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## Missile Sites Recovered

Tehran rebuilds after strikes



Photo: Authorities say they are prepared to deal with any trouble  
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### PSG Celebrations Turn Violent

Hundreds arrested after Champions League win

Lily Anderson

Celebrations over Paris Saint-Germain's Champions League victory turned violent across France, leaving 219 people injured and 780 arrested after clashes between fans and police. The unrest erupted after PSG defeated Arsenal in the final, drawing huge crowds into the streets of Paris and other cities. French Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez said eight people were seriously injured, while 57 police officers were hurt during the disorder. More than 450 people remained in custody. In Paris, fans flooded the Champs-Élysées, where flares were set off, electric bikes were burned and at least one storefront was damaged. Police used tear gas to disperse crowds as transport services were disrupted across the capital. A 24-year-old was found dead after an accident on the Paris ring road, which rioters had attempted to block overnight. Officials said the circumstances remained unclear. Despite the violence, PSG's Sunday victory parade began peacefully near the Eiffel Tower, with thousands of fans gathering to cheer the team. Around 6,000 police officers were mobilized, as authorities vowed a firm response to further unrest.

Alexandar Sullivan

Iran has rapidly restored access to many of its underground missile sites, raising new questions about the long-term effectiveness of U.S. and Israeli bombing campaigns aimed at limiting Tehran's firepower. Satellite images reviewed by CNN showed that Iran has cleared 50 of 69 tunnel entrances struck at 18 underground missile facilities. The entrances had been blocked by airstrikes that destroyed roads and buried access points, but Iranian crews used bulldozers, dump trucks and other basic equipment to reopen them. Experts said the repairs show that Iran's missile capability cannot be eliminated simply by targeting tunnel entrances. Sam Lair, a research associate at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation



Photo: Four entrances reopen at Iran's Dezful missile base, with one still blocked.  
Image Source: Airbus

Studies, said Iran could still launch missiles if it has crews, launchers and stockpiles available. The repairs accelerated after a ceasefire more than seven weeks ago. Analysts believe Iran may still have around 1,000 missiles stored deep underground, where they are difficult

### HIGHLIGHT

●Iran has reopened many underground missile entrances.

●50 of 69 struck tunnel entrances were reportedly cleared.

●Experts say bombing entrances did not destroy missile stockpiles.

to destroy from the surface. The findings come as Iran and the United States continue working through details of a tentative agreement to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, while concerns remain over what could happen if fighting resumes.

## Ceasefire Near Collapse

Israel and Hezbollah trade accusations

Lily Anderson

Israel's military captured Beaufort Castle in southern Lebanon on Sunday, marking a major expansion of its ground offensive against Hezbollah. The strategic hilltop site overlooks the Litani Valley and has long been important for controlling the surrounding region. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the seizure a "decisive shift," saying



Photo: Israel's military says it captured Beaufort Castle, a strategic fort in southern Lebanon  
Image Source: BBC/Reuters

Israel aimed to expand control over areas previously held by

Hezbollah. The Israel Defense Forces also widened evacuation

warnings for residents below the Zahrani River, saying people near Hezbollah positions were at risk. Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam condemned Israel's campaign as "collective punishment," while France requested a United Nations Security Council meeting. The fighting has further weakened an already fragile ceasefire, though new talks are expected in Washington this week.



Photo: Huge blast kills dozens in rebel-held village in Myanmar  
Image Source: Shwe Phee Myay/BBC

## Myanmar Blast Kills Dozens

Explosion devastates rebel-held village

Rodrigo Diaz

A powerful explosion killed at least 55 people and wounded dozens more in Kaung Tat, a rebel-held village in Myanmar's Shan State, on Sunday. The blast happened around 12 p.m. local time in Namkham Township, near the Chinese border, sending smoke over the village and leaving behind a large crater, destroyed homes and burned debris. The Ta'ang National Liberation Army, or TNLA, which controls the area, said the explosion was accidental and involved

mining and quarrying explosives. Residents described panic and grief after the blast, with some initially believing it was an airstrike. Children were reportedly among the dead, and hundreds of homes were damaged. The tragedy has raised concerns about the storage of explosives near residential areas in conflict-hit parts of Myanmar.

