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Trade Tensions Rise

U.S. president vows retaliation over European tech

Rodrigo Diaz

A powerful typhoon has made landfall in China, marking the second major storm to strike the country in just one week. Authorities have evacuated nearly two million people from regions directly in the path of the storm as emergency services brace for significant impact. Typhoon Bavi, which spans 1,000km

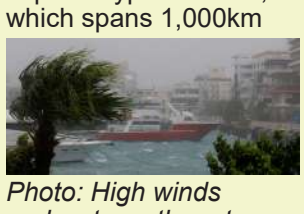


Photo: High winds and wet weather at a marina in Ishigaki Island, in Japan's Okinawa Prefecture.
Image Source: Reuters

at its widest point, first reached the coastal city of Taizhou on Saturday evening. It subsequently made a second landfall in Wenzhou around midnight. Before reaching the Chinese mainland, the storm battered remote Japanese islands and brought heavy rainfall to Taiwan. The system had previously caused deadly landslides in the Philippines, resulting in at least 17 deaths. Although the storm has since weakened to a severe tropical storm, officials warn that the massive volume of moisture it carries poses a continued threat of flooding. In Zhejiang province, schools and outdoor activities have been suspended, while 400 flights and numerous train services were cancelled to ensure public safety. Wenzhou, a city of 10 million, remains a primary area of concern. This latest weather event follows the destruction caused by Typhoon Maysak, which left 39 people dead earlier this week and triggered rare tornadoes in Hubei province.

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Photo: Vessels at the Strait of Hormuz, as seen from Musandam, Oman, July 8, 2026.
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US Strikes Iran

Strait of Hormuz Closed

Alexander Sullivan

The United States military has launched a significant wave of strikes against Iran following a direct attack on a Cyprus-flagged vessel in the Strait of Hormuz. The escalation marks a volatile turn in regional relations, as Tehran announced the immediate closure of the critical waterway until further notice.

US Central Command (Centcom) confirmed that the MV GFS Galaxy sustained severe engine room damage, leaving the vessel unable to continue its journey. One civilian crew member remains missing following the incident.
In response, Centcom conducted a massive operation, striking 140 Iranian military targets, including coastal surveillance locations, communication networks, and missile sites.
The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has vowed a severe response to what it termed US aggression. Within hours of the American strikes, the IRGC reported hitting the Prince Hassan Air Base in Jordan, claiming to have destroyed a command and control center.
Further reports indicate that Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates are currently managing incoming drone and missile activity.
This latest confrontation follows a series of attacks on commercial tankers earlier this week.
While mediators continue to push for a diplomatic resolution, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz—a vital global shipping artery—threatens to further destabilize the region. US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth issued a stern warning, stating that Iran had made a poor choice and would now face the consequences.

Fatal Shooting In Houston

ICE Target Was Incorrect

John Paul

A 52-year-old Mexican national, Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, was fatally shot by immigration agents during a traffic stop in Houston on Tuesday after officials said he was mistaken for the target of an enforcement operation.
Salgado Araujo was driving to work at approximately 7:00 a.m. local time when agents stopped his white van. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said an officer fired in self-defense after the vehicle allegedly tried to flee, but his family and passengers disputed the account.
The shooting has triggered large protests in Houston and calls from four Democratic members of Congress for an independent investigation. The DHS Office of Inspector General and the FBI are conducting separate investigations.
Salgado Araujo, a builder who had lived in the United States for 30 years, reportedly had no criminal record. The Mexican government said it plans to file criminal complaints over his death and other deaths of Mexican citizens in U.S. custody.



Photo: A family member holds an image of Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, who was fatally shot in Houston on Tuesday
Image Source: Getty Images/BBC



Photo: FIFA World Cup Trophy *Image Source: Online*

World Cup Semi-Finals History

Top Ranked Teams Advance

Lily Anderson

For the first time since the inception of the Fifa world rankings, the top four ranked nations have successfully navigated their way to the semi-finals of the 2026 World Cup. Spain, Argentina, France, and England have secured their places in the final four, a feat that marks a significant milestone in tournament history.
This unprecedented outcome was facilitated by a strategic change in the tournament draw. Fifa officials placed the top four seeds into separate quadrants, ensuring they could not face one another until the semi-final stage, provided they each won their respective groups. This adjustment was designed to preserve high-profile matchups for the latter stages of the competition, maintaining competitive balance throughout the expanded 48-team format. The semi-final schedule is now set, with France facing Spain on Tuesday, followed by England taking on Argentina on Wednesday. While previous tournaments often saw top-ranked teams eliminated early—such as Germany in 2018 or Spain in 2014—the new pathway system has successfully ensured that the world's highest-ranked teams remain in contention for the title.

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Youth Unite In Faith Walk

NYN Community Desk



Young people from different faith traditions gathered at Captain Tilly Park in Jamaica, Queens, for a peaceful Youth Multi-Faith Walk & Talk focused on dialogue, shared values and building a more hopeful future.
Surrounded by trees, birds, a lake and the natural beauty of the park, participants took part in an open conversation led by Imam Muhammad Shahidullah, CEO of Save the People. He spoke about universal values that connect communities, including peace, justice, compassion, mercy, respect and love for all people.
During the discussion, Shahidullah emphasized that Islam rejects hatred, violence and injustice, while noting that other faith traditions also call on their followers to uphold dignity and respect for every human being.
Youth participants asked thoughtful questions about future generations, peacebuilding, combating hate, environmental protection and how young people can become leaders of positive change. The park setting served as a reminder of harmony, coexistence and shared responsibility for the planet.
The gathering concluded with a commitment to promote understanding over division, dialogue over conflict and love over hate.

Faith Leaders Discuss City Resources





Image Source : Online

NYN Local Correspondent

Imam Muhammad Shahidullah, CEO of SAVE THE PEOPLE USA and a faith leader, joined Adama Bah and other participants for a civic discussion at the Manhattan Borough President’s Office, where attendees explored different resources available through the city.
The session focused on community support, public resources and ways to strengthen services for residents facing challenges. A presentation displayed during the gathering referenced the broader question, “After the crisis: how do we build?”, pointing to the need for long-term planning, partnership and community-centered solutions.
Shahidullah’s participation reflected the role faith leaders and community organizations can play in connecting residents with information, services and support networks. The discussion also highlighted the importance of collaboration between civic offices, nonprofit leaders and grassroots advocates.
For organizations such as SAVE THE PEOPLE USA, the meeting offered an opportunity to better understand available city resources and identify ways to share that information with families and communities in need. Participants emphasized that rebuilding after difficult moments requires awareness, cooperation and continued engagement between public institutions and community leaders.

