

JUNE 2019

- NASA to explore Saturn's largest moon, Titan
- Dragonfly, NASA's new Frontier program will explore this fascinating world with a helicopter drone.
- Sharad Kumar Saraf is the new president of FIEO
- Chairman and founder of Technocraft Industries Sharad Kumar Saraf become the new president of Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).
- Mumbai listed among the top 20 most expensive cities in Asia
- Ranked at the 67th position out of the total 209 cities surveyed, Mumbai gets listed as India's most expensive city and included in the list of top 20 most expensive cities in Asia.
- 29 June observed as International Day of the Tropics
- To celebrate the extraordinary diversity of the tropics while highlighting unique challenges and opportunities the Tropical nations face, the United Nations observes 29 June as International Day of the Tropics.
- Statistics Day observed on June 29th.
- The statistics day is observed on 29th June every year. The aim behind celebrating this day is popularizing the use of Statistics in daily life.
- This year's theme is Sustainable Development Goals.
- The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of Prof. P C Mahalanobis for his vital contribution in establishing the National Statistical System. e main function to be held in New Delhi.
- Lok Sabha passes J&K reservation 2019 amendment bill
- Aiming to provide reservations in educational institutions and government jobs within 10km of the International Border in the Jammu area, Lok Sabha has passed Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
- Samant Goel is the new RAW chief, Arvind Kumar appointed as IB director
- Narendra Modi Government has appointed senior IPS officer Samant Goel as the new Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief on June 26, 2019.
- K Natarajan to be the new director general of Indian Coast Guard
- Krishnaswamy Natarajan appointed as the next director general of Indian Coast Guard. He replaces Rajendra Singh who is retiring after three and a half years of service.
- Central Government planned to set up Krishi Vigyan Kendras to double farmers' income by 2022
- Kerala topped NITI Aayog's health index 2019 ranking
- International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed today
- The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed on 26 June every year. It is a United Nations International Day against drug abuse and the illegal drug trade. It is observed since 1989. The day was instituted by General Assembly Resolution 42/112 of 7 December 1987.
- 44th anniversary of 1975 Emergency

- Today is the 44th anniversary of Emergency; On June 25, 1975, then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi declared Emergency in India.
- The Indian Emergency of 25th June 1975-21st March 1977 was a 21 month period, when President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, upon advice by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, declared a state of emergency under Article 352 of the Constitution of India, effectively bestowing on her the power to rule by decree, suspending elections and civil liberties.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to Twitter and saluted all those greats who fearlessly resisted the Emergency in 1975.
- 20 years of Kargil war
- Indian Air Force (IAF) is commemorating 20 years of Kargil War on June 24, 2019
- India's first iron ore mine discovered in Bangladesh
- An announcement was made by the Geological Survey of Bangladesh stating an Iron ore mine was discovered at Isabpur village in Dinajpur. The percentage of iron in the mine around 65.
- India's first solar cruise vessel will debut in Kerala
- India's first solar-powered ferry in 2016, Kerala is gearing up for the launch of the country's premier solar-powered cruise boat
- India has the highest data usage per smartphone in the World: Report
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- World Music Day 2019
- The World Music Day 2019 is being observed across the world today, on June 21, 2019, the same day as the International Yoga Day.
- Google Doodle celebrates 21 June as Longest Day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere
- Summer Season 2019 Google Doodle celebrates the Summer Solstice in the Northern Hemisphere
- Maharashtra's extremely popular footwear industry, renowned for its handcrafted leather Kolhapuri chappal has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, which is likely to further boost its sales in other parts of the country and abroad.
- World Refugee Day is observed on June 20 each year. The day is dedicated to raising awareness of the situation of refugees throughout the world.
- Satya Nadella, Shantanu Narayen ranked among the top 10 US CEOs
- According to an annual survey by employment website Glassdoor Microsoft's Satya Nadella, Abobe's Shantanu Narayen ranked among the top 10 US CEOs.
- Om Birla has been elected as the 17th Lok Sabha Speaker
- India's population will overtake China by 2027: UN Report 2019
- Amazon India is the country's most attractive employer brand, says the survey
- India will be hosting the 14th session of the Conference of Parties (COP-14) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) for the first time. COP-14 will be held between September 2 and 14 in Delhi.
- India to celebrate the 20th anniversary of victory in Operation VIJAY
- India is to celebrate the 20th anniversary of victory in Operation VIJAY, which popularly known as the Kargil War. The Kargil War is a saga of strong political, military and diplomatic actions.

