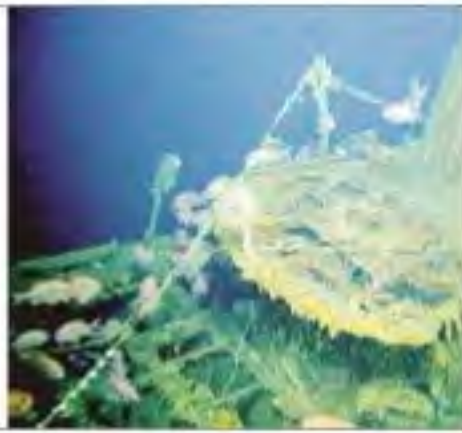


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## MEANWHILE US SUBMARINE, LOST 75 YRS AGO, FOUND

A 75-year-old mystery has been solved, and the families of 80 American sailors lost at sea will now have closure: the *USS Grayback* has finally been found. The submarine was found off the coast of Okinawa, Japan, in June, according to the Lost 52 Project, a group of undersea explorers whose mission is to find the wrecks of every US submarine lost in World War II.

### TOPOF THE WORLD



Vaz was a British MP for 32 years

### BRITAIN Longest-serving Indian-origin MP Keith Vaz retires

London: Keith Vaz, the longest-serving Indian-origin MP in the House of Commons, has announced his retirement from Parliament after 32 years. Vaz had been Labour MP for Leicester East since 1987 but announced in a statement that he would not be seeking re-election in the December 12 General Election. This comes in the wake of MPs approving the parliamentary watchdog's recommendation to suspend the MP for six months after finding he had "disregarded" the law when he "expressed willingness" to purchase cocaine for male prostitutes a few years ago.

### USA Uber CEO walks back comment on Khashoggi

New York: Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi faced criticism for calling the murder of *Washington Post* columnist Jamal Khashoggi "a mistake" in an interview with Axios on HBO. Khosrowshahi later said he regretted his comments. He tweeted Monday that there's no forgiving or forgetting what happened to Khashoggi and he was wrong to call it a mistake. In his interview with Axios, Khosrowshahi said people make mistakes, and it doesn't mean they can never be forgiven. Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund has invested heavily in Uber and its managing director is on Uber's board.

### SRI LANKA Convicts climb jail roof to demand amnesty after killer pardoned

Colombo: Two death-row convicts climbed on the roof of a prison in Sri Lanka and demanded presidential pardon, days after President Maithripala Sirisena granted amnesty to a murderer belonging to a wealthy family. Jude Jayamaha, who was convicted for the murder of his Swedish girlfriend in 2005, walked out of the Welikada prison last Saturday. Two death-row convicts on Monday climbed the prison roof and demanded that the President also grant amnesty to them.

# Hong Kong crisis intensifies: Police shoots at protester, man set on fire

Both critical; city's Chief Executive Carrie Lam denounces demonstrators as enemies of the people

JAMES POMFRET & CLARE JIM  
HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 11

HONG KONG police shot and critically wounded a protester and a man was set on fire on Monday in violence that prompted leader Carrie Lam to denounce "enemies of the people" and drew a chilling warning from a senior Chinese newspaper editor.

Protesters threw petrol bombs at police after a weekend of clashes across the Chinese-ruled territory, marking a dramatic escalation in more than five months of often violent pro-democracy unrest.

"The violence has far exceeded the call for democracy and the demonstrators are now the people's enemy," Hong Kong chief executive Lam said in a defiant televised address.

China has a garrison of up to 12,000 troops in Hong Kong who have kept to barracks throughout the unrest, but it has vowed to crush any attempts at independence, a demand for a very small minority of protesters.

The editor in chief of China's *Global Times* tabloid, published by the state-owned *People's Daily*, said Hong Kong police had nothing to be scared of.

"You have the backing of not only Hong Kong and Chinese peo-



This still image from a social media video shows a police officer aiming his gun at a protester in Hong Kong on Monday. Reuters

ple, but also Chinese soldiers and People's Liberation Army in Hong Kong," Hu Xijin wrote on his blog. "They can go into Hong Kong to provide support at any time."

### Shooting on video

Police fired live rounds at close range at protesters in Sai Wan Ho on the eastern side of Hong Kong island and one 21-year-old protester was

wounded. Police said the victim was in critical condition.

Video footage showed polystyrene boxes and other debris littering a crossing and blocking traffic. A protester wearing a white hoodie and mask walks towards a policeman, as if to challenge him. The officer draws his gun and points it at him at close range and grabs him round the neck.

