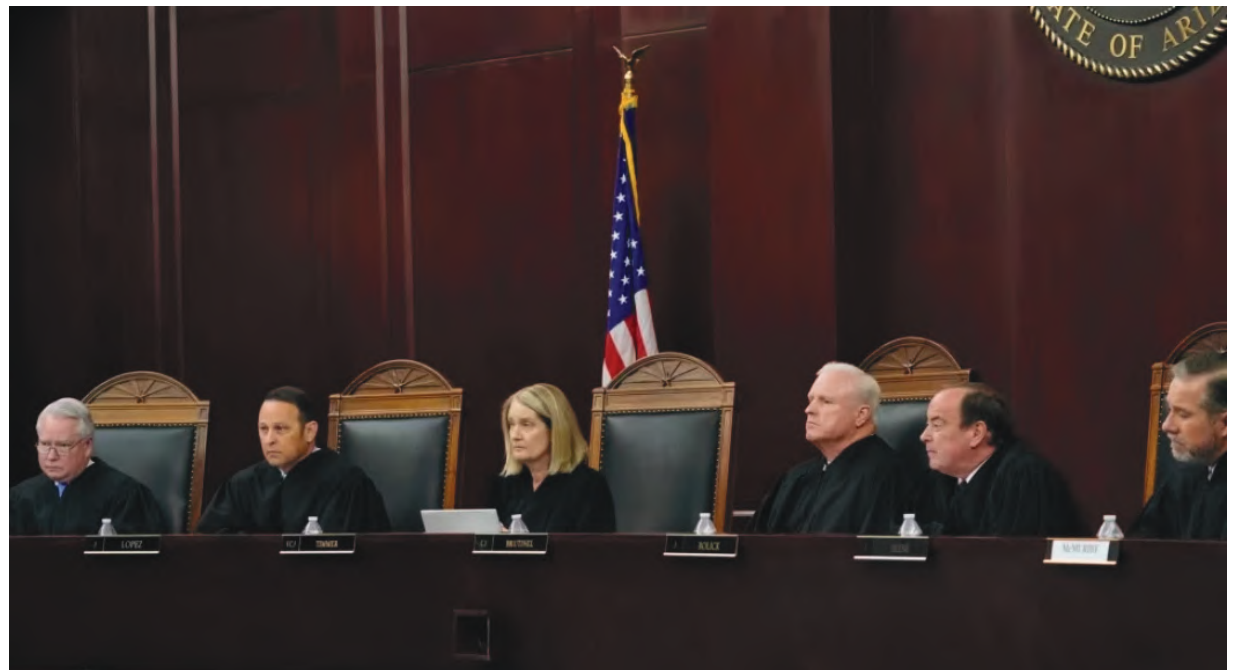
Currently, 14 states are enforcing bans on abortion at all stages of pregnancy, with limited exceptions. Two states ban the procedure once cardiac activity can be detected, which is about six weeks into pregnancy and often before women realize they're pregnant.

Nearly every ban has been challenged with a lawsuit. Courts have blocked enforcing some restrictions, including bans throughout pregnancy in Utah and Wyoming.

A proposal pending before the Arizona Legislature that would repeal the 1864 law hasn't received a committee hearing this year.

"Today's decision to reimpose a law from a time when Arizona wasn't a state, the Civil War was raging, and women couldn't even vote will go down in history as a stain on our state," Mayes said Tuesday.

The justices said the state can start enforcing the law in 14 days. Former Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, who signed the state's current law



FILE - Arizona Supreme Court Justices listen to oral arguments on April 20, 2021, in Phoenix. The court ruled on April 9, 2024, that the state can enforce its long-dormant law criminalizing all abortions except when a mother's life is at stake.

restricting abortion after 15 weeks, posted on X saying Tuesday's ruling was not the outcome he would have wanted.

"I signed the 15-week law as governor because it is thoughtful policy, and an approach to this very sensitive issue that Arizonans can actually agree on," he said.

President Joe Biden called the 1864 Arizona law cruel.

