

The world in brief

Catch up quickly on the global stories that matter

Binyamin Netanyahu told Fox News that **Israel** is “fully co-ordinated” with [America](#). He also implied that **Israel** had killed Iran’s chief intelligence officer, Mohammad Kazemi, and his deputy, in an air strike. Earlier Israel said it had hit 80 sites in Iran in overnight attacks, including Iran’s defence ministry and nuclear facilities. Iran launched 200 missiles, striking central and northern Israel.

Donald Trump told ABC News that **America** “could get involved” in the conflict between Israel and Iran, but that he believes it “is going to get resolved”. He added that Vladimir Putin is “ready” to be a negotiator between the two sides. [Kirill Dmitriev](#), Mr Putin’s point man, said that Russia could play a “key role” as a mediator.

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 did not immediately comment. Since the sites opened last month, shots have been fired almost daily at those coming to collect aid.

Hundreds of thousands of people marched against Mr Trump and his administration in cities across **America**—the largest such actions since his return to power—following days of protests over [federal immigration raids](#). The demonstrations, organised by the “No Kings” group, were held to counter a military parade hosted by Mr Trump in Washington, DC that celebrated the army’s 250th anniversary. It was also the president’s birthday.

A vast manhunt was under way in **Minnesota** for Vance Boelter, a 57-year-old suspected of assassinating Melissa Hortman, the

Democratic speaker of House of Representatives, and her husband on Saturday. John Hoffman, a Democratic state senator, was wounded in a separate attack. The suspect was allegedly impersonating a police officer.

Indian officials recovered the second black box from the crash site of the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner which crashed on Thursday, killing at least 279 people. One person on the plane survived. The [Air India flight](#), heading to London, went down shortly after take-off from Ahmedabad. Earlier India's aviation regulator ordered an inspection of all Boeing 787s operated by local carriers.

Nicolas Sarkozy, France's former president, was stripped of the Legion of Honour, 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. Emmanuel Macron, France's president, argued against the decision to remove Mr Sarkozy from the order, 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.

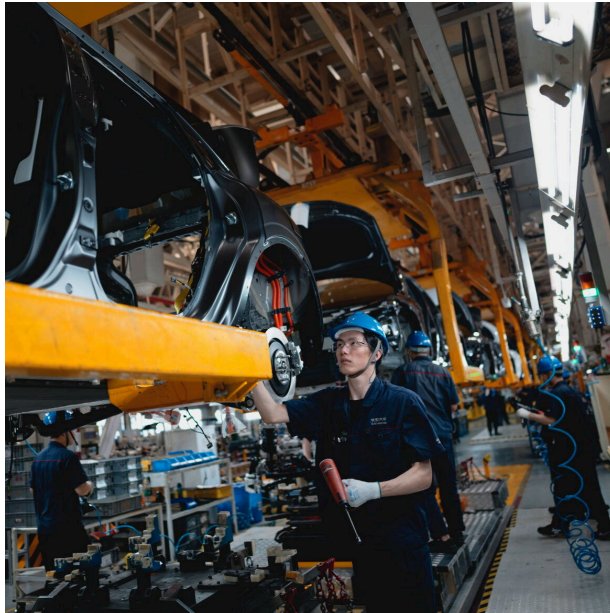


Photograph: Reuters

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 data due on Monday will probably show that industrial production is still growing by over 5% a year. 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