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THE WORLD'S OLDEST SHIPWRECK

Archaeologists working off Kekova Island in Türkiye's Antalya province have identified what they believe is the world's oldest known shipwreck. Lying about 30 metres beneath the Mediterranean, the trading vessel is dated to 4,400–4,700 years ago, the Early Bronze Age, around the time the Great Pyramid of Giza was built. Its wooden hull has vanished, but its cargo has survived on the seabed.

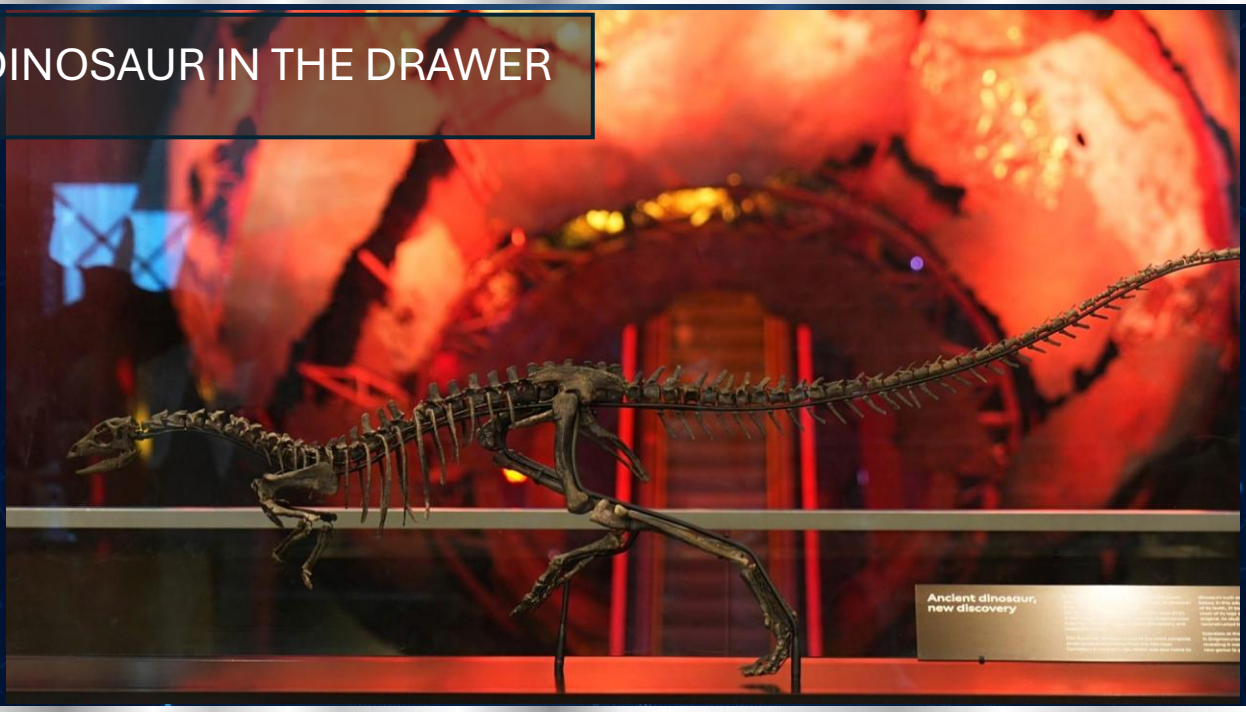
The team led by Hakan Öniz of Akdeniz University found more than 30 ceramic amphorae and three stone anchors. Some jars still hold a glossy residue, possibly olive oil, wine or resin. Similar jars are known from Giza, Troy and Crete, and the ship probably sailed from the Levant towards Troy or Crete. The previous record holder, off Greece's Dokos island, is about 4,200 years old.



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Source: Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Türkiye, Akdeniz University, BBC, Sky News, Oct 2026 · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix

A DINOSAUR IN THE DRAWER



A skull fragment held at London's Natural History Museum since 1924 has turned out to be a new species of dinosaur. Named Invictibellatrix amberina, "unconquered female warrior", it is the first megaraptoran ever identified in Europe. The fossil was found at the foot of a cliff on the Isle of Wight by amateur palaeontologist Reginald Walter Tooley, and lay almost forgotten for a century.



Megaraptorans were agile, two-legged hunters related to tyrannosaurs, armed with long hand claws. The team led by Dr Cassius Morrison of University College London estimates the tiger-sized predator at three to four metres long and about human height, with claws of 10–20 cm. It lived around 120 million years ago. The study appears in Royal Society Open Science.

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Source: University College London, Natural History Museum, Royal Society Open Science, Reuters, Oct 2026 · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix



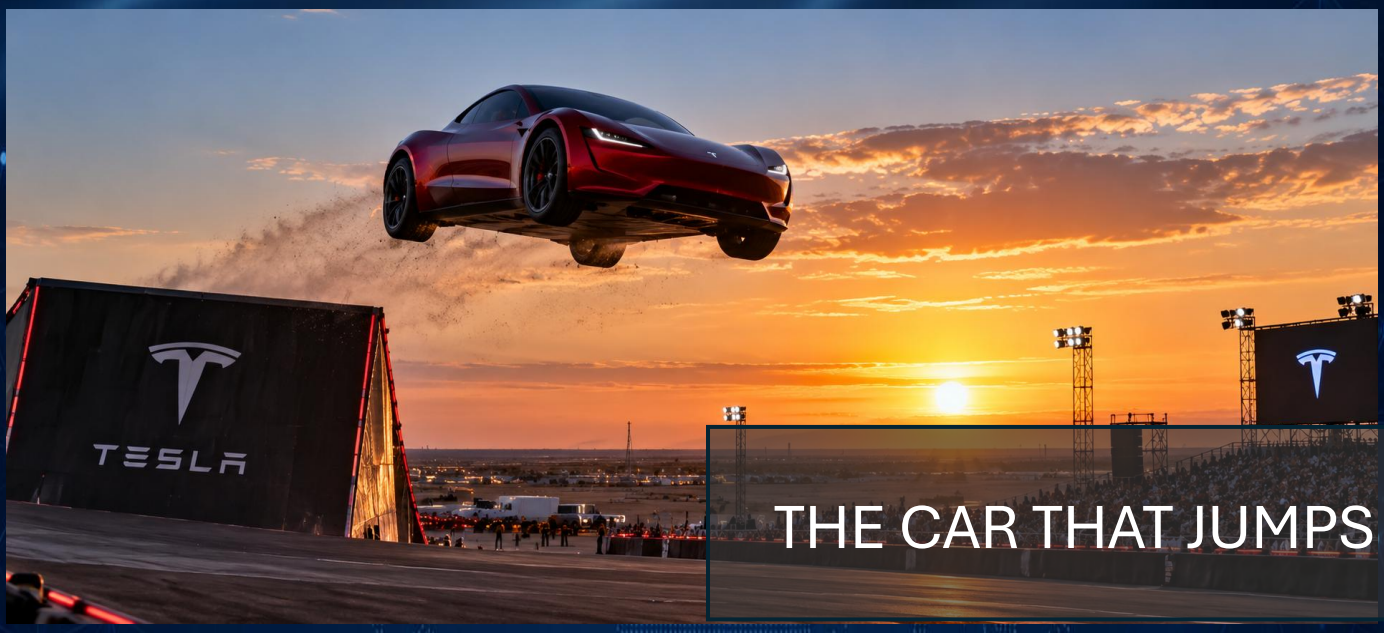
THE HARVEST FEELS HORMUZ

The disruption to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz is now reaching the world's fields. Alvaro Lario, President of the UN's International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), said on 15 October that the effects are becoming visible in harvests. Stocks of fertilizer and fuel cushioned the first shock, but prolonged uncertainty has led farmers to plant more cautiously and use less fertilizer.

Higher fuel and transport costs, together with El Niño and disruptions to Black Sea wheat supplies, are adding costs along the whole food chain. Countries that depend on imported fertilizer, fuel and food are most exposed, Lario said, especially in Southeast Asia and parts of Africa. A UN-backed plan to move fertilizer through the strait still awaits agreement between the United States and Iran.



