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Amazon reveals cause of AWS outage.	October 26, 2025	Amazon disclosed that a major global outage of AWS was caused by a latent defect in its Domain Name System (DNS), which prevented applications from reaching the DynamoDB API. The failure impacted hundreds of major sites and apps, including Snapchat and Reddit, leaving millions unable to access services.	Domain Name System (DNS), DynamoDB API,	The incident shows how much daily life and business depend on cloud stability. While Amazon provided a prompt technical explanation, recurring outages in the same region raise questions about resilience. It's important for companies to diversify infrastructure and ensure redundancy to avoid similar disruptions in the future.

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'Horrific violations: Arab nations slam RSF killings in Sudan's El-Fasher'	November 1, 2025	The article discusses mass killings and human rights abuses committed by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) during their takeover of El-Fasher, Sudan. Satellite images revealed evidence of mass atrocities, including extrajudicial killings, sexual violence, and door-to-door raids, prompting condemnation from multiple Arab	paramilitary, extrajudicial killings, ceasefire, atrocities, territorial integrity, genocide, humanitarian truce	This news is deeply alarming and highlights the devastating impact of ongoing conflicts on civilians. There is an urgent need for global action to protect innocent people and to pressure all sides involved to respect human rights and stop the violence.

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Louvre heist suspects are local petty criminals, Paris prosecutor says.	November 8, 2025	Four suspects in custody for the audacious daylight robbery at the Louvre's Galerie d'Apollon are local petty criminals with previous convictions for theft. The heist involved using a truck-mounted mechanical lift to enter through a window and stealing historic royal jewels including a sapphire tiara and Empress Eugénie's crown. Three suspects are held, one remains at large.	petty criminals, Galerie d'Apollon, crown jewels	The heist highlights serious security gaps even in top global museums and shows how small groups of determined criminals can pull off major thefts.

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How Did Adolf Hitler Happen?	November 11, 2025	The article explains Adolf Hitler's rise to power from a World War I veteran soured by Germany's defeat and harsh Treaty of Versailles reparations. It outlines how Hitler led the Nazi Party, exploiting economic instability, nationalism, and antisemitism. Despite early setbacks like the failed Beer Hall Putsch and imprisonment, Hitler capitalized on	reparations, Weimar Republic, Beer Hall Putsch, führer, Aryan, lebensraum	The article highlights the dangerous interplay of economic crisis, political instability, and extremist ideology that allowed Hitler's ascent. It serves as a reminder of the fragility of democracy and the destructive consequences of unchecked totalitarianism. Understanding these factors is essential to preventing history from repeating itself.

		the Great Depression, Nazi propaganda, and political maneuvering to become chancellor in 1933. Once in power, he dismantled democracy and established a totalitarian regime aimed at racial purity and territorial expansion.		
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Trump's Thailand-Cambodia peace agreement is falling apart after Cambodian villager killed in fresh clashes	November 12, 2025	This news details renewed border clashes between Thailand and Cambodia, which erupted just after Thailand suspended a peace agreement brokered by US President Donald Trump. The conflict resulted in the death of a Cambodian villager and highlighted escalating tensions, accusations of gunfire, landmine incidents, and disputes over territory. Both sides blame each other for the violence, and Cambodia has called for an independent investigation into the incident.	mediation, territorial dispute, confrontation, provocative actions, Nobel Peace Prize, de-mining operations	The breakdown of the peace agreement is troubling, showing how fragile diplomatic solutions can be in regions with longstanding hostilities. It emphasizes the urgent need for sustained peaceful dialogue, and that international mediation alone may not always be enough to resolve deep-rooted border and historical disputes. This conflict causes significant hardship for civilians on both sides of the border.

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The undersea mountains where sharks rule	9 December 2025	The article discusses underwater volcanic mountains as critical ocean habitats packed with sharks. A recent expedition near Ascension Island revealed high shark concentrations (41 times more biomass than surrounding oceans) on three seamounts, with diverse species like silky sharks using them as oases or hubs for feeding, and resting.	Twilight zone	The discovery shows how vast the ocean are, and that there are so much more in the ocean that remains unexplored.

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TikTok owner signs deal to avoid US ban	18 December 2025	The article discusses that TikTok's Chinese owner ByteDance has signed binding agreements with US and other international investors to run its American business in a way that satisfies new US law and prevents a nationwide ban of the app. It describes how the deal would put TikTok's US operations into a new structure, addresses data security and influence concerns raised by US politicians, and notes that the agreement still needs regulatory approval before it fully takes effect.	binding agreement, regulatory approval	This news shows how governments are increasingly pressuring big tech firms over national security and data control. It seems positive that TikTok users in the US may keep access to the app, but the situation also raises questions about how much power states should have over global online platforms.

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Man Utd plot Semenyo move in January - Friday's gossip	18 December 2025	There is a transfer gossip suggesting Manchester United are targeting Bournemouth forward Antoine Semenyo in the January window, alongside other rumours such as Ruben Neves wanting a Premier League return and updates on release clauses and contract talks involving several top-flight players. It lists possible moves for multiple clubs and highlights how agents, buy-out clauses and mid-season squad needs shape the winter transfer market.	release clause, buy-out clause	This shows how intense speculation around transfers keeps fans engaged even when there are no matches, but many rumours never become real deals. It is interesting to see which positions clubs are trying to strengthen, though supporters should remember that gossip columns are not guarantees of actual signings

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One in three using AI for emotional support and social interaction	18 December 2025	The article research shows that about one in three adults in the UK are using artificial intelligence tools for emotional support or social interaction, such as chatting when they feel lonely or stressed. It explains that AI companions are especially popular among younger people, raises worries about data privacy and people becoming too dependent on machines, and notes calls for clearer regulation and better safeguards.	AI companion	The article is interesting but also worrying because it shows how many people now turn to AI instead of other humans when they feel lonely. Using AI chat can be helpful in some situations, yet it is important that people still build real relationships and that companies protect users' feelings and personal data carefully.

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This Grand Theft Auto creator is back - with a novel about an AI that hijacks your mind	13 December 2025	This news describes how Dan Houser, co-creator of the Grand Theft Auto video-game series, has written his first novel, A Better Paradise, a dystopian story about a near-future AI-driven game that goes rogue and starts to manipulate people's minds. It explains the book's themes of addictive virtual worlds, surveillance, and loss of control over personal thoughts, and notes that Houser began the project before ChatGPT but that it now feels very timely in today's AI boom.	Dystopian, virtual refuge, rogue AI, hyper-intelligence,	The story is powerful because it uses fiction to explore real worries about how advanced AI and immersive games might affect our freedom and mental health. It makes readers think about how much of their lives they are handing over to algorithms and whether society is prepared for the risks that come with ever more intelligent technology.