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NETHERLANDS

Dutch Grand Prix new champion

The Dutch Grand Prix witnessed a display of skills as Lando Norris secured his career's second win, outpacing championship leader Max Verstappen in a thrilling race. The McLaren driver's performance was nothing short of exceptional. Finishing over 20 seconds ahead of his closest competitor. Despite losing the lead in the opening lap, Norris demonstrated his racing prowess with an early race overtake that proved decisive.



PORTUGAL

Top Gun on social media

Football superstar, Cristiano Ronaldo, has broken many records on social media ever since he announced the launch of his YouTube channel 'UR Cristiano' on August 21, 2024. He quickly became the fastest celebrity on YouTube to go past 1 million, 10 million and 20 million followers. In fact, Ronaldo's YouTube channel has put him high up in the race to become the first person to breach the 1 billion mark across social media platforms.



SUDAN

Torrential rains destroy dam

Surging waters have burst through and wiped away the Arbaat dam, destroying at least five villages and leaving an unknown number of people dead in eastern Sudan. The country, which is already grappling with the longest civil war and a surge in the mpox cases, is now facing a devastating natural disaster in the form of torrential rains and subsequent floods, displacing tens of thousands from their homes.



INDIA

PM's landmark visit hailed

PM Modi became the first Indian to travel to Ukraine since the establishment of diplomatic ties with the country in 1992. The historic visit was hailed as proof of India's peaceful foreign policy which seeks to take a non-partisan view of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. During the visit, Modi said he came with a "message of peace" from 1.4 billion Indians, and a solution could only emerge through talks between Russia and Ukraine.



AUSTRALIA

Limit set for foreign students

Australia will limit the number of foreign students in 2025 as part of a migration crackdown. Under the new policy, the government will cap new international students at 145,000 for universities and 95,000 for the skills training sector. Almost 600,000 student visas were granted in 2023, a significant jump from previous years. Support for migration in Australia has fallen to its lowest in five years, as per a poll released by Essential.

FRANCE

Telegram founder arrested

Pavel Durov, the Russian-born founder of messaging app Telegram, was arrested in Paris as part of an investigation into crimes related to children, drug trafficking and fraudulent transactions on the platform. French President Emmanuel Macron, making the first official confirmation of Durov's arrest since he was detained at Le Bourget airport outside Paris on Saturday evening, said there was no political motive in the arrest, despite many false comments online. He added that France remains deeply committed to lawful free speech.



CHINA

Food companies fined

Seven companies were fined for their involvement in a tainted cooking oil scandal that caused a nationwide uproar over food safety last month. The firms were penalised a combined 11 million yuan (US\$1.5 million) for their role in an incident where edible oil was being transported in trucks that had been used to carry coal oil without being properly cleaned. A unit of state grain stockpiler China Grain Reserves Corp., known as Sino-grain, got the biggest fine - 2.86 million yuan - following an investigation set up by the State Council.