"Millions of Arizonans will soon live under an even more extreme and dangerous abortion ban, which fails to protect women even when their health is at risk or in tragic cases of rape or incest," he said in a statement. "Vice President Harris

and I stand with the vast majority of Americans who support a woman's right to choose. We will continue to fight to protect reproductive rights and call on Congress to pass a law restoring the protections of Roe v. Wade."

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Lufthansa planes stand parked as Frankfurt airport is closed to passengers with planned departures due to a strike organised by Verdi union, in Frankfurt, Germany, March 7, 2024. REUTERS/ Kai Pfaffenbach/File Photo

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Countries in the region and the United States have been on high alert and preparing for a possible attack by Iran since April 1 when Israeli warplanes were suspected of bombing the Iranian embassy compound in Syria.

Lufthansa said it suspended flights to and from Tehran from April 6 until probably April 11.

"We are constantly monitoring the situation in the Mid-

dle East and are in close contact with the authorities. The safety of our guests and crew members is Lufthansa's top priority," a spokesperson for the company told Reuters.

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Israel, which launched a war in the Gaza Strip six months ago against Iran-backed Hamas, has not confirmed it was behind the strike on Damascus, but the Pentagon has said it was.

## COULD STRIKES BE IMMINENT?

In an apparent response to Khamenei, Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz said Israel will respond if Iran attacks Israel from its own soil.

The United States and its allies believe major missile or drone strikes by Iran or its proxies against military and government targets in Israel are imminent, Bloomberg reported on Wednesday, citing U.S. and Israeli security sources.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, in a call with Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, made clear that the United States would

stand with Israel against any threats by Iran, the State Department said.

U.S. Middle East envoy Brett McGurk called the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Iraq to ask them to deliver a message to Iran urging it to lower tensions, a source with knowledge of the situation said.

Iran's foreign ministry said the foreign ministers of those countries spoke on the phone with Iran's foreign minister and discussed regional tensions. The White House declined to comment.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards shot down a Ukraine International Airlines passenger flight on Jan. 8, 2020 shortly after it took off from Tehran Airport at a time of heightened tensions between Tehran and Washington over the killing of a top Iranian commander in a U.S. drone strike at Baghdad airport. Later, Tehran said that the downing of the Ukrainian airliner was a "disastrous

mistake" by forces who were on high alert.

In retaliation for the killing of Qasem Soleimani, head of an elite overseas unit of the Guards, Iranian forces fired missiles at military bases housing U.S. troops in Iraq on Jan. 3.

Iran backs groups that have entered the fray across the region since Israel launched its invasion of Gaza.

More than 33,000 Palestinians have been killed in six months of Israeli bombardment of Gaza, according to the health ministry there. Hamas' Oct. 7 attack on Israel killed 1,200 people, according to Israeli tallies.

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## Dreams turned into goals...

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## Worth Noting:

• It is a kind of life plan that each of us can follow. Purpose and dream are different concepts. According to the goal, it is common for us to figure out the desired result that requires active actions. However, dreams allow us to decide what we want to achieve most in this life. A dream that is not a goal is never achieved.

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Everyone has an imagination. From childhood, imagination begins to dominate our thoughts. It presents before us pictures of the real and the imaginary, the future and the past. Imagination is like a pencil, with the help of which we can draw things and events that we have not seen before. Imagination creates human dreams.

At first, they are very simple and easy to implement, then a person begins to grow and learn the world, have priorities and preferences. As a result, together with the person, his dreams also grow. They are wider, clearer and constantly growing.

Some of these dreams become goals that a person wants to achieve in his life, while others remain dreams due to the fact that they do not come true. Dreams are like tickets to the future life and each one of us strives to use these tickets.

Our aspirations are as varied as we are. Some of us want to succeed in our careers, become famous, become an expert in our profession, or write a book. Others need only a strong family and children to be happy.

We know that it is not always easy to choose a big goal for our life. Setting goals and achieving them is probably the most enjoyable thing in our life. It gives meaning to existence. Goals come in many sizes, but the biggest of them all, of course, defines who we want to be and what we want to achieve.

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We represent future love, family happiness or a career that you are striving to master. It's hard for me to single out any one dream that I consider the most important, of course. Like everyone else, my future is important to me.

I want to have a good career and success, a loving family and loyal friends. I wanted to do well on my own, become a great business woman, benefit the country, be a good mother, travel and see the world.