Queens residents visit mosque, synagogue and church



Photo: The Central Queens Against Hate coalition, led by Mark Laster and Amy Long, to the left and right of the banner, held an interfaith food and walking tour June 28. Image Source: Emmanuel Moreno

NYN Neighborhood Report

Residents from across Central Queens gathered on June 28 for a free interfaith walking tour designed to promote unity, understanding and respect amid rising concerns over hate crimes.
Hosted by Central Queens Against Hate, the tour brought participants to Darul Uloom New York mosque in Jamaica, the Forest Hills Jewish Center and First Presbyterian Church of Forest Hills.
At each stop, attendees learned about different faith traditions, asked questions and shared informal conversations over snacks. “Everyone was so engaged,” organizer Amy Long said, noting that participants were eager to better understand different beliefs, traditions and the values that connect communities.
Organizer Mark Laster said the tour also revealed meaningful similarities across faiths. He reflected on his own religious journey and said he heard a similar story from a leader at the mosque, showing how people from different backgrounds can find common ground.
The event was supported by a grant from the Mayor’s Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes after incidents of antisemitic graffiti in the area. Organizers said more events are planned, including additional interfaith walks and community activities in Queens.

Weprin advisory board discusses community issues

NYN Community Reporter

Community members and advocates took part in Assemblyman David Weprin’s South Asian Advisory Board meeting, where participants discussed key issues affecting South Asian communities, particularly within Assembly District 24.
The meeting provided a platform for meaningful dialogue between local leaders and community voices, highlighting the importance of representation, access to resources and continued engagement with elected officials. Participants shared concerns and perspectives related to the needs of South Asian residents and the broader challenges facing diverse neighborhoods in the district.



Those who attended described the gathering as an opportunity to strengthen communication between the community and public office.
The discussion reflected the growing role of advisory boards in helping elected officials better understand the priorities of immigrant and minority communities.
By bringing community members into direct conversation with Assemblyman Weprin’s office, the meeting underscored the value of civic participation and collaboration. Organizers and participants emphasized that continued dialogue will be important in addressing local concerns and supporting stronger, more inclusive communities across Assembly District 24.

NY Families Get Property Support

NYN News Correspondent

The Center for NYC Neighborhoods launched the Heirs Property Protection Program, or HP3, in Jamaica to help New Yorkers protect inherited homes and preserve generational wealth.
Supported by the Wells Fargo Foundation, the program will offer loan products through a revolving fund to help heirs’ property owners resolve legal and financial barriers, including tangled title issues.



Photo: Rep. Gregory Meeks and partners launch Queens’ Heirs Property Protection Program. Image Source: Center for NYC Neighborhoods

U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks joined partners at York College on Wednesday for the launch, saying families need tools to keep their homes and pass them on to future generations.
Heirs’ property disputes can prevent homeowners from refinancing, making repairs or fully accessing home equity. Christie Peale, CEO of CNYCN, said HP3 offers a practical way for families to preserve housing stability and remain in their communities.

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ETHICS-BASED HONESTY

– Imam Shamsi Ali

This morning I read a book by an "unknown" author. One passage struck me deeply: "Honesty may not always make life easy, but it will always make life noble. An honest person may lose a momentary opportunity, but they will never lose their honor before God and humanity."
How true this is. In our worldly life, not everything of high value appears profitable at first glance. There are times when honesty may require us to let go of short-term gain, to refuse shortcuts, even to accept difficult consequences.
Honesty is like light. Its beam doesn't instantly turn darkness into day, but it never stops showing us the way. Dishonesty can bring momentary comfort, yet it always leaves behind lingering unease. Honesty can taste bitter at first, but it brings a peace that money cannot buy. An honest heart always has room to breathe, because it isn't burdened by pretense.
Honesty is more than good character, it is a path to true success and blessing. God loves those who are truthful and sincere. Human trust, too, grows from honesty that is consistently upheld. Wealth, position, or praise may come and go. But a good name born of honesty often outlives the person who carried it. Honor is the fruit harvested by those who dare to speak the truth, even when it brings them no personal advantage.
In reality, it isn't honesty that strains our relationships with others. More often, it's our discomfort with truth, our fear of the consequences. Yet being honest doesn't mean abandoning ethics or manners.
It means conveying the truth with a pure heart and gentle words. Honesty wrapped in good character builds trust. But truth and honesty without wisdom, manners, and ethics only become wounds for others.
NYC Subway, July 8, 2026
Note:
I writing this as I reflect once more on the Egypt vs Argentina match which was alleged to be full of corruption and dishonesty. Egypt, "maalesh" you won!



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

"Honesty may not always make life easy, but it will always make life noble."



Image Source: Online

"Honesty wrapped in good character builds trust."

The Crisis of Trust in FIFA

– Akbar Haider Kiron

Every four years, the FIFA World Cup captures the imagination of billions. It is more than a sporting competition; it is a global celebration where nations, cultures, and generations come together through a shared love of football. For ninety minutes, politics fades, languages become secondary, and the game itself takes center stage. That is why trust is the World Cup's most valuable asset.
Modern football has embraced technology to make the game fairer. The introduction of the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) promised greater accuracy and fewer decisive errors. Yet, despite these advances, many supporters around the world continue to debate controversial decisions that shape the outcome of matches. Whether those decisions are ultimately correct or not, the perception of inconsistency can be almost as damaging as an actual mistake.
Football does not simply require fairness—it must also be seen to be fair. Throughout this World Cup, a number of refereeing decisions have generated intense public discussion. In particular, the Argentina–Cabo Verde and Argentina–Egypt matches prompted widespread debate over offside decisions and the interpretation of key incidents. Regardless of where one stands on those individual calls, the global reaction illustrates an important point: when millions of supporters question crucial decisions, FIFA should view those concerns as an opportunity to strengthen confidence in the game through greater transparency and consistent application of the Laws of the Game.



