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Commentary

A prominent theme in this month's news collection is reconciliation. Archives and records play a critical role in uncovering the root causes of historical injustices, discrimination, and abuse. They also enable us to document the enduring impact of these harms. By thoroughly understanding both the initial and long-term effects, we can build a foundation for restoring trust, providing reparations, and establishing a constructive path forward.

A few noteworthy items about reconciliation:

- [Truth Recovery Programme for Northern Ireland's Mother and Baby Institutions](#)
- [The Commission For Truth, Unity and Reconciliation: A Damp Squib for Human Rights Archives and Records](#)
- [Restitution de l'archipel des Chagos: Une victoire incomplète pour l'île Maurice](#)
- [Namibia welcomes back descendants of ethnic group that fled colonial-era brutality](#)
- [1960s civil rights protesters who staged historic sit-in finally have arrest records cleared](#)

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SAHR News

- Last month, Jens Boel participated in a panel of the [International Memory of the World Conference](#). He specifically mentioned the Appeal to the United Nation Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights relating to the [archives of temporary international criminal courts](#), which was also the subject of an earlier SAHR event. Members in the audience who had contacts in their respective ministries of foreign affairs were asked to consider using these to support the Appeal.
- At the ICA General Assembly on Thursday 24 October, Josée Kirps, the ICA president, mentioned the SAHR Geneva event in her report, and the work of the section.
- Our next “First Tuesday Talk” on the UNRWA archives is planned for the 3rd of December at 4pm CET. More details to follow, but [registration](#) is already possible.

Events

Indigenous Matters: [CFP: Oral History Review, Special Issue on Indigenous Oral History \(due June 1 2025\)](#). Cheryl Oestreicher, Publishing in the Archives Profession, 2024-10-17.

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News by topic

Access to Information

Europe: [EU: ARTICLE 19 contributes to Access Info's report on access to documents](#). ARTICLE 19 contributed to a report aimed at EU institutions on improving the implementation of the public's right to access EU documents. Article 19, ARTICLE 19, 2024-10-28.

Europe: [European Parliament Revolutionizes Archive Access with Claude AI](#). Discover how the European Parliament uses Anthropic's Claude AI to power Archibot, dramatically improving access to 2.1 million documents. Learn how this AI solution cuts search time by 80% and boosts user satisfaction, while maintaining ethical standards and security. Anthropic, Anthropic, 2024-10-21.

Censorship

Asia: [Hong Kong: End arbitrary censorship of Flow HK website](#). Authorities' blocking of the Flow HK website is a clear attempt to censor a leading independent voice for Hong Kong and among the diaspora. Article 19, ARTICLE 19, 2024-10-07.

Child Abuse

Ireland: [Protect and release our archived personal histories](#). Under new legislation fast-tracked by the Minister for Children, the destruction, alteration or removal of records pertaining to survivors of institutional abuse will be a criminal offence. Finn, Clodagh, Irish Examiner, 2024-10-19.

Civil Rights

Europe: [Croatian police accused of burning asylum seekers' phones and passports](#). Croatia's border police force appear to be burning clothing, mobile phones and passports seized from asylum seekers attempting to cross into the European Union before pushing them back to Bosnia. Lorenzo Tondo and Amy Hawkins, The Guardian, 2024-10-10.

Syria: [About 16 Million Syrian Citizens are Suffering as a Result of the Syrian Regime's Control Over Official Documents](#). The report notes that that the regime controls the process of issuing those documents in an unlawful and discriminatory manner...the regime has exploited Syrian citizens' essential need for government documents, imposing excessively costly fees for these documents relative to Syrian citizens' income. Syrian Network for Human Rights, Syrian Network for Human Rights, 2024-10-07.

United States of America: [1960s civil rights protesters who staged historic sit-in finally have arrest records cleared](#). A judge in South Carolina has erased the records of seven Black men arrested in 1960 for sitting at an all-white lunch counter. Press, JEFFREY COLLINS-Associated, Winston-Salem Journal, 2024-10-25.

