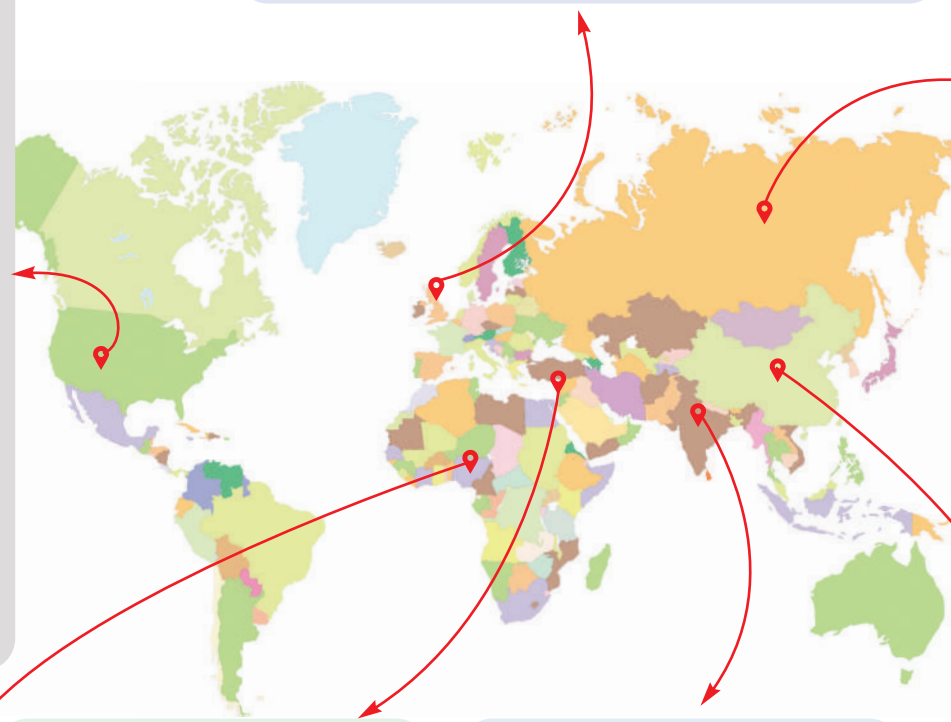


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USA

Baltimore bridge collapse

After one of its support columns was hit by a large container ship, the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, which was more than 2.6 km long, collapsed. The ship is said to have lost power and had issued distress calls before the crash. Six workers, who were fixing potholes on the bridge when it plummeted into the Patapsco River, have been presumed dead. The Coast Guard has also suspended its search and began a recovery effort using boats and helicopters.



UK

550 million for nuclear defence

According to local media, as part of a 'critical national endeavour', the Rishi Sunak-led government is all set to commit around 550 million GBP to the country's nuclear deterrent and energy infrastructure. The aim is to 'safeguard the industry and protect the country'. The plan also mentions another 200 million GBP being invested in Barrow-in-Furness, the town in northwest England that's home to UK's nuclear submarine programme, to regenerate the area over the next ten years, making it a place worth living and building a nuclear career.



RUSSIA

Moscow terrorist attack

In a brazen terrorist attack, Moscow's Crocus City Hall was attacked by camouflage-clad gunmen who killed at least 139 and injured over 100 people. The attackers broke inside the complex, where a rock concert was scheduled to take place, opened fire, and then used flammable liquid to set off flames. Despite immediate efforts, it took over 10 hours to douse the fire. The ISIS has claimed responsibility for the attack. Russia's Federal Security Service has arrested eleven suspects so far, four of whom are accused of being directly involved.



NIGERIA

Abducted children released

After weeks of captivity, over 130 Nigerian school kids were rescued by the Nigerian military. The abduction took place on March 7, 2024 when gunmen on motorcycles attacked a school in Kuriga, Kaduna and kidnapped the students along with a staff member. Information minister, Mohammed Idris, in his statement, mentioned that no ransom was paid and the kidnappers will be punished by security agencies.



PALESTINE

UNSC calls for ceasefire

On March 25, 2024, the United Nations Security Council called for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza strip as well as an immediate and unconditional release of all hostages. The call was made after a vote was held on the Gaza resolution following over five months of hostilities in the area. The resolution came to pass after USA abstained from the voting and the remaining 14 council members voted in favour of the resolution.



INDIA

Delhi CM jailed

In connection with the purported 600 crore INR liquor policy scandal, the Enforcement Directorate remanded Arvind Kejriwal, the CM of Delhi, to be sent to jail for seven days. The agency has designated Kejriwal as the 'key conspirator', claiming that he was responsible for AAP receiving illegal kickbacks which were used for various purposes. However, no funds have been recovered yet and Kejriwal has refuted all the accusations.



CHINA

US microprocessors banned

In response to growing sanctions on tech products by the United States of America, China has unveiled guidelines to phase out US-made microprocessor chips by Intel and AMD from government personal computers and servers. According to reports, government agencies have been instructed to prefer 'safe and reliable' processors and OS, for three years, which are to be sourced from Chinese companies instead.

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