— Akbar Haider Kiron Senior Journalist and Writer

The issue extends far beyond any single nation or superstar.
Lionel Messi has earned his legendary status through extraordinary talent and dedication. So have Kylian Mbappé, Erling Haaland, Mohamed Salah, and many other elite footballers. None of them should benefit from—or suffer because of—their reputation. Every player, every team, and every nation deserves to compete under exactly the same standards.
The credibility of the World Cup depends not only on spectacular goals or unforgettable victories, but also on the confidence that every whistle, every review, and every decision is guided solely by the rules of the game.
FIFA has made meaningful progress in improving officiating over the years, and football has benefited from many of those reforms. Yet the organization should continue investing in greater openness. Clear explanations of major VAR decisions, consistent referee evaluations, and ongoing dialogue with supporters could strengthen public confidence in the tournament.
Football belongs to the world—not to any federation, celebrity, or commercial interest.
The World Cup should always be remembered for moments of brilliance, courage, and sporting excellence—not for lingering questions about officiating.
In the end, trophies are temporary. Trust is permanent.
Protecting that trust is the greatest responsibility FIFA carries.
Long live football. Let fairness remain its universal language.

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MCNY Addresses Worshipper Safety

Leaders gather after firearm incident

NYN Desk Report

The Muslim Center of New York, known as MCNY, held a community safety briefing on July 6, 2026, following a frightening incident that disrupted Friday prayers and left hundreds of Muslim worshippers concerned about their safety.

The meeting took place from 5 to 6 p.m. at the mosque, located at 137-58 Geranium Avenue in Flushing, Queens. Community leaders organized the gathering to address the fear and uncertainty caused by the incident and to discuss the security needs of the congregation with New York leaders.



During the weekly Friday sermon two days earlier, an individual appeared among the congregants with what seemed to be a firearm. The sight of the weapon created immediate panic inside the mosque, where hundreds of people had gathered peacefully for worship. Published reports later described the object as a BB pistol and reported that the individual was arrested by the New York Police Department.

In an invitation distributed before the briefing, mosque representatives expressed the congregation's concerns in direct terms: "We feel unsafe." The statement emphasized that the incident had occurred inside a place of worship and called on public officials and community leaders to recognize the seriousness of the situation.

The briefing provided an opportunity for community members to raise concerns about safety, emergency preparedness and the protection of religious institutions. It also allowed mosque representatives to communicate the emotional impact of the incident on worshippers, many of whom had entered the center expecting a peaceful religious gathering.

For MCNY, the meeting represented an important step toward restoring confidence and strengthening cooperation between the mosque, public officials and law enforcement agencies. The incident highlighted the vulnerability that worshippers may feel when a threat enters a sacred and normally peaceful environment.

Br. Abdel Ghani, director of the Muslim Center of New York, served as the principal community contact for the event. Through the briefing, the mosque delivered a clear message: Muslim New Yorkers must be able to worship freely, peacefully and without fear, supported by effective and dependable security measures.





























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ADVOCACY

Public Advocate Calls for Community Investment

Williams urges support for housing, healthcare, and education



NYN News Desk

A major public safety debate in New York City drew renewed attention after Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams praised grassroots organizers for helping prevent an increase in the New York Police Department headcount. In a statement shared by the Office of the NYC Public Advocate, Williams pointed to New Yorkers dying in custody and a woman giving birth in a courtroom after low-level arrests. He described the incidents as examples of inhumane treatment and argued that communities need more than policing. “New Yorkers dying in custody. A woman giving birth in a courtroom. All after low-level arrests,” the statement read. Williams said the cases showed a wider need for investment in housing, healthcare, and education. His remarks linked public safety with access to basic services and placed renewed focus on how the city responds to residents who enter the criminal justice system for low-level offenses.

The statement also highlighted the role of grassroots advocacy in shaping the city’s police staffing debate. “Thankfully, grassroots advocacy against a higher NYPD headcount worked,” Williams said. His comments recognized community groups that opposed expanding the police force and supported directing greater attention toward social services and neighborhood needs. For the Office of the NYC Public Advocate, the outcome marked an important example of community pressure influencing public policy. Williams used the moment to reinforce his position that public safety depends on dignity, support, and access to essential services. The statement also raised concerns about custody conditions and courtroom treatment, though no additional details were provided about the incidents referenced. The message centered on a broader approach to safety in New York City. By connecting low-level arrests, deaths in custody, courtroom treatment, and police staffing, Williams argued that city leaders should focus on the conditions shaping people’s lives before and after contact with law enforcement. The grassroots campaign against a higher NYPD headcount became the clearest result of that approach, while the call for housing, healthcare, and education remained at the center of his message.























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APAG Cares Celebrates America at 250

Event highlights civic leadership and community service

NYN Correspondent

A celebration marking the 250th Anniversary of the United States brought together elected officials, diplomats, business leaders, community members, and volunteers as APAG Cares hosted its "America at 250: Civic Education & Community Leadership" event. The gathering recognized America's historic milestone while encouraging greater civic participation and leadership among Pakistani Americans and the broader community. Organizers described the event as both a celebration of the nation's history and a reminder of the responsibilities that come with citizenship and community involvement. "This event was not only a celebration of our nation's 250-year journey, but also a reminder that we all have a responsibility to give back through civic engagement, public service, entrepreneurship, and community leadership," the organizers stated.



The message reflected the event's focus on encouraging active participation in public life while recognizing the contributions of immigrants who proudly call the United States home.

The celebration welcomed several distinguished guests, including New York City Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams, NYC Comptroller Mark Levine, State Senators Toby Ann Stavisky, Kristen Gonzalez, and John Liu, Council Members Linda Lee and Phil Wong, Assembly Member Steve Raga, and Vice Consul General of Pakistan Umar Sheikh. Organizers thanked the officials for attending, noting that "Your presence reaffirmed the strong partnership between our community and leaders at every level of government."

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards recognizing outstanding leadership across multiple fields. Sidra Qasim received the Trailblazing Entrepreneurship Award, Inspector Adeel Rana was honored with the Distinguished Public Service Award, and Hassaan Chaudhary received the Civic Leadership Award. The ceremony celebrated their achievements and acknowledged their contributions to business, public service, and community engagement.

The event also recognized the efforts of APAG's women volunteers and youth speakers, whose dedication and leadership were praised as a source of optimism for the future of the community. Organizers expressed gratitude to every APAG member, volunteer, supporter, and attendee for contributing to the success of the celebration and reaffirmed the organization's mission to "Engage. Empower. Elevate."

