## British Library celebrates India ties with exhibition on Hampi

**London:** The British Library in London is celebrating the 75th anniversary of India's independence with a special photographic exhibition on the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hampi in Karnataka. 'Hampi: Photography and

THE FP BULLETIN

Lankan fishermen missing at sea

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka's

Ministry of Fisheries on

at sea during cyclone

residents of Batticaloa,

Trincomalee and Galle

director general of the

Aquatic Resources, told

journalists that the fishing

vessels were already at sea

when they issued a warning

He said that the seas off Sri

fishing activities have

**Miroslaw dies** 

the Earth in a Soviet

WARSAW: Poland's only

cosmonaut, Gen Miroslaw

Hermaszewski, who circled

He was 81. The retired air

his son-in-law, European

Hermaszewski died at a

he had undergone in the

morning. "On behalf of the

family, I'm confirming the

very sad news about the

death of Gen. Miroslaw

Hermaszewski," he tweeted.

Earthquakes hit

DENPASAR (INDONESIA): A

moderately strong earthquake

and two aftershocks hit Indonesia's resort island of

Bali on Tuesday, causing panic but no immediate reports of damage or

Geological Survey said the magnitude 4.9 quake was

centered 35 km (22 miles)

north of Amlapura, a city in

shallow depth of 9.6 km (6

miles) may have caused

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recalling about 1.25 million

pickup trucks because the

completely and cargo could

spill onto the road. The recall

covers Ram 1500, 2500 and

3500 pickups from the 2019

to 2022 model years. The

Chrysler, says it found that

striker plates on the pickups

may not be lined up right to

company, formerly Fiat

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**DETROIT:** Stellantis is

people to run outside.

Bali's Karangasem district. Its

casualties. The U.S.

Bali island

hospital in Warsaw of

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Parliament member Ryszard

complications from a surgery

spacecraft in 1978, has died.

force pilot's death on Monday

was announced via Twitter by

returned to normal.

Lanka are calm now and that

**Poland cosmonaut** 

Tuesday announced that five

fishermen disappeared while

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multi-day fishing vessels are

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Department of Fisheries and

Archaeology in southern India' is made up of a display of photographs taken between 1857 and 1970 capturing the archaeological site of Hampi - capital of the prosperous Vijayanagara kingdom established in the 14th century.



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# CORRUPTION SCANDAL ROCKS E.U. PARLIAMENT

AP / Brussels

The European Union's parliament was reeling on Tues-day, it's credibility under threat, as a corruption and bribery scandal damaged lawmakers' careers and fin-gers pointed at Qatari officials accused of seeking to play down labour rights concerns ahead of the soccer World Cup.

The scandal, which started unfolding publicly last week, has scarred the repu-tation of the EU's only institution comprised of officials elected directly in the 27 member countries.

The scandal has rocked the Socialists and Democrats (S&D) group in the Parliament. The group brings together centre-left parties from across Europe. It remains the second-largest

The Parliament's **Vice-President Kaili's** term in office is going to be terminated. Kaili, a 44-year-old Greek former TV presenter, is from the S&D

term in office.

Belgian EU lawmaker Marc Tarabella suspended himself as a group member

on Monday, suggesting he might be among those charged. Three other S&D lawmakers temporarily stood down from senior duties within the group, apparently because their parliamentary assistants were im-

group in the 705-seat assem-

four people, who have not been identified, with corruption, participation in a criminal group and money laundering. Parliament Vice President Eva Kaili of Greece was suspended, and senior lawmakers are set on



bly but lost more than 30 seats in the last election as public support waned. Prosecutors have charged

Tuesday to terminate her

plicated.

## Jaishankar arrives in U.S. to chair high-level U.N. meetings

### ANI / New York

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar landed in New York on Tuesday for a twoday US visit to preside over two high-level ministerial signature events of India's ongoing Presidency of the U.N. Security Council on DeC 14 and 15.