FOOD | FARMING | SHIPPING | FOOD SECURITY Source: IFAD, Reuters, Oct 2026 · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix



THE CAR THAT JUMPS

Tesla unveiled its long-awaited second-generation Roadster on 15 October at a live event at a SpaceX facility in Texas. In a pre-programmed demonstration with no one on board, the car climbed a curved ramp, drove upside down, launched into the air, flipped and landed back on its wheels. "Well, it worked," said Elon Musk. The model was first presented nine years earlier, in 2017.



The car uses compressed-air thrusters developed with SpaceX engineers and a fan suction system that holds it to the track, even upside down. Tesla says it reaches 60 mph in under one second and that its air tanks can be refilled without fuel. In a second test it leapt over a row of parked cars. No sustained flight was shown.
Reservations start at $50,000.

TECHNOLOGY | AUTOMOTIVE | INNOVATION
Source: Tesla, CNN, Euronews, Dezeen, Fox Business, Oct 2026 · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix

Canadian poet, essayist and translator Anne Carson has won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Literature. The Swedish Academy honoured her "for her bold and inventive oeuvre" which, "in playful dialogue with the classical tradition, has created new forms for contemporary literature." The prize, announced on 8 October, is worth 12 million Swedish kronor, about $1.2 million.

Born in Toronto, Carson, 76, is a classical scholar who translates ancient Greek poetry and drama and also writes opera libretti. Her best-known book, Autobiography of Red (1998), retells a Greek myth as a novel in verse. When the Academy called, she was in Iceland, "listening to the wind," said its permanent secretary, Ingrid Carlberg.



CULTURE | LITERATURE | NOBEL PRIZE Source: The Swedish Academy, NobelPrize.org, AFP, Oct 2026 · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix

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(Europe) SENTINEL-3C SENDS ITS FIRST IMAGES OF EARTH

Europe's newest Copernicus satellite returned its first images of Italy, the Arctic and the Caribbean, plus ice-sheet and sea-level data, two weeks after launch. ESA says it is operating perfectly.

Source: European Space Agency

(Germany) PHILIPPE SANDS RECEIVES GERMAN BOOK TRADE PEACE PRIZE

Author and lawyer Philippe Sands received the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade on 11 October, as the Frankfurt Book Fair closed. This year's guest of honour was Czechia, under the motto "A Country on the Coast".

Source: Frankfurter Buchmesse / German Publishers and Booksellers Association

(Global) ARCTIC SEA ICE STAYS NEAR RECORD LOWS

This year's Arctic sea ice minimum, reached on 12 September at about 4.6 million km², tied for the 10th-lowest in the satellite record. "We've plateaued, but we're still low," said NSIDC's Walt Meier.

Source: NASA / NSIDC

(Global) IMF LIFTS 2026 GROWTH FORECAST TO 3.1%

The IMF raised its 2026 global growth forecast to 3.1% from 3.0% and expects inflation of 4.7%. "The outlook is highly uneven," said research director Silvana Tenreyro. Growth is seen slowing in 2027.

Source: IMF World Economic Outlook / AP

(China) CHINA'S SEPTEMBER EXPORTS JUMP 36.3%

China's exports rose 36.3% year on year in September to $447.2 billion, while imports climbed 31%. The trade surplus reached $133.5 billion, customs data showed.

Source: General Administration of Customs of China

(Papua New Guinea) PARLIAMENT TO DEBATE BOUGAINVILLE VOTE

PNG MPs will debate the Bougainville referendum results on 20–21 October. Ratification needs 89 of 118 votes.

Source: The National (PNG)

(Solomon Islands) STANDARDS SET FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

A national workshop has begun drafting minimum standards for electric vehicles and charging equipment. Land transport uses about 100 million litres of imported fuel a year.

Source: GGGI / Ministry of Environment, Solomon Islands

(Northern Mariana Islands) ANCIENT LATTE STONE RETURNS TO ROTA

A latte stone, a pillar from the foundations of ancient Chamorro houses, has been returned to Rota as Humanities Month begins.

Source: NMI News Service / Pacific Islands Report

(French Polynesia) DRONES HELP PROTECT WHALES AND TURTLES

Conservation teams in French Polynesia are using drones to help protect whales and sea turtles in its waters.

Source: Radio 1 Tahiti / Pacific Islands Report

(Tokelau) WIDESPREAD BLEACHING ON TOKELAU'S REEFS

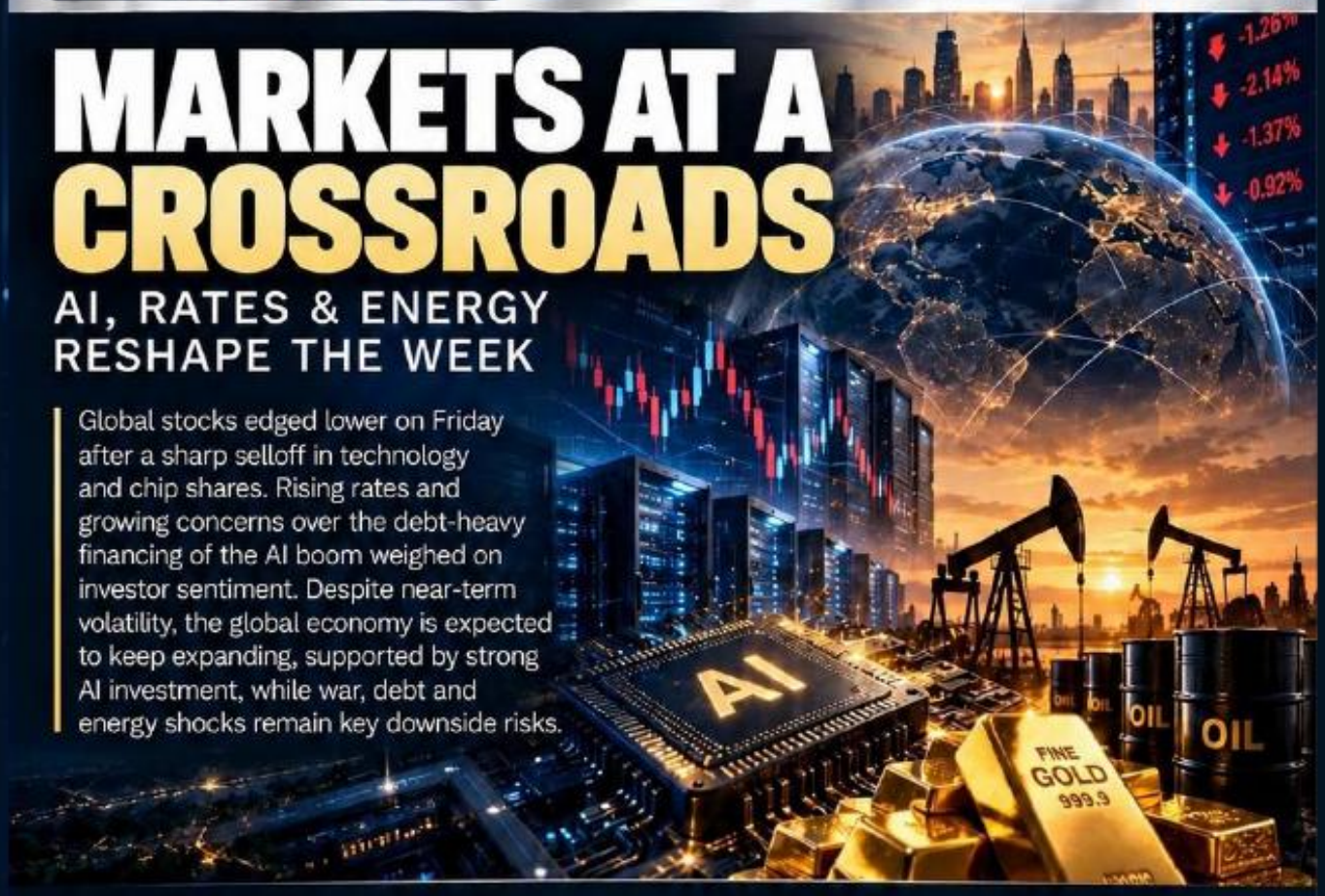
An ocean survey that reached Tokelau's final atoll found widespread coral bleaching.