As the evening concluded, the event reinforced the importance of civic education, public service, and cross-community collaboration. By bringing together public officials, community leaders, entrepreneurs, and volunteers, APAG Cares celebrated both America's 250-year journey and the growing role of Pakistani Americans in strengthening civic life and community leadership across the United States.











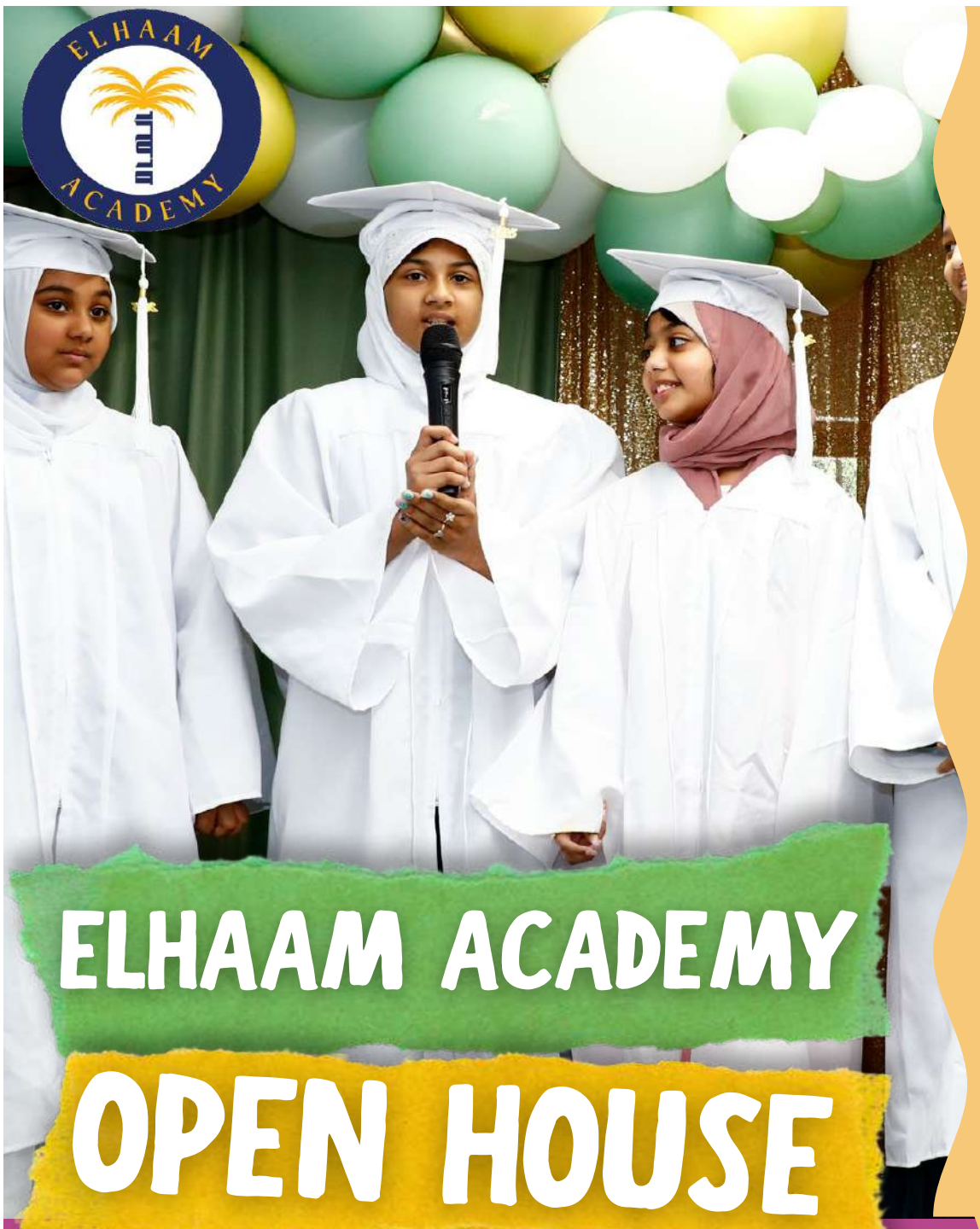










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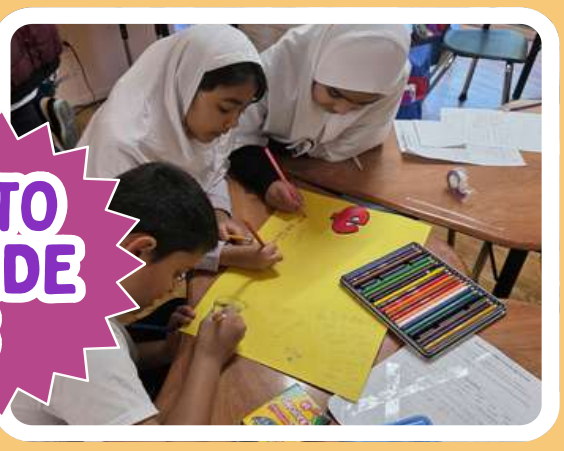
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Kids Camp Builds Character and Family Bonds

3-day program by Hillside Education Center combined learning with group activities

NYN Staff Reporter



Hillside Education Center completed a three-day kids camp designed to help children build character, strengthen family connections, and practice positive values through learning and group activities.

The program brought children together for a series of sessions centered on personal responsibility, kindness, honesty, and community support.

During the camp, organizers introduced the theme of "BUILDING UP" character, encouraging children to think about who they are and how they act when no one else is watching. In a public message shared during the program, the center explained, "That means who we are and what we do even when no one else is looking!"

The lessons used simple, practical examples children could apply in daily life. Organizers encouraged participants to put toys away without being asked, tell the truth even when they might face consequences, think kindly about others, and return valuable items found on the floor. These examples gave children a clear understanding of honesty, responsibility, and respect.

The camp also expanded its focus from personal character to family relationships. One session invited families to continue the "BUILDING UP" theme by exploring ways children and adults could support one another at home.

The gathering was scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. at Captain Tilly Park, near the Highland Avenue side.

Save the People USA (STPUSA) supported the camp through volunteer service throughout the program.

On the final day, rain affected the outdoor plans, and STPUSA provided indoor space so the activities could continue. The support helped organizers avoid canceling the closing session and gave children and families a safe place to complete the camp.

