

# Around The WORLD

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## CANADA

### Probes on meddling

On orders of PM Justin Trudeau, 'an independent special rapporteur' will review classified reports from the 2019 and 2021 federal elections in the country to decide if Chinese interference was at play. Though China has denied any election interference, claiming it to be "purely baseless and defamatory", Trudeau has claimed that such reports challenge the country's "sovereignty" and "strike us to our very core as Canadians". Also, the details of the rapporteur have not been disclosed, rival political parties are calling for it to be a public inquiry.



## SOUTH KOREA

### Compensation for labour

South Korean government has announced a compensation pay for about 150,000 citizens who were forced to work in Japanese factories during World War II due to the Japanese colonization of the Korean peninsula during the time. Though Japan has hailed the proposal as a positive one, many victims are protesting the plan as they hold Japan accountable for the crimes. The victims are also against the government backing out of the previous plan of making Tokyo pay reparations.

## USA

### Three years, 135 nations cruise

Life at Sea Cruises has opened doors to the world's first cruise that offers a three-year voyage that would cover 135 countries in seven continents. According to the itinerary, the MV Gemini Vessel will visit 13 out of the 14 'wonders of the world', cover more than 130,000 miles, visit 375 ports, and will set sail from Istanbul on November 1, 2023. The ship will have 400 cabins and room for 1074 passengers at packages starting from 29,999 USD to 109,999 USD per person per year.



## UNITED KINGDOM

### 50% world to be overweight

According to the World Obesity Federation, more than half of the world's population is set to become 'obese' or 'overweight' by the year 2035 if no action for improving health statistics are taken. More than four billion people, with the rates rising the fastest amongst children, will be affected, and low and middle-income countries in Africa and Asia are expected to face the most severe results.



## SOUTH AFRICA

### New minister for power crisis

To tackle and deal with the unprecedented power shortages in the country, president Cyril Ramaphosa has appointed the nation's first ever electricity minister Kgosientsho Ramokgopa. The tasks under his wing will be ending the daily blackouts which last up to 15 hours a day, and dealing with allegations of corruption against the state-run energy giant, Eskom.



## INDIA

### Global alliance for big cats

The Indian Express has reported that under its leadership, India has proposed the launch of a mega global coalition with the aim of protection and conservation of the seven big cats of the world – tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar, and chive. The proposed International Big Cat Alliance has pledged support of 100 million USD or over 800 crore INR for the cause in funding that is to be generated over five years.



## BANGLADESH

### Fire at refugee camp

UNHCR has reported that at least 15 people have been killed and 400 remain missing due to a fire in the Rohingya refugee camp. It is also estimated that 40,000-50,000 people have been affected, and at least 10,000 makeshift shelters have been destroyed by the fire. The fire started at Camp 11 of Cox's Bazar, home to more than one million Rohingya refugees who fled Myanmar to escape ethnic cleansing.

## News Flash

► **New Zealand:** Earthquake of magnitude 6.9 ► **Egypt:** Newly discovered chamber inside Great Pyramid of Giza ► **WHO:** Regional Director for Western Pacific Takeshi Kasai fired over racial misconduct ► **Mozambique:** Cyclone Freddy to hit the country again