Jaishankar was received by India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, ambassador Ruchira Kamboi

The High-Level Ministerial Open Debate on Dec 14 is on the theme of "New Orientation for Reformed Multilateralism" (NORMS) and the High-Level Briefing on Dec

15 is on "Global Approach to Counter Terrorism — Challenges and Way Forward". Both these themes have been key priorities for India during its current tenure at the U.N. Security Council. The Ministry of External

Affairs (MEA), stated that primary focus of debate on multilateralism is to encourage all Member States to seriously address the pressing need for reforms in governance multilateral ar-chitecture.

# New Zealand PM says sorry for MP insult

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was caught on a hot mic on Tuesday using a vulgarity against a rival government's record politician in a rare misstep for a leader known for her

measured responses. After five years as prime minister, Ardern faces a tough election campaign in 2023 Her liberal Labour Partv won re-election two years ago in a landslide of historic proportions, but recent polls have put her party behind its

The comment came after who leads the libertarian ACT party peppered Ardern with questions about her government's record for around seven minutes during Parliament's Question Time, which allows for spirited debate be-



A vehicle burns at a petrol pump after violence erupted in Brasilia, on Monday

barracks across the country refusing to concede defeat and asking for the armed forces to intervene. On Monday, the nation's

electoral authority awarded da Silva and his vice president an official certification. sealing their victory.

Bolsonaro, who has repeat edly claimed that the nation's electronic voting system is prone to fraud and has not conceded defeat. told supporters on Friday that his political future was in their hands.

"The depredation and at-

Bolsonaro, who has not conceded defeat, told supporters that his political future was in their hands

tempted invasion of the Federal Police building in Brasilia is unacceptable,' said Flavio Dino, future Justice and Public Security Minister in the upcoming administration of President-elect Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

The leader of the opposi-

tion in the Senate, Randolfe Rodrigues, said some protesters, whom he called "terrorhad concentrated ists." around the hotel where da Silva is staying. Police in full gear were

rushed to the Federal Police's headquarters as back up, as officers had to use stun grenades and rubber bullets, local media reported. Police also blocked several avenues and streets across Brasilia.

Protesters elsewhere set at least one bus on fire and were seen gathering metal barriers.

## **Rail workers walk off job to** start month of U.K. strikes

### AP / London

Railroad workers across England walked off the job on Tuesday, disrupting trains throughout the UK and starting what is expected to be a month of strikes by public service workers demanding higher pay as soaring inflation erodes living standards.

The Rail, Maritime and Transport union has called two 48-hour strikes this week, cancelling most services on Tuesday and Wednesday then again on Friday and Saturday. The strikes come after unions rejected the latest offer on pay and working conditions from Networ Rail whic



Commuters wait to depart aboard an extremely delayed Central Line train at Stratford station in London on Tuesday

mobilizing the army to staff vital public services this winter.

living. Some 417,000 working The strikes also threaten days were lost to strikes in to curtail business for shops, October. restaurants that

insisted his members have the support of the public and blamed the government for the impasse. "I have no intention of spoiling people's Christmas," he told British broadcaster ITV.

employer pay offers failed to

keep pace with the cost of

-AFP

U.S. scientists announce fusion energy breakthrough

## AP / Washington

Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm announced a "major scientific breakthrough" on Tuesday in the decades-long quest to harness fusion, the energy that powers the sun and stars.

Researchers at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California for the first time produced more energy in a fusion reaction than was used to ignite it, something called net energy gain, the Energy Department said. The achievement will pave the way for advance-



National Ignition Facility who have dedicated their careers to seeing fusion ignition become a reality, and this milestone will undoubtedly spark even more discovery," Granholm said in a statement.

Proponents of fusion hope that it could one day produce nearly limitless, carbon-free energy displacing fossil fuels and traditional energy sources Producing energy that powers homes and businesses from fusion is still decades away. But researchers said it was a significant step nonetheless.



**Bolsonaro supporters try** 



The violence erupted on Monday evening after the leftwing politician who defeated Bolsonaro in October's historic election - former president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva - had his victory officially ratified by Brazil's electoral court. Images of chaos as a small

number of protesters, many wearing the vellow and green of Brazil's flag that has come to symbolize Bolsonarismo. roamed the city, circulated on local television channels and social media.

Brasilia's public security secretariat said in a statement that clashes broke out after police carried out an arrest warrant.