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## Colombia Votes Sunday

Election could reshape U.S. ties

Henry Bob

Colombians voted on Sunday in a presidential election that could redefine the country's relationship with the United States and shape its response to drug gangs and rising violence. President Gustavo Petro, barred from seeking re-election,



Photo: The election has polarised Colombia after months of tension with the US  
Image Source: Getty Images/BBC

backed left-wing

candidate Iván Cepeda, who supports continuing Petro's "total peace" talks with armed groups. His main rivals, Abelardo de la Espriella and Paloma Valencia, have promised tougher security policies and closer ties with Washington. Voting opened at 8 a.m. and closed at 4 p.m., with more than 41 million

voters eligible. Security was tight, with 408,000 soldiers and police deployed nationwide after warnings that many municipalities faced risks of violence. Petro told voters in Bogotá that the election would help decide Colombia's future. No candidate was expected to win outright, making a June 21 runoff likely.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Gov. Kathy Hochul Limits ICE

### NYN Desk

Gov. Kathy Hochul signed a sweeping immigration package on Friday that bans masked law enforcement officers, including federal agents, from interacting with the public in New York, setting up a sharp clash with federal authorities.

The measures, included in the state's fiscal year 2027 budget, also prohibit state and local agencies from using public resources for civil immigration enforcement. Local governments are barred from entering agreements that allow police or corrections officers to carry out federal immigration duties.

"We don't need law enforcement wearing



Photo: Gov. Hochul signs New York immigration enforcement restrictions in Midtown Manhattan. Image Source: Lloyd Mitchell/QNS.com

masks," Hochul said at her Midtown Manhattan office, arguing that masks had been used as "a technique of intimidation."

The law includes exceptions for tactical gear, medical masks and sunglasses. It also limits immigration authorities' access to schools, hospitals, houses of worship and other sensitive locations without a judicial warrant.

Hochul said New York would still cooperate in criminal cases, adding, "New York is not a sanctuary for criminals." Immigration advocates praised the package, while the Department of Homeland Security and the White House rejected it, calling the restrictions unconstitutional and harmful to federal enforcement.

## FDNY Mourns Firefighter



Photo: Hundreds of firefighters attend funeral for Ladder 135's Myrtle Turtles member in Glendale. Image Source: Citizen

Gerard J. Neufeld Funeral Home on 43rd Avenue.

In a statement, the Myrtle Turtles remembered Thadhani as a "beloved member" of their firehouse family whose dedication to public service earned deep respect across the department.

Before becoming a firefighter, Thadhani served as a paramedic with FDNY EMS, a role that reflected his long-standing commitment to helping others. A GoFundMe organized to support his family described him as a hero, friend, son and colleague whose impact would be remembered for years. The Forest Park Runners donated proceeds from the race to the fund, underscoring the community's grief and support for his family.

during a race in Forest Park. Thadhani, an active-duty firefighter with the Myrtle Turtles of Engine 286/Ladder 135, collapsed on May 24 while running the annual 4M Road & Trail Race, just a block from his station house at 66-44 Myrtle Ave. His funeral was held at

### Staff Reporter

Firefighters from across New York City gathered in Elmhurst on Thursday, May 28, to honor Firefighter Karan Thadhani, a 29-year-old member of FDNY Ladder 135 in Glendale who died after suffering a medical episode

## Yeshiva Launches Green Lab

### Senior Reporter

Assemblymember Sam Berger joined NY Sun Works and local community members on May 27 to celebrate the opening of a new hydroponic classroom at Bnos Malka Academy in Forest Hills. The classroom will give students at the K-8 all-girls private yeshiva hands-on experience with sustainability science, climate education and hydroponic farming. The project was developed in partnership with NY Sun Works, a nonprofit that transforms traditional classrooms into indoor farms where students can grow produce while learning about science, nutrition and the environment. Berger said programs like this help young people think critically



Photo: Assembly Member Sam Berger joins Bnos Malka Academy ribbon-cutting ceremony. Image Source: AM Sam Berger.

about the future of the planet. "Investing in innovative educational resources like this helps prepare the next generation to think critically about the future of our environment and our communities," he said. Manuela Zamora, executive director of NY Sun Works, said the classroom will make science more accessible while

allowing students to grow vegetables year-round. Rabbi Akiva Spingarn, executive director of Bnos Malka Academy, said the hydroponics lab is more than a garden, calling it a hands-on learning experience that teaches students "the meaning of hard work and growth."

## Mayor hears from young renters

### News Correspondent

Mayor Zohran Mamdani met with students and young renters at Hostos Community College on Thursday evening, where hundreds gathered to discuss rising rents and the growing housing crisis in the Bronx. The Students Rental Ripoff Hearing, hosted by More Perfect Union University, came shortly after the release of Mamdani's Block by Block housing plan. The proposal calls for 200,000 new affordable homes and the preservation of

another 200,000 over the next decade. Mamdani said housing costs are a major burden for working New Yorkers, especially in the Bronx, where many renters are struggling to remain in their communities. Several attendees shared personal stories of displacement and financial pressure. Brittany Lanzano, a Bronx native, said she left the borough after her rent rose to about \$2,500 a month. Mamdani said his administration would focus on stronger tenant enforcement, outreach and affordable housing so residents are not forced to leave New York City.