Source: PMN / Pacific Islands Report

MARKETS AT A CROSSROADS

AI, RATES & ENERGY RESHAPE THE WEEK

Global stocks edged lower on Friday after a sharp selloff in technology and chip shares. Rising rates and growing concerns over the debt-heavy financing of the AI boom weighed on investor sentiment. Despite near-term volatility, the global economy is expected to keep expanding, supported by strong AI investment, while war, debt and energy shocks remain key downside risks.



AI BOOM MEETS RATE REALITY



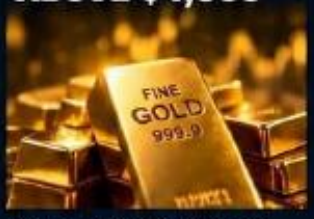
A sharp selloff in technology and chip shares weighed on global markets this week. Investors are increasingly concerned about the high financing needs of the AI boom and the impact of higher interest rates on valuations.

ENERGY STAYS HOT



Brent crude rose to **$106.83 per barrel** on October 16, supported by ongoing supply tensions in the Middle East. Geopolitical risks remain elevated, keeping energy markets sensitive to further disruptions.

GOLD HOLDS ABOVE $4,000



Gold reached $4,169 per ounce on October 12 and traded around **$4,158** on October 13, as a firmer dollar weighed on prices. Markets are closely watching upcoming inflation data and interest rate signals for the next move.

IMF: 3.1% GLOBAL GROWTH



The IMF now forecasts **3.1%** global real GDP growth for 2026, slightly higher than its previous estimate. Strong AI investment is expected to support growth, while war, high debt levels and energy shocks continue to pose downside risks.



BRENT CRUDE
$106.83 / bbl
(Oct 16)



GOLD
$4,169 / oz
(Oct 12)
$4,158 / oz
(Oct 13)



US DOLLAR
First weekly loss in five weeks
(Oct 16)



GLOBAL GDP
3.1% in 2026
(IMF forecast)

Sources: IMF · Reuters · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix.

STEEL
AT A TURNING POINT

FLAT DEMAND. SHIFTING POWER.
A NEW INDUSTRIAL CYCLE.



The global steel industry is entering a new phase. Demand is expected to remain broadly flat in 2026, but growth outside China, a rising India and the green transition are reshaping the global steel landscape.

GLOBAL STEEL DEMAND

1,722 Mt
in 2026 (flat)
1,752 Mt in 2027 (+1.7%)

INDIA

+7.9%
in 2026
to 172.4 Mt

CHINA

-2.0%
in 2026

GLOBAL DEMAND IN 2027

+1.7%
to 1,752 Mt

KEY DEMAND DRIVERS

CONSTRUCTION
Infrastructure and housing remain core demand areas.

MANUFACTURING
Automotive, machinery and equipment demand stays resilient.

ENERGY TRANSITION
Grids, renewable energy and electrification support long-term steel demand.

REGIONAL OUTLOOK



Global	1,722 Mt	0.0%
India	172.4 Mt	+7.9%
China	902.0 Mt	-2.0%
USA	114.2 Mt	+2.5%
EU	139.6 Mt	+1.8%
Rest of World	393.8 Mt	+2.9%

STEEL PRODUCTION

August 2026 (crude steel)

China	651.9 Mt	-3.1%
India	115.9 Mt	+6.0%
USA	57.5 Mt	+5.5%
Türkiye	26.6 Mt	+6.8%
Vietnam	20.6 Mt	+29.1%
World	1,443.1 Mt	-1.2%





INFRASTRUCTURE
STEEL BUILDS ECONOMIES



AUTOMOTIVE
STEEL DRIVES MOBILITY



ENERGY TRANSITION
STEEL POWERS A CLEANER FUTURE



URBANIZATION
STEEL SHAPES TOMORROW'S CITIES

Sources: worldsteel, October 2026 Short Range Outlook; worldsteel August 2026 crude steel production.

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THE NEW STEEL ERA

TRADITION. TECHNOLOGY. A STRONGER TOMORROW.



The steel industry is transforming its production base with cleaner technologies, higher efficiency and greater material circulation. Blast furnaces remain central today, while electric arc furnaces, hydrogen and low-carbon routes are expanding to meet future demand.

BLAST FURNACE – STILL A KEY PILLAR

Blast furnaces remain a major source of global steel, with ongoing efficiency upgrades and lower emissions through process optimization.



ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE ON THE RISE

EAF production is expanding, driven by scrap availability, lower emissions and flexible operations, supporting the transition to greener steelmaking.



LOW-CARBON PATHWAYS

Hydrogen-based DRI, CCUS and innovative processes are moving from pilot to commercial scale, paving the way for near-zero emissions steel.



CIRCULAR STEEL ECONOMY

Increasing scrap use, resource efficiency and closed-loop production strengthen supply security and reduce environmental impact.



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STEELMAKING ROUTES AND EMISSIONS

CO_2 emissions
(approx. tCO_2 per tonne of crude steel)

Blast Furnace (BF)	1.8 – 2.2
BF + CCUS	0.8 – 1.2
DRI (Natural Gas)	0.4 – 0.8
DRI (Green Hydrogen)	0.0 – 0.2
Electric Arc Furnace (Scrap)	0.2 – 0.6

A MIXED FUTURE

A diversified mix of production routes will ensure a resilient, competitive and lower-carbon steel industry.



BF-BOF	71%
EAF (Scrap)	24%
DRI (Gas)	4%
Others	1%



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+50 %
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with CLEAN rubber for critical materials

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Excuse me, may I join you?
Of course. Please, sit down.
My name is Jack.
I'm Beatrice.
Nice to meet you, Beatrice.
Nice to meet you too.
Where do you live?

JOHN & JULIA



TIKAL

CITY ABOVE THE JUNGLE

A MAYA METROPOLIS IN THE HEART OF CENTRAL AMERICA

Deep in the rainforests of Guatemala's Petén region, Tikal rises above the treeline. Once a powerful Maya city, it was a major political, economic and military centre, connecting people, ideas and goods across Mesoamerica.



A LONG HISTORY

Tikal was first inhabited during the Preclassic era and grew into one of the most important cities of the Maya civilization, reaching its peak between the 4th and 8th centuries AD. The city gradually declined and was largely abandoned by around AD 900.



A MONUMENTAL CITY

The urban core includes impressive temple pyramids, palaces, vast plazas, ball courts, causeways and engineered reservoirs. Tikal's architecture reflects advanced urban planning and the power of its rulers, who shaped the city into a ceremonial and administrative centre.



POWER AND INFLUENCE

Tikal was a dominant political and military power, often in rivalry with nearby cities such as Calakmul. It controlled important trade routes and played a key role in the cultural, economic and diplomatic networks of the ancient Maya world.



A UNESCO TREASURE

Today, Tikal National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage property, recognized for its outstanding cultural and natural significance. The site protects not only extraordinary Maya ruins but also a unique ecosystem in one of the world's most important tropical forests.

GUATEMALA
NORTHERN PETÉN REGION

MAYA CIVILIZATION
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UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE
SINCE 1979

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TIKAL

POWER, DECLINE AND A LASTING LEGACY

FROM RIVALRY TO COLLAPSE
IN THE HEART OF THE MAYA WORLD



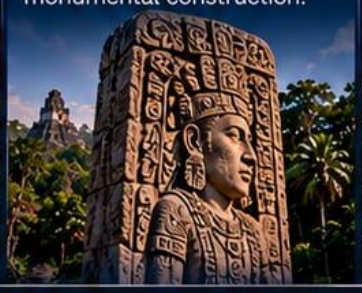
562 A MAJOR DEFEAT

In 562 CE, Tikal was defeated by a coalition led by Calakmul, a powerful rival kingdom. This marked a turning point and temporarily reduced Tikal's influence in the region.



682 JASAW TAKES THE THRONE

Jasaw Chan K'awiil I ascended the throne in 682 CE. He restored Tikal's power, reorganized its alliances and laid the foundation for a new era of growth, prestige and monumental construction.



695 TIKAL STRIKES BACK

In 695 CE, Tikal defeated Calakmul, ending Kaan's dominance. This victory re-established Tikal as a major political, economic and military power in the Maya world.



YIK'IN CHAN K'AWIIL A PERIOD OF RENEWAL

Yik'in Chan K'awiil (734–c.741) continued Tikal's expansion. New temples and palaces were built, and the city reached one of its greatest periods of cultural and diplomatic influence.



