

World News

The leader of Iran died in a helicopter crash [1]. Meanwhile, a Marshall Islands-flagged ship was stuck in the Red Sea and is taking on water [2]. In response, the U.S. and Britain fighter jets struck 13 Houthi targets in Yemen [3]. According to Houthi sources, at least 16 people died in the attacks [4].

The world is seeing an increase of military arms and planning for the future. Case in point, India has determined it requires a third aircraft carrier [5].

Meanwhile, Russia continues to enhance its military capabilities. For instance, the US believes Russia launched a counter space weapon [6]. Some have suggested that Russian satellite Cosmos 2553, launched in 2022, may also have a nuclear device [7]. Additionally, one report indicates Russia has deployed a jamming capability that renders the new US-supplied HIMARS rocket launchers ineffective [8]. Moreover, President Biden gave approval for the Ukraine to use US supplied weapons for attacks on Russian soil [9]. In response, Russia claims the right to supply like weapons to Western advisories [10].

In a show of military strength, China conducted military exercises around the island nation of Taiwan [11]. China's military announced they are training to seize power [12]. In response, the US State Department announced they are concerned over the Chinese military actions [13].

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Israel War

The US constructed a \$320 million floating pier in the Gaza for supplying aid to the people [1]. Unfortunately, the pier appeared to be sinking [2]. Then, a storm broke the pier into pieces [3]. After extensive repairs, the pier was placed back in an operational state [4].

The United Nations court ordered Israel to halt its military assault on the Gaza city of Rafah [5]. This comes as Norway, Spain and Ireland formally recognize a Palestinian state [6]. The war continues to drag

on. For instance, rockets were fired by Hamas from the Gaza, prompting Tel Aviv to sound air attack alarms [7]. One report indicates Israel forces struck a town north of Aleppo, in Syria [8]. This comes as multiple fires rage in the northern part of Israel that were ignited by Hezbollah rockets [9].

Finally, some good news. Israel forces rescued four hostages held by Hamas [10].

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A harmful truth is better than a useful lie.—Thomas Mann

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Terrorism

In Mannheim, Germany, a 25 year old refugee from Afghanistan, using a knife, attacked a number of people and killed a police officer [1]. Days later, in the same city, a right wing candidate was stabbed [2].

In Lebanon, a gunman was killed during a shootout at the U.S. embassy near Beirut [3]. In Val d'Oise, France, a dual Ukrainian-Russian citizen was arrested following an explosion at a hotel [4].

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*Half a truth is often a
great lie.—Benjamin
Franklin*

Economy

The stock market indexes remain strong. On May 20, the NASDAQ closed at a record high [1]. Then on May 21, both the NASDAQ and S&P 500 set new record highs [2]. On May 28, the NASDAQ closed above 17,000 for the first time [3]. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate for May increased to 4.0% [4].

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*A single lie destroys a
whole reputation of
integrity.—Baltasar
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