Climate Change

Americas: [IDB Joins WMO, UNDP and UNEP to Support Weather Data Systems, Tackle Climate Change in Latin America & the Caribbean](#). The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed an agreement that will help the collection

and sharing of critical climate and weather data, advancing efforts to support climate adaptation and enhance regional climate coordination in Latin America and the Caribbean. UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, UNDP, 2024-10-01.

Colonialism

Americas: [Charleston Unveils Historical Marker at the Site of Firm That Held the Largest Known U.S. Slave Trade](#). As a graduate student at the College of Charleston, Lauren Davila found an ad for the auction of 600 enslaved people. A ProPublica story last year revealed her discovery and unearthed the identity of the family responsible for the sale. Hawes, Jennifer Berry, ProPublica, 2024-10-17.

Americas: [The history of Caribbean slavery is being lost. Britain must act now to preserve it](#). Climate-related disasters are destroying precious records. Trevelyan, Laura; Phillip, Nicole, The Guardian, 2024-10-19.

Germany/Namibia: [Namibia welcomes back descendants of ethnic group that fled colonial-era brutality](#). In Namibia, descendants of people who fled German persecution in the early 1900s are returning to their ancestral homeland. The government of Namibia has set aside five commercial farms for the relocation of almost 100 ethnic Ovaherero people. Angula, Vitalio, 2024-10-14.

United Kingdom: [The history of Caribbean slavery is being lost. Britain must act now to preserve it](#). Climate-related disasters are destroying precious records. Trevelyan, Laura; Phillip, Nicole, The Guardian, 2024-10-19.

Crimes Against Humanity

Argentina: [Argentine military dictatorship gets more sympathetic treatment](#). Argentina's once notorious detention and torture center is a museum and memorial, open to the public since 2015. Last year it was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site, one of the few venues from recent history to figure on the organization's list. But within weeks of ESMA's designation as a space of global historic importance came the election of right-wing populist President Javier Milei. LaFranchi, Howard, CSMonitor.com, 2024-10-09.

Worldwide: [Why do we need a standalone Convention on Crimes against Humanity?](#) Crimes against humanity refer to certain crimes committed as part of widespread or systematic attacks against a civilian population. They shock the conscience of humanity itself. The first prosecution using the term occurred when Nazi leaders were tried at Nuremberg last century, in response to the horrors of the Holocaust. Amnesty International, Amnesty International, 2024-10-01.

Destruction of documents

Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): [Palestinian archives: cultural heritage looted, destroyed and erased](#). Cultural heritage has long been a target of Israel's war and occupation, with many archives across Gaza and the West Bank now gone forever. Adnan, N.Z., Hyphen, 2024-10-08.

Detention

Equatorial Guinea: [Dozens of islanders locked up as grim history continues for Annobón](#). People who wrote protest letter to Equatorial Guinea authorities latest to feel wrath of draconian regime. Egbejule, Eromo, The Guardian, 2024-10-14.

Disinformation

China/United States of America: [X overtakes WeChat in spreading Chinese disinformation about the 2024 US presidential elections](#). New research indicates that X, formerly Twitter, has overtaken WeChat, the most popular Chinese social media platform, in spreading disinformation about the US presidential elections and policies. Oiwan Lam, Global Voices, 2024-10-07.

Russian Federation: [Russia's Global Information Operations Have Grown Up](#). What began with Russian trolls on Facebook will require a lot more coordination to root out. DiResta, Josh A. Goldstein, Renée, Foreign Policy, 2024-10-04.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

China/France: [French museums participate in Beijing's erasure of Tibetan identity](#). Two major Paris museums are using terms other than "Tibet" to describe parts of their Tibetan cultural artifacts collections, thereby aligning themselves with Beijing's policy of cultural erasure. Filip Noubel; Choekyi Lhamo, Global Voices, 2024-10-10.

Israel/Lebanon: ['Our heart that burned': Israel is wiping out centuries of heritage in southern Lebanon](#). As thousands are killed and wounded in Israel's ongoing genocide in Palestine and brutal attacks on Lebanon, the urgent need to save lives and cope with trauma often overshadows the devastating loss caused by the systematic destruction of heritage, memory, and history. Walid El Hour, Global Voices, 2024-10-14.