THE FINAL CHAPTER — WHY TIKAL FELL SILENT

After its peak between the 4th and 8th centuries, Tikal's urban centre gradually declined and eventually collapsed around AD 900. The exact causes remain uncertain. A combination of factors — including environmental changes, prolonged droughts, political instability, overpopulation and shifting trade networks — likely contributed to its decline. As the population decreased, the city was slowly reclaimed by the surrounding rainforest.



**A GREAT CITY FELL SILENT.
THE FOREST RETURNED. THE STONES REMAIN.**

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A GLOBAL STAGE, A BRIGHTER SEASON



From Broadway to the West End and major stages around the world, the new season brings a diverse line-up of musicals, plays and creative performances, drawing audiences back to live theatre.



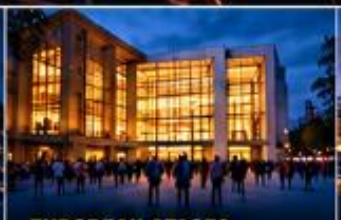
BROADWAY – NEW YORK
A DYNAMIC SEASON AHEAD

Broadway welcomes a new wave of productions this autumn, from long-running favourites to new musicals and plays, keeping New York at the heart of global theatre.



WEST END – LONDON
TIMELESS APPEAL

London's West End continues to attract global audiences with a rich mix of hit musicals, classic revivals and new productions in its world-renowned theatres.



EUROPEAN STAGES
A SEASON OF DIVERSITY

From Paris and Berlin to Madrid and Milan, European theatres offer a wide range of performances, blending local talent with international productions.



GLOBAL PERFORMING ARTS
CULTURE WITHOUT BORDERS

Major venues across Asia, Oceania and the Americas continue to showcase world-class theatre, dance and musical productions, connecting audiences worldwide.

MAJOR CONCERTS

GLOBAL ARTISTS. UNFORGETTABLE NIGHTS.





CHARLI XCX
Kia Forum, Los Angeles
Oct 17 – 18, 2026

The global pop star brings her high-energy show to Los Angeles for two nights at the Kia Forum.



BRUNO MARS
BC Place, Vancouver
Oct 14, 16, 17, 20 – 21, 2026

Bruno Mars returns to Vancouver for five major shows at BC Place as part of his global tour.



LAUFEY
Scotiabank Arena, Toronto
Oct 19 – 20, 2026

The acclaimed singer-songwriter brings her unique blend of jazz and pop to Toronto for two nights at Scotiabank Arena.



ALLISON RUSSELL
Massey Hall, Toronto
Oct 22, 2026

The Grammy-winning artist brings her powerful songs to Toronto's historic Massey Hall for a special performance.

Sources: official venue/tour listings; Billboard Canada.

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SHOWTIME

MUSIC. THEATRE. CULTURE. A BRIGHTER SEASON.

From world-class concerts and iconic stage productions to vibrant festivals and cultural events, the global entertainment scene continues to inspire, connect and bring people together.

THEATRE HIGHLIGHTS



THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
London, UK

The iconic musical returns to the West End with a new production, captivating audiences once again.



SWAN LAKE
Paris, France

A timeless classic at the Opéra Garnier, featuring a world-renowned ballet company.



HAMILTON
New York, USA

The award-winning musical continues to draw packed houses on Broadway with its powerful story and music.



KABUKI: THE LEGEND LIVES
Tokyo, Japan

Traditional artistry meets modern staging in a spectacular season at the Kabuki-za Theatre.

MAJOR CONCERTS



COLDPLAY
Singapore
Jan 23 – 26, 2027

The Music of the Spheres World Tour returns to Asia with four nights at the National Stadium.



TAYLOR SWIFT
Tokyo, Japan
Feb 7 – 11, 2027

The global superstar brings her record-breaking tour to Tokyo Dome for five unforgettable shows.



U2
Las Vegas, USA
Sep 29 – Oct 14, 2026

A special residency at the Sphere, featuring cutting-edge visuals and a reimagined concert experience.



DUA LIPA
Berlin, Germany
Oct 10 – 12, 2026

The Radical Optimism Tour lights up Europe with three nights at the Mercedes-Benz Arena.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS



RIO CARNIVAL
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Feb 12 – 17, 2027

The world's biggest celebration of music, dance and colour returns to the streets of Rio.



GLASTONBURY
Somerset, UK
Jun 24 – 28, 2026

Music, arts and culture come together at the legendary festival in the UK.



VENICE FILM FESTIVAL
Venice, Italy
Aug 26 – Sep 5, 2026

The film world gathers on the Lido for premieres, stars and cinematic excellence.



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL
Edinburgh, UK
Aug 7 – 31, 2026

A city-wide celebration of theatre, comedy, music and performance from around the world.

CULTURE SPOTLIGHT



ANCIENT PERFORMING ARTS

From Greek amphitheatres to traditional Asian performances, ancient stages continue to inspire today's global entertainment scene.



MUSIC WITHOUT BORDERS

From classical to contemporary, traditional instruments and modern fusions are bringing cultures closer through music.

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(France) MONT BLANC GROWS BY NEARLY TWO METRES

Surveyors in Haute-Savoie measured Western Europe's highest peak at 4,807.47 metres, almost two metres higher than in 2023. Wind and snowfall reshape the summit's ice cap, and the surveyors say one reading reveals nothing about climate change.

Source: Haute-Savoie surveyors / AP

(Slovenia) SLOVENIA'S LAST GLACIER MELTS "FROM ALL SIDES"

The Skuta Glacier now covers about 1.5 hectares, down from up to 3 hectares when monitoring began 80 years ago. The Triglav Glacier has already disappeared, scientists at the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts say.

Source: Anton Melik Geographical Institute, ZRC SAZU

(Spain) A WIND SLED SETS OFF TO CROSS ANTARCTICA

Polar explorer Ramón Larramendi's team leaves Spain on 18 October to cross about 3,400 km of Antarctica on a kite-pulled sled that uses no fuel. The 15-metre vehicle carries instruments for 16 research projects.

Source: Wind Sled Antarctica expedition / Euronews

(European Union) WEST NILE VIRUS CASES HIT RECORD

EU countries have reported 1,715 locally acquired West Nile cases this year, the highest ever, and 130 deaths. Belgium recorded its first local infections, and the ECDC expects the virus to keep moving north.

Source: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

(UK) ECONOMY BEATS FORECASTS IN AUGUST

UK GDP grew 0.1% in August, against expectations of a 0.1% contraction. Computer programming and AI-related spending led growth, the Office for National Statistics said.

Source: Office for National Statistics



European
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(Germany) 7,000-YEAR-OLD SKELETON PUZZLES ARCHAEOLOGISTS

A Neolithic adolescent found at Großköllnbach in Lower Bavaria lies in an unusual twisted position, unlike typical burials of the time. Archaeologists are also studying an unexplained deformation of the spine.

Source: District Archaeology Dingolfing-Landau

(UK) ELEPHANT IMAGE WINS WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Italian photographer Federico Veronesi won with "The Aftermath", taken in Namibia's Huab River Valley, from 65,403 entries from 121 countries and territories. The exhibition opens at London's Natural History Museum on 16 October.

Source: Natural History Museum, London

(UK) NEW HOME FOR AFRICAN CINEMA OPENS IN LONDON

Nigerian media entrepreneur Mo Abudu has opened EbonyLife Place London, with a cinema for African films, a restaurant and a boutique for African and diaspora designers. "How much of the world has consumed us?" she asked.

Source: EbonyLife / Euronews

(Türkiye) RECORD RAINFALL FLOODS ISTANBUL

Istanbul saw its heaviest rainfall since records began in 1942, Governor Davut Gül said. Two people died, schools were closed until Monday and AFAD reported more than 1,200 flooding incidents.

Source: Istanbul Governorship / AFAD

(Sweden) NVIDIA TO BACK STOCKHOLM AI HUB

Nvidia and the Norrsken foundation will open an AI lab for start-ups in central Stockholm in 2027, including a biotech demonstration lab run with Root Bio. Nvidia will provide computing power and software.

Source: Nvidia / Norrsken Foundation



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(Latvia) SIGULDA, LATVIA'S AUTUMN CAPITAL

Sigulda, about 70 minutes from Riga by train, is the gateway to Gauja National Park, where autumn turns the forests red and gold. Visitors can ride a cable car over the valley and visit Turaida Castle, dating from 1214.