- Facebook launches digital currency Libra
- Facebook launched its own digital currency 'Libra', powered by blockchain technology, for users around the world.
- Govt. demands fingerprinting of messages from WhatsApp to trace the origin
- The Indian government has demanded Whatsapp, the Facebook-owned messaging application, to digitally fingerprint messages that are sent on its platform without breaking the encryption.
- World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought observed on June 17
- World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought day is observed every year on June 17. The theme for this year is Let's grow the future together. The aim of the day is to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification.
- Encephalitis kills 100 kids in Bihar
- At least 100 children have lost their lives due to acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) in Bihar. This syndrome is locally known as Chamki Bukhar.
- Yashovardhan Birla declared 'wilful defaulter' by UCO bank
- Chairman of the Yash Birla group, Yashovardhan Birla, also known as Yash Birla, has declared a 'wilful defaulter' on June 16, 2019, by Kolkata-based UCO Bank
- Ritu Kridhal and Vanitha to head India's 2nd Moon mission Chandrayaan-2
- For the first time, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has appointed two women scientists – Ritu Karidhal (as mission director) and Muthayya Vanitha(as project director) – to head India's second Moon mission Chandrayaan-2.
- ISRO Chairman K Sivan announced that close to 30 per cent of the ISRO team working on Chandrayaan 2 are women.
- UNCTAD World Investment Report 2019
- According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) World Investment Report 2019, India received foreign direct investments (FDI) worth USD 42 billion in 2018.
- Akshaya Patra was awarded the BBC World Service Global Champion Award
- Scientists create history; install world's highest weather station at Mount Everest's Death Zone
- Climate scientists have created a history by installing the world's highest operating weather station at Mount Everest's Death Zone, including five other automated stations on other parts of the mountain.
- Tom Matthews and Baker Perry, along with a crew of engineers, stood on the Mount Everest's flank at 27,650 feet (8,430 metres), and erected seven-foot- the building of a weather station that can withstand extreme winds and cold weather.
- GST council to introduce new GST return system
- GST Council decided to introduce a new GST return system to facilitate taxpayers. The tool is the same as that of the online portal.
- Japan To Invest Rs 13,000 crores In Northeast India
- The Government of Japan planned to invest an amount of 205.784 billion Yen equal to Rs 13000 crores to complete new projects in different states of India's North- Eastern region.
- DRDO successfully tested the indigenously developed HSTDV along with several technologies

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted the maiden test of an indigenously developed Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV) along with several technologies on 12 June.
- International Day Against Child Labour observed on June 12
- Chandrayaan-2 to be launched on July 15
- Chandrayaan-2 will be launched on July 15, 2019, confirmed Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman K Sivan on June 12. ISRO has released the first images of the moon lander.
- M Narendra Modi to meet Putin and Xi Jinping in sidelines to SCO summit
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping before the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. The announcement was made by the Ministry of External Affairs.
- Canada to ban single-use plastics from 2021
- Canada will ban single-use plastics from the year 2021. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau planned to ban plastic bottles, straws and plastic bags clogging the world's oceans.
- ASI declares Chaukhandi Stupa as of national important monument
- Chaukhandi Stupa, an ancient Buddhist site located in Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh, has been declared as a Monument and protected area of national importance by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- Mount Sinabung volcano erupted in Sumatra Island
- World Oceans Day is celebrated on 8th June
- World Food Safety Day 2019
- The world had geared up to celebrate the first-ever World Food Safety Day on June 7.
- India Test Fires Brahmos Supersonic Cruise Missile From Chandipur in Odisha
- Supersonic cruise missile BrahMos was test fired from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur in Odisha. It is the World's fastest supersonic cruise missile with a high rate of accuracy. The missile can be fired from land, sea, and air.
- India ranks 95 in the Sustainable Development Goals Gender Index
- India ranked 95th out of 129 countries in the Sustainable Development Goals Gender Index. India's score is 56.2 on a scale of 0–100. The index found that no country has fully achieved te gender equality and that the global average score of 65.7 out of 100 which falls in the poor category.
- Mumbai ranked first among 403 global cities in Traffic Index 2018 study
- An analysis of traffic congestion done in more 400 cities across six continents has found that commuters in Mumbai spent the most time on the road last year.
- Rajnath Singh to chair the Committee on Parliamentary Affairs
- Delhi Metro Station becomes India's first project to receive power from waste-to-energy
- Delhi Metro became the first ever project in the country to receive power generated from a waste-to-energy plant. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) receiving 2 MW power from a 12 MW capacity waste-to-energy plant set up in Ghazipur.
- Sundar Pichai, Adena Friedman receive 2019 Global Leadership Award