Russian Federation/United States of America: [Renowned photographer donates refusenik archives to South Texas Jewish Archives](#). On Monday, Oct. 21, the Joan and Stanford Alexander South Texas Jewish Archives hosted a special lecture featuring renowned photographer and activist Janice Rubin. Entitled "Refuseniks Revealed: Stories of Struggle and Hope from the Soviet Union," the talk shed light on Rubin's daring 1986 mission to document the lives of Soviet Jews denied permission to emigrate – a group known as "refuseniks." The Jewish Herald-Voice, The Jewish Herald-Voice, 2024-10-31.

United States of America: [It's Going to Take a Constant Fight to Preserve the Historical Record](#). The National Archives museum is backsliding into a sanitized mythological retelling of American history. Don't assume the truth will prevail. Robinson, Nathan J., Current Affairs, 2024-10-31.

United States of America: [She sought to prove her grandfather was poisoned at Camp Lejeune. Records she found could help thousands](#). Jessie Hoerman said an archive of historical materials she has collected could help many bolster their challenging water contamination cases. Chan, Merlissa, NBC News, 2024-10-05.

Environment and Land Defenders

Columbia: [Plus de 350 défenseurs de l'environnement assassinés en six ans](#). Plus de 350 défenseurs de l'environnement ont été assassinés ces six dernières années en Colombie, pays hôte de la COP16 sur la biodiversité, révèle l'ONG Fondation Paix et Réconciliation (PARES) dans un rapport publié mercredi à Cali. Agence France-Presse, La Presse, 2024-10-24.

Freedom of Expression

Cameroon: [Another Troubling Decision For Free Speech in Cameroon](#). Media discussions in Cameroon about the health of its president, Paul Biya, 91, are now outlawed. Human Rights Watch, Human Rights Watch, 2024-10-11.

Russian Federation: [Unerased](#). In response to the threat of erasure, the Russian Independent Media Archive (RIMA) has digitised 131 Russian media outlets. The collection, comprising print and online sites, is open access and searchable, with content dating back to the 1990s. Cooper, Ann, Nieman Reports, 2024-10-21.

Thailand: [Thailand: Silencing dissent and the fight for free expression](#). Silencing Dissent: Defamation Laws and the Fight for Free Expression in Thailand, underscores an urgent call for reform to protect freedom of expression and align the country's legislation with international human rights standards. Article 19, ARTICLE 19, 2024-10-29.

Türkiye: [Türkiye: Workshops on freedom of expression standards and Council of Europe mechanisms](#). Two-day workshops on freedom of expression standards and Council of Europe applications on 12-13 November in Istanbul, Türkiye. Article 19, ARTICLE 19, 2024-10-29.

Freedom of Information

Malaysia: [Malaysia: Do not delay our Right to Information](#). The theme of 'Mainstreaming Access to Information and Participation in the Public Sector' is highly relevant for Malaysia as the push for federal Right to Information (RTI) legislation gains momentum. Malaysia is on the brink of achieving this goal, which would ensure the right to information is both comprehensive and accessible to all individuals in Malaysia. Article 19, ARTICLE 19, 2024-09-28.

United States of America: [Illuminating the "Hidden Corners of American Foreign Policy"](#). Bergen and Blanton wax philosophical about the government's secrecy system and how the Archive's many exposés, in Bergen's words, "illuminate the often-hidden corners of American foreign policy." The wide-ranging conversation explores the many ways that the Archive's declassified revelations have put Blanton—who Bergen calls one of the "most prolific archivists" of American history—"in the room, both literally and figuratively, with the most powerful people on Earth." Peter Bergen, National Security Archive, 2024-10-18.

Freedom of the Press

Worldwide: [Julian Assange says he 'chose freedom over unrealisable justice'](#). WikiLeaks founder says he pleaded 'guilty to journalism' in deal for his release and calls for protection of press freedom. Rankin, Jennifer, The Guardian, 2024-10-01.