Source: Euronews Travel / Enter Gauja

(European Union) NEARLY HALF OF EU WORKERS FACE MENTAL HEALTH RISKS

About 45% of EU workers face mental health risks at work, the EU safety agency EU-OSHA says. A new Healthy Workplaces campaign helps employers prevent psychosocial risks.

Source: EU-OSHA / European Commission

(France) LUMIÈRE FESTIVAL CELEBRATES CINEMA IN LYON

Lyon's Lumière Film Festival, held in the city where the Lumière brothers pioneered cinema, runs until 18 October. Guest of honour Todd Haynes is presenting restored versions of "Poison" and "Safe".

Source: Lumière Film Festival / Euronews

(UK) FRIEZE LONDON MIXES ART AND GAMING

At this year's Frieze London, visitors climb a sculpture that doubles as a multiplayer game and toss coins into a wishing installation. Critics say a weaker market is pushing galleries back towards painting.

Source: Frieze London / Euronews

(Germany) VOLKSWAGEN RECALLS ELECTRIC CARS OVER BATTERY RISK

Volkswagen is recalling several thousand electric cars in Germany over battery cells that may overheat, after recalls in the US and UK. Owners are asked to limit charging to 80% until their battery is checked.

Source: Volkswagen / Handelsblatt



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(Singapore) HAZE PUSHES AIR INTO "VERY UNHEALTHY" RANGE

Singapore's 24-hour PSI reached 224 in the central region on 16 October as smoke haze drifted from Kalimantan. Outdoor sports facilities were closed in parts of the city.

Source: National Environment Agency (NEA)

(Indonesia) INDONESIA ACCEPTS HELP TO FIGHT FOREST FIRES

President Prabowo Subianto approved accepting help from neighbouring countries to fight forest and land fires, the foreign minister said. The haze has also reached Malaysia, the Philippines and Timor-Leste.

Source: Indonesian Foreign Ministry / Bernama

(India) FIRST PETROGLYPH CONSERVATION PARK OPENS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first Petroglyph Conservation Park at Sindhu Ghat in Leh on 15 October. Ladakh has hundreds of prehistoric rock art sites showing animals, people and symbols.

Source: Government of India / Business Standard

(Japan) KENSO SOAI SHARES CHEMISTRY NOBEL

Japanese chemist Kenso Soai, 76, and France's Henri Kagan won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry "for the discovery of nonlinear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis". The work helps chemists make the right mirror-image form of drug molecules.

Source: Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences / Reuters

(Kazakhstan) A 76-YEAR-OLD WALKS THE WORLD

Kazakh blacksmith Sarsenbay Kotyrashov walked about 3,000 km through five European countries this year, finishing in Paris. He plans to cross the United States on foot in 2027.

Source: The Astana Times / Euronews

(South Korea) NURI ROCKET PUTS 15 SATELLITES IN ORBIT

South Korea's Nuri rocket lifted off from the Naro Space Center on 7 October and placed all 15 satellites in orbit. Five will form the country's first domestically launched microsatellite constellation.

Source: Korea AeroSpace Administration / The Korea Times

(Iraq) NEANDERTHAL BONE MAY HOLD OLDEST SPEAR WOUND

A circular hole in the shoulder blade of a Neanderthal man from Shanidar Cave, about 75,000 years old, may be the earliest evidence of a wooden spear wound, Cambridge researchers say. Other experts remain cautious.

Source: University of Cambridge / Scientific Reports

(Vietnam) MEKONG FLOOD SEASON DRAWS VISITORS

In An Giang province, the annual flood season lets visitors bathe in flooded fields and experience the river culture of the Mekong Delta.

Source: Vietnam News Agency / Bernama

(Thailand) PHUKET'S VEGETARIAN FESTIVAL FILLS OLD TOWN

Phuket's Vegetarian Festival, with 201 years of history, has lifted hotel occupancy in the old town to about 80%. The Tourism Authority of Thailand expects 10.14 billion baht in festival revenue nationwide from 9 to 18 October.

Source: Tourism Authority of Thailand

(Singapore) TOURISM RECEIPTS FALL 6.2%

Singapore's tourism receipts fell 6.2% year on year to S$7.21 billion in the second quarter of 2026, official figures show.

Source: Singapore Tourism Board



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(Saudi Arabia) RIYADH SEASON OPENS ON 21 OCTOBER

The seventh Riyadh Season, under the slogan "Big Time", opens on 21 October with ten weeks of concerts, theatre and sport, plus new country pavilions at Boulevard World. The Six Kings Slam tennis event has moved to 27–30 December.

Source: General Entertainment Authority / Gulf News

(UAE) GLOBAL VILLAGE OPENS ITS 31ST SEASON

Dubai's Global Village has opened Season 31 with international pavilions, a new stunt show and a 600-drone display over the night sky.

Source: Global Village / TTN

(Qatar) QATAR TARGETS 30% RISE IN FARM PRODUCTIVITY

Marking World Food Day, Qatar's Ministry of Municipality said it aims to raise agricultural productivity by 30% under the National Food Security Strategy 2030, including 96 hectares of climate-controlled greenhouses.

Source: Ministry of Municipality / The Peninsula

(Bahrain) BAHRAIN JOINS WORLD TRAVEL & TOURISM COUNCIL

The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority has become a Destination Partner of the World Travel & Tourism Council, gaining access to its research and programmes. Bahrain is home to three UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Source: WTTC / TTN

(Oman) OMAN SIGNS $316 MILLION TOURISM DEALS

OMRAN Group signed agreements worth RO122 million, including a five-star resort and 490 homes at Yiti on the Muscat coast and two residential projects at Madinat Al Irfan.

Source: OMRAN Group / TTN

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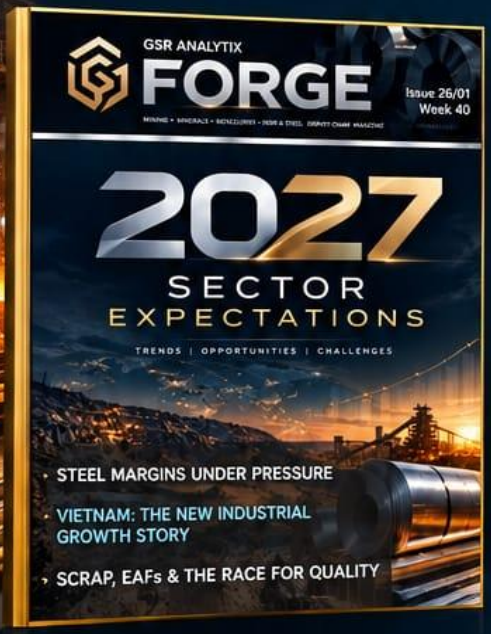
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(Egypt) COLOSSAL RAMSES II STATUES FOUND IN THE NILE DELTA

A rescue excavation at Behbeit El-Hagar uncovered a 1.6-metre head of Ramses II from a statue once about 8.5 metres tall, plus a second royal figure. The dig began after a local resident reported an inscribed stone block.

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities / Supreme Council of Antiquities

(South Africa) NEW GRASSLANDS NATIONAL PARK DECLARED

Minister David Maynier declared Grasslands National Park, about 10,226 hectares in the Eastern Cape highlands, to protect one of the country's least-protected biomes. Landowners keep their land under a stewardship model.

Source: South African Government News Agency / SANParks

(Uganda) EBOLA VACCINE TRIAL BEGINS

A Phase I trial of an Oxford-developed candidate vaccine against the Bundibugyo strain of Ebola has begun in Masaka, aiming to recruit 110 volunteers. No licensed vaccine exists for this strain.

Source: Africanews

(Morocco) DAM RESERVES MORE THAN DOUBLE

Morocco's dams were 65.7% full on 12 October, holding about 11.1 billion cubic metres of water, up 108% from a year earlier.

Source: The Rio Times (official dam data)

(Africa) IMF RAISES AFRICA GROWTH OUTLOOK

The IMF expects Africa's economy to grow 4.5% this year and 5% in 2027, but warns that aid is set to fall a further 12%. "That leaves the region with little room to absorb another shock," said Zeine Zeidane.