- Google's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sundar Pichai and Nasdaq President Adena Friedman selected for Global Leadership Awards 2019 by business advocacy group USIBC.
- Nirmala Sitharaman to attend G20 Finance Ministers Meeting in Japan
- Finance Minister Shri Nirmala Sitharaman will attend the two-day meeting of G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank governors in Japan on June 8 and 9
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank appointed Flipkart founder Sachin Bansal as its independent director.
- Since its inception in 1974, World Environment Day is celebrated every year on June 5 in more than 100 countries.
- 'Cyclone Man' Mrutyunjay Mohapatra appointed as chief of Indian Meteorological Department
- Renowned scientist and cyclone warning specialist Mrutyunjay Mohapatra was appointed as the chief of India Meteorological Department (IMD).
- 10 per cent decline in the approval rate of H 1B visa by the US: Report
- US authorities said that there was a sharp 10% decline in the approval of H-1B visas by the U.S. in 2018, which is popular among highly skilled Indian IT professionals. The experts attributed to the aggressive policies of the Trump administration to clamp down on the use of the work visa programme.
- Europe's highest volcano Mount Etna erupted
- Mount Etna, Europe's Highest Volcano and one of the world's most active volcanoes, erupted spitting molten lava high into the sky. It is located on the east coast of Sicily, Italy, in the Metropolitan City of Catania.
- AYUSH Ministry launches an app to help people locate yoga centres, instructors
- International yoga day celebrated on June 21, the ministry of AYUSH launched "yoga locator" an app to locate yoga events and centres providing training and instructor within the user's range.
- Ajit Doval re-appointed as National Security Adviser
- India's National Security Adviser Ajit Doval has been re-appointed to the post for another five years. Ajit Doval has also been given Cabinet Rank for contribution to national security.
- Telangana State Formation Day celebrated on 2nd June
- Telangana was formed on 2nd June in 2014 following the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh.
- June 3 is celebrated as the World Bicycle Day across the globe
- The newly-inducted Union Cabinet approved a new scheme which assures minimum monthly pension of ₹3,000 per month to small shopkeepers, retail traders and the self-employed people after attaining the age of 60 years.
- Govt extends PM-KISAN scheme, announces Rs 6,000 cash handout scheme to all farmers
- Former Indian President Pratibha Patil has been conferred the "Orden Mexicana del Águila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle), the highest civilian award of Mexico given to foreigners, on 1 June 2019.
- Anita Bhatia appointed as Deputy Executive Director in UN Women
- Astronomers discovered the Forbidden Planet NGTS- 4b in the Neptunian Desert
- World Milk Day observed on 1 June
- World Milk Day is a day established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to recognize the importance of milk as a global food. It has been observed on June 1 each year since 2001.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Imran Khan to visit US next month: report - Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan is scheduled to visit the US on July 20 during which he would hold face-to-face talks with US President Donald Trump for the first time, according to a media report. The visit, originally planned in June, was postponed because of prime minister Khan's prior domestic engagements,...
- 7,500 kids killed or wounded in Yemen since 2013: Report -Over 7,500 children have been killed or wounded in Yemen in the last 5 1/2 years as a result of airstrikes, shelling, fighting, suicide attacks, mines and other unexploded ordnance, according to a UN Report released on Friday. The report by Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the killings and injuries were among...
- UK PM hopeful Boris Johnson called French 'turds': Report -Footage of British Prime Ministerial hopeful Boris Johnson calling the French "turds" over their Brexit stance was cut from a BBC documentary following a request from the Foreign Office, the Daily Mail reported on Friday. The comments were reportedly made during Johnson's time as foreign minister, and were cut out of...
- Clash between liberal, authoritarian values -World leaders attending a Group of 20 summit in Japan are clashing over the values that have served for decades as the foundation of their cooperation. European Union President Donald Tusk on Friday blasted Russian President Vladimir Putin for suggesting in an interview with the newspaper Financial Times that liberalism was...
- Protesters storm Bahraini Embassy in Iraqi capital' -Protesters stormed the Bahraini Embassy compound in Baghdad on Thursday night, removing the flag from above the building and replacing it with a Palestinian banner in protest against a conference held in the gulf nation to promote peace between Arabs and Israelis. No one was hurt in the standoff that lasted...
- Trump jokes to Putin: 'Don't meddle in the election' -With a smirk and a finger point, President Donald Trump dryly told Russia's Vladimir Putin "Don't meddle in the election" in their first meeting since the special counsel concluded that Moscow extensively interfered with the 2016 campaign. The tone of the president's comment did little to silence questions about Trump's relationship...
- Iran, nuclear deal partners to meet as accord under threat' -Senior officials from Iran and the remaining signatories to its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers are gathering on Friday as tensions in the Persian Gulf simmer and Tehran is poised to surpass a uranium stockpile threshold, posing a threat to the accord. At the heart of the meeting in Vienna...
- Iran warns Trump against 'illusion' of short war -Iran's Foreign Minister on Thursday warned US President Donald Trump he was mistaken to think a war between their countries would be short, as Washington sought NATO's help to build an anti-Tehran coalition. The latest developments in the Iran-US standoff came as a diplomatic source in Vienna said Tehran would not...
- Myanmar Army rejects ICC bid for full Rohingya probe-Myanmar's military on Thursday rejected an International Criminal Court (ICC) prosecutor's call for a full investigation into alleged crimes against Rohingya Muslims. Fatou Bensouda launched a preliminary probe in September into the

2017 crackdown by Myanmar's military that forced some 740,000 Rohingya over the border into Bangladesh with accounts of rape,...

- The United States and the Taliban opened fresh negotiations in Doha on Saturday, a Taliban spokesman said, as Washington eyes a breakthrough before Afghanistan's September presidential election. Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid tweeted that the "seventh round of talks between US representatives and the negotiation team of the Islamic Emirate have begun..."
- Feisty Trump sets tone as stormy G20 looms - US President Donald Trump set the tone on Thursday for what promises to be a stormy G20 summit by lashing out at friends and foes alike over trade tariffs and foreign policy. The long-running US-China trade war looked set to dominate the two-day meeting of world leaders in Osaka from Friday...
- Ethiopia: 37 killed in another region after coup attempt -An Ethiopian governor says 37 people were killed in an attack on Sunday in Ethiopia's Benishangul-Gumuz region. Benishangul-Gumuz borders the Amhara region, where authorities foiled a deadly attempt to oust the regional government on Saturday. Ashadli Hassen, governor of Benishangul-Gumuz, said Wednesday that the attack on villages in Metakal zone was carried...
- Protesters urge discussion of Hong Kong issues at G-20 -Hong Kong activists opposed to contentious extradition legislation on Wednesday called on leaders of the US, the European Union and others to raise the issue with Chinese President Xi Jinping at this week's G-20 summit in Japan. Beijing has strongly opposed such a development, saying Hong Kong matters are strictly an...
- Ex-Hong Kong leader Tsang cleared of misconduct conviction -Former Hong Kong leader Donald Tsang saw his misconduct conviction quashed by the city's top court on Wednesday, the final twist to one of the financial hub's most high-profile corruption cases. Tsang was jailed in 2017 after being found guilty of failing to disclose his plans to lease a luxury flat...
- Robert Mueller to testify publicly on Russia probe -Former US special counsel Robert Mueller is to testify in public about his report into Russian electoral interference, paving the way for a historic television moment in which Democrats will attempt to make the case for President Donald Trump's impeachment before the American people. The scrupulously tight-lipped Mueller will appear at...
- Iran 'never seeks war' with US: Rouhani -President Hassan Rouhani said Iran "never seeks war" with the US, state media reported Wednesday amid a spike in tensions between the two countries. "Iran has no interest to increase tension in the region and it never seeks war with any country, including (the) US," the president said, quoted by state...
- Lebanese town bans Muslims from buying, renting property -Mohammed Awwad and his fiancée, both Muslims, recently found an affordable apartment for rent online in a town in Lebanon, southeast of Beirut. The 27-year-old journalist called the number and asked the owner when they could drop by to take a look. He was stunned by her response: Muslims are not allowed...