The three-day program reflected a shared effort between Hillside Education Center and STPUSA to provide children with lessons extending beyond the classroom. By combining character education, family engagement, and community support, the camp gave participants practical tools for making thoughtful choices and treating others with care.

The final day also showed how local organizations can work together when unexpected conditions arise. With volunteer help and a space secured during the rain, the camp concluded its program while keeping its central message in focus: strong communities begin with character, family, and everyday acts of responsibility.





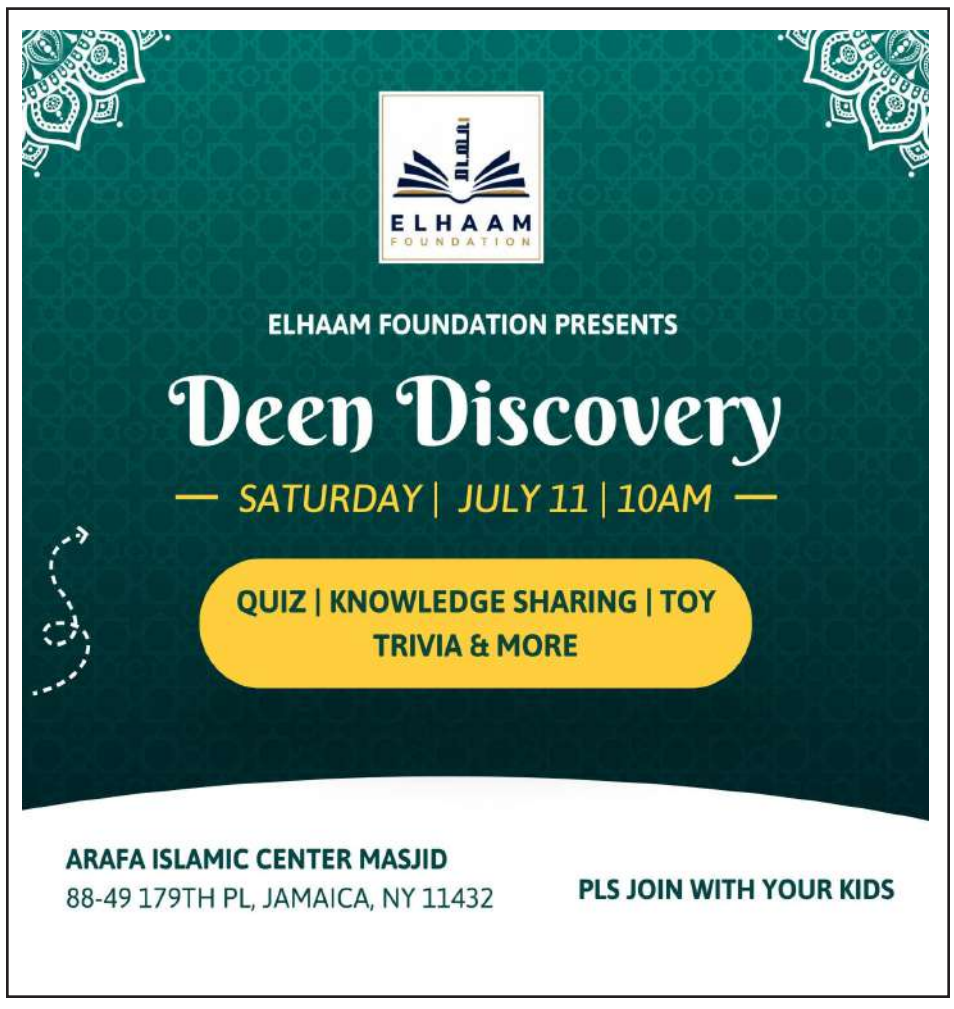










YOUTH

STPUSA Invests in Young New Yorkers

Orientation welcomes students for learning and growth



NYN Digital Desk

Save the People USA (STPUSA) welcomed young participants to its Summer Youth Orientation Program 2026, opening a season focused on learning, leadership, personal development, and new opportunities. The orientation introduced students to the program while helping them prepare for an active and engaging summer.

During the event, participants met fellow students, formed new connections, and explored the activities and goals planned for the program. The gathering gave young people an early sense of the supportive environment they would experience throughout the summer. Organizers described the orientation as a successful beginning for students entering a new period of growth and community involvement.

"Our Summer Youth Orientation Program was a wonderful success," STPUSA stated in its event recap. "We were excited to welcome young participants as they began a summer filled with learning, leadership, personal growth, and new opportunities." The message reflected the organization's focus on helping students develop practical skills, confidence, and positive relationships.

The orientation also highlighted the value of teamwork behind youth programming. STPUSA thanked its staff, volunteers, community partners, and the New York City Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD) for supporting the program. Their involvement helped create an organized and welcoming experience for students beginning their summer activities.

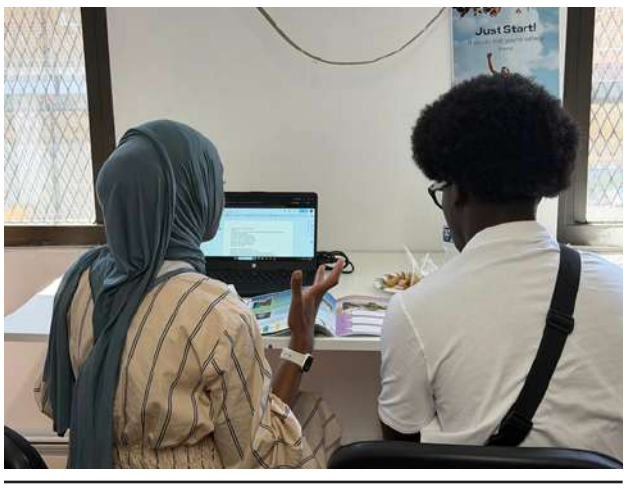
For participants, the event offered more than a formal introduction. It gave them space to meet peers, build friendships, understand program expectations, and prepare for future sessions. Such early engagement supports stronger participation by helping students feel connected before the main program begins.

The event also reinforced STPUSA's commitment to youth development through structured and supportive programming. "Together, we continue to invest in the next generation by creating safe, supportive, and empowering spaces where young people can thrive," the organization stated.

With the orientation completed, students entered the 2026 summer program with a clearer understanding of the opportunities ahead. The event marked the start of a shared effort among families, volunteers, partners, and youth leaders to support young people as they learn, connect, and grow.