Indigenous Matters

Australia: [Friday essay: crimes, redemption and rebellion – the truths told in 65,000 years of Australian art are essential for national healing](#). The third section of the Uluru Statement from the Heart is Truth. Without knowing the truth of the history of Australia's Indigenous people, and how the European invasion continues to impact on them, it is hard to understand the pain behind the loss of The Voice referendum and the ongoing need for treaties. Marcia Langton and Judith Ryan are truth tellers. Their book 65,000 years: A Short History of Australian Art, should be in every library in the country. The truths they tell are compelling, enticing – sometimes appalling – and unless they are known, the country cannot heal. Mendelssohn, Hoanna, The Conversation, 2024-10-17.

Australia: [King Charles heckled in Australia: the crown's role in Indigenous rights in the Commonwealth](#). There is no avoiding the UK's issues of colonial legacy. Murphy, Philip, The Conversation, 2024-10-24.

Australia: [NSW will remove 65,000 years of Aboriginal history from its years 7–10 syllabus. It's a step backwards for education](#). Australia's NSW Education Standards Authority will be removing the teaching of the Aboriginal past prior to European arrival from the Year 7–10 syllabus as of 2027. Westaway, Michael; Pascoe, Bruce; Zarmati, Louise, The Conversation, 2024-10-11.

Ecuador: [When work becomes a party: capturing the joy of collective effort in an Indigenous community in Ecuador](#). Tristan Partridge, a photographer and social anthropologist, spent a decade documenting the working lives of the Kichwa-Panzaleo people of San Isidro for a new book. Dehghan, Saeed Kamali, The Guardian, 2024-10-07.

United States of America: [Indigenous Sovereignty Is Under Attack as Supreme Court Bends Rules for Settlers](#). In the past 30 years, Indigenous tribes and tribal interests have lost two-thirds of all United States of America Supreme Court cases. Nagle, Rebecca, Truthout, 2024-10-14.

Worldwide: [CFP: Oral History Review, Special Issue on Indigenous Oral History \(due June 1 2025\)](#). Indigenous oral historians remain under-represented within cultural and academic institutions and under-funded in our community-engaged practices. Accounts of what the practice of Indigenous oral history means, and how we do it, also remain under-published and misunderstood. Cheryl Oestreicher, Publishing in the Archives Profession, 2024-10-17.

Indigenous Rights

France: [En Guyane, la lente « restitution » du foncier aux peuples autochtones](#). Delphine Papin nous emmène de l'autre côté de l'Océan Atlantique, en Guyane française, pour nous raconter l'histoire de ces 400 000 hectares de terre que l'État français a promis de restituer aux amérindiens. Papin, Delphine, 2024-10-05.

United States of America: [Navy apologies for destroying Alaska Native village in 1882](#). The U.S. Navy issued an apology for destroying an Alaska Native village nearly 150 years ago. The 1882 attack in Angoon killed six children and caused such dire food shortages that villagers starved themselves so children could eat. CBS News, 2024-10-23.

Israel-Gaza Crisis

Israel/Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): [From Nakba to present day, UNRWA archives hold the personal histories of Palestinian refugees](#). The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees digitizes administrative documents and aims to trace the family trees of five generations of refugees. Laure Stephan, Le Monde, 2024-08-24.

Israel/Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): [Loot: How Israel Stole Palestinian Property – book review](#). Adam Raz's Loot contributes important new research on how Israelis plundered and dispossessed Palestinians during the Nakba, finds John Westmoreland Adam Raz has made an important addition to the study of the ethnic cleansing of Palestine in this detailed volume containing original research. John Westmoreland, Counterfire, 2024-10-04.

Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): [Inside the Palestinian Sound Archive: preserving the audiovisual legacy of Palestine, one record at a time](#). The Palestinian Sound Archive, compiled by Mo'min Swaitat and the Majazz Project, preserves and releases Palestinian musical heritage, ranging from Palestinian Bedouin music to revolutionary music. In the context of the destruction of cultural heritage in Gaza, Swaitat states the ultimate aim is to "...regain hope of return, for us, and our material culture.". Hingley, Olivia, It's Nice That, 2024-10-02.

Medical Records

United Kingdom: [Concerns raised over access to UK Biobank data after 'race scientists' claims](#). Expert says any suggestion of Human Diversity Foundation accessing sensitive data could affect public trust in science. Pegg, David; Devlin, Hannah; Burgis, Tom, The Guardian, 2024-10-25.