Source: IMF / Africanews



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(DR Congo) EBOLA REACHES AN EIGHTH PROVINCE

Ebola cases were recorded in North Ubangi, near the border with the Central African Republic, health officials told Reuters. The outbreak declared on 15 May has caused more than 9,000 cases and 4,441 deaths.

Source: Reuters

(Rwanda) FORMULA ONE PLANS RETURN TO AFRICA

Formula One agreed a ten-year deal for a race at a new circuit in Bugesera, Rwanda, planned for the early 2030s. Africa last hosted F1 in 1993, in South Africa.

Source: Formula One / Africanews

(Tanzania) EAST AFRICA WORKS TOWARDS ONE TOURISM DESTINATION

East African Community officials met in Arusha on 14–15 October to harmonise tourism rules and promote the bloc as a single destination, alongside joint anti-poaching efforts.

Source: East African Community / Tanzania Insight

(Nigeria) ABUJA TO HOST AFRICAN CULTURE EXPO

Abuja will host the African Trade, Tourism and Culture Expo and Summit on 10–12 November at Jabi Lake Mall, closing with a street carnival and cultural parade.

Source: Voice of Nigeria

(Kenya) KENYA RAISES FUEL PRICES

Kenya raised maximum petrol prices by 6% and diesel by 4.5%, citing higher import costs linked to the Middle East conflict. A cut in fuel VAT to 8% was extended to 14 January.

Source: Africanews



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(Africa) AFRICA LEADS WORLD IN RESILIENCE GAINS

Africa recorded the fastest gains in disaster resilience of any region since 2023, the World Risk Poll found. Algeria, Nigeria, Kenya, Egypt and Uganda led the improvement.

Source: Lloyd's Register Foundation / Gallup

(Morocco) NEW DIRECT FLIGHTS TO ESSAOUIRA

Royal Air Maroc will fly Casablanca–Essaouira twice a week from 1 November, connecting the UNESCO-listed coastal town to its network of 86 international destinations.

Source: Royal Air Maroc / Morocco World News

(Kenya) KENYA CONFIRMS SECOND EBOLA CASE

Kenya's second Ebola patient is a close relative of the first and was already in quarantine, the Health Ministry said. It reported no evidence of wider community transmission.

Source: Kenya Ministry of Health

(South Africa) RENEWABLE POWER FOR KRUGER IN ITS CENTENARY YEAR

SANParks and Ampli Energy, from Discovery Green and Sasol, will supply renewable power equal to more than 25% of Kruger National Park's annual electricity use. The park welcomed over 1.8 million guests in 2025.

Source: SANParks

(Morocco) AFDB PROPOSES €434 MILLION LOAN

The African Development Bank has proposed a loan of about €434 million for a programme on economic governance and climate resilience in Morocco.

Source: African Development Bank / The Rio Times



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(Mexico) HURRICANE TRUDY NEARS MEXICO'S PACIFIC COAST

Trudy, which briefly reached Category 3, was a Category 1 hurricane with winds of 150 km/h on Friday night as it neared the coast. A hurricane warning covers Manzanillo to Cabo Corrientes, with up to 20 cm of rain expected.

Source: US National Hurricane Center / AP

(Argentina) IGUAZÚ FALLS WALKWAYS CLOSED BY FLOODING

Iguazú National Park closed the falls' walkways after the river's flow topped 12,000 cubic metres per second. Heavy El Niño rains also caused the Uruguay River to burst its banks.

Source: Iguazú National Park / MercoPress

(USA) ARTEMIS II ASTRONAUT TAKES NEW NASA ROLE

Christina Koch, who flew around the Moon on Artemis II, will become NASA's acting deputy chief engineer on 1 November. She earlier set what was then the record for the longest spaceflight by a woman.

Source: NASA

(Peru) MACHU PICCHU SCRAPS TICKET RESERVATIONS

Culture Minister Alberto Beingolea said Machu Picchu tickets will now be sold only with confirmed payment, with no reservations, and up to a year in advance. The change targets ticket hoarding.

Source: Ministry of Culture of Peru / Infobae

(Uruguay) US$5.7 BILLION DATA CENTRE DEAL

Uruguay signed a US$5.7 billion investment with Spain's Solaria for a data centre campus of up to 500 MW, powered by a 350 MW solar plant.

Source: MercoPress



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(Canada) CANADA FUNDS 16 SPACE PROJECTS

Industry Minister Mélanie Joly announced CA$11.1 million for 16 space technology projects, including Arctic sea-ice monitoring, AI for satellites and power systems for lunar missions.

Source: Canadian Space Agency

(Chile / Bolivia) CHILEAN PRESIDENT VISITS BOLIVIA

President José Antonio Kast is making the first official presidential visit from Chile to Bolivia in decades. The two countries have not exchanged ambassadors since 1978; trade and organised crime top the agenda.

Source: Bloomberg / Latin Times

(Colombia) WILDLIFE POPULATIONS DOWN 73%, WWF SAYS

Monitored wildlife populations fell by an average of 73% over 52 years, the WWF Living Planet Report 2026 finds. Colombia shows some recoveries, including restored mangroves and protected Andean bears and jaguars.

Source: WWF / Zoological Society of London

(Brazil) BRAZILIAN MALARIA VACCINE ENTERS HUMAN TRIALS

Anvisa approved Phase I trials of Vivaxin, developed at the Federal University of Minas Gerais, against Plasmodium vivax, the main cause of malaria in Brazil. The trial will involve 48 volunteers.

Source: Agência Brasil

(Panama) PANAMA CANAL ADDS DAILY TRANSITS

From 15 October the canal allows 33 daily transits, including 10 through the Neopanamax locks, as Gatun Lake levels improve. A water deficit remains, so reservations stay essential.

Source: Panama Canal Authority



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(Mexico) PLATFORMS ORDERED TO PROTECT MINORS

A decree signed by President Claudia Sheinbaum on 14 October gives digital platforms 30 days to classify content by age, set strict privacy defaults for minors and add parental controls.

Source: Diario Oficial de la Federación

(Ecuador) GALÁPAGOS BEACH CLOSED BY HEAVY SWELL

Galápagos National Park temporarily closed Tortuga Bay on Santa Cruz Island from 13 October as a safety measure, based on swell forecasts from the navy's oceanographic institute.

Source: Galápagos National Park Directorate

(Dominican Republic) TOP CARIBBEAN SPOT IN WEF TOURISM INDEX

The Dominican Republic ranked 66th of 110 economies in the World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index, the highest in the Caribbean. It welcomed 6.6 million visitors in the first half of 2026.

Source: World Economic Forum / Caribbean Journal

(Canada) SLOWEST POPULATION GROWTH IN A CENTURY

Canada's population grew just 0.5% in 2025, the slowest in more than a century, the Bank of Canada says. The median age has risen from about 26 in 1971 to over 40.

Source: Bank of Canada

(Latin America) IMF TRIMS REGIONAL GROWTH TO 2.3%

The IMF expects Latin America and the Caribbean to grow 2.3% in 2026 and 2.5% in 2027. It cut Argentina's 2026 forecast from 3.5% to 2.1%.

Source: IMF World Economic Outlook / MercoPress

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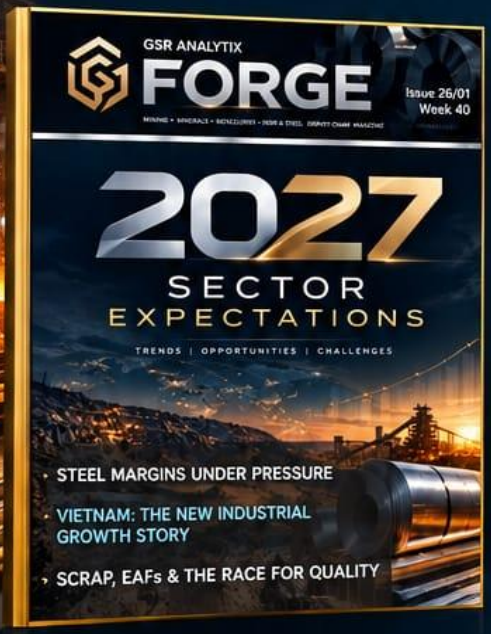
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(Australia) BRISBANE SIGN ARTWORK WITHDRAWN

South Bank Corporation withdrew approval for a temporary Aboriginal design on the Brisbane sign by Nunukul artist Casey Coolwell-Fisher, planned for the Clancestry festival. It said its new board lacked time to reconsider.