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SAFETY

Queens Leaders Call for Stronger Worship Security

Community briefing follows threats against Sunnyside mosque

NYN Special Correspondent



The Sunnyside Muslim Center (SMC) brought elected officials, law enforcement leaders, city agencies, faith representatives, and residents together on July 10, 2026, for a Community Safety Briefing following Jumu'ah prayer in Sunnyside, Queens.

The gathering followed serious threats against the mosque and centered on stronger protection for houses of worship across New York City.

Among the attendees were Dan Wiley, District Director for the Office of Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez, and Tiffany Echevarria, Community Liaison for the Office of Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez. State and city officials included Assembly Member Claire Valdez of District 37, Assembly Member Steven Raga of District 30, Council Member Julie Won of District 26, and Farah Salim, Chief of Staff to Council Member Julie Won.

Law enforcement and city agency representatives included Shawn Clark, Executive Assistant District Attorney at the Queens District Attorney's Office, Rakiya Akter, Senior Community Coordinator at the Queens District Attorney's Office, Detective Iftikhar Khan of the Queens District Attorney's Office, and representatives of the NYPD 108th Precinct.

Vijay Ramjattan, Executive Director of the New York City Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes, addressed the importance of education, prevention, and cooperation.

Mohammed Al Harbi, Deputy Borough Director for Queens, also spoke about unity and community protection.

Faith and community leaders included Imam Yousuf Chowdhury of Sunnyside Muslim Center, SM Parvezur Rahman, President of Sunnyside Muslim Center, and Imam Muhammad Shahidullah, CEO of Save the People USA (STPUSA). Serving as moderator and speaker, Shahidullah described the threats facing the congregation.

"Our mosque recently received serious threats, including death threats and threats to destroy our house of worship. No one should ever fear for their life simply because they are coming to pray," he said.

The discussion focused on strengthening security at houses of worship, expanding access to state and federal security grants, increasing patrols, improving emergency preparedness, and encouraging the reporting of hate crimes and suspicious activity.

Speakers also stressed the need for closer cooperation between faith communities, government agencies, and law enforcement.

Shahidullah thanked the NYPD, especially the leadership and officers of the 107th and 108th Precincts, for their response and partnership. He closed with a unified message: "No hate. No fear. No violence. Every New Yorker deserves to worship freely, safely, and with dignity. Hate has no place in New York City, New York State, or anywhere in America."


























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Elhaam Academy Students Explore Arabic Calligraphy

Summer Maqtab activity combines language and creativity



NYN Bureau Report

Students at Elhaam Academy explored the form and structure of Arabic script during a hands-on calligraphy activity organized as part of the academy's Summer Maqtab program. The session gave young learners an opportunity to strengthen their writing skills while practicing focus, patience, and creativity.

During the activity, students worked on forming Arabic letters and words through calligraphy practice. The exercise encouraged them to pay close attention to the shape, spacing, and movement of the script. By slowing down and concentrating on each written form, participants engaged with the language through both education and artistic expression.

"Our Summer Maqtab students enjoyed practicing Arabic calligraphy, strengthening their writing skills with focus, patience, and creativity," Elhaam Academy stated in its post about the session.

The academy described the lesson as a meaningful way for students to interact with Arabic beyond regular reading and writing exercises.

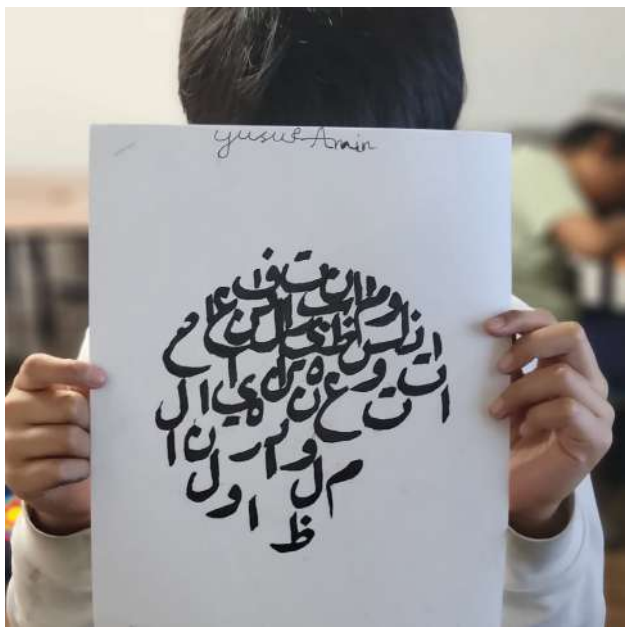
The activity placed students in an active learning environment where they practiced skills through direct participation. Arabic calligraphy requires careful observation and steady hand movements, giving learners a structured exercise centered on attention and consistency. The creative format also allowed students to approach language study through visual design.

"It was a beautiful hands-on activity that helped students connect with the Arabic language in a meaningful way," the academy stated. That connection remained at the center of the session, as students developed greater familiarity with written Arabic while taking part in an engaging summer program.

For Elhaam Academy's Summer Maqtab students, the calligraphy lesson supported language development while encouraging qualities useful in and outside the classroom. Focus helped students follow the details of each letter, patience supported steady practice, and creativity gave them room to express themselves through written forms.

The session reflected the academy's effort to make Arabic education interactive and accessible for young learners. Through a focused calligraphy activity, students strengthened their writing practice and formed a closer connection with the language they were studying.