Earlier that day, Supreme Court justice Alexandre de Moraes had ordered the temporary arrest of José Acácio Serere Xavante, suspected of participating in anti-democratic protests.

Since Bolsonaro lost reelection to da Silva on Oct 30, many of his supporters have gathered outside military

> The comment came AP / Wellington after David Seymour peppered Ardern with questions about her

skill at debating and calm,

### tween rival parties. As an aside to her deputy Grant Robertson, Ardern said what sounded like, "He's such an arrogant pr—," after sitting down. Her words are barely audible on Parliament TV but are just picked up in

the background by her desk microphone as House Speaker Adrian Rurawhe talks. conservative rivals lawmaker David Seymour, apologised to Seymour for the comment. When asked by

Stellantis says it's not aware of any related crashes or injuries.

## Bali bombmaker apologises

TENGGULUN (INDONESIA): An Indonesian militant who was paroled last week after serving about half of his original 20-year prison sentence for making the explosives used in the 2002 Bali bombings on Tuesday apologised to victims' families. Hisyam bin Alizein, better known by his nom de guerre Umar Patek, was a leading member of the al-Oaida-linked network lemaah Islamiyah, which was blamed for the blasts at two nightclubs in Kuta Beach that killed 202 people.

## 13 killed in Nepal road accident

KATHMANDU: At least 13 people were killed in a road accident in the Kavrepalanchok district of central Nepal. "The bus carrying revellers from a religious ceremony met with an accident at around 6.30 PM (Local Time). 20 people were injured and taken to hospital," Kavrepalanchok SP told ANI.

## Ghana to get IMF's \$3 bn debt bailout

ACCRA (GHANA): The International Monetary Fund has agreed to give Ghana \$3 billion to try to get the West African nation's debt under control, restore financial stability and help people most at risk from rising prices and other economic problems. The announcement this week say follows IMF officials' two-week visit this month to Ghana's capital Accra, where they discussed support for the country's policy and reform plans with authorities

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Ardern's office said she

The Associated Press to clar

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern speaks to rugby fans during an event at Parliament in Wellington on Tuesday

## Pak says India involved in blast outside Hafiz's house

### PTI / Islamabad

Pakistan on Tuesday alleged that India was involved in a blast outside Mumbai attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed's Jauhar Town residence in Lahore in June last year "Today, the matter that

we are putting before you, we have evidence of India's involvement in it," Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah told reporters here, referring to the blast.

We have decided to bring our stance before the world...," Sanaullah said while addressing a press conference along with the Punjab Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) Additional Inspector General Imran Mehmood

The blast near the residence of Jamaat-ud-Dawa chief Hafiz Saeed in Johar Town killed three people and injured 24 others in June 2021. Sanaullah said that the

the rail network, and 14 train operating companies.

Nurses, border guards and ambulance drivers are among the other workers set to strike this month, forcing the government to discuss

rely on the Christmas season to boost revenue.

Labor unrest has increased in recent months after rising food and energy prices pushed inflation to a 41-year high of 11.1% and

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volved." he claimed. He also alleged that India was supporting the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

"We also found out that close to a million dollars of terror financing was done through India to spread terrorism in Pakistan through different chanthe CTD chief nels," claimed.

CEO charged by SEC AP / New York The US Securities and Ex-

Former FTX

change Commission has charged the former CEO of failed cryptocurrency firm FTX with orchestrating a scheme to defraud investors.

An SEC complaint filed on Tuesday alleges that Sam Bankman-Fried raised more than \$1.8 billion from equity investors since May 2019 by promoting FTX as a safe, responsible platform for trading crypto assets.

The civil complaint says Bankman-Fried diverted customer funds to Alameda Research LLC, his privately-held crypto fund, without telling them.

The complaint also says Bankman-Fried commingled FTX customers' funds at Alameda to make undisclosed venture investments, lavish real estate purchases, and large political donations.

'Bankman-Fried placed billions of dollars of FTX funds into customer Alameda. He then used Alameda as his personal piggy bank to buy luxury condominiums, support political campaigns, and make private investments, the complaint reads.

"None of this was disclosed to FTX equity investors.