Migration

Worldwide: [IOM Recognized as Main Data Provider in IASC's Management Response to Independent Review of Humanitarian Response to Internal Displacement](#). The International Organization for Migration (IOM) welcomes the recognition of its Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) as a lead provider of country-level data on internal displacement in the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Management Response to the Independent Review of the Humanitarian Response to Internal Displacement. IOM, International Organization for Migration, 2024-10-01.

Police Violence

United States of America: [How hundreds of California police officers have kept past misconduct confidential](#). For decades, California police departments that want to sever ties with officers for misconduct have agreed to let them resign and to keep the bad behavior confidential in order to avoid lawsuits. But as a result, hundreds of officers have landed new jobs in law enforcement with no records of their past misconduct. John Yang, PBS News, 2024-10-05.

Privacy

Armenia: [Armenia: Surveillance Bill Threatens Right](#). The Armenian government's bill for the mandatory installation of video surveillance systems with 24-hour police access throughout the capital, Yerevan, is unjustified and interferes with privacy and other rights. Human Rights Watch, Human Rights Watch, 2024-10-31.

Europe: [EU's top court sets time-limits on using personal data for targeted ads](#). The CJEU ruling could have implications for AI training, where companies scrap data to train AI models, according to the European Center for Digital Rights (Noyb). Hartmann, Théophane, www.euractiv.com, 2024-10-04.

South Africa: [Local industry watchdog sounds alarm over AI stealing South African data on LinkedIn](#). The South African Artificial Intelligence Association (SAAIA) has called on the Information Regulator to investigate the use of South African user data by LinkedIn to train its artificial intelligence (AI) models without prior consent. This comes as the association seeks to promote responsible AI practices, ensuring that AI developments do not infringe on individual rights, particularly when it comes to the processing of personal data. Schutters, Lindsey, Zawya, 2024-10-17.

United States of America: [Gun Companies Gave Customers' Sensitive Personal Information to Political Operatives](#). At least 10 gun industry businesses, including Glock, Smith & Wesson, Remington and Mossberg, secretly handed over names, addresses and other data to lobbyists, who used the details to rally firearm owners to elect pro-gun politicians. Johnson, Corey G., ProPublica, 2024-10-24.

Worldwide: [Key lesson of this year's Nobel Prize: The importance of unlocking data reuse responsibly to....](#) We live in a paradoxical time of both data abundance and data scarcity: a lot of data is being created and stored, but it tends to be inaccessible due to private interests and weak regulations. The challenge, then, is to prevent the misuse of data whilst avoiding its missed use. Stefaan Verhulst; Anna Colom; Marta Poblet, Medium, 2024-10-17.

Racism

United Kingdom/United States of America: [Project reveals UK sites where black Americans fought to end slavery](#). Missing Pieces Project maps buildings in 189 locations where African American abolitionists spoke against slavery. Osuh, Chris, The Guardian, 2024-11-01.

United States of America: [South Carolina's Penn Center included in Unesco network to preserve enslaved people's history](#). Center was one of the first US schools for formerly enslaved people, and now preserves Gullah Geechee culture. Hellmann, Melissa, The Guardian, 2024-10-29.

United States of America: [Tulsa Race Massacre Update: DOJ Review Called Long Overdue](#). The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) announced it intended to launch a formal review of the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921 when white supremacists destroyed a thriving Black business district and killed hundreds of people in the Oklahoma city.. "It only took 103 years, but this is a joyous occasion," said Damario Solomon-Simmons, the lawyer who filed a lawsuit on behalf of remaining survivors. Wright, Bruce, NewsOne, 2024-10-01.

Reconciliation

Sri Lanka: [The Commission For Truth, Unity and Reconciliation: A Damp Squib for Human Rights Archives and Records](#). The Bill on the Commission for Truth, Unity and Reconciliation (CTUR) in Sri Lanka was finally issued in the Gazette on January 1, 2024 after months of announcements by the government and the holding of a few tokenistic consultations. A number of civil society organisations and various collectives responded to these announcements, issuing statements on the futility of establishing another commission, its inadequacy in terms of meeting the

demands of affected persons, the importance of confidence building measures, and on other issues. Nugawela, Nigel, Groundviews, 2024-01-11.