## Pierogi Factory Endures



Photo: L&B Polish Foods is a pierogi factory in Mariners Harbor owned by Mira and Jerry Bartosik. Image Source: Advance/SILive.com | Pamela Silvestri

### Community Desk

Days after a fatal marine explosion sent black smoke across Staten Island on May 22, a small family-owned pierogi factory near the scene continued its quiet rhythm of work and resilience.

L&B, located at 2960 Richmond Terr., sits almost across the street from the site of the fire. Inside the shop, owners Mira and Jerzy Bartosik have kept production moving, preparing handmade pierogi, kielbasa, stuffed cabbage and other Polish specialties for customers and upcoming community events. The business, named after the couple's sons, Luk and Bart, has operated for

about two decades and remains one of the few food manufacturers in New York City still making products from scratch on-site. Its small dining area doubles as a receiving space, while the working kitchen forms the heart of the operation. As Polish festival season begins, the Bartosiks are preparing hundreds of pounds of kielbasa and pierogi, including items for the 17th annual Polish Festival in Tappan, N.Y. and the Snug Harbor Cultural Center Polish Festival on June 14.

For the neighborhood, L&B's steady work after a nearby tragedy reflects the endurance of small businesses that help keep local food traditions alive.

### Prayer Time IN New York

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# OPINION

## The Annual Israel Parade and the Mayor's Consistency of Principle

— Imam Shamsi Ali

New York is a city for all nations, ethnicities, religions, and cultures. The city embraces every resident and provides space for each to express their aspirations and beliefs. One of the most distinctive forms of expression for New Yorkers is the parade—nearly every community in this global city holds one.

I myself served for several years as Chairman of the International Muslim Day Parade in New York, and as President of the Muslim Foundation of America, the umbrella organization for the city's annual international Muslim parade. I know firsthand how meaningful a parade is to New Yorkers: it is a source of pride and an affirmation that we are an inseparable part of the city we call home. One of the largest parades in New York is the Annual Israel Parade. It is not only massive in turnout, but also routinely attended by high-ranking officials at the city, state, and federal levels. Reportedly, since it was first held some 61 years ago, no Mayor of New York has ever been absent. That alone reflects the parade's unique standing in the eyes of public officials. Mayor Mamdani Declines to Attend Yet the current Mayor of New York,

Zohran Kwame Mamdani, has decided not to attend this year's Israel Parade. The decision immediately sparked heated debate and drew both praise and criticism.

From the outset of his campaign, Mamdani openly declared his support for Palestinian rights while opposing Zionism as a colonial ideology—not as a state. That stance made him unpopular among Zionist-identifying Jewish New Yorkers. His decision to skip the Israel Parade was therefore bound to be politicized and used to corner him. Two days ago, for instance, a sizable demonstration was held in front of the mayor's official residence, Gracie Mansion, by Zionist Jewish groups. Notably, at the same time, a group of Orthodox, non-Zionist Jews staged a counter-demonstration in support of Mamdani. In short, his absence has only deepened resentment among Zionist Jewish residents in New York. It is being spun as if this Muslim mayor is antisemitic and



— Imam Shamsi Ali  
: Director, Jamaica Muslim Center & President, Nusantara Foundation

discriminatory toward a segment of his constituents. Mamdani's Reasons for Declining Several considerations led Mayor Mamdani to skip the parade. The most fundamental stems from his convictions about universal humanity and justice: Israel is a state rooted in Zionist politics that engages in occupation. As long as Israel continues to occupy Palestine, the Mayor's conscience will not allow him to compromise.

From the beginning, one of his campaign pledges was that he would not attend most parades in New York for clear and principled reasons. Chief among them: when a parade serves as an expression of support for an occupying state accused of war crimes and genocide. The Israel Parade is clearly a platform to promote the Zionist state of Israel, not merely an expression of Jewish faith or culture. Thus, Mamdani's decision to stay away is not only a matter of keeping his word and

honoring his political commitments; it is also a firm rejection of genocide and the Israeli occupation of Palestine. To me personally, this reflects integrity of faith and humanity. It should be clear, then, that refusing to attend is not an anti-religious or anti-community stance. In fact, Mamdani continues to host Jewish holiday celebrations at the mayor's residence. Moreover, his administration has increased funding by 800 percent for the city department tasked with combating antisemitism. That demonstrates a genuine commitment to protecting all New Yorkers, including the Jewish community. And while he will not attend, the Mayor remains fully committed to ensuring the parade's safety and security. In the end, we recognize that his position is not an easy one. The uproar is not only about his absence from the parade, but more so because he is a Muslim now serving as the top official in a city known as the strongest Jewish hub outside Tel Aviv. Let us pray that our Mayor is given strength to carry out the trust of New Yorkers, guided in every decision he makes, and protected from all harms. Ameen!