Source: ABC News

(Solomon Islands) FIRST NATIONAL WEATHER RADAR

Construction of the Solomon Islands' first national weather radar, powered by solar energy, is under way and due to be commissioned before the end of 2026.

Source: SPREP / Solomon Islands Meteorological Service

(Fiji) BILLIONS NEEDED TO CLIMATE-PROOF FIJI

A World Bank report estimates Fiji needs 4.8–7.8% of GDP a year from 2026 to 2050 to adapt to climate change, suggesting green and blue bonds and debt-for-climate swaps.

Source: World Bank / Fiji Times

(Tonga) CALL TO RETHINK DROUGHT MONITORING

Former agriculture minister Dr Siosiua Halavatau says measuring soil moisture would allow earlier drought declarations. Tonga's met service forecasts very dry conditions from October to December.

Source: Talanoa O Tonga / ABC Pacific

(Niue) NIUE WANTS ITS STUDENTS TO COME HOME

Niue's government wants students studying in New Zealand to bring their skills home, a minister said during a visit that coincided with Niue Language Week.

Source: PMN Niue



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(Australia) COUNCIL OPPOSES $209 MILLION TEMPLE

Casey Council in Melbourne's south-east objected to a planned 64-metre, A$209 million Hindu temple in a green wedge zone, citing traffic and wildlife. Victoria's planning minister will decide.

Source: ABC News

(Pacific) PACIFIC'S MOBILE INTERNET GAP

Only 36% of people in the Pacific Islands use mobile internet, compared with 93% in East Asia, a GSMA Intelligence report for the Asian Development Bank finds. Most users still rely on 2G or 3G phones.

Source: GSMA Intelligence / Asian Development Bank

(New Zealand) AIR FORCE FINDS THREE KIRIBATI FISHERMEN

An RNZAF P-8A located three Kiribati fishermen about 160 nautical miles from shore, while a C-130J delivered a fire truck to Niue.

Source: New Zealand Defence Force

(Palau) FORUM CHAIR CALLS FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Palau's President Surangel Whipps, chair of the Pacific Islands Forum, criticised a focus on attendance and costs at the pre-COP meeting. Pledges to the Pacific Resilience Facility have reached only half of their US$500 million goal.

Source: AAP / PACNEWS

(Fiji) FIJI TO BUILD A NATIONAL PINEAPPLE BRAND

Fiji's pineapple production rose 45.5% between 2023 and 2025 to about 12,500 tonnes, but exports were only 16.5 tonnes. A NZ$115,000 joint project targets New Zealand.

Source: Fiji Government / PACNEWS



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(Papua New Guinea) PARLIAMENT TO DEBATE BOUGAINVILLE VOTE

PNG MPs will debate the Bougainville referendum results on 20–21 October. Ratification needs 89 of 118 votes.

Source: The National (PNG)

(Solomon Islands) STANDARDS SET FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

A national workshop has begun drafting minimum standards for electric vehicles and charging equipment. Land transport uses about 100 million litres of imported fuel a year.

Source: GGGI / Ministry of Environment, Solomon Islands

(Northern Mariana Islands) ANCIENT LATTE STONE RETURNS TO ROTA

A latte stone, a pillar from the foundations of ancient Chamorro houses, has been returned to Rota as Humanities Month begins.

Source: NMI News Service / Pacific Islands Report

(French Polynesia) DRONES HELP PROTECT WHALES AND TURTLES

Conservation teams in French Polynesia are using drones to help protect whales and sea turtles in its waters.

Source: Radio 1 Tahiti / Pacific Islands Report

(Tokelau) WIDESPREAD BLEACHING ON TOKELAU'S REEFS

An ocean survey that reached Tokelau's final atoll found widespread coral bleaching.

Source: PMN / Pacific Islands Report

OMAN

DESERT, MOUNTAINS & THE SEA

Between the Arabian Sea and the vast interior of the Arabian Peninsula, Oman offers a landscape of striking contrasts. Rugged mountains rise above ancient villages, desert dunes stretch towards the horizon, and clear waters meet a coastline shaped by fishing ports and centuries of maritime trade.







MUSCAT — BETWEEN MOUNTAINS AND SEA

Oman's capital stretches along a dramatic coastline backed by the Hajar Mountains. Traditional souqs and historic waterfronts sit alongside the Royal Opera House and the National Museum, while forts overlooking the bays recall Muscat's long maritime history.

BEYOND THE CAPITAL

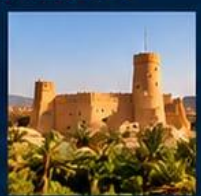
Away from Muscat, Oman becomes a country made for the road. Mountain villages, palm-filled valleys, wadis and desert landscapes reveal a quieter side of Arabia. Hiking, diving, fishing and cave exploration are among the many experiences that show a different, more traditional Oman.

A LAND SHAPED BY HISTORY

Oman has five UNESCO World Heritage properties, including Bahla Fort, the ancient archaeological sites of Bat, Al-Khutm and Al-Ayn, the traditional Aflaj irrigation systems, the Ancient City of Qalhat and the Land of Frankincense. These sites reflect Oman's rich history, from ancient trade routes to remarkable engineering and culture.

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FLAVOURS SHAPED BY MANY SHORES

Omani cuisine is a blend of Arabian, Indian and African influences, shaped by the country's maritime history and historic trade routes. Dishes such as mishkak (spiced grilled meat), harees (slow-cooked wheat and meat), qabooli and majboos (aromatic rice with meat and spices) reflect a rich cultural mix and a long tradition of hospitality.



THE MEAL THAT TAKES ITS TIME

Shuwa is Oman's most iconic dish. Marinated lamb is wrapped, traditionally in palm leaves, and slow-cooked in an underground oven for many hours, sometimes up to 48. The result is exceptionally tender meat with a distinctive aroma, prepared especially for celebrations such as Eid and other special occasions.



A WELCOME IN EVERY CUP

Cardamom-scented Omani coffee (kahwa) is a central symbol of hospitality, always served with dates and often with traditional Omani halwa. This rich, aromatic sweet may include sugar or semolina, ghee, saffron, nuts and rosewater, and is an essential part of Omani culture and social life.



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OMAN'S LAND OF FRANKINCENSE

In the southern region of Dhofar, Salalah offers a different side of Oman. Known for its lush landscapes, white beaches and the ancient frankincense heritage, this coastal city combines natural beauty with a unique cultural and historical legacy.



A CITY WITH A RICH PAST

Salalah and the Dhofar region were key centers in the ancient frankincense trade that connected Arabia with Africa, Asia and the Mediteramean. Nearby Al Baleed, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, preserves the remains of an important medieval port that once exported frankincense to the ancient world.



THE FRANKINCENSE LEGACY

The Land of Frankincense, a UNESCO World Heritage property, includes sites such as Al Baleed, Wadi Dawkah and ancient trade routes. Frankincense, harvested from Boswellia trees, has been valued for thousands of years for its aroma and use in religious, cultural and medicinal traditions.



NATURE AT ITS BEST

During the Khareef season (monsoon, June to September), Salalah transforms into a green oasis. Waterfalls, misty mountains and lush valleys create a striking landscape. Wadi Darbat, with its lakes and waterfalls, is one of the most popular natural attractions in the region.



STUNNING BEACHES

Pristine beaches with turquoise waters stretch along the Dhofar coastline, offering ideal spots for relaxation and exploration.



TRADITIONAL SOUQS

Salalah's souqs offer frankincense, traditional perfumes, handicrafts and local products, reflecting the region's cultural heritage.



AL BALEED

This UNESCO World Heritage Site preserves the remains of a major medieval trading port and offers insights into Oman's maritime and frankincense history.



MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS

The Dhofar mountains and wadis offer scenic drives, hiking trails and breathtaking viewpoints, especially during the Khareef season.