United Kingdom: [Access to Records | Independent Panel Truth Recovery](#). The Truth Recovery Programme enacts the recommendations made in the Truth, Acknowledgment and Accountability Report. The integrated truth investigation will look further into the workings of Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries, and Workhouses in Northern Ireland, and the associated pathways and practices. Truth and Recovery Independent Panel, Truth and Recovery Independent Panel, 2024-10.

United States of America: [Biden apologizes for government's role in running Native American boarding schools](#). Calling it "a blot on American history," president Biden formally apologized for the federal government's role in running boarding schools where thousands of Native American children endured abuse, neglect and eradication of their tribal identities. Pietrorazio, Gabriel, NPR, 2024-10-26.

United States of America: [Joe Biden présente des excuses historiques à propos des pensionnats pour Autochtones](#). Le président américain Joe Biden a présenté vendredi des excuses rares et historiques pour les atrocités commises durant plus d'un siècle dans des pensionnats où des dizaines de milliers d'enfants autochtones, arrachés à leur famille par l'État, ont été placés et maltraités dans un but d'assimilation forcée. Agence France-Presse, Radio-Canada, 2024-10-25.

Refugees

Afghanistan/United Kingdom: [Hundreds of Afghan soldiers to become eligible to live in UK after new information found](#). Estimated 500 rejected cases expected to be overturned after fresh evidence they were employed by the UK government in Afghanistan. Sabbagh, Dan, The Guardian, 2024-10-14.

Mauritius/United Kingdom: [Restitution de l'archipel des Chagos: Une victoire incomplète pour l'île Maurice](#). Après un demi-siècle de litiges, le Royaume-Uni redonne les clés de l'archipel des Chagos à l'île Maurice. Cinquante-sept îles, sauf Diego Garcia, la plus grande île de l'archipel, qui abrite une base militaire américano-britannique. Laurence, Jean-Christophe, La Presse, 2024-10-14.

Technology

Worldwide: [UN Cybercrime Convention: A blueprint for human rights violations](#). ARTICLE 19 is seriously concerned about the UN Draft Convention on cybercrime, pending adoption by the UN General Assembly later in 2024. Article 19, ARTICLE 19, 2024-10-18.

Worldwide: [We are Developing AI at the Detriment of the Global South — How a Focus on Responsible Data Re-use](#). Recent research has underlined existing inequalities in artificial intelligence (AI) data production between developed and less-developed countries. An article in The Conversation demonstrated that while most data originates from wealthy countries, much of the less-valued quality-control labour is being outsourced to lower-income countries. Stefaan G. Verhulst; Peter Addo, Data & Policy Blog, 2024-10-07.

Transparency

United States of America: [White House press office altered transcript of Biden 'garbage remark' call](#). Transcript released by the White House added an apostrophe to 'supporters' to change meaning after conferring with Biden, email shows. Press, Associated, The Guardian, 2024-11-01.

War Crimes

Democratic Republic of Congo: [International Criminal Court Takes Important Step in DR Congo](#). On October 14, the International Criminal Court (ICC) prosecutor, Karim A. A. Khan, announced that his office would step up investigative efforts in the Democratic Republic of Congo, focusing in particular on crimes committed in the North Kivu province since January 2022. Human Rights Watch, Human Rights Watch, 2024-10-16.

Libya: [Libya situation : ICC Pre-Trial Chamber unseals six arrest warrants](#). Today, 4 October 2024, Pre-Trial Chamber I of the International Criminal Court ("ICC" or "CPI") granted the Prosecutor's request to unseal six arrest warrants issued in the Libya situation on 6 April 2023 and 18 July 2023. The arrest warrants concern war crimes allegedly committed in Tarhunah, including murder, outrages upon personal dignity, cruel treatment, torture, sexual violence and rape. International Criminal Court, International Criminal Court, 2024-10-04.

Worldwide: [Preserving the Ephemera of War](#). Social media is increasingly important for documenting conflicts and atrocities as they occur, but efforts to store the data for the future are fragile and fragmentary. Gronlund, Melissa, New Lines Magazine, 2024-10-01.

News by country/region

International News

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