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“New York is a city for all nations, ethnicities, religions, and cultures.”



Photo: Israel Day Parade will feature tight security but no Mamdani  
Image Source: Online

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“To me personally, this reflects integrity of faith and humanity.”

## “Buffalo Donald Trump” : A Strange Connection Between Bangladeshi Meme Culture and Global Politics

— Akbar Haider Kiron

In the digital age, a single image, phrase, or meme can transcend national boundaries within moments and evolve into a subject of global discussion. Recently, within Bangladesh's social media environment, the phrase “Buffalo Donald Trump” has emerged as one of these unusual viral expressions. What initially appeared to be simple humor has gradually developed into a symbol of political satire, social commentary, and contemporary online culture. Donald Trump — the former President of the United States — has long been recognized internationally as a figure associated with controversy, drama, and an outsized public persona. In contrast, the buffalo is a familiar symbol in rural Bengali life, often representing strength, stubbornness, and quiet endurance. The unexpected fusion of these two entirely different worlds has given rise to a fascinating digital phenomenon.

Bangladesh's younger generation, particularly on platforms such as Facebook, YouTube, and TikTok, has increasingly adopted metaphors, memes, and satire as indirect means of expressing political and social opinions. “Buffalo Donald Trump” serves as a compelling example of this evolving mode of communication. For some, it humorously exaggerates Trump's personality; for others, it illustrates how ordinary individuals interpret global politics through irony and entertainment. What makes this phenomenon especially noteworthy is that memes today represent far more than simple jokes. They frequently



— Akbar Haider Kiron  
Senior Journalist and Writer

reflect the broader psychological mood of society. When people become fatigued by political rhetoric, economic uncertainty, or global tensions, humor often becomes a convenient form of escape. Within Bangladesh's online culture, this tendency is becoming increasingly apparent. There was a time when political discourse remained largely confined to newspapers, television studios, and intellectual circles. Today, however, a meme can become the focal point of widespread public discussion. “Buffalo Donald Trump” may not constitute a major political event in history, but it clearly illustrates how the language of

politics has evolved in the digital era. Politics is no longer communicated solely through speeches and editorials — it is now communicated through memes as well. Some may dismiss this trend as insignificant entertainment. Nevertheless, for media analysts and sociologists, it conveys an important message. In the contemporary world, memes are not merely instruments of amusement; they have emerged as a new language of public expression. Bangladesh's younger generation is employing that language to interpret global politics in its own distinctive manner — sometimes through satire, sometimes through humor, and sometimes as a subtle means of concealing frustration beneath laughter. For this reason, “Buffalo Donald Trump” is more than merely a viral phrase. It is a vivid reflection of the digital culture of our era.

# CULTURE

## BAMF Awards & Cultural Gala 2026 Celebrates Community Excellence

### Bangladeshi-American leaders honored in Jackson Heights

#### James Anderson

The Bangladesh American Media Foundation (BAMF) celebrated community excellence and cultural heritage with its BAMF Awards & Cultural Gala 2026, bringing Bangladeshi-American journalists, writers, educators, cultural figures, entrepreneurs, and community leaders together at Nabanno Auditorium in Jackson Heights, New York. The evening unfolded in a festive setting decorated with artistic award crests, souvenir publications, visual presentations, and elegant stage design. The creative direction was led by BAMF director and photojournalist Nihar Siddiki, with support from Anisul Kabir Jashir and journalist Shah J. Chowdhury. Artist Abdullah Noman contributed graphic designs inspired by the upcoming 250th anniversary of the



United States. Although the program was scheduled for 7:00 PM, guests arrived early, greeting one another and sharing refreshments before the formal ceremony began. Around 8:15 PM, BAMF Founding President Akbar Haider Kiron and cultural

personality Mosharraf Hossain inaugurated the program. Kiron then guided the awards ceremony from the stage. The chief guest was Roquia Haider. Distinguished guests included Manzur Ahmed, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed, Kazi Montu, Sayeedur



Rabb, Mir Bashar, Monirul Haque, and

Monija Rahman. The cultural segment began with young U.S.-raised artist Alvan Chowdhury, who performed the patriotic Bengali song "O Amar Desher Mati" along with an English song. This year's lifetime achievement and special honors were

presented to Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury, Sarkar Kabir Uddin, Masuma Khatun, and Roquia Haider. Special recognition awards went to Manzur Ahmed, Kazi Montu, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed, Sayeedur Rabb, M M. Shaheen, Shah Newaz, Mir Bashar, Helalul Karim, Mir Shibli, Monija Rahman, Shibli Ahmed, Shakil Miah, and Sahitya Academy. A community service recognition was also presented to Shakil Mia, president of the Jackson Heights Area Residents Association. Former Bangladesh Society president Mohammad Abdur Rob and entrepreneur Dulal Behedu delivered brief remarks. In her remarks, Roquia Haider praised BAMF's cultural vision and community engagement, noting the importance of programs that preserve identity and strengthen connections with younger generations born abroad.