According to the stories: one day, the teacher asked his students the following question: "When three frogs were sitting on the shore, one of them wanted to jump into the water. How many frogs are left on the shore?" Then one of his students got scared and said - three.

The teacher said with a smile that he was right because one of the frogs had only aimed, but had not yet moved. Therefore, we should not think that we have achieved it by always setting a goal. After the goal, of course, let's not forget to move!

In order to realize our dreams and intentions, we must first believe in ourselves, or more precisely, that those intentions will come true, and we must work towards them using all the possibilities. If the goal is firm, one day you can achieve your dream.

But sometimes we want a lot, and we don't strive to fulfill our desires. This is a sign of lack of will and weakness, of course. Real power is not in the wrist, but in the will, in faith! Strong people forget about laziness, they can always control themselves.

Every evening, he sums up what I have achieved today, what I have been able to do, and what I have left unfinished. Then he makes plans for tomorrow. Such people, first of all, have a clear purpose in life, have high hopes for tomorrow, and know very clearly what they will do in a month or a year.

A strong man does not shy away from his weakness. He can ask himself the question, "why am I living" and is always looking for an answer to this question. He clearly imagines the purpose of living. He feels the meaning of life, strength is added to his strength!

In one of the books of the fa-



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mous philosopher Aristotle, it was written: "The first step taken towards a goal is almost half of it." Living without a purpose is one of the biggest mistakes in life. Because there is a person - on average, he lives 70-80 years. It's a pity that half of our lives are spent sleeping and a lot more surfing. We all live with intentions, dream sweet dreams, and even our thoughts come into our dreams. It's good to live with a dream, but what's the use if we don't make it come true. Constantly searching

for the goal and gaining experience will lead a person to greatness. After all, they say, "One percent of ability and ninety-nine percent of hard work lead a person to success." But at the root of all success lies that one percent of ability.

Often, before starting something, we are afraid of failure and postpone it as much as possible. No, after all, isn't it time to make changes in our lives! Doubt and fear will always be our enemies. Shouldn't we also learn to take risks, putting aside fear

and incessant thoughts?