- A small group of protesters opposed to legislation they fear would reduce Hong Kong's judicial independence have rallied outside the Justice Department. The action on Thursday came as Hong Kong's Chief Executive Carrie Lam remained out of the public eye for more than a week, prompting one legislator to suggest she...
- Russia accuses US of being 'reckless' -Russia accused Washington of being reckless with new sanctions on Iran, saying Moscow stood in solidarity with Tehran. "US authorities should think hard about where this reckless course of action can lead," foreign ministry said in a statement. "It is capable of not only destabilising the Middle East but undermining..."
- Trump warns of 'overwhelming' retaliation to any Iranian attack -President Donald Trump on Tuesday warned Iran that an attack on US interests would trigger an "overwhelming" response and could bring "obliteration". Amid rising tensions between Washington and Tehran, Trump tweeted: "Any attack by Iran on anything American will be met with great and overwhelming force. In some areas, overwhelming will..."
- US kicks off Mideast plan, with Palestinians boycotting -After a wait of two and a half years, the US administration is launching its Middle East peace plan on Tuesday — with an economic initiative that the Palestinians are boycotting. For this most unconventional of US presidents, Donald Trump's Middle East peace-making bid is unlike decades of previous US...
- Climate activists end blockade of German coal mine -Hundreds of climate activists ended a protest inside one of Germany's biggest open-pit mines on Sunday after police repeatedly ordered them to leave, citing life-threatening danger, and authorities pulled some protesters out. The Garzweiler lignite coal mine was a focal point of environmental protests in Germany's Rhineland since Friday, when 40,000...
- Pakistani brides being abandoned by UK-based families, says report -Hundreds of Pakistani brides brought into the UK to provide families for British-Pakistani men are being abandoned back in their country, with many separated from their young children, according to a UK media report. The women come to the UK after arranged marriages in Pakistan and often raise children before their...
- Trump says re-election 'easier' if he is impeached -: US President Donald Trump said in an interview broadcast on Sunday his chances of retaining the White House in 2020 would be strengthened if Democratic lawmakers start impeachment proceedings against him. Asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" whether he thought impeachment was good politics for him, Trump replied, "I think..."
- Lebanon Parliament slams Trump Administration's Mideast peace plan -Lebanon's Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri said on Sunday that the country will not be "tempted" by money into giving up Palestinian rights, criticising the Trump administration's \$50 billion investment proposal that comes as part of its recently unveiled Middle East peace plan. Berri said in a statement carried by the state-run...
- North Korea said Wednesday it won't surrender to US-led sanctions and accused Washington of trying to "bring us to our knees." The statement is yet another reminder that North Korea keeps mistrust of the US Though its leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump recently exchanged letters. Their second summit in...

- Hong Kong protesters end blockade of police HQ -Protesters in Hong Kong ended their overnight siege of police headquarters peacefully Saturday, disappointed that their demands for the territory's leader to formally withdraw a contentious extradition bill and police to apologize for heavy handed tactics have gone unmet. By daybreak, police had cleared the streets of barriers set up by...
- North Korea reminds China of colonial history to strengthen ties -Pyongyang's relationship with Beijing is "invincible" because the countries both endured Japanese rule, North Korea said Saturday, the day after the Chinese President's highly symbolic visit ended. The commentary, in official North Korean newspaper Rodong Sinmun, comes shortly before the G20 summit in Japan where US President Donald Trump will...
- Nepalese require visa to enter India via Pak, China -Nepalese nationals must have visa if they are entering India from Pakistan, China, Hong Kong and Macau, according to a notice issued by the Nepalese Embassy in New Delhi. Similarly, Nepalese nationals travelling to Gulf countries, including Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain and Lebanon, are required to acquire No Objection...
- Russians hit out at Kremlin ban on flights to Georgia -Russia's travel industry hit out Saturday at a decision by the Kremlin to suspend flights to Georgia as a politically motivated move that has little to do with safety concerns. President Vladimir Putin signed a decree banning Russian airlines from flying to Georgia from July 8 late Friday in response to...
- Malaysia calls for 'justice', citizenship for Rohingya Muslims -Malaysia on Saturday said the perpetrators of violence against Myanmar's Rohingya minority must "be brought to justice", in sharp comments delivered at a normally tame regional summit. Myanmar does not recognise the Rohingya as citizens, instead officially labelling them "Bengalis", short-hand for illegal immigrants from neighbouring Bangladesh. A military crackdown in 2017...
- Seven dead in Cambodia building collapse -At least seven people died Saturday when an under-construction building owned by a Chinese company collapsed at a Cambodian beach resort, officials said, as rescuers scoured the giant rubble heap for survivors. The building went down before sunrise in the casino-resort town Sihanoukville in southwestern Cambodia, a rapidly developing tourist hotspot...
- Fiery plane crash claims 9 people on Oahu's North Shore -Nine people died in a fiery crash of a small airplane used in a sky dive operation, officials in Hawaii said. There were no survivors after the twin engine King Air plane crashed Friday night near Dillingham Airfield, on Oahu's North Shore, Hawaii Department of Transportation spokesman Tim Sakahara said. "Upon...
- Iran has no right to answer diplomacy 'with military force': US -The US said on Friday Iran has no right to respond to diplomacy "with military force", a day after Tehran shot down a US reconnaissance drone over the Strait of Hormuz. "Our diplomacy does not give Iran the right to respond with military force," Brian Hook, the US special representative on...
- Iran TV shows 'debris' of downed US drone -Iran's state television broadcast images Friday of what it said was debris from a downed US drone recovered inside its territorial waters. The television broadcast a short clip of a Revolutionary Guards general answering questions in front of some of the debris he said had been recovered after Thursday's missile...