# NYC EID

## Mayor Zohran Mamdani Joins Bronx Eid al-Adha Celebration

Thousands gather for prayer, unity, and community reflection in New York City

**Jessica Morgan**

In a powerful display of faith, unity, and civic engagement, thousands of worshippers gathered for an Eid al-Adha prayer at PS 106 Playground in the Bronx, New York, in a celebration organized by Banglabazar Jame Masjid. The event brought together families, faith leaders, community members, and public officials to mark one of the most important holidays in the Islamic calendar. The gathering drew special attention with the attendance of New York City Mayor Zohran Kwame Mamdani and U.S. Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, whose presence reflected the growing recognition of New York's diverse Muslim communities and their contributions to the city's social and cultural life. Eid al-Adha, often



referred to as the Festival of Sacrifice, commemorates the devotion and faith of Prophet Ibrahim. Beyond its religious significance, the holiday emphasizes charity, compassion, and responsibility toward those in need. These themes resonated throughout the

Bronx gathering as worshippers joined together in prayer and celebration. Following the event, Mayor Mamdani shared a message highlighting the deeper meaning of the occasion. "Eid al-Adha reminds us that sacrifice is not a burden. It is an opportunity to see

ourselves as part of something larger. To extend a hand to those who need it most," he said. The mayor also reflected on his historic role, stating, "I am honored to be New York City's first Muslim Mayor and I am determined to lead through solidarity." His remarks connected

the values of Eid with broader community concerns, emphasizing efforts to ensure that New Yorkers can access affordable groceries, housing, and childcare. "Our solidarity is our strength," he added in his Eid message to residents across the city. The event served as

more than a religious observance. It became a public expression of inclusion and belonging in one of the world's most diverse cities. Community leaders noted that gatherings such as this help strengthen relationships between residents, faith institutions, and public officials while promoting mutual understanding and civic participation. As worshippers exchanged greetings and celebrated with family and friends, the Bronx Eid gathering demonstrated how faith-based events can unite communities around shared values of service, compassion, and hope. In a city shaped by many cultures and traditions, the celebration offered a meaningful reminder that solidarity remains one of New York's greatest strengths.






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# FESTIVAL

## New York Global Short Film Fest 2026 Set for August Launch

Season One aims to connect filmmakers from around the world



**Ashley Reed**

The New York Global Short Film Fest 2026 is set to debut in New York on Saturday, August 8, 2026, bringing a new

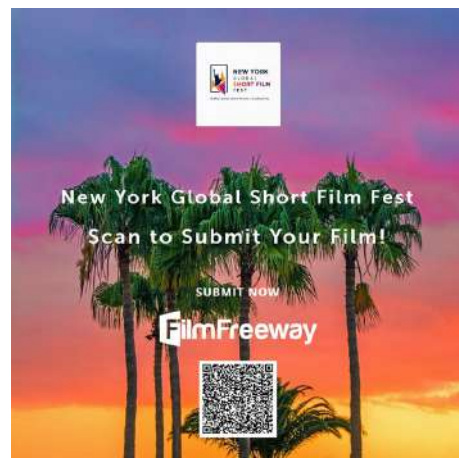
international platform for short filmmakers, documentary creators, students, and film lovers. Organized by the nonprofit New York Film



Foundation Inc., the festival's first season is expected to create fresh opportunities for filmmakers from across the world. Diaspora USA is serving as the main partner for the inaugural edition. Submissions are open in 11 categories for short films and documentaries. Within one month of opening, the festival has already received 265 submissions from different countries. The deadline for submission is July 5, 2026, and films are being accepted through FilmFreeway, which has listed the festival as a "best seller." According to organizers, the highest number of submissions so far has come from the United States, with additional entries from Bangladesh, India, other

parts of Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and North and South America. Festival director and New York Film Foundation founder Shamim Al Amin said the event will run from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM across two venues. The opening ceremony, seminars, workshops, and screenings will be held from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Queens Library Central, Jamaica. From 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, the program will continue at Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning (JCAL) with screenings, discussions, and the award ceremony. Awards will be presented in 11 categories, and films or documentaries produced within the last

three years are eligible. Special categories are also available for students and new filmmakers. Renowned American filmmaker Lear Levin will serve as head of the jury board, joined by other film experts. Festival convenor Dr. Pratap Das said he hopes the festival will win audiences through quality films from different countries and become an important cultural event for New York viewers. Festival partners include Queens Public Library, FilmFreeway, Autism Society Habilitation Organization (ASHO), and 1 One Organization. The Lens New York is the creative partner, while sponsors include TrueMed Pharma and Standard Express.





