



'Lord Ram is Nepali not Indian'

NDTV ONLINE
Ayodhya, the ancient city believed by millions of Hindus to be the birthplace of Lord Ram, is actually a small village near Kathmandu, Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli said Monday.

US rejects China's 'maritime empire'

Pompeo declares Beijing's claims in South China Sea 'unlawful'

REUTERS, Washington /Beijing

The United States has rejected China's claims to offshore resources in most of the South China Sea, drawing criticism from China which said the US position raised tension in the region, highlighting an increasingly tense relationship.



The US statement supports a ruling four years ago under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) that invalidated most of China's claims for maritime rights in the South China Sea.

Canada PM apologizes for 'mistake' amid charity uproar

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau apologized on Monday for taking part in a Cabinet decision to use a charity he and his family have worked with to administer a \$900 million (\$663.4 million) student grant program.

Hagia Sophia's 'Christian icons aren't obstacles to prayers'

Turkey's Hagia Sophia could open to visitors outside prayer times and its Christian icons will remain, religious officials said yesterday, after a court ruling paved the way for it to become a mosque.

Weinstein accusers call \$18.9m NY settlement a 'cruel hoax'

Six women who claim they were sexually abused by Harvey Weinstein urged a US judge on Monday to reject an \$18.9 million settlement with the disgraced movie producer.

French elite acrobatic flying team 'Patrouille de France' (PAF) performs a flying display of the French national flag over the Louvre pyramid designed by Chinese architect Ieoh Ming Pei, during annual Bastille Day military ceremony on the Place de la Concorde in Paris, yesterday.



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'There is a Trump effect'

UN expert accuses White House of mounting 'onslaught' against global press freedom

REUTERS, Geneva

The UN special rapporteur on freedom of expression on Monday accused the White House of mounting an "onslaught" against the media and referred to a negative "Trump effect" on global press freedom.



of criticism of reporters and spreading "disinformation," as well as partnerships with conservative media organisations. When Kaye was asked about the impact of that on press freedom around the world, the special rapporteur said: "There clearly is a Trump effect, a very negative one," adding that the Trump administration has created a global culture of permissiveness.

TRUMP'S NEW STUDENT VISA RULE US tech giants join Harvard lawsuit

THE STATESMAN/ANN

Google, Facebook, Microsoft and more than a dozen top technology companies of United States (US), on Monday joined a lawsuit filed by the Harvard University and the MIT against the Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) latest rule that bars international students from staying in America unless they attend at least one in-person course.

Covid 'killed 3,000 health workers'

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More than 3,000 healthcare workers are known to have died of the new coronavirus, according to Amnesty International, as it raises concerns about unsafe working conditions, low pay, long hours and violence against medical workers in some countries.

"With the COVID-19 pandemic still accelerating around the world, we are urging governments to start taking health and essential workers' lives seriously," said Sanhita Ambast, Amnesty's researcher and adviser on economic, social and cultural rights, in a statement.

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UK to purge Huawei from 5G by 2027

REUTERS, London

Prime Minister Boris Johnson ordered Huawei equipment to be purged completely from Britain's 5G network by 2027, risking the ire of China by signalling that the world's biggest telecoms equipment maker is no longer welcome in the West.

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