- US was 'cocked, loaded' to hit back at Iran: Trump -President Donald Trump Friday said the US military was "cocked and loaded" to retaliate against Iran after it downed an American spy drone, but he changed his mind 10 minutes before the planned strikes on three Iranian targets after being told that 150 people could die. The late reversal was first...
- 18 ISIS fighters killed in joint op with US: Niger -Eighteen members of the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara were killed in a joint operation by US, French and Niger troops near Niger's border with Mali, the defence ministry said on Tuesday. The June 8-18 operation took place "in the northern border region of Tongo Tongo targeting a gang of..."
- Turkey says it will ensure Morsi's death is not forgotten -Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Thursday his country is determined to ensure that former Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi's dramatic death in a Cairo courtroom is not forgotten. Erdogan spoke during a meeting with a group of foreign journalists a day after he claimed that Morsi didn't die of natural...
- Turkey sentences 24 to life in 'coup ringleaders' trial -A Turkish court on Thursday gave life sentences to 24 people including senior military officers in one of the biggest trials over the 2016 failed bid to overthrow President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The judge handed 17 of those sentenced 141 aggravated life terms each over the deaths of 139 people, for...
- American forces detain leaders close to Karzai -Jeopardising peace talks in Afghanistan, American forces in the war-torn country has taken into custody local leaders close to Afghanistan's former President Hamid Karzai. According to Aimal Faizi, a former aide to the then President, Karzai told top US military commander in Afghanistan General Miller that the forces' activities militated...
- Russia, China block UN from saying N Korea violated sanctions -Russia and China have blocked the UN Security Council committee monitoring sanctions against North Korea from declaring that Pyongyang breached the annual limit for importing refined petroleum products which are key for its economy, two U.N. diplomats said Tuesday. The diplomats said the Russians and Chinese notified the committee before Tuesday's...
- Hong Kong lawmakers grill security chief -Members of Hong Kong's legislature met on Wednesday for the first time since the largest anti-government protest in the city's history, with many opposition lawmakers slamming the pro-Beijing administration's handling of the crisis. Hong Kong has been shaken by a series of massive demonstrations against a proposed law that would have...
- Iran 'categorically rejects' US tanker attack allegations -Iran's defence minister "categorically rejected" on Wednesday accusations that Tehran was behind two tanker attacks in the Gulf of Oman, describing evidence presented by Washington as "unsubstantiated", official news agency IRNA reported. Washington has blamed Iran for last week's attacks, releasing images and a grainy video it alleges shows Iranians on...
- Suspected link of Saudi Crown Prince: UN expert -There is "credible evidence" linking Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a UN expert said Wednesday, calling for sanctions on the prince's personal foreign assets. The allegation

regarding Prince Mohammed's possible direct role in Kashoggi's execution last October was detailed in a new report...

- 15 missing as crowded jeep plunges into river in Nepal -Fifteen people are missing after a crowded jeep they were travelling in skidded off a mountainous road and plunged into a river in Nepal's Humla district on Tuesday. The jeep veered off the road and plunged into the Karnali river in Kharpunath rural municipality at around 1 pm (local time), the...
- Qureshi briefs Pompeo about addressing FATF concerns: FO -Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Tuesday briefed his American counterpart Mike Pompeo about the steps taken by Islamabad to address the concerns raised by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), including curbing terror funding activities in the country. Qureshi, who is on an official visit to the UK, had...
- Hong Kong leader apologises for extradition crisis, vows to stay on -Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam apologised on Tuesday for the political unrest that has shaken Hong Kong, but the pro-Beijing chief executive refused to cave in to demands for her resignation. The semi-autonomous territory has been plunged into its biggest crisis in decades, with millions of people taking to the streets...
- Activist Joshua Wong walks free, calls on leader to resign -Hong Kong democracy activist Joshua Wong called on the city's pro-Beijing leader Carrie Lam to resign after he walked free from prison on Monday, as historic anti-government protests rocked the city. "She is no longer qualified to be Hong Kong's leader," Wong told reporters. "She must take the blame and resign,..."
- 4-member India-born family found dead with gunshot wounds in US -A 44-year-old Indian-American IT professional and his three family members, including two minor sons, have been found dead with gunshot wounds inside their home in the US state of Iowa, authorities said Monday. The bodies of Chandrasekhar Sunkara, Lavanya Sunkara, 41, their 15-year-old and a 10-year-old sons were found in their...
- Pak blogger, journalist known for criticising army, ISI hacked to death -A 22-year-old Pakistani blogger and journalist known for criticising the country's powerful military and the spy agency ISI was hacked to death by an unidentified men here, police said on Monday. Muhammad Bilal Khan, having over 16,000 followers on Twitter, 48,000 on his YouTube channel and 22,000 on Facebook, was with...
- Iran: Will break uranium stockpile limit in 10 days -Iran will break the uranium stockpile limit set by Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers in the next 10 days, the spokesman for the country's atomic agency said on Monday while also warning that Iran could enrich uranium up to 20 per cent — just a step away from weapons-grade...
- Corruption tainted Guatemala set to elect new President -Corruption-weary Guatemalans are set to elect a new president Sunday after a tumultuous campaign that saw two leading candidates barred from taking part and the top electoral crimes prosecutor forced to flee the country, fearing for his life. Gang violence, poverty and streams of US-bound migrants have dominated campaigning in Central...