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MANCHESTER CITY	2 - 4	PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN
GALATASARAY	1 - 4	BARCELONA
ROMA	3 - 4	REAL MADRID
LASK	3 - 6	LIVERPOOL
ATLÉTICO MADRID	2 - 0	MANCHESTER UNITED

OTHER RESULTS

BENFICA	4 - 1	CELTIC
SALZBURG	0 - 4	MILAN
LECH POZNAŃ	0 - 4	LEVERKUSEN
LYON	3 - 2	CRYSTAL PALACE
BOURNEMOUTH	3 - 0	STURM GRAZ
CELTA	1 - 2	JUVENTUS
MARSEILLE	0 - 1	OLYMPIACOS
ARSENAL	3 - 0	LILLE
INTER	3 - 4	CLUB BRUGGE
VIKING	3 - 3	BAYERN MÜNCHEN

78 GOALS ACROSS MATCHDAY 2

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HAALAND CAN'T STOP

Two goals for City, but PSG turned the game around with a stunning 4–2 win in Manchester.



BARÇA BRILLIANT IN ISTANBUL

Barcelona produced a commanding 4–1 win against Galatasaray at a lively Rams Park.



LIVERPOOL ON FIRE

Six goals and another dominant performance as Liverpool defeated LASK 6–3 away from home.

BEŞİKTAŞ LIGHTS UP EUROPE

A 3–2 AWAY WIN IN HOFFENHEIM

Beşiktaş continued their strong European campaign with a 3–2 away victory against Hoffenheim, securing their second win in two UEFA Europa League matches.



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AROUND EUROPE

SELECTED MATCHDAY 2 RESULTS

BENFICA	4 - 1	CELTIC
SALZBURG	0 - 4	MILAN
LECH POZNAŃ	0 - 4	LEVERKUSEN
LYON	3 - 2	CRYSTAL PALACE
BOURNEMOUTH	3 - 0	STURM GRAZ
CELTA	1 - 2	JUVENTUS
MARSEILLE	0 - 1	OLYMPIACOS



TWO WINS FROM TWO

Beşiktaş opened the league phase with a 4–1 home win over Marseille and followed it up with a 3–2 triumph in Hoffenheim, making it two wins from two matches in the UEFA Europa League.



OH HYEON-GYU MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Oh Hyeon-Gyu was the standout performer, scoring twice and providing an assist in Hoffenheim. The South Korean forward played a decisive role in another important European victory for Beşiktaş.



A STRONGER EUROPEAN JOURNEY

With two convincing wins and seven goals scored, Beşiktaş have made a powerful start to their Europa League campaign, showing ambition and quality on the European stage.



Source: UEFA · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix.

SPORTS TODAY

BEYOND FOOTBALL

Sonay Kartal reached the Wuhan Open semi-finals with a hard-fought 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 victory over Elina Svitolina, continuing her impressive run in China.



WUHAN OPEN

SONAY KARTAL IN SEMI-FINALS

TENNIS

WUHAN OPEN
QUARTER-FINAL



SONAY KARTAL
6-2 2-6 6-4
ELINA SVITOLINA

SHANGHAI MASTERS
QUARTER-FINALS



DANIIL MEDVEDEV
6-3 1-6 6-3
TOMMY PAUL



RAFAEL JODAR
4-6 6-4 6-3
CASPER RUUD

MLB

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The battle for a place in the World Series continues this weekend with key games in both leagues.



NBA

PRESEASON HEATS UP

Teams fine-tune their lineups as the new season approaches, with several stars back on the court.



NHL

NEW SEASON MOMENTUM

Preseason action continues with rivalries renewed ahead of the regular season opener.



GOLF

LPGA SHANGHAI

The world's top players compete in Shanghai with the season reaching its final stretch.



MOTORSPORT

RACE WEEKEND

Another exciting weekend ahead in Formula 1 as the championship battle intensifies.



Sources: tournament results and current sports schedules · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix.



ARE WE LOSING THE ART OF WAITING?

IN A WORLD OF INSTANT ACCESS, PATIENCE IS BECOMING A RARE SKILL.

JENNIFER
A SLOWER WORLD COULD BE HAPPIER

We used to wait — for letters, for photos, for train tickets, for a phone call. In that waiting, we learned patience, focus and appreciation. Now everything is instant: messages, deliveries, entertainment. It's convenient, but are we trading something valuable for speed?

MARKUS
TECHNOLOGY GIVES US TIME

Instant access isn't just about speed — it's about freedom. Technology removes unnecessary waiting and gives us more time for what really matters. The key is not to reject progress, but to use it wisely. Waiting less doesn't mean a poorer life, if we spend the saved time on meaningful things.

THEN
WAITING WAS NORMAL



We waited for letters, train tickets, photos and information. Waiting was part of life — and it shaped our expectations.

NOW
EVERYTHING IS INSTANT



Messages, news, shopping, entertainment and food arrive in seconds. Our tolerance for delays is shrinking.

THE COST
A MORE IMPATIENT SOCIETY



We get irritated easily, lose focus faster and expect immediate results — from apps, people and even ourselves.

THE BENEFIT
MORE TIME FOR WHAT MATTERS



By removing unnecessary waiting, technology can free up time for creativity, relationships and new opportunities.

FINDING BALANCE
INSTANT VS. INTENTIONAL



Maybe the answer isn't always faster, but smarter. Some things are worth waiting for — the best ideas, experiences and people.

OUR TAKE-AWAY
PATIENCE STILL PAYS OFF



A little more patience can lead to better decisions, deeper connections and a more fulfilling life — in a fast-moving world.

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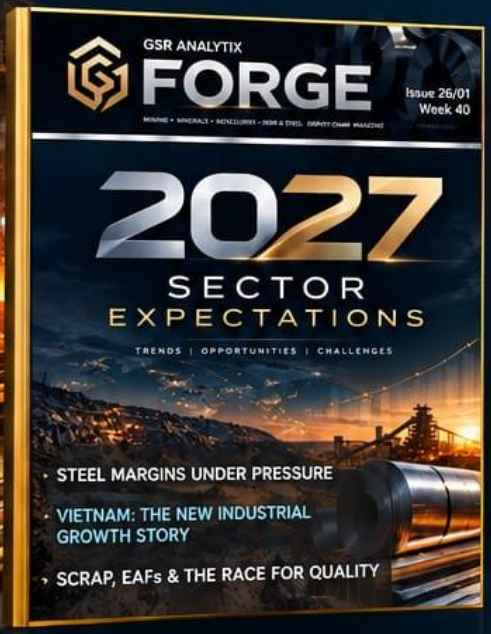
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STOCKHOLM	ROME	ISTANBUL	LONDON	VIENNA
NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	WEST	CENTRAL
11° / 2°	23° / 16°	21° / 11°	16° / 8°	18° / 8°

ASIA



MOSCOW	SEOUL	SINGAPORE	TOKYO	NEW DELHI
WEST	NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	CENTRAL
16° / 4°	20° / 9°	32° / 25°	25° / 17°	37° / 25°

AFRICA



CAIRO	CAPE TOWN	NAIROBI	LAGOS	KINSHASA
NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	WEST	CENTRAL
31° / 19°	25° / 9°	27° / 15°	29° / 24°	36° / 22°

AMERICAS



TORONTO	BUENOS AIRES	NEW YORK	LOS ANGELES	MEXICO CITY
NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	WEST	CENTRAL
16° / 8°	24° / 14°	20° / 12°	28° / 16°	26° / 14°

OCEANIA



PORT MORESBY	MELBOURNE	AUCKLAND	PERTH	SYDNEY
NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	WEST	CENTRAL
31° / 24°	18° / 9°	19° / 11°	24° / 11°	29° / 11°

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THE ONES LEFT BEHIND

TÜRKIYE'S STREET & ABANDONED DOGS

Behind every dog on the street is a story — some were born there, others once had a home. Abandonment adds new animals to an already difficult cycle, while shelters, municipalities, volunteers and adopters face the challenge of providing safe, humane care.



ABANDONMENT HAS CONSEQUENCES

Leaving a dog on the street does not make the responsibility disappear. Animals may face hunger, disease, traffic and conflict as they try to survive.



CARE, NOT FEAR

Vaccination, sterilisation, identification, responsible sheltering and adoption can reduce suffering while helping communities manage street-dog populations humanely.



ADOPTION CHANGES A LIFE

A permanent home can transform the future of an abandoned animal. Adoption also creates space and resources for other dogs needing care.



A DOG IS NOT DISPOSABLE.

Responsible ownership begins before adoption — and lasts for life.



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