

1. Gaza babies face starvation as Israel blocks entry of baby formula

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2. LIVE: Real Madrid vs Juventus – FIFA Club World Cup

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3. Will Syria normalise relations with Israel?

There are reports of talks between Syria and Israel, with timelines even being floated for potential normalisation. The two countries have technically been at war since the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. Communication between the two states has reportedly been facilitated by the United Arab Emirates, which established a backchannel for contact. Any agreement would likely be an extension of the Abraham Accords, an agreement brokered by the U.S. between some Arab states and Israel. It was a top-down approach by Donald Trump during his first term as US president to get Arab states to formalise relations.

4. US Senate's vote-a-rama on Trump's 'Big, Beautiful Bill' continues

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5. Ukraine drone attack on central Russia kills three, wounds 35

Attack took place at a factory in Izhevsk city, 1,300km from Ukrainian border. Ukrainian security official confirmed the attack, with a fire breaking out as a result. If confirmed, it would be one of the deepest attacks of its kind inside Russia since the start of Russian President Vladimir Putin's full-scale invasion. However, it is not as far

as one Kyiv claimed last May, which reportedly hit an early-warning radar in the Russian region of Udmurt.

6. Turning point or pointless turn: Will DR Congo-Rwanda deal bring peace?

Five months ago, with a single social media post, U.S. President Donald Trump put half a million people in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) at risk. A few days ago in Washington, DC, the same administration claimed credit for extricating the Congolese people from a decades-long conflict. This year alone, thousands of people have died and hundreds of thousands have been displaced in eastern DRC. “I think a lot of ordinary citizens are hardly moved by the deal and many will wait to see if there are any positives to come out of it,” said Michael Odhiam.

7. Why is Musk calling for a new America Party over the Big Beautiful Bill?

Elon Musk said he would form a new political party in the United States if a Republican-leaning Congress passes President Donald Trump’s “One Big Beautiful Bill.” The bill proposes tax breaks and funding cuts for healthcare and food programmes. Musk has voiced criticism of the bill on multiple occasions over the past month and began suggesting the idea of the new party on social media starting early June. If passed by both chambers of Congress, the bill would expand the national debt by \$3.3 trillion between 2025 and 2034.

8. Why is the US dollar falling by record levels in 2025?

The dollar index fell 10.8 percent in the first half of 2025. President Trump’s stop-start tariff war, and his attacks that have led to worries over the independence of the Federal Reserve, have undermined the appeal of the dollar as a safe bet. Economists are also worried about the ‘big, beautiful’ tax bill, currently under debate in the US Congress. The landmark legislation is expected to add trillions of dollars to the US debt pile over the coming decade.

9. Israel has killed 1,000 Palestinians in the West Bank since October 7, 2023

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has escalated its violence in the occupied West Bank, killing 1,000 Palestinians. The most recent casualty was Samer Bassam al-Zagharneh, a young man who was shot by Israeli soldiers on July 1. According to the Wafa Palestinian news agency, al-zagharneh was killed near the separation barrier, which Israel began building in 2002 to divide Jerusalem from the rest of the West Bank. This is all you need to know about how we got here.

10. Charities urge shutdown of US- and Israel-backed Gaza aid group

Oxfam, Save the Children and Amnesty International demand the immediate closure of the

Israeli- and US-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation. The NGOs said Israeli forces and armed groups 'routinely' open fire on civilians attempting to access food. Since the GHF began operations in late May, more than 500 Palestinians have been killed while seeking aid, and nearly 4,000 wounded, the groups reported. They condemned the aid mechanism as a violation of humanitarian norms, accusing it of funnelling Gaza's 2.2 million residents into overcrowded, militarised distribution zones.