- 'Good gifts': Putin presents Xi with birthday ice cream -Russian President Vladimir Putin presented his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping with a giant box of ice cream for his 66th birthday before a summit in Tajikistan on Saturday, the Kremlin said, in a sign of the pair's warm ties. "Happy birthday, my best wishes... I am delighted to have a friend..."
- B'desh prison breakfast menu gets makeover after 200 years -Bangladesh authorities have upgraded a 200-year-old colonial-era breakfast menu in all its prisons, an official said Sunday, as part of a reform of the country's penal system. Bazlur Rashid, deputy head of the Prison Directorate, said the nation's more than 81,000 convicts would from Sunday receive an improved breakfast, replacing the...
- Hong Kong protest leaders plan weekend rally after violent clashes -Hong Kong protest leaders announced plans for another mass rally on Sunday, escalating their campaign against a China extradition bill a day after police cleared them from the streets using volleys of tear gas and rubber bullets. The move sets up a fresh confrontation with the city's leaders who have refused...
- Boris tops first round of poll for British PM -Boris Johnson on Thursday secured his position as the frontrunner in the race to succeed Theresa May as British Prime Minister as he won the highest number of votes in the first round of the leadership poll. The former Cabinet minister received 114 votes in the first round of a secret...
- Iran rescued 44 crew after tanker accident -Iran's navy rescued 44 crew members from two oil tankers which caught fire after an "accident" in the Sea of Oman on Thursday, official news agency IRNA reported. "Forty-four sailors from the two foreign oil tankers which had an accident this morning in the Sea of Oman were saved from the..."
- Iran says tanker 'attacks' as Japan PM visits 'suspicious' -Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Thursday that reported attacks on two tankers off the Iranian coast just as Japan's prime minister held Tehran talks was more than suspicious. "Reported attacks on Japan-related tankers occurred while PM @AbeShinzo was meeting with Ayatollah @khamenei_ir for extensive and friendly talks. Suspicious..."
- US Navy assisting 2 tankers targeted in Gulf of Oman -Two oil tankers near the strategic Strait of Hormuz were reportedly attacked on Thursday, an assault that left one ablaze and adrift as sailors were evacuated from both vessels and the US Navy rushed to assist amid heightened tensions between Washington and Tehran. Japan's Trade Ministry said the two vessels had...
- Globe Trotting -Trump defends talks with foreign govts Washington: President Donald Trump scrambled on Thursday to throw off critics homing in on his insistence that he has the right to use dirt dug up on political opponents by foreign Governments. Trump's comment in an interview aired late Wednesday by ABC News television reignited...
- Israel closes Gaza's waters to Palestinian fishermen -The Israeli military says it is taking the rare step of closing the Gaza Strip's offshore waters to Palestinian fishermen until further notice in response to incendiaries launched into Israel in recent days. COGAT, the Israeli Defense Ministry body controlling the crossings with the coastal enclave, announced on Wednesday that "due..."
- Israel strikes Gaza after first rocket since May -Israeli warplanes bombed bunkers at a Hamas base in Gaza early on Thursday following the first rocket fire from the territory since early May,

the military said. Israeli aircraft targeted “underground infrastructure” at the base in the southern Gaza Strip, it said in a statement. The strike came after Israeli air defences...

- EU warns UK must pay bill even in ‘no deal’ Brexit -The European Commission warned on Wednesday that Britain will have to pay its outstanding share of the existing EU budget even if it leaves the union without a withdrawal agreement. In a statement on preparations for Britain’s departure, Brussels said it would not enter talks on future trade until London...
- Hong Kong protesters brave ‘bullets’ -Violent clashes broke out in Hong Kong on Wednesday as police tried to stop protesters storming the city’s parliament, while tens of thousands of people blocked key arteries in a show of strength against government plans to allow extraditions to China. Police used tear gas, rubber bullets and batons to disperse...
- Boris Johnson launches leadership bid, says UK must leave EU on Oct 31 -Former British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson on Wednesday said the UK must leave the European Union on October 31 as he launched his bid to replace outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May as leader of the Conservatives. “After three years and two missed deadlines, we must leave the EU on October 31,”...
- Britain calls on Hong Kong to pause extradition bill, maintain rights -Britain urged the Hong Kong Government to “pause and reflect” on an extradition bill that has sparked widespread protests, and said the former British colony must take steps to protect its rights, freedoms and high degree of autonomy. Hong Kong police fired rubber bullets and tear gas at demonstrators who threw...
- Houthi missile strike on Saudi Arabia’s Abha airport wounds 26 -Yemen’s Houthis have fired a missile at Saudi Arabia’s Abha airport, wounding 26 civilians in the building’s arrivals hall, according to the Saudi-UAE-led coalition fighting the rebels. In a statement on Wednesday, the coalition said a projectile hit the arrivals hall at Abha airport, causing material damage. Three women and...
- Syria says air defence downs Israeli missiles -Syrian air defence shot down Israeli missiles targeting the south of the country on Wednesday, state media said, as a monitor reported positions of the regime’s Lebanese ally Hezbollah had been hit. The attack was launched in the early hours of the morning against the Tall al-Hara sector near the...
- Trump: China going to make trade deal with US -US President Donald Trump said China will be left with no other option but to enter into a trade deal with the United States because his increased tariffs on Chinese products is having an impact on its economy. “The China deal is going to work out. You know why, because of...”
- Lanka defies Prez to resume Parl probe -The Sri Lankan Government on Tuesday began the Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) investigation into the security lapses surrounding the Easter Sunday suicide attacks that killed 258 people including 11 Indians, despite strong objection by President Maithripala Sirisena. President Sirisena, who is the head of the Cabinet, warned last week that he...
- Trump raises tariff threat anew over secret provision in Mexico deal -President Donald Trump said on Monday a secret provision of the US immigration deal with Mexico will require the

approval of that country's legislature and warned US tariffs will be reinstated if it is not forthcoming. Trump did not say what the provision entails, only that it would be revealed "in...