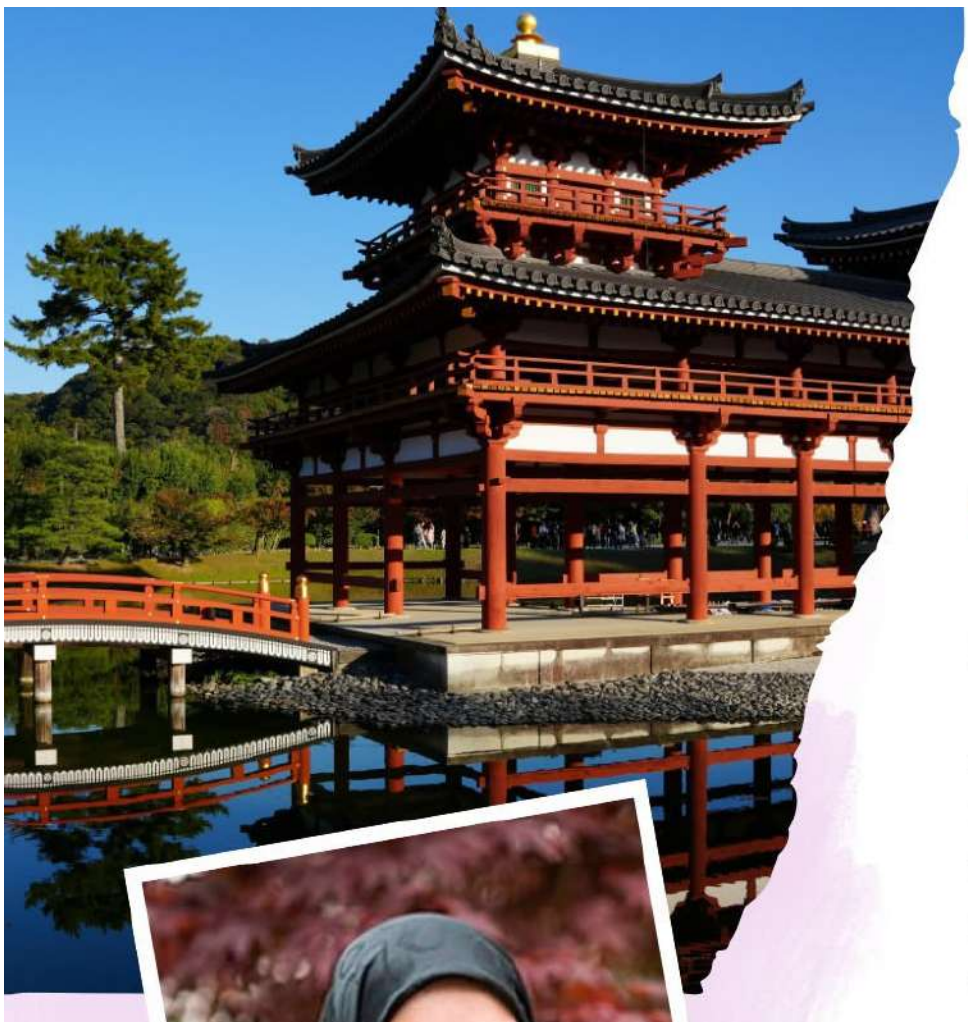














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Youth Safety Day Builds Community Awareness

Five-hour workshop focused on safety, careers, and preparedness

NYN Desk Report

Young people and community members gathered in Jamaica, Queens, on Saturday, July 11, 2026, for a five-hour Youth Safety Day workshop focused on personal safety, crime prevention, emergency readiness, family protection, and community support.

Held from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 87-41 165th Street, Jamaica, NY 11432, the event encouraged youth to become informed, prepared, and engaged in building safer neighborhoods.

The free community program was presented with the involvement of Save the People USA and the Interfaith Center of New York (ICNY). Built around the message “Working Together for a Safer, Stronger Community,” the workshop combined educational sessions with open discussion, giving participants space to ask questions and learn from community leaders and professionals.



Featured instructors included Imam Muhammad Shahidullah and Melvin Sharty, who guided conversations on youth and family safety, crime prevention, emergency preparedness, and access to community resources. The program also welcomed Saaif Alam, President of the Jamaica Hills Association, who joined the discussion on local leadership and the role of community organizations in supporting young people.

Attorney Raju Mahajan addressed topics involving youth, career development, and law, offering participants practical insight into professional pathways and legal awareness. His session expanded the workshop beyond immediate safety concerns by connecting personal responsibility with education, career planning, and informed decision-making.

The event’s agenda included personal safety, crime prevention, emergency preparedness, youth and family safety, community resources, and an open question-and-answer session. These topics gave attendees practical information they could apply at home, in school, and throughout their neighborhoods.

The five-hour format allowed speakers to address each area while encouraging direct participation from those present.

Messages displayed throughout the program emphasized awareness and preparation, including “Be Safe. Be Aware. Be Prepared.” and “Strong Youth. Strong Communities.”

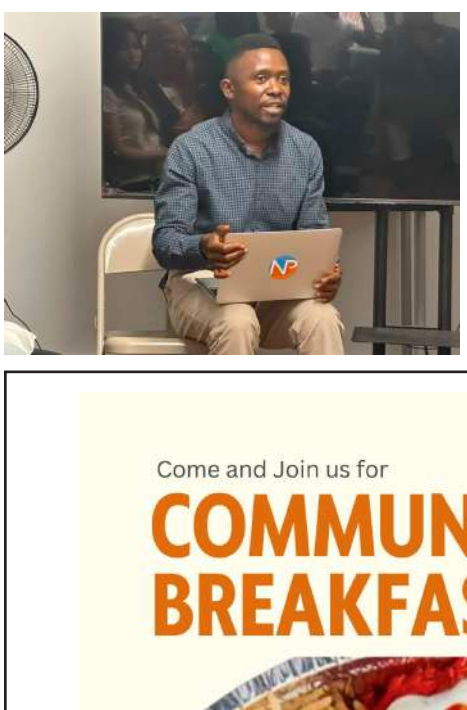
Organizers also reinforced the importance of shared responsibility through the call to “Protect Our Neighborhood.”

By bringing together faith leaders, legal professionals, neighborhood advocates, and young residents, Youth Safety Day created a setting for education and community connection. The workshop closed with a clear focus on helping youth make informed choices and strengthening cooperation among families, organizations, and local leaders.

















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Community Breakfast Brings Hillside Together

Local organizations host a morning of connection and fellowship



NYN News Desk

Residents and community organizations came together for the Hillside Community Breakfast on July 11, creating a welcoming space for neighbors to connect over a shared meal while strengthening relationships within the Jamaica, Queens community. Held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 150-15 Hillside Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432, the event emphasized fellowship, collaboration, and community engagement. The breakfast was organized through the joint efforts of Elhaam Foundation, Children of Adam, Save the People, and Darul Uloom New York Institute of Islamic Studies. By bringing together multiple community organizations, the event reflected a shared commitment to building stronger neighborhood ties and creating opportunities for residents to interact in a welcoming environment. Throughout the two-hour gathering, attendees had the opportunity to meet neighbors, engage with community leaders, and enjoy breakfast in an informal setting. The event encouraged conversation across generations while providing a space where families, volunteers, and local organizations could strengthen relationships and learn more about one another's community efforts. The collaboration among the participating organizations highlighted the value of working together to support local residents. Community breakfasts often serve as an opportunity to increase neighborhood engagement, encourage volunteerism, and build trust among organizations and the people they serve. The gathering reflected those goals by creating an atmosphere centered on inclusion, hospitality, and community participation. The event also demonstrated the ongoing efforts of the participating organizations to remain active within the Hillside neighborhood. By hosting a public breakfast, they offered residents an accessible opportunity to gather, exchange ideas, and strengthen connections beyond formal meetings or organized programs. As the morning concluded, the Hillside Community Breakfast reinforced the importance of community partnerships in creating welcoming public spaces. The collaboration among Elhaam Foundation, Children of Adam, Save the People, and Darul Uloom New York Institute of Islamic Studies highlighted how shared initiatives can bring neighbors together, encourage meaningful engagement, and contribute to a stronger and more connected community in Jamaica, Queens.



















