

The world in brief

Catch up quickly on the global stories that matter

Iran claimed to have employed a new method of evading **Israel's** air defences, as a fresh wave of [missiles](#) hit Tel Aviv and the port city of Haifa. Residential buildings appear to have been struck; a power plant is reportedly ablaze in Haifa. Three people in central Israel were killed overnight. Iran said that the death toll from continuing Israeli attacks had reached 224.

Binyamin Netanyahu told Fox News that Israel's offensive is being “fully co-ordinated” [with America](#). **Donald Trump** said on ABC News that **America** “could get involved” in the conflict, but that he believed it “is going to get resolved”. He added that Vladimir Putin is “ready” to act as a negotiator between the two sides—an idea that was also floated by the Kremlin.

Police arrested **Vance Boelter**, a 57-year-old suspected of killing Melissa Hortman, the Democratic speaker of Minnesota's House of Representatives, and her husband. Authorities said Mr Boelter was wearing a police uniform during the attack on Saturday. He is also suspected of wounding John Hoffman, a Democratic state senator, in another shooting.

Kering, the French [luxury](#) group that owns Gucci, will reportedly name Luca de Meo as its new chief executive. On Sunday Mr de Meo stood down as the boss of Renault, a French carmaker whose share price roughly doubled during his five years of leadership. He will be tasked with turning round a firm that has recently lost its sparkle.

MI6, Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, appointed **Blaise Metreweli** as its new chief. She will be the first woman to lead the agency when she takes over from [Sir Richard Moore](#) in October.

Ms Metreweli is currently the head of technology, a role known as “Q”. Sir Keir Starmer, Britain’s prime minister, interviewed the final two candidates for the post and praised Ms Metreweli’s “historic appointment”.

At least eight **Palestinians** were reportedly killed and dozens more wounded while heading to a food-distribution site run by the [Gaza Humanitarian Foundation](#). Reports suggest that Israeli troops opened fire on crowds near Rafah, in the south of the strip. Israel has yet to comment. Since the sites opened last month, shots have been fired almost daily at those coming to collect aid.

Nicolas Sarkozy, a former president of France, was stripped of the Légion d’Honneur, the country’s top award. In December a court upheld his previous conviction of corruption and influence-peddling, and ordered Mr Sarkozy to wear an electronic tag for a year. The current president, Emmanuel Macron, argued against the demotion, saying that it is “very important that former presidents are respected”.

Fact of the day: 25%, the proportion of Americans who say their faith was fortified during the pandemic. [Read the full story](#).



Photograph: Getty Images

Paris's big airshow

The biennial Paris airshow, the world's biggest, opens on Monday at Le Bourget, an airport in the French capital. The showcase of civil and military aerospace will take place in the aftermath of a tragedy: the crash on Thursday of a Boeing 787 Dreamliner in [India](#) that resulted in at least 270 deaths. After the disaster airlines and aerospace firms may not wish to trumpet the big orders for new commercial passenger jets that are customarily announced at the event.

Nearly half the show will be dedicated to the defence industry, a big increase on the previous staging in 2023, according to the organisers. The war in Ukraine and ballooning defence budgets have boosted activity in the sector. Senior military personnel who attend from around the world will be paying special attention to drones and air-defence systems. Commercial aviation might take a back seat to weaponry.