- Nearly 100 killed in attack on central Mali village -Nearly 100 people were killed in a gruesome overnight attack on a village in central Mali, in the latest violence to strike the fragile region, officials said on Monday. There was no immediate claim of responsibility but the massacre, targeting a village inhabited by the Dogon community, bore the hallmarks of...
- IAEA 'worried about increasing tensions' over Iran nuclear issue -The UN's nuclear watchdog said on Monday it was "worried about increasing tensions" over Iran's nuclear programme, after Tehran said it might stop respecting more elements of a 2015 international deal. "I... Hope that ways can be found to reduce current tensions through dialogue," International Atomic Energy Agency director general Yukiya...
- Top Iran diplomat warns US it cannot 'expect to stay safe' -Iran's Foreign Minister warned the US on Monday that it "cannot expect to stay safe" after launching what he described as an economic war against Tehran, taking a hard-line stance amid a visit by Germany's top diplomat seeking to defuse tensions. A stern-faced Mohammad Javad Zarif offered a series of threats...
- Pak ex-Prez Zardari arrested in fake bank accounts case -Pakistan's former president Asif Ali Zardari was arrested on Monday from his residence here in the fake bank accounts case by the country's top anti-corruption body, even as his party appealed for calm. A team of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) accompanied by police, including female officials, entered the Pakistan People's...
- Mt. Sinabung erupts in western Indonesia, no casualty -A column of thick ash was spewed 7 km high to the sky from the crater of Mount Sinabung volcano in Sumatra Island of western Indonesia on Sunday, the country's national volcanology agency said. Belching of ash and smoke was shot at 16.28 pm Jakarta time, followed by a spread of...
- Huge Hong Kong protest against China extradition law -Huge protest crowds thronged Hong Kong on Sunday as anger swells over plans to allow extradition to China, a proposal that has sparked the biggest public backlash against the city's pro-Beijing leadership in years. Tens of thousands of people marched in blazing summer heat through the cramped streets of the financial...
- Sudan's protesters launch general strike -Shops were closed and streets were empty across Sudan on Sunday, the first day of a general strike called for by protest leaders demanding the resignation of the ruling military council. The Sudanese Professionals Association had called on people to stay home starting on Sunday, the first day of the...
- Europe in 'no position' to criticise Iran: Zarif -European countries are in "no position" to criticise Iran, Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said Sunday ahead of a visit by his German counterpart Heiko Maas. Germany's top diplomat is due in Tehran on Monday, against a backdrop of Iranian pressure for Europe to uphold commitments made under a 2015 nuclear...
- EU willing to renegotiate deal: UK Foreign Min -British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt, a contender to replace Theresa May as prime minister, said on Sunday that German Chancellor Angela Merkel had indicated the EU was willing to renegotiate the Brexit divorce deal. Hunt, one of nearly a dozen Conservatives vying to succeed May after she resigned as party leader...

- US commander says he believes Iran threat still 'very real' -Iran has chosen to "step back and recalculate" after making preparations for an apparent attack against US Forces in the Persian Gulf region, but it is too early to conclude the threat is gone, the top commander of American forces in the Mideast said. In an interview with three reporters accompanying...
- Russia, US trade charges after near naval collision -Russia and the United States on Friday accused each other of dangerous manoeuvres after their naval ships came close to collision in the East China Sea. On Friday morning, Russia's Pacific Fleet said that the USS Chancellorsville guided-missile cruiser suddenly cut across the course of its Admiral Vinogradov anti-submarine ship, passing...
- Judgment reserved in Pell appeal against child sex conviction -The fate of jailed Australian Cardinal George Pell was in the balance Thursday as judges adjourned to deliberate over an appeal against his conviction on historical child sex abuse charges. The three judges in Victoria state's Supreme Court heard two days of arguments by Pell's lawyers demanding his December conviction be...
- German killer nurse gets life for 85 hospital murders -A German nurse believed to be the most prolific serial killer in the country's post-war history was handed a life sentence Thursday for murdering 85 patients in his care. Judge Sebastian Buehrmann called Niels Hoegel's killing spree "incomprehensible" and acknowledged the trial left many families with painful unanswered questions. The 42-year-old murdered...
- Taiwan's request for US tanks, missiles sparks China anger -Taiwan on Thursday confirmed it is hoping to buy state-of-the-art tanks and portable missiles from the United States in a proposed deal that drew an angry rebuke from China. Taipei's defence ministry has formally asked for 108 M1A2 Abrams main battle tanks, more than 1,500 Javelin and TOW anti-tank missiles, and...
- Sudan denies more than 100 killed in protest crackdown -Sudanese authorities admitted dozens of people were killed in a crackdown on protesters but denied doctors' claims the death toll has topped 100, as heavily armed paramilitaries guarded the tense capital. Members of the Rapid Support Forces, who rights groups say have their origins in the Janjaweed militias of Darfur, were...
- Sudan protesters to keep up campaign until military's ouster -Sudan's pro-democracy leaders vowed Thursday to press their campaign of civil disobedience until the ruling military council is ousted and killers of protesters are brought to justice, following a crackdown this week that killed scores of people. The pledge comes after new clashes brought the death toll in three days of...
- May gets set for resignation as British PM -Theresa May conducted her final public tour as British Prime Minister on Thursday with a visit to Normandy in France to mark the 75th anniversary of the World War II D-Day landings. May, 62, gave a moving speech to pay tribute to the brave soldiers who fought for freedom on the...
- Erdogan speaks to Saudi king after no-show at Mecca OIC summit -Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan spoke Thursday by phone with Saudi King Salman after missing a key summit of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation in the Saudi holy city of Mecca, his office said. The two