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# FAITH

## Eid al-Adha Prayer Draws Thousands in Jamaica, Queens

### Jamaica Muslim Center helps organize one of New York's largest Eid gatherings

**William Henry**

One of New York's largest Eid al-Adha prayer gatherings was held in Jamaica, Queens, as thousands of Muslim families came together under the supervision of Jamaica Muslim Center for a powerful outdoor Eid jamat.

The prayer brought together worshippers from across New York City, including faith leaders, community leaders, celebrities, families, youth, and elders. In a city known for its diversity, the gathering served as a visible reminder of the strength, presence, and unity of Muslim New Yorkers. Eid al-Adha, one of Islam's most important holidays, commemorates sacrifice, obedience to God, charity, and care for others. The day is



traditionally marked by prayer, reflection, family gatherings, and acts of giving. In Queens, the celebration carried deep spiritual meaning while also becoming a moment of public unity. The large outdoor jamat reflected how faith



communities continue to shape civic and

cultural life in New York. Worshippers stood shoulder to shoulder, representing different ethnic backgrounds, languages, and generations, united through prayer and shared values. The event also

highlighted the importance of community institutions such as Jamaica Muslim Center, which plays a central role in organizing religious, educational, and social programs for local families. By hosting a large Eid prayer in an

open public setting, the center helped create a welcoming space for worship, connection, and belonging. For many attendees, the gathering was more than a religious observance. It was a celebration of identity, family, and community life in a secular and multicultural city where people of many faiths live side by side. The impact of the Eid jamat extended beyond the prayer itself. It strengthened community bonds, encouraged compassion, and reminded participants of their responsibility to serve others. As worshippers left the field after prayer, the message of Eid al-Adha remained clear: sacrifice, mercy, and unity continue to bring communities together, even in one of the world's busiest cities.



# FAITH

## Faith leaders and families join in a powerful celebration of sacrifice and service



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# SAFETY

## Public Advocate Launches Safe Summer Push Against Gun Violence

### Jumaane D. Williams joins advocates during Gun Violence Awareness Month



**Emily Parker**

As Gun Violence Awareness Month begins, the Office of the NYC Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams joined community advocates to launch a

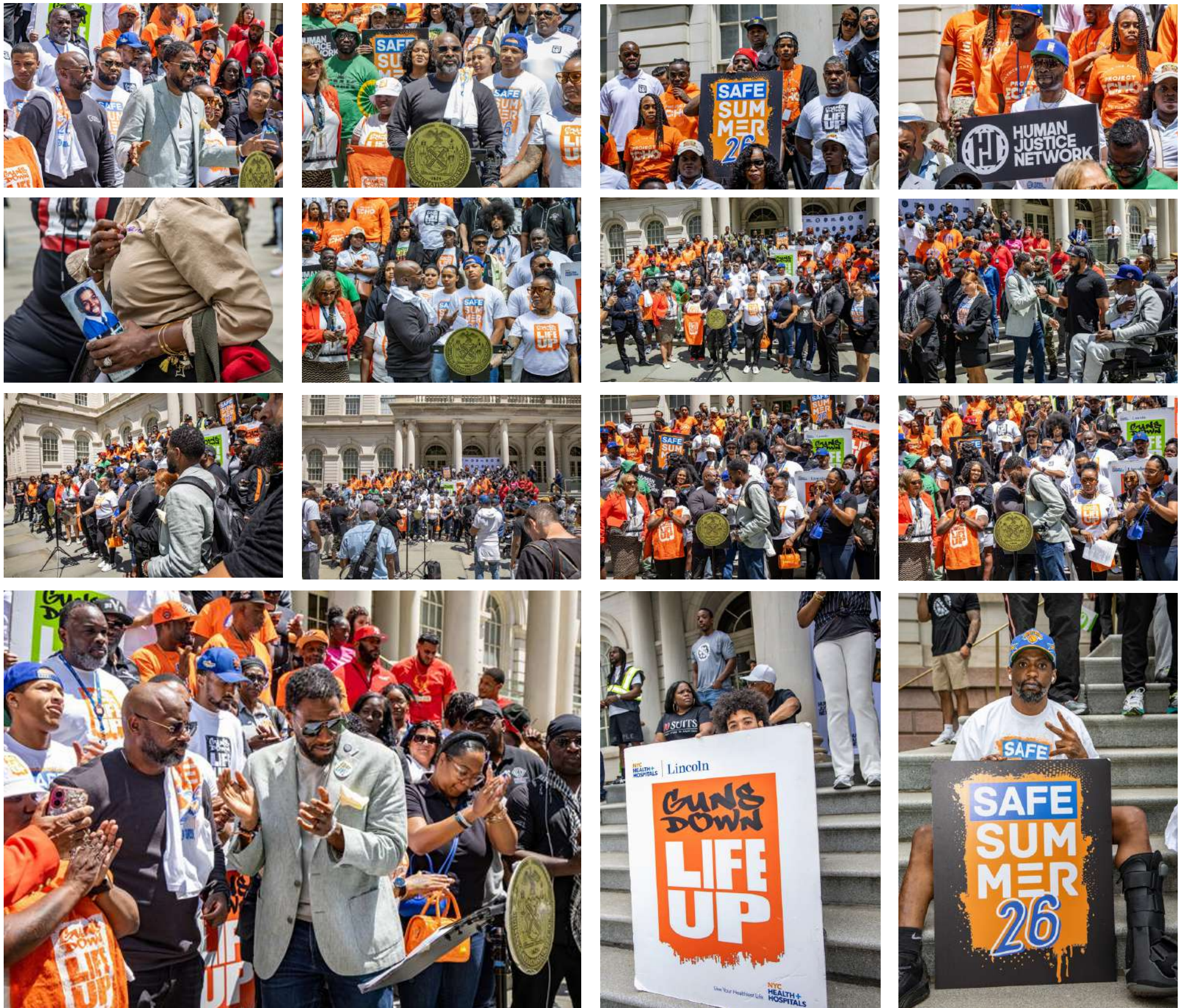
renewed call for a Safe Summer, emphasizing that violence prevention requires investment, partnership, and sustained public attention. The gathering focused on a reality many neighborhoods know too