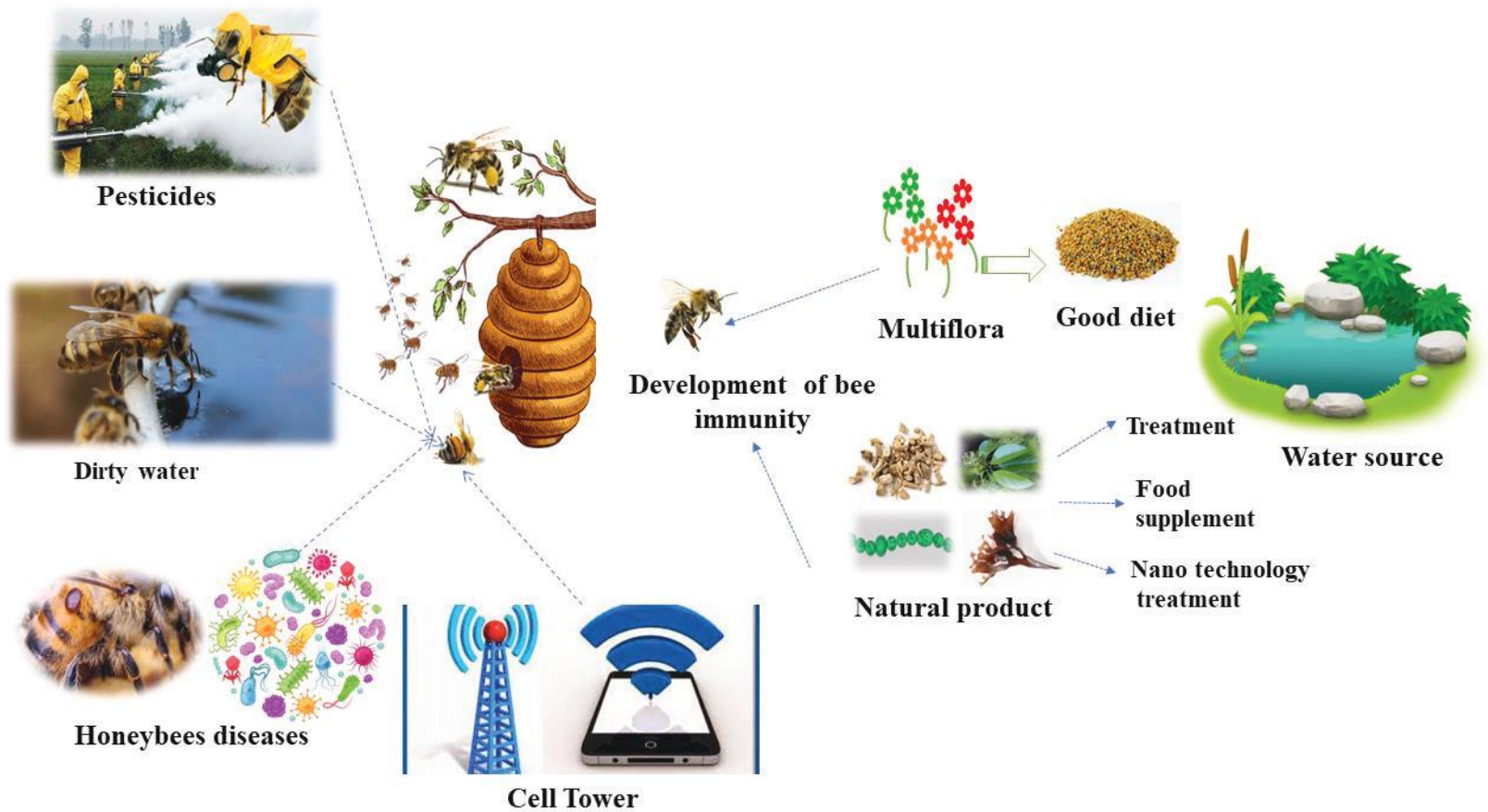
In conclusion, we should say that depriving the soul of a dream is like separating the earth from the air. Dreams fill our lives with colors, they help us know ourselves. We can never deprive ourselves of dreams, because a person cannot live without them. Because man consists of dreams!

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# Food And Feeding Technology Of Bee Families In The Climate Conditions Of Uzbekistan



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## Worth Noting:

- For the good development of the bee family, it is necessary to have a supply of pollen. Pollen stock is collected mainly in the spring months. For this purpose, it is necessary to store frames with pollen in separate rooms. Such rooms should be shaded, cool and constantly windy, otherwise the pollen reserves in the frame may become moldy.
- The results of the research: the type, classification and chemical composition of food for the normal life and functioning of the bee family, for their growth and development, the food consumed must always contain protein, fat, carbohydrates, mineral salts, vitamins, and water. The nutritional value of these products is very complex, and they are high-yield and high-energy foods.
- Proteins are the most complex high-molecular organic substances. It contains 15-18% nitrogen, 50-55% carbohydrates, 6-7% hydrogen, 0.3-2.5% sulfur, phosphorus, iron, magnet and several other substances. Proteins have a very complex chemical composition. In the bee's body, they are broken down into amino acids in the process of digestion.

**Abstract:** In this article, in the climatic conditions of Uzbekistan, the supply of quality food to the bee family, which encourages the bee family to be strong and collect a large amount of honey during the main honey collection period. Such a strong family of bees pollinates the flowers of many agricultural crops and increases their productivity several times. Well-nourished bee colonies have been reported to lay more eggs, have better colony development in the spring, and produce large numbers of young bees before the main honey collection period.

**Key words:** Bee family, nutrition, breeding, protein, carbohydrate, vitamin, fats, breed, evolutionary, mineral substance, trait, crop, generation, honey food, economy, queen bee, local breed, pollen, pollen.

**Introduction:** The importance of nutrients for the normal growth and development of the bee colony is very important. Bees differ from farm animals in that bees have the ability to forage for only a small amount of food. During their evolutionary development, bees are used to save food and spend less, and this feature always frees the beekeeper from manual labor, which ensures the development of the family and high yield. Providing good quality food in the bee colony will encourage the bee colony to be strong and collect a large amount of honey during the main honey collection period. Such a strong family of bees pollinates the flowers of many agricultural crops and

increases their productivity several times. In well-nourished bee colonies, the queen bee lays more eggs, the bee colony develops well in the spring, and produces large numbers of young bees until the main honey collection period.

