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The title of what u read	Date	What's the story about? (summarize)	New Vocabulary	Opinion
James Cameron's "Avatar: Fire and Ash": First Reaction	December 2 nd , 2025	Avatar: Fire and Ash had its first press screenings this week, with early social media reactions pointing to another likely blockbuster for James Cameron. The film, releasing December 19, returns to Pandora after The Way of Water and introduces the fire-themed "Ash" clan alongside new Na'vi leaders played by Oona Chaplin and David Thewlis. With the first two films earning \$2.9 billion and \$2.34 billion respectively, expectations are high as the saga continues toward Avatar 4 in 2029 and Avatar 5 in 2031.	Embargoed (adj): When information (like reviews) is officially restricted from being published until a certain date.	The article suggests that Avatar: Fire and Ash will be a major hit because it has already captured people's attention during its first press screenings. However, early reactions do not guarantee long-term success, and it remains uncertain whether this film will reach the same level of achievement as Avatar (2009) or The Way of Water (2022). While James Cameron's track record and the franchise's popularity create high expectations, the true measure of success will only be seen once audiences worldwide respond after its release.

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Thailand bombs near Cambodia's poipet border crossing	December 18 th ,2025	Thailand bombed what it called a logistics centre near Poipet, Cambodia's main border crossing and casino hub, as fighting between the two countries grows. Cambodia said Thai forces dropped two bombs, while Thailand claimed the site stored rocket systems and no civilians were hurt. The clashes this month have killed 38 people and displaced about 800,000. Thousands of Thais remain stuck after Cambodia closed land borders for safety. The dispute, which flared in July, briefly paused with a ceasefire but resumed last week. Cambodia now accuses Thailand of also bombing Siem Reap, home to the Angkor temples, raising fears of further escalation.	Municipality(n) a town, city, or district that has its own local government to manage services and rules for the people living there.	My opinion on this article is that, although the BBC presents the title clearly, the content does not show signs of leaning toward one side. It tries to remain neutral, but in doing so it avoids taking a firm stance on the issue. Since it is evident that Thailand did bomb Cambodia's province, their denial cannot excuse the action. The BBC should have explained this more directly and provided stronger clarity, rather than relying mainly on a headline designed to capture attention.

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From esports star to disgraces figure: how Tokyogurl's SEA Games cheating scandal ended her career.	December 19 th , 2025	Warasin "Tokyogurl" Naraphat, once celebrated as one of Thailand's top Arena of Valor (RoV) players, was disqualified from the 33rd SEA Games after being caught cheating. Officials found unauthorized software and Discord screen-sharing on her competition device, suggesting outside assistance during Thailand's match against Vietnam. Suspicion grew after her poor in-game performance, unusual device requests, and attempts to hide her screen. Despite denying wrongdoing, evidence showed she logged into the device herself. Following the scandal, Garena banned her from all competitions, Talon Esports terminated her contract, and the SEA Games committee issued a lifetime ban, ending her career and reputation in Thai esports.	Disqualified (adj): officially removed from a competition, job, or activity because you broke the rules or did not meet the requirements.	My opinion on this article is that it shows how a famous player can quickly lose everything when they cheat. Tokyogurl was once a star in Thailand's esports scene, but her actions at the SEA Games turned her into a disgrace. The article talks about her suspicious behavior and the clear evidence of cheating, which makes her denial hard to believe. Cheating is not acceptable, especially in national or world competitions, because it hurts trust and respect for the game. The bans and contract loss prove that skill is useless without honesty. Fame cannot last without fair play.

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Controversial SEA Games conclude in Thailand as Malaysia named next host	December 20 th , 2025	The 33rd SEA Games ended in Bangkok on December 20 with Thailand dominating, winning a record 233 golds out of 499 medals. Indonesia placed second with 91 golds, Vietnam third with 87, and Malaysia fourth with 57. Singapore and the Philippines followed, while Myanmar, Laos, Brunei, and Timor-Leste earned no golds. The closing ceremony featured cultural performances and the handover of the SEA Games flag to Malaysia, host of the 2027 edition. Despite controversies, Vietnam led football with two golds, while Thailand medaled in all four categories but ranked fourth.	National delegations (adj): official team or group that embodies a country's presence and participation in international events	The article shows how Thailand, as host of the SEA Games, gained both the spotlight and the most controversy. Their overwhelming gold medal count appears suspicious, especially given the criticism of officiating and bias. While hosting often provides advantages, the scale of Thailand's dominance raises questions about fairness. On top of that, the Deputy Prime Minister's mistake during the closing speech came across as careless and unprofessional, further undermining the credibility of the event.

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Vietnam men's football team showered with bonuses after winning SEA Games gold medal	December 20 th , 2025	Vietnam's men's football team earned over VND3.6 billion (US\$137,000) in bonuses after their dramatic SEA Games final win over Thailand. Rewards came from the VFF, sponsors, and individuals, alongside government incentives of VND45 million per gold medalist. The comeback victory, sealed by Nguyen Thanh Nhan's extra-time goal, also marked coach Kim Sang-sik's third major regional title, adding to his ASEAN Cup and U23 Championship triumphs.	triumphs(n): great victories, successes, or achievements, often after effort or struggle.	I think the article captures the joyful moment of the Vietnam players receiving bonuses after their dramatic 2–0 comeback win against Thailand. It also highlights the coach's leadership in guiding the team to victory. Overall, the article is meaningful because it celebrates both the players' success and the coach's achievements.