As the officer holds the man with his left hand, he shoots another approaching masked protester at close range with his right hand. Three shots ring out and the man falls to the ground. The fallen man is pinned to the ground by an officer holding a gun to his head. The man in white escapes. A friend visited the wounded man in hospital. "My friend didn't actually attack the police or do anything," Rigan,

19, said. "They just shot him. My friend is optimistic, friendly and willing to help others."

Video images online also showed a man dousing petrol on another and setting him on fire outside Ma On Shan Plaza in the New Territories. Engulfed in flames, the man was able to rip off his shirt and douse the blaze. Police said he was in critical condition. REUTERS

## UK academics protest after Cambridge scholar told to go back to India

ADITI KHANNA  
LONDON, NOVEMBER 11

HUNDREDS OF academics, students and activists have signed an open letter to lobby the UK Home Office to reconsider its decision to deny a University of Cambridge scholar permanent residency in the UK for spending too much time in India, which she says was essential for fieldwork and research.

Dr Asiya Islam's application for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) was refused by the UK Home Office last week on the grounds that she had been out of Britain for longer than the stipulated period for such an application.

However, the 31-year-old academic points out that she had supplied supporting documents to explain the absence, which was due to time spent in New Delhi for her PhD on 'Gender, Class, and Labour in the New Economy of Urban India'.

"Yes, that's right — the Home Office refused my application because I was away doing academic work for a UK university. The mind boggles," said Islam, as she took to Twitter to express her shock. "I provided several letters to present the case that fieldwork is a crucial aspect of my work and should not count towards my days out of the country. But nope, apparently I failed to provide any exceptional reasons in support of your out of time application," she said.

Islam has been based in the UK for over a decade. PTI

# Violence, power vacuum in Bolivia after Morales resigns, decries 'coup'

Clashes & looting in cities, roads blocked; Oppn politician says will take charge

DANIEL RAMOS & GRAM SLATTERY  
LA PAZ, NOVEMBER 11

LOOTING, FIGHTING and roadblocks convulsed Bolivia on Monday after President Evo Morales' resignation ended his 14-year rule and created a power vacuum following weeks of violent protests.

The departure of Bolivia's first indigenous president, who was the last survivor of a wave of leftist leaders in Latin America from two decades ago, came on Sunday when the military abandoned him amid unrest over his disputed Oct. 20 re-election.

The Organisation of American States (OAS), which had denounced "manipulations" of that vote, exhorted Bolivian



lawmakers to meet urgently to resolve the crisis.

With Morales' deputy and many allies in government and parliament gone with him, Opposition politician and Senate second vice-president Jeanine Añez flew into the capital saying she was willing to take temporary control until a new vote.

"I am afraid of what will happen, everything is a mess in the city. There are fights between

neighbours," said Patricia Paredes, a 25-year-old secretary in La Paz. Overnight, gangs roamed the highland capital and other cities, businesses were attacked, rival political supporters clashed and properties were set on fire.

Schools and shops were largely closed, while public transport halted and roads were blocked.

Morales, 60, flew out of La Paz and was believed to still be in Bolivia — but his exact whereabouts were unclear. He said he stepped down to ease the violence, but repeated on Monday accusations he was the victim of a conspiracy by political enemies including election rival Carlos Mesa and protest leader Luis Fernando Camacho. "The world and our Bolivian patriots repudiate the coup," he tweeted. "They moved me to tears. They never abandon me. I will never abandon them."

## Noted Russian historian charged with murder of 24-yr-old lover

63-year-old Napoleon expert confessed to crime after police found him trying to dispose of the woman's remains in a river

TOM BALMFORTH  
MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 11

A RUSSIAN court on Monday charged a distinguished historian known for re-enacting Napoleonic battle scenes with the murder of his partner after he was found in a river with a rucksack containing her severed arms.

Oleg Sokolov, a 63-year-old history professor at St Petersburg State University confessed in court on Monday to shooting dead

Anastasia Yeshchenko, a 24-year-old postgraduate, with a rifle.

Sokolov told the court he had loved Yeshchenko and that they had been lovers for five years. But they argued over his children from another relationship and he had "lost control," shooting her four times with a sawn-off rifle, he said.

"During the row, we all lost control. I don't understand how it happened. Something like this has never happened to me before. She attacked me with a knife," he was quoted as saying

by the Interfax news agency.

"I repent," he said. Investigators suspect Sokolov, whose expertise on Napoleon Bonaparte earned him a Legion of Honour order of merit from France, of chopping his lover into pieces and of trying to dump them in the river to cover his tracks.

He was hauled from the Moyka River on Saturday morning with a rucksack containing a gun that fires rubber bullets and the dismembered arms of a woman, Russia's Investigative

Committee, which handles major crimes, said in a statement. He was treated for hypothermia.