**Research methodology:** In order to fill up the supply of food in bee colonies going to the countryside, from the first months of autumn, they can be fed with sugar syrup. However, this method requires a lot of work, so it is advisable to leave a set amount of feed honey for bee families that go to the countryside. For the normal development of the bee colony in the spring, each bee colony requires 10-14 kg of food. Only in this way, the bee family develops well in any weather conditions and produces many young bees. It can be seen from many years of experience that the average weight of worker bees is 100.1 mg when 3-5 kg of honey food is left for the bee colony in the spring, when 6-9 kg of food is left, the weight of worker bees is 105.4 mg, and when 10-14 kg of food is left its weight was found to be 108.5 mg. Therefore, in the spring season, it is advisable to provide the bee family with a full amount of food, and they will fully cover the expenses incurred, and in the spring they will get an additional 5-6 kg of honey. A beekeeper who skimps on food supplies makes a big mistake.

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There are more than 30 types of amino acids. They are divided into two groups, that is, they are divided into types that cannot be synthesized and exchanged in the bee body, and those that are quickly reduced and exchanged in the cells of the bee body.

Bees get protein mainly from plant pollen. Pollen contains 11-42% protein, and perga contains up to 20% protein. The bee family eats a lot, especially during the spring, during the period of intensive breeding of

young bees.

Fats are organic compounds that are part of the cell cytoplasm and are vital factors in cell metabolism. The physiological feature of fats is that it is a source of heat for the body. 1 g of fat releases 9.3 calories of heat. The fat reserve in the body of the bee is a source that always supplies the body with energy. Bees get oil mainly from plant pollen. Gullangi contains up to 1.3-1.4% fat, and perga contains up to 3% fat. Carbohydrates consist of oxygen, hydrogen and carbohydrates by their structure, and are considered a source that constantly supplies the muscles and tissues of the bee body with energy. It is also important because carbohydrates contain sugar, starch, glycogen, fiber and other nitrogenous substances. Sugar is the most important of them for bees.

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Vitamins are of great importance in the metabolism of the bee body, normal growth and development of the family and throughout its life. The main source of vitamins is plant pollen and feathers. Some types of honey contain soluble vitamins, which are quickly reduced in the bee's body. Microorganisms living in the body of bees and in their intestines are also a source of vitamins.

Water plays an important role in the body of bees. 75-80% of a bee's body is water. Bees use water to maintain normal temperature and humidity in the hive. Bees get a large amount of water from flowers coming from the field. Because the composition of the flower contains 50% water on average. During the period when there are few flowers in the field, bees take water from various water sources such as streams, ponds, canals and water tanks placed in the apiary. In particular, the bee family spends a lot of water in the spring when they consume liquid honey for breeding.

For the normal life of the bee family and its development, there must be nutritious food. The amount of protein, fat, carbohydrates, vitamins, mineral salts and water contained in the feed changes the life of the bees and allows them to gain a lot of energy in their body. Among the bee feeds, honey and pollen are abundant in all the above-mentioned substances.

Food requirements of the bee family

In beekeeping, accurate and complete information is needed about how many kilograms of food a bee colony spends during the year to maintain its life. It is certainly known that the bee family is a biological unity and it consists of several hundred thousand individuals, their age, number and physiological state are constantly changing. In addition, bees

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forage from the field and spend it uncontrollably, and it also depends strongly on the bee breed.

The norm and technology of feeding bee colonies. The norm of feeding a bee family depends on the location of each region, climatic conditions, family strength and bee breed. The climatic conditions in the mountainous regions of Uzbekistan and the conditions in the southern regions are sharply different from each other. Taking this into account, the amount of fodder left for winter should be 15-16 kg in cotton growing areas and 18-20 kg of fodder honey in mountainous areas.