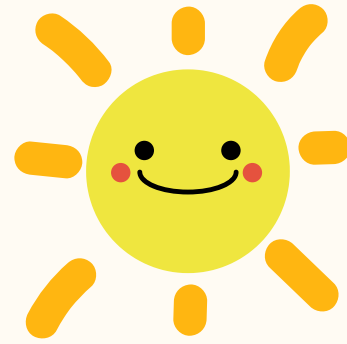


well: as temperatures rise, incidents of gun violence often increase. But the message from the Public Advocate's office was clear—this pattern is not unavoidable. With the right policies, resources, and community-led strategies, advocates said, New York can reduce violence and protect residents before crises occur. The event brought attention to organizations and local leaders working directly in communities most affected by gun violence. These advocates often serve as trusted messengers, mediators, mentors, and first responders in moments of conflict. Their work plays a critical role in preventing violence before it escalates. In its statement, the Public Advocate's office

said, "As temperatures rise, gun violence often increases. But this is not inevitable." The office added that it stood with advocates "working on the ground for community safety to begin a Safe Summer." The message reflected a broader public safety approach that looks beyond enforcement alone. Community leaders and advocates have long argued that safer neighborhoods require youth programming, mental health support, violence interruption, housing stability, employment opportunities, and stronger relationships between residents and institutions. The event also connected the Safe Summer effort to Gun Violence Awareness Month, calling it an opportunity to focus

attention on policies that prevent harm. "This Gun Violence Awareness Month is an opportunity to invest in policies that keep us safe," the office said. For families and neighborhoods affected by violence, the gathering carried both urgency and hope. It acknowledged the fear that can accompany summer months while also lifting up the people already working to make streets safer. By standing with community safety advocates, the Office of the NYC Public Advocate reinforced a central message: gun violence prevention is possible when government listens to grassroots leaders, invests in prevention, and treats public safety as a shared responsibility.





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## WHO Urges Ebola Cooperation

### DRC outbreak response faces resistance

**Amkel Nourush**

World Health Organization Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus urged communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo to cooperate with health workers as officials battle a fast-spreading Ebola outbreak in Ituri province. Speaking on Sunday at the opening of a treatment center in Bunia, Tedros said containing the virus is "everybody's business" and called on residents to seek medical care early if symptoms appear. He said patients can recover with timely support, noting that five patients had already recovered and four were expected to be



Photo: Health worker responds to Ebola outbreak at Evangelical Medical Center in DR Congo. Image Source : Gradel Muyisa Mumbere/Reuters

discharged. The outbreak, caused by the Bundibugyo strain, has led to 906 suspected cases and 223 suspected deaths in the DRC, according to WHO figures. Neighboring Uganda has confirmed nine cases and one death. Response efforts have been complicated by protests over strict protocols for handling victims' bodies, which some residents say conflict with local burial customs. At least three attacks on health centers have been linked to those tensions. Tedros also called for a ceasefire among armed groups in Ituri, saying no conflict is worth allowing a preventable disease to spread.

