# **WORLD SUMMARIZE**

# Global News Summary

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#### **WORLD NEWS**

**Video:** US Attorney General tours Alcatraz prison with eye toward reopening: US Attorney G eneral Pam Bondi visited the infamous Alcatraz prison in San Francisco Bay.

**'Tool of a tyrant':** Maurene Comey, ex-FBI chief's daughter, fired by Trump: Following her te rmination as a federal prosecutor, Maurene Comey called on her colleagues to condemn 'abuses of power'.

**Israel strikes Gaza church, killing 3 and wounding priest who was close to late pope:** Until hi s final days, the late Pope Francis had regularly spoken to the priest at Gaza's Catholic church about the situation in the war-ravaged territory.

**Hedge Fund Man Group Cuts Jobs, Elevates Greg Bond to New CIO Role:** Man Group Plc cut j obs for the second time in a year and reshuffled its leadership as part of Chief Executive Officer Robyn Grew's ongoing overhaul of the world's biggest publicly listed hedge fund firm.

#### **BUSINESS & ECONOMY**

**K-Beauty Fans Stock up on Cosmetics After Trump's Tariff Threat:** American consumers of Kor ean cosmetics and skin-care products are bulk buying, as President Trump threatens 25 percent tariffs on imports.

**Top anti-corruption group flees El Salvador amid government crackdown:** The rights group Cr istosal says it has evacuated staff from El Salvador amid pressure from President Navib Bukele.

A well-run economy needs an independent Federal Reserve, says former reserve bank head: F ormer president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Loretta Mester says it's important that the Fed stays independent and that fiscal politics should not interfere with monetary policy makers and their decisions.

**Walmex Shares See Biggest Drop Since 2018 After Earnings:** Walmart de Mexico SAB de CV sha res plunged Thursday — their worst drop since November 2018 — after posting quarterly profit that missed estimates.

Marathon's Richards on Fed Rate Cut and Private Credit: Marathon Asset Management founder a nd CEO Bruce Richards says Federal Reserve rates are too high and comments on the state of the private credit market during an interview on "Bloomberg The Close." (Source: Bloomberg)

Hungary's Biggest Bank CEO Calls for Euro Adoption and Predictability: The new chief execut ive officer of Hungary's largest lender called for the adoption of the euro and for an end to ad-hoc policymaking under Prime Minister Viktor Orban that has sapped investor confidence and dented valuations.

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

**British spies and SAS named in Afghan data breach:** The personal details of spies and soldi ers were included in a data leak that also named 19,000 Afghans.

Syria leader vows to protect Druze after sectarian violence prompts Israeli strikes: Ahmed al-Sh araa spoke after Israel said it would destroy government forces it accused of attacking Druze in Syria.

Burkina Faso military rulers scrap electoral commission, taking control of future polls: The aut horities said the body was a waste of money - the junta leader is set to stay in power for four years.

**Blood in the Streets and Death in the Air:** Residents Survey Damage in Syrian City: In the so uthern city of Sweida, residents describe the aftermath of a wave of sectarian violence.

The UK Plans to Lower the Voting Age to 16. Here's What to Know.: The plan has been described as the largest expansion of voting rights in Britain in decades.

**Prominent Human Rights Group Flees El Salvador:** The group, Cristosal, has investigated p rison deaths and torture under President Nayib Bukele. Its employees were threatened and surveilled, its director said.

China's Aircraft Carriers Push Into Waters Long Dominated by U.S.: Recent drills near Japan reflect China's ambitions to extend its navy's reach and exert greater influence, in the Pacific and beyond.

**Syria's President Condemns Israeli Strikes on Damascus:** President Ahmed al-Shara said the airstrike on Damascus threatened to escalate sectarian violence, in his sharpest criticism of Israel since he came to power.

#### **POLITICS**

**Trump's Brazil Tariff Threats Rekindle Support for President Lula:** Once called the planet's m ost popular politician, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva of Brazil faced long odds in next year's election. President Trump's tariffs are changing that.

Why Israel Attacked Syria: For weeks, Israel has engaged in back-channel talks over a dipl omatic agreement with the Syrian government. Its strikes on Damascus this week highlight a lack of strategic clarity.

Shooting of bear that swam to tiny Canadian island frustrates First Nations: Indigenous groups had offered to rehome grizzly nicknamed Tex who was killed without authorizationThe journey of Tex, a young grizzly bear that gripped public attention in Canada after swimming to a tiny populated island, came to a violent end this week after he was shot and killed without authorization, despite plans by Indigenous groups to relocate him.The four-year-old bear's landfall on 25 May on Texada Island, a tiny island off the west coast, set off a controversy between differing interpretations of how to treat wild predators. Its shooting on Tuesday has advocates calling for the Briti

Brazil passes 'devastation bill' that drastically weakens environmental law: President has 15 d ays to approve or veto legislation that critics say will lead to vast deforestation and destruction of Indigenous communitiesBrazilian lawmakers have passed a bill that drastically weakens the country's environmental safeguards and is seen by many activists as the most significant setback for the country's environmental legislation in the past 40 years. The new law – widely referred to as the "devastation bill" andalready approved by the senate in May— passed in congress in the early hours of Thursday by 267 votes to 116, despite opposition frommore than 350 organisations and

Prosecutors recommend one day of prison for officer in Breonna Taylor death: Under Presiden t Donald Trump, the Justice Department has asked a judge to consider a significantly lighter sentencing.

Brazil's Lula slams Trump, says there is no 'logic' to US tariff threat: Brazilian president says that Donald Trump was elected to lead the US, not to be 'the emperor of the world'.

Senate panel approves federal judge nomination for Emil Bove, who defended Trump: Bove's nomination to the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals now moves to the full Senate. Scores of former DOJ lawyers and retired judges say they fear his loyalty to Trump would carry over onto the bench.

White House says Trump has a common circulatory condition: The president underwent a comprehensive medical exam after experiencing swelling in his lower legs in recent weeks.

## **SCIENCE & HEALTH**

**Fanfic study challenges leading cultural evolution theory:** Fanfic community craves familiarit y much more than novelty—but reports greater enjoyment from novelty.

### **OTHER**

**Tomorrowland organisers plan to build new stage after fire destroys original:** Tens of thousand s of campers arrive at the Belgium site as festival managers focus on "finding solutions".

**Israel regrets deadly strike on Catholic Church in Gaza**: PM Benjamin Netanyahu says Thursday's strike on the Holy Family Church in Gaza City was a "mistake".

Citizen Kane sled saved from destruction sells for nearly \$15m: It is one of at least three wooden sleds made for the filming of the classic 1941 film.

**Iraq's shopping centre fire leaves 61 dead, many missing:** Videos on social media appear to s how a number of people on the roof during the fire in the city of Kut.

Wig ban only lasts a day in Senegal theatre after backlash: Critics say women's bodies should not be policed in the name of cultural pride.

**Samsung boss cleared of fraud by South Korea's top court:** The ruling comes after Lee Jae-y ong was acquitted of all charges in two earlier trials.

**US** says 'specific steps' agreed to end Syria violence after Israeli strikes hit Damascus: Israel says it is "working to save our Druze brothers", but Syria accuses it of "treacherous aggression".

**Iraq Shopping Mall Fire Kills at Least 61:** Local officials blamed shoddy construction and a I ack of preparedness for the scale of the tragedy at the newly opened building.