Feeding the bee family during the winter period: If the amount of honey left for the bee family for the winter period is low, in order to replenish the food supply, the frames with honey taken in advance are used to replenish the amount of food in the family. If the food left in the bee colony contains sharp honey residues, it should be replaced quickly. For this, 60% sugar juice made from 2 parts sugar and 1 part water is given as feed. When fed in this way, the amount of winter food is improved and it is possible for the bee colony to leave the colony healthy.

Feeding the bee colony during the active period: Feeding the bee colony during the most active period in the spring is a key activity to encourage the colony to hang and develop and to encourage the queen to lay more eggs. In particular, this event is of great importance in the spring when the weather is capricious, when there are few flowers and pollen from the field. Supplementing the bee colony is best started after the spring inspection. During the inspection period, if bee families with insufficient food are found, they should be fed from the frames of honey taken from the reserve. Such honey frames are usually kept in a slightly warm place, and if the honey is softened a little, it will be reduced well by the bees.

If there is not enough honey for the bee colony during the spring, sugar syrup (2 parts sugar to 1 part water) is prepared for such bee colonies. To prepare sugar syrup, water is boiled and sugar is added to it as needed and mixed. After cooling the juice to 30-40%, 200-400 grams is poured into the hives of the bee family, depending on the strength of

the family.

The importance of water and salt in the life of bees. Water is essential for feeding bees. In hot weather, water is also used to cool the nest. In July and August, the air temperature reaches 40-45°C, but even then the temperature inside the beehive is around 34-35°C. Because bees bring water and put it everywhere in the frames of the hive as small drops of water. And bees in the hive, by flapping their wings, create a strong air current, turn the water droplets into steam, and cool the hive.

If fresh water is not available nearby, it will be brought in. 20-30 bottles of water will last 5-7 days for 100 bee families. One bee colony consumes 800 grams of water on average per night. Or, at a temperature of 39-40°C, one bottle of water is enough for 100 families of bees for 3-4 hours. Water is necessary not only for bees to drink, but also to maintain and normalize humidity in the hive.

Bees do not find water with their eyes, but with their glands that sense moisture in the air. That is why bees never fly to the ground where there is oil, alcohol and other liquids.

Bees consume well salt water with a concentration of 1.2-1.5% during brooding and collecting a lot of honey. Therefore, it is enough to add 2 grams of table salt to one liter of water in the water tank where they drink. More than this amount of salt can harm the bees.

Salt is necessary for the family of bees, especially in spring and summer, when they are active. However, salt can cause great damage to the bee colony in winter. Because it accumulates in the hindgut of the bees, the digestion process is disrupted and the bees become constipated.

Pollen substitutes in the bee family.

In order for the bee colony to develop in the early spring and encourage the queen to lay eggs daily, the bee colony must have an adequate supply of protein-rich food, pollen.

In case of insufficient supply of pollen, it is necessary to replace them with products rich in protein. These can include cow's milk, dry milk, soy flour, brewer's yeast, and similar protein foods.

Preparation of pollen. The pollen product is prepared from early spring. For this, in the period when the pollen is very saturated, a pollen



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catching device is installed in the flight holes of the beehive. Such devices are put in in the morning and taken out in the afternoon. By doing this, the bee family will get more pollen products, and they will create better conditions for the care of the young bee offspring in the hive. The collected pollen product should be dried in a shady place with a gentle breeze. When drying the pollen, do not spread them too thickly, otherwise the pollen will not dry, and as a result, they may not dry out due to moisture and become moldy.

Conclusion: If the fruit trees are blooming in the field, in order to train the bees to the

flowers of these trees, they are given stimulating sugar juice. For this, sugar juice is prepared by adding water to sugar in a ratio of 1:1. A part of the flowers of the blooming plant is added to this juice, and they are mixed for some time. 200-250 grams of the prepared stimulating juice is given to the bee family in the evenings every day. Bees that have eaten such stimulating juice will dig as much as possible and begin to collect nectar from the flowers of the plant. Feeding a colony of bees in this way gives good results. Bees also get sick. Disease-causing microbes are invisible to them. Various antibiotics are added to the sugar syrup prepared for the treatment

of such infected bee colonies. Giving such healing nutrients in the early days of spring gives good results. In particular, the family of bees that have just come out of the colony are infected with various mineral substances contained in the honey feed during the winter season, and they accumulate in the hindgut of the bees and can cause diarrhea to the bees. During this period, therapeutic feeds are beneficial in the treatment of bees.

