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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 Nayib 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.

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.

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 diplomatic 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 w

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

SCIENCE & HEALTH

Fanfic study challenges leading cultural evolution theory: Fanfic community craves familiarity 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.