

The world in brief

Catch up quickly on the global stories that matter

Israel and **Iran** continued to attack each other on Sunday. Iran launched a new missile salvo, striking central and northern Israel. The Israel Defence Forces said it hit Iran's defence ministry. On Saturday it hit sites around Tehran, including an oil depot, and a refinery at South Pars gasfield, one of the world's largest. Talks between America and Iran on Iran's nuclear programme, due to take place on Sunday, were cancelled.

Donald Trump said a deal between Israel and Iran could be achieved "easily", though he did not say how. He also warned Iran would face "the full strength" of America's army if his country was attacked "in any way". On Saturday Mr Trump spoke to Vladimir Putin, Russia's president; he said both leaders want the war between Israel and Iran to end.

Israeli officials said Muhammad Al-Ghamari, the **Houthis'** chief-of-staff, was the target of a strike it conducted on Yemen on Saturday night. It is unknown whether he survived. Earlier Iran said that it would target American, British and French bases and ships in the Middle East if the countries helped Israel to repel its attacks, according to Iranian state media.

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.

India's aviation regulator ordered an inspection of all Boeing 787s operated by local carriers, after a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner **crashed** on Thursday, killing 241 people on board and a still-unknown number on the ground. One passenger survived. The [Air India flight](#), which was heading to London, went down shortly after take-off from Ahmedabad.

South Africa became the world champions of Test (five-day) **cricket**, beating Australia, the red-hot favourites, at Lord's in London. The Proteas chased down a daunting target of 282 runs to secure their first major title for 27 years—and put to rest their reputation as cricket's perennial “chokers”.

Word of the week: *Coca machucada*, an amped-up version of the coca leaf. [Read the full story.](#)



Photograph: Reuters

A fractious G7 meeting

At a summit on Sunday Donald Trump will face all of his G7 allies for the first time since roiling them with punishing tariffs and demands that they pay more to defend themselves. Canada's prime minister, Mark Carney, will host the meeting in the Canadian Rockies. His party won a fourth consecutive term in April by promising to stand up to Mr Trump.

Israel's attack on Iran may yet focus minds. But all signs point to a fractious meeting, particularly over trade. At least Mr Trump will be joined by his "great friend", Narendra Modi. Mr Carney courted controversy by inviting India's prime minister to attend. Relations between the governments have been frozen since Canada accused India of killing a Sikh separatist in Vancouver in 2023. But the bromance between Mr Trump and Mr Modi has also been tested. In May the American president tried to steal the credit for ending a [short-lived conflict](#) between India and Pakistan.



Photograph: Reuters

Trump's next move in the Middle East

With the conflict [between Israel and Iran](#) escalating relentlessly, the big question is whether Donald Trump will be drawn in deeper. It is now clear Mr Trump had advance warning of Israel's attack on June 13th, and America's forces are already helping to defend Israel against retaliatory missile strikes. Some Republicans are urging the president to "go all in", as Senator Lindsey Graham put it, "to help Israel finish the job".

The dilemma for the ever-ambivalent Mr Trump is acute: if he helps Israel destroy Iran's nuclear facilities, he could shorten the conflict. In one interpretation, doing so could create a transformative moment for the Middle East, severely weakening or even ending a decaying Iranian regime. Yet by going all-in on the conflict, Mr Trump could also escalate it. Republicans are broadly supportive of Israel, but a long campaign could create a backlash among MAGA-movement members hostile to foreign interventions. Mr Trump will not want to expose America to another forever war.



Photograph: Getty Images

Macron sticks up for Greenland

France's president, Emmanuel Macron, will travel to [Greenland](#) on Sunday in a show of solidarity with the island. The visit takes place against the backdrop of continued threats by Donald Trump to annex the territory, which falls under the realm of Denmark. Mr Macron has been invited by both the prime minister of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen, and of Greenland, Jens-Frederik Nielsen. Among other events, the trio will board a Danish warship near Nuuk, the capital.

The symbolism could scarcely be stronger. Mr Macron is on his way to attend the G7 summit, at which Mr Trump will be present. His trip to Greenland is designed to send a message about territorial sovereignty and Arctic security. Mr Macron has been firm on this. Last week, at a conference to protect the oceans in the French resort of Nice, Mr Macron declared that "the deep seas are no more for sale than Greenland is."



Photograph: AP

Golf gets tougher

When a 21-year-old Tiger Woods won the Masters in 1997 with a record low score, he instantly created a new generation of [golf fans](#). Clubs, broadcasters and equipment manufacturers were delighted. Course designers were less impressed: Mr Woods had taken their best efforts and laid them to waste. In the years that followed, courses across America were “Tiger-proofed”. Yards were added, rough thickened and pins placed in more precarious places.

Courses such as Oakmont—which is hosting the [us Open](#) that finishes on Sunday—pride themselves on their difficulty. Rory McIlroy recently said it “felt impossible” and suggested that the tournament winner would be the player with “the most patience”. Over the past decade, the average winning score at the [us Open](#) has been seven under par. But the last two winning scores at Oakmont have been four under and five over. Sunday’s winner will probably have to suffer for his victory.