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## World reactions to Iran strikes on Israel

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This video grab from AFPTV taken on April 14, 2024 shows explosions lighting up the sky in Hebron in the Israeli-occupied West Bank during an Iranian attack on Israel. (Photo by AFPTV / AFP)

### Worth Noting:

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Countries around the world condemned Iran’s strikes on Israel late Saturday, warning the attack threatened to further destabilise the Middle East.

Here are some of the main reactions so far:

- United States - US President Joe Biden promised “ironclad” support for Israel after holding an urgent meeting with top security officials. “I just met with my national security team for an update on Iran’s attacks against Israel. Our commitment to Israel’s security against threats from Iran and its proxies is ironclad,” Biden said on X, formerly Twitter, posting a picture of the meeting in the White House Situation Room.

- Qatar - Qatar expressed “deep concern” following the strikes and called on “all parties to halt escalation” and “exercise maximum restraint”. The gas-rich emirate, which has been engaged in weeks of talks with Israel and Hamas and mediated a hostage exchange between Tehran and Washington in September urged the international community to “take urgent action to defuse the tension and de-escalate.”

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- United Nations - UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned “the serious escalation represented by the large-scale attack launched on Israel by the Islamic Republic of Iran”. “I am deeply alarmed about the very real danger of a devastating region-wide escalation,” he added, calling on parties to “avoid any action that could lead to major military confrontations on

multiple fronts in the Middle East”.

- NATO - NATO condemned Iran’s overnight attack as “escalation” of regional unrest and urged restraint on all sides. “We condemn Iran’s overnight escalation, call for restraint, and are monitoring developments closely. It is vital that the conflict in the Middle East does not spiral out of control,” spokesperson Farah Dakhllallah said.

- Egypt - Cairo’s foreign ministry expressed its “deep concern” at the escalation of hostilities and called for “maximum restraint”.

The ministry’s statement also warned of the “risk of the regional expansion of the conflict”, and added that Egypt would be “in direct contact with all parties to the conflict to try and contain the situation”.

- Saudi Arabia - The Saudi foreign ministry voiced its concern at the “military escalation” and called on “all parties to exercise utmost restraint and spare the region and its peoples from the dangers of war”.

It went on to urge the UN Security Council “to assume its responsibility towards maintaining international peace and security”.

- China -

China’s foreign ministry also urged restraint, characterising the attack as “the latest spillover of the Gaza conflict” and calling for the implementation of a recent UN Security Council resolution demanding a ceasefire there, saying the “conflict must end now”.

“China calls on the international community, especially countries with influence, to play a constructive role for the peace and stability of the region,” it added.

- France - French President Emmanuel Macron condemned the attack, and urged restraint. “I condemn in the strongest terms the unprecedented attack launched by Iran against Israel, which carries the risk of destabilising the region,” Macron said on X. “This is an expression of my solidarity with the Israeli people and of the importance we attach to the security of Israel, of our partners and to regional stability,” he said. “France is working with its partners towards de-escalation and calls for restraint.”

- Germany - German Chancellor Olaf Scholz condemned the Iranian attack as “irresponsible and unjustifiable,” saying “Iran risks a regional conflagration,” his spokesman Steffen Hebestreit said.

“In these difficult times, Germany stands by Israel’s side,” added Hebestreit.

- Canada - Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Ottawa “unequivocally condemns Iran’s airborne attacks”, adding: “We stand with Israel.”

- Spain - Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez called for restraint, saying Madrid “will always condemn all forms of violence which threaten the security and the well-being of innocent civilians.”

“The response from all international leaders requires responsibility and restraint. We must learn the lessons of history and find a means of resolving conflicts diplomatically, avoiding further escalation at all costs,” he said

- Italy - Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni Meloni condemned the attack and said she feared “destabilisation of the region” which “we are continuing to work to avoid.”

- Ukraine - Ukraine’s foreign ministry said Kyiv “strongly condemns Iran’s massive air attack” which also “demonstrates why it is critical that all of the free world’s forces are consolidated to defend the global borders of democracy.”