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Deadly Barrage Hits Ukraine

Missiles and Drones Strike Kyiv



Photo: Firefighters extinguishing a fire in a warehouse damaged following Russian missile attacks on the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv.
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Amkel Nourush

Russia launched a massive, coordinated aerial assault across Ukraine on July 11, 2026, resulting in at least eight deaths and dozens of injuries. The strikes, which targeted both civilian and critical infrastructure, mark a grim escalation in what has become one of the deadliest months of the ongoing conflict.

In the northern city of Sumy, two glide bombs struck a crowded area, killing five people and wounding 30 others. Local reports confirmed that one bomb hit a bus stop, leaving a scene of total devastation. Further attacks were reported in Odesa, where a missile strike killed two, and in Kharkiv, where a drone hit a civilian enterprise, wounding seven. An additional fatality was recorded in Sloviansk. The capital, Kyiv, faced a complex barrage of ballistic missiles and 121 drones. While Ukrainian air defenses successfully intercepted 111 drones and two cruise missiles, all six ballistic missiles breached the perimeter, causing severe fires in the Darnytskyi and Solomianskyi districts. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko confirmed that an 11-year-old boy was among the casualties. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy condemned the strikes, noting that defenders are currently rationing depleted air defense stockpiles. In response, Ukrainian forces have intensified efforts to disrupt Russian military logistics, reportedly striking 21 fuel tankers in the Sea of Azov.



Photo: Widdecombe was found with serious injuries at her home in Dartmoor on Thursday
Image Source: Getty Images/BBC

Man Arrested In Widdecombe Case

Police continue murder investigation

Nassr Al Shams

Police have arrested a 28-year-old man in South Yorkshire on suspicion of murdering Ann Widdecombe, the former Conservative minister and Reform UK spokesperson whose death has shocked Britain's political community.
Devon and Cornwall Police said the suspect was taken into custody after being arrested at an address roughly 270 miles from Widdecombe's home in Haytor, Devon. Widdecombe, 78, was found dead with serious injuries at her property at about 11:40 a.m. BST on Thursday. Investigators believe she may have been attacked nearly 24 hours earlier. Police said they were supported in the arrest by Counter Terrorism Policing North East and South Yorkshire Police, but emphasized that there is currently no information suggesting the incident was terrorism-related.
A 26-year-old man previously arrested in Newton Abbot on suspicion of murder was later released and is no longer part of the investigation, police said. Tributes have continued near Widdecombe's home, including flowers laid by Reform UK leader Nigel Farage, who described her as a "remarkable individual." Police said the investigation remains live and active.



Photo: US Senator Lindsey Graham dies after 'brief and sudden illness', his office says
Image Source: BBC

Sen. Lindsey Graham Dies At 71

South Carolina Republican remembered for foreign policy influence

Julian Alvez

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, a powerful Republican voice on foreign policy and one of South Carolina's most prominent political figures, has died at the age of 71 after a brief and sudden illness, his office said.
Graham died on Saturday evening, according to a statement from his office, which said his family requested privacy during an "incredibly difficult period." His death came shortly after he returned from Kyiv, where he met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.
First elected to the U.S. Senate in 2002, Graham became one of Washington's most influential advocates for a forceful American role abroad. He strongly supported U.S. assistance to Ukraine, opposed the withdrawal from Afghanistan, and remained a staunch supporter of Israel. Though he had at times clashed with President Donald Trump, Graham later became one of his key allies. Trump called him a "true American Patriot."
Political leaders in the United States and abroad paid tribute to Graham's decades of public service and his lasting role in national security debates.

Eating Smart In A Heatwave

Experts share simple food and hydration advice

Henry Bob

As temperatures rose above 30C (86F) in parts of the UK, nutrition experts advised people to stay hydrated, eat lighter meals and avoid overheating the kitchen.
Aisling Daly of Oxford Brookes University said there is "no need for more protein in a heatwave," noting that digesting protein can generate more body heat. Experts recommended easier options such as bean salads, eggs, Greek yogurt, smoothies, tofu, nuts and lighter fish.
Hydration remains a key concern. The NHS usually recommends six to eight glasses of fluid a day, but people may need more during extreme heat. Dr. Charlotte Mills of the University of Reading said fluid needs vary by age, activity level, body size and health.
Experts also encouraged eating water-rich foods such as cucumber, tomatoes, lettuce, watermelon and strawberries. Warm drinks, including tea, can still help the body cool by encouraging sweating.



Photo: More protein or less? The foods to get you through a heatwave
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T. Rex Sale Sparks Debate

Scientists worry fossils may leave public view

Charles Lewis

A rare Tyrannosaurus rex fossil known as Gus is heading to auction at Sotheby's, where it could become one of the most expensive dinosaur fossils ever sold. The specimen, discovered in South Dakota, has been valued at $30 million. Sotheby's said about 61% of the fossil's bones have been identified, making it one of the most complete T. rex specimens ever found. The sale has renewed debate over whether major fossils should remain in museums or be sold to private buyers. Scientists, including Prof. Susannah Maidment of London's Natural History Museum, warn that rising prices are pushing museums out of the market and limiting access for research. Auction officials argue that fossil hunters spend years and significant personal resources recovering fragile remains. Cassandra Hatton of Sotheby's said high prices reflect the skill, time and risk involved in saving fossils from being lost forever.



Photo: Gus the T. rex was discovered in Badlands country in South Dakota and named after the late owner of the land
Image Source: Sotheby's via BBC