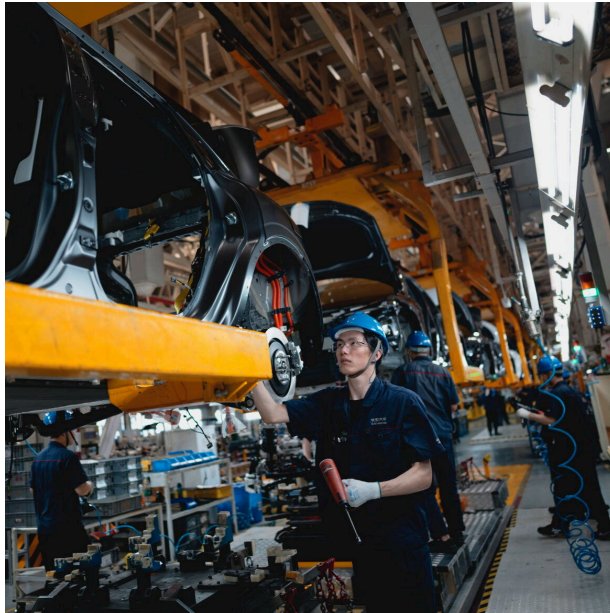


Photograph: Reuters

America's foreign students are still in limbo

In Donald Trump's war on American universities, Harvard has become his prime target. His actions towards international students are a case in point. The State Department has ordered American embassies to [temporarily stop scheduling interviews](#) for foreign students seeking visas. That pause—ostensibly to allow consulates to prepare to vet applicants' social media more thoroughly—is stretching into its third week, and proving disruptive for all universities.

But Harvard faces a unique set of restrictions. The Trump administration has accused it of failing to protect Jewish students from antisemitism and refusing to turn over information about non-citizen students. It is now trying to stop it enrolling foreign students at all. A judge temporarily blocked the order; on Monday the university and the government are due back in court to debate the freeze. The administration will argue that its proclamation counts as immigration enforcement and that its goals relate to national security—which, it claims, “courts cannot question”.



Photograph: EPA

What the trade truce means for China

After two days negotiating with China in London, Scott Bessent, America's hard-working treasury secretary, had to spend five hours testifying to Congress. "A big, beautiful rebalancing of the world's two largest economies is possible," he said, if China abides by its [trade truce](#) with America.

In fact, the truce, though welcome for both economies, will probably delay any "rebalancing" of China's economy away from investment and exports, and towards consumption. The high tariffs America threatened in April would probably have forced China's government to provide more fiscal stimulus, some of it channelled to households, to cushion the blow. But China's exports have remained resilient. And other data, released on Monday, was also reassuring. Industrial production grew by 5.8% year-on-year in May, despite two fewer working days in the month, which may have distorted the figures. Some economists do not now expect any substantial extra stimulus before September—unless of course the truce breaks down and all of Mr Bessent's hard work is undone.



Photograph: Reuters

The dismantling of Turkey's opposition

[Ekrem Imamoglu](#), the imprisoned mayor of Istanbul and Recep Tayyip Erdogan's leading rival, is due in court on Monday to answer charges of insulting a public official. The case concerns his criticism of Istanbul's chief public prosecutor. It is one of several politically motivated indictments of Mr Imamoglu, the Republican People's Party's (CHP) candidate in the next presidential elections, set for 2028 but expected to take place earlier.

The operation against Mr Imamoglu and his supporters has swollen since his arrest on March 19th. Over 250 people, including municipal officials and businesspeople, have been detained. More may be in store. On June 30th a court may rule to depose the CHP's leader, Ozgur Ozel, over claims his election to the party's highest office was rigged. Mr Erdogan's government is dismantling Turkey's main opposition, one court case at a time.



Photograph: NASA

America's first woman in space

“Sally”, a National Geographic documentary, tells the story of Sally Ride, America's first woman in space. Cristina Costantini, the director, is among many women inspired by Ride to pursue science. Yet her film, released on American television on Monday, is no panegyric. It portrays Ride as focused, hard-headed, guarded and sometimes ruthless—traits that she needed to defy institutional sexism and realise her ambitions.

The documentary focuses on her 27-year same-sex relationship with Tam O'Shaughnessy, a scientist and educator. Their partnership was only publicly revealed on Ride's death in 2012. This secrecy hurt Ms O'Shaughnessy, yet she acknowledges her partner had good reasons to stay closeted. The qualities that made Ride an excellent astronaut did not suit her unsought role of national symbol and media star. She feared a homophobic response to her exposure would destroy Sally Ride Science, the non-profit organisation she and Ms O'Shaughnessy founded to encourage girls to study science subjects.



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Daily quiz

We will serve you a new question each day this week. On Friday your challenge is to give us all five answers and, as important, tell us the connecting theme. Email your responses (and include mention of your home city and country) by 1700 GMT on Friday to [\[email protected\]](#). We'll pick randomly from those with the right answers and crown three winners on Saturday.

Monday: Ye is the chosen name of which controversial rapper?

*To be a prophet it is sufficient to
be a pessimist.*

Elsa Triolet