exchanged greetings for the Muslim Eid al-Fitr festival, Erdogan's office said, adding that they also...

- Senators seek to block Prez Trump's arms sales to Saudis -Senators across the political spectrum on Wednesday moved to block President Donald Trump's plan to sell \$8.1 billion in arms to Saudi Arabia and other Arab allies as US lawmakers' frustration with the kingdom soars. The Trump administration last month said it would use emergency powers to defy Congress and provide...
- Thai lawmakers elect junta chief Prayut Chan-O-Cha as PM -Thailand's junta chief Prayut Chan-O-Cha was elected late Wednesday as the kingdom's first civilian Prime Minister since the 2014 coup he led, in a vote by a parliament stacked with appointed allies of the conservative, arch-royalist army. Prayut swept aside his sole challenger, the charismatic 40-year-old billionaire Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit who led...
- China's Xi in Russia to usher 'new era' of cooperation -Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived in Russia on Wednesday for talks he said would boost strategic cooperation, as Beijing and Moscow continue to spar with the US. The leader was received with full honours at Moscow's Vnukovo airport in the early afternoon ahead of a planned meeting with Vladimir Putin at...
- Globe Trotting -High heels 'necessary', says Japan minister Tokyo: Japan's Health and Labour Minister has defended workplaces that require women to wear high heels to work, arguing it is "necessary and appropriate" after a petition was filed against the practice. Japan arrests seven in 'record' drug bust Tokyo: Seven Chinese citizens have been arrested...
- Pak stops Hafiz Saeed from leading Eid prayers at his 'favourite' venue in Lahore -For the first time in years, Mumbai attack mastermind and Jammāt-ud-Dawa (JuD) chief Hafiz Saeed was not allowed by the Government on Wednesday to lead Eid-ul-Fitr prayers at his favourite venue Qaddafi Stadium here, an official said. Instead, Saeed, chief of UN-designated terrorist organisation JuD, offered prayers at a local mosque...
- 101 killed in Sudan crackdown -Gunfire crackled in Sudan's capital on Wednesday as tensions remained high after a two-day crackdown that doctors close to the country's protest movement said had left at least 101 people dead. Despite mounting international concern at what demonstrators called a "bloody massacre", a bid at the UN Security Council to condemn...
- Judge rejects Congress' challenge of border wall funding -A federal judge on Monday denied a House request to prevent President Donald Trump from tapping Defense Department money for his proposed border wall with Mexico, saying Congress lacked authority to sue. Trump's victory is muted by a federal ruling in California last month that blocked construction of key sections of...
- Russia is targeting 'terrorists' in Syria's Idlib: Kremlin -The Kremlin insisted Monday that the Russian Army was targeting "terrorists" in Syria's last jihadist stronghold of Idlib, after US President Donald Trump called on Moscow to halt "this butchery." The Kremlin has been supporting a Syrian government offensive in Idlib despite protests from the United States and Turkey. Trump said on...
- 2 Muslim Guvs in Lanka resign after protests by Buddhists -Two Muslim governors in Sri Lanka resigned on Monday after thousands of people, including majority Buddhist community monks,

launched a protest in the pilgrim city of Kandy, demanding their sacking for allegedly supporting Islamist extremists responsible for the Easter suicide bombings. Western Province Governor Azath Salley and Eastern Province Governor MALM...

- Assange hearing in Sweden to decide extradition request -A Swedish court heard arguments on Monday before deciding if prosecutors can proceed to request Julian Assange's extradition from Britain, after a 2010 rape probe was re-opened in May. Both sides presented their arguments to the Uppsala district court which adjourned to deliberate. It was expected to announce a decision...
- Iran President rules out talks until US acts 'normal' -Iran's President on Monday ruled out negotiations with Washington until it acts "normal", after Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the US is ready to talk to Tehran without preconditions. "The party that has left the negotiating table, the party that has trampled the pact must return to a normal" behaviour,...
- Egypt calls for talks in Sudan -Egypt on Monday urged all sides in Sudan to return to the negotiating table as security forces moved to break up a weeks-long protest camp in Khartoum. Violence erupted at the sit-in outside the army headquarters in the Sudanese capital earlier in the day leaving at least nine protesters dead,...
- 13 dead as Sudan military rulers break up sit-in -Sudan's military rulers forcefully broke up a weeks-long sit-in outside Khartoum's army headquarters on Monday leaving at least 13 dead, a doctors' committee said as gunfire echoed from the site. Heavily armed security forces in pick-up trucks mounted with machine guns were deployed in large numbers all around the capital, while..

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TENSION IN GULF - In May 2018, US President Donald Trump abandons the nuclear deal, before reinstating sanctions against Iran and countries that trade with it. Relations between the US and Iran worsen



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