## Ferrari Faces EV Backlash

### Luce launch sparks debate



Photos: The Ferrari Luce EV has been heavily criticised Image Source: Ferrari Official pages

**Nassr Al Shams**

Ferrari's first electric vehicle, the Luce, has triggered a wave of backlash after its high-profile unveiling, challenging the identity of a brand long defined by roaring petrol

engines and low-slung supercars. The \$640,000 five-seater EV, developed with input from former iPhone designer Sir Jony Ive, marks a major shift for the Italian automaker as it tries to compete in a

fast-changing luxury car market shaped by rising Chinese EV rivals. The launch drew major attention, with Italian President Sergio Mattarella and Pope Leo invited to view the vehicle. But the reaction was

swift and divided. Ferrari shares dropped 8% the day after the unveiling, while social media users mocked the car's unconventional design. Former Ferrari chairman Luca Cordero di Montezemolo warned the Luce risked "the destruction of a legend," while Italy's Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini questioned whether it looked like a true Ferrari. Ferrari CEO Benedetto Vigna defended the price and innovation, saying the car had drawn strong interest from potential buyers. Still, the backlash highlights the challenge facing legacy automakers as they shift toward electric vehicles without alienating loyal customers.

## Blue Moon Rises

### Rare full moon lights weekend sky

**Charles Lewis**

A rare blue moon reached its peak early Sunday, giving skywatchers a chance to see the second full moon in a single calendar month. The moon appeared fullest at 4:45 a.m. ET, shortly before sunrise. Despite its name, the moon did not turn blue, instead appearing in its usual silvery white or golden tone. The term blue moon refers to timing, not color, and occurs when two full moons fall within one month. This event was also a micromoon, meaning the full moon occurred near its farthest point from Earth. According to NASA figures cited in the report, Sunday's



Photo: A full sturgeon supermoon, also a blue moon, sets behind Rocca Calascio Castle in Calascio, Italy, in August 2024. Image Source: Lorenzo Di Cola/NurPhoto/Shutterstock

moon was about 252,334 miles away, farther than its average distance of about 238,855 miles. Dr. Pamela Gay, senior scientist at the Planetary Science Institute, said most people would not

notice the moon looking smaller. But she noted that moonrise offered a good chance for photos, especially as the sky remained blue. Blue moons occur roughly every two to three years, making

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the event a special but recurring highlight for lunar observers.



Photo: Arsenal Fans & Players Celebrate Premier League trophy Image Source: Getty Images/BBC

## Arsenal Parade Joy

### Fans celebrate Premier League title

**Adrian Smith**

Arsenal set aside the heartbreak of their Champions League final defeat as hundreds of thousands of supporters filled the streets of north London for an open-top bus parade celebrating the club's Premier League title. The parade began at 2:15 p.m. from the Emirates Stadium, with captain Martin Ødegaard boarding first while holding the Premier League trophy. The bus, marked "Champions 25 26," traveled a 5.6-mile route through Arsenal's home neighborhoods as fans waved flags, lit

flares and sang "North London Forever." The celebration came just hours after Arsenal lost to Paris Saint-Germain on penalties in Budapest. Gabriel Magalhães, who missed the decisive spot-kick, called the defeat "painful" but said he was proud of the team's season. Manager Mikel Arteta smiled and waved to supporters, while the women's team joined on another bus with the FIFA Champions Cup they won in February. For many fans, the parade marked a long-awaited moment of joy after Arsenal's first league title in 22 years.



Photo: Rafael Jódar celebrates his win against Pablo Carreño Busta at Roland Garros, when he was two sets down. Image Source: Lionel Hahn/Getty Images

## Jódar Stuns Carreño Busta

### Teenager reaches French Open quarter-final

**Julian Alvez**

Rafael Jódar continued his stunning rise at the French Open, battling back from two sets down to defeat fellow Spaniard Pablo Carreño Busta and reach his first Grand Slam quarter-final. The 19-year-old won 4-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 in Paris, overcoming a nervous start before taking control with powerful baseline hitting. After dropping nine straight games early

in the match, Jódar dominated the final three sets. The victory adds to a breakout clay-court season that has included a title in Marrakech, a semi-final in Barcelona, and strong runs in Madrid and Rome. Ranked No. 707 a year ago, he is expected to rise to around No. 22. Jódar will next face second seed Alexander Zverev, one of the tournament favorites.