Photograph: Getty Images

An honest portrait of Jacinda Ardern

When Jacinda Ardern became prime minister of New Zealand in October 2017, she was just 37, making her the country's youngest leader in more than 150 years. She was also the first world leader in nearly 30 years to give birth while in office. Ms Ardern [resigned](#) unexpectedly in January 2023 after facing protests over her handling of covid-19.

After hunkering down in the American state of Massachusetts, she seems to be re-entering public life. She recently released a memoir and a new documentary premieres this weekend in American cinemas. Two documentarians cobbled it together from more than 300 hours of footage shot by Ms Ardern's husband. The film starts from the time she learned she would be prime minister—just days after she discovered she was pregnant. It is an unusual portrait of a politician, capturing her doubts, immediate reactions and unguarded thoughts. The result is more human and vulnerable than the standard glossy campaign pap.

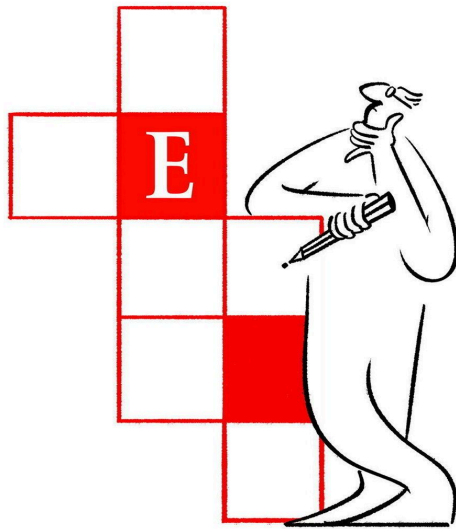


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Weekly crossword

We now publish an interactive edition of our crossword twice a week, allowing you to enter and check the answers, and see explanations, instantly. Try it [here](#). Or, if you prefer to do things the old-fashioned way, use the grid below.

Our crossword has two sets of clues, one for seasoned cruciverbalists and the other for less experienced solvers. Both give the same answers, all of which feature in articles in this week's edition of *The Economist*:

Cryptic clues

1 across Heads of Altman Inc go after unsecured venture founded by Elon Musk (6)

2 across Teeny-weeny NATO lacks direction and something that could make its voice heard (6)

3 across Sell old wine (6)

1 down Nazi-themed thriller does badly, as life is messed up (6,4)

Straight clues

1 across Sam Altman's artificial-intelligence firm (6)

2 across A type of energy than can be weaponised (6)

3 across Product or service sold abroad (6)

1 down Frederick Forsyth thriller about the hunt for an ss concentration-camp commander (6,4)

Email all four answers, along with your home city and country, by 9am BST on Monday to [\[email protected\]](#). We will pick randomly from those with the right answers and crown three winners in next week's edition.

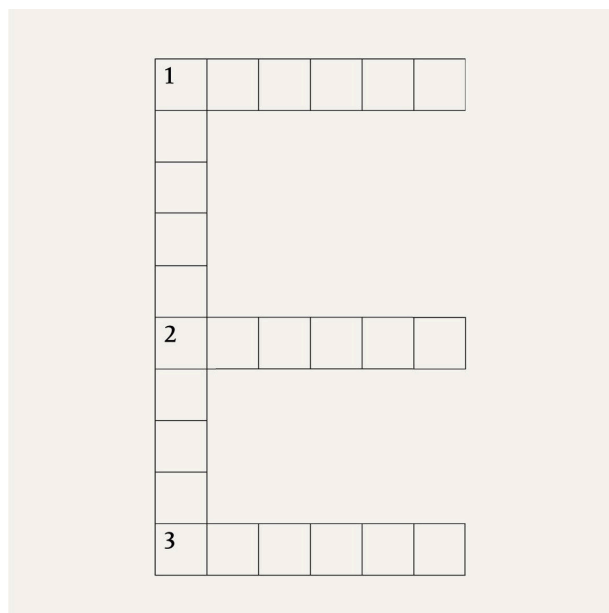


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The winners of this week's quiz

Thank you to everyone who took part in this week's quiz. The winners, chosen at random, were:

Joel Embry, Jacksonville, Florida, America

Katia Butrimova, Toronto, Canada

Pranav Kumar, Tunbridge Wells, Britain

They all gave the correct answers of: Flash Gordon, The Devil Wears Prada, Angie Dickinson, the cloud and sugar. The theme is Rolling Stones songs: Jumpin' Jack Flash, Sympathy for the Devil, Angie, Get Off of My Cloud and Brown Sugar

The questions were:

Monday: Which comic book hero fought Ming the Merciless?

Tuesday: What title did Lauren Weisberger give to her novel about life in the fashion publishing industry?

Wednesday: Which actress starred in the 1970s TV series “Police Woman”?

Thursday: What popular term is used for the delivery of computer services, such as document storage, over the internet?

Friday: Which familiar household item comprises a molecule made of 12 atoms of carbon, 22 of hydrogen and 11 of oxygen?

Justice and judgment lie often a world apart.

Emmeline Pankhurst