Divers combed the river for Yeshchenko's remains, but instead found the skeleton of a man, a find apparently unrelated to the historian's case. Yeshchenko's remains may have been swept out by currents into the Gulf of Finland, the search team said. Sokolov appeared in court Monday and was visibly upset, occasionally holding his head in his hands as he spoke to his lawyer. REUTERS



Oleg Sokolov in court in Saint Petersburg. Reuters

REUTERS  
THE HAGUE, NOVEMBER 11

GAMBIA HAS filed a case at the United Nations' top court accusing Myanmar of committing genocide against its Rohingya Muslim minority, Gambian Justice Minister Abubacarr Tambadou said on Monday.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ), also known as the World Court, is the United Nations' top legal institution that rules on disputes between states.

Both Gambia and Myanmar are signatories to the 1948 Genocide Convention, which not only prohibits states from committing genocide but also compels all signatory states to prevent and punish the crime of genocide.

"The aim is to get Myanmar to account for its action against



its own people: the Rohingya. It is a shame for our generation that we do nothing while genocide is unfolding right under our own eyes."

— ABUBACARR TAMBADOU  
GAMBIA JUSTICE MINISTER

## 'I AM GOING TO CONTINUE HIDING THESE BOOKS... TO KEEP THIS PROPAGANDA OUT OF YOUNG MINDS,' A NOTE BY THE PERPETRATOR SAID

# Whodunit in the library: Someone keeps hiding the anti-Trump books

MIKE BAKER  
COEUR D'ALENE, NOVEMBER 11

FROM HER office next to the public computer terminals, Bette Ammon finds herself peering through a window to watch patrons moving through the Coeur d'Alene library's nonfiction stacks.

Someone has been hiding books lately — specifically, those that explore politics through a progressive lens or criticise US President Donald Trump. They wind up misfiled in out-of-the-way corners where readers will be sure not to find them. "I am going to continue hiding

these books in the most obscure places I can find to keep this propaganda out of the hands of young minds," the mystery book relocater wrote in a note left for Ammon, the library director, in the facility's comment box. "Your liberal angst gives me great pleasure."

For decades, Coeur d'Alene has navigated a delicate political landscape in northern Idaho, a conservative corner of the country where some have sought refuge from political and social changes elsewhere.

The incidents over this past year — including a missing book that was discovered only this week — were not the first time

books have mysteriously disappeared. Thirty years ago, the library lost so many books on human rights to theft that they had to be placed in a locked cabinet. The latest works to be targeted cover a wide range of topics, from gun control and women's suffrage to LGBTQ issues and how people of color fare in the criminal justice system. About half the books specifically deal with Trump.

While none of the books in the latest incidents appear to have been stolen, some have been hidden in ways that made it nearly impossible to find them when patrons wanted to check them out. They have been discovered inex-



The books which had been misfiled at the Coeur d'Alene library in Idaho. NYT

plicably filed in the wrong sections, hidden behind a row of Stuart Woods novels, or shelved with the spine facing inward.

Ammon said she and other workers at the library have hunches about who might be hiding the books, but they have yet to catch anyone in the act. The perpetrator has some support in the community: After a local television station did a story about the missing books, one person called Ammon to praise whomever had hidden them, complaining that the library only carries books that represent a liberal point of view.

Ammon said she asked the caller to provide a list of books that

should be in the stacks, and while the person failed to provide one, she suspects the library already has whatever might be on it.

"We serve the entire community," Ammon said.

The library's first battle over missing books began in the 1980s, the fallout from a series of conflicts with a group of white supremacists who had settled in the region.

Over the decades, Coeur d'Alene had become a magnet for people looking for a lower cost of living or an outdoors lifestyle away from a major city. Many moved in from California, eager to escape the traffic, crime and smog. One of them was Richard

Butler, a former engineer at Lockheed Martin in California, who bought land north of Coeur d'Alene in the 1970s to build a compound for a white supremacist group known as the Aryan Nations. The group regularly distributed flyers, staged parades around town and held annual summits that brought in neo-Nazis from around the world.

City leaders led efforts to combat the racists, who responded with an intimidation campaign that included a series of bombings in the mid-1980s. The city was awarded a Raoul Wallenberg Civic Courage Award in 1986 for its role in combating

the hate group and used funds from that prize to establish a collection of human rights literature in the library. Then the books started disappearing. "It was just unconscionable," said Kathleen Saylor, a longtime member of the library's board of trustees. The library had a limited budget, Saylor said, and the director at the time decided that the best way to protect the books was to put a lock on the floor-to-ceiling glass cabinet where they were kept. They stayed there until Ammon took over the job in 2005 and decided they should be integrated into the rest of the library's collection. NYT