



The conflict involving Iran has entered a volatile phase marked by hardening positions and continued diplomatic manoeuvring. Amid these developments, Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has stepped up regional diplomacy. After visits to Oman and Pakistan, he travelled onwards to Russia, with a stop at Nur Khan Airbase near Islamabad described as a brief transit. As is the case with any war anywhere the common people struggle and lives are disrupted. As mentioned by affected common citizens 'Nothing feels normal anymore'. Hope there will be an end to the war soon.

A Louisiana gunman killed 8 children, including 7 of his own, police say, in deadliest mass shooting since 2024. The father killed seven of his children and another child in Shreveport, Louisiana, in a mass shooting that police called a "domestic disturbance". Two adult women including the mother of the children was left in serious condition. The children, siblings and one cousin, were three boys and five girls. They were aged between three to 11. Police sources have reported that it could be a case of anger due to divorce proceedings initiated by his wife.

Nasa astronauts Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch, and Jeremy Hansen of the Canadian Space Agency, became the first humans to travel to the moon and return to Earth safely since the Apollo 17 mission of December 1972. The mission tested space hardware and life support systems that will be crucial to Nasa's plans for the next lunar landing in 2028 and its ambitious future quest to build a moon base by the end of the decade. The Artemis II mission launched on April 1, 2026, carrying the crew of four astronauts around the Moon was launched on April 6 and entered back to Earth on April 10.

Humankind has been living on hope to see peace prevail in the world. It has been a long chain of events that has left many suffering. Let us hope for Peace and Prosperity. Lets Read on .....

## Light Moments

An old drunk stumbles across a baptismal service on Sunday afternoon down by the river. Nobody notices him and he proceeds to walk into the water and stand next to the preacher. The preacher is surprised to see a drunk man, nevertheless proceeds to baptize him. The preacher asks the drunk old man, "Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?"

The drunk man looks a bit surprised to hear the question, nevertheless says, "Yes, preacher, I sure am." The minister dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up. "Have you found Jesus?" the preacher asks. "Nooo, I didn't!" said the drunk. The preacher then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up, and says, "Now, brother, have you found Jesus?". "Noooo, I have not, Reverend." Said the old man

The preacher, in disgust and a bit annoyed, holds the man under water for at least 30 seconds this time, brings him out of the water, and says in a harsh tone, "My God, man, have you found Jesus yet?"

The old drunk, almost breathless, wipes his eyes and says to the preacher, "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

News from Sevenseas

### Sevenseas Delhi gets felicitated by Customer for excellence in service



In our trade being appreciated by the stake holders is a rarity, appreciation is in general muted and low key. But on issues the escalation is very high and loud. Sevenseas Delhi had a WOW moment when the team was called in for a customer meet and awarded for our service levels .

The award given to the Delhi team was " CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD" . The customer a long time and important one are manufacturers of Innovative automotive electronics solutions who supplies to various OEM's. They are into multifold products and services like applications for vacuum cleaners, telematics, In car entertainment , navigation etc..

There was a vendor meet organised by the customer at the Radisson hotel in Delhi during the month of April wherein the Delhi team was awarded the recognition . A proud moment for the Delhi team and for team Sevenseas.

Enclosed a snap shot of our Vice president for the North region Mr. Nair ,receiving the award on behalf of the team from the customer . Kudos to Team Delhi ....

### Around the world, one Plate at a time – Käsespätzle, Germany



Käsespätzle is a simple noodle dish traditionally consumed in Southern Germany, that combines spätzle noodles with a creamy mixture of melted cheese. The noodles are also called knöpfle, meaning little buttons, and are made with eggs, flour, milk or water, and seasonings such as salt, pepper and (sometimes) nutmeg, while käse refers to the melted cheese mixture, which is usually a combination of two or more types of cheese such as Edam, Gouda, Fontina,

Gruyère, Appenzeller, or Emmental cheese. The noodle mixture is typically pressed through a specially designed spoon or colander directly into boiling salted water and cooked until done before it is mixed with the melted cheese. Also referred to as käsknöpfle, the dish is typically enjoyed with additional grated cheese and caramelized onions on top, and typical accompaniments include apple sauce, potato salad, and fresh green salads.

## Trade News

### Tight Capacity Ex-India Prompts CMA CGM to Raise Rates and Surcharges

CMA CGM has announced increases in freight rates and surcharges on select services from India as tightening vessel capacity and strong cargo demand put pressure on outbound shipping space. The revised pricing reflects ongoing constraints in container availability, schedule disruptions, and elevated demand on major export corridors linking India with Europe, the Mediterranean, Africa, and other international markets.

Industry sources said carriers are facing higher operating costs due to vessel rerouting, longer transit times, and equipment repositioning challenges, prompting additional surcharges alongside base rate increases. Indian exporters in sectors such as textiles, chemicals, engineering goods, and consumer products are expected to feel the impact, particularly those relying on spot bookings or short-notice shipments. The capacity squeeze comes amid continued volatility in global liner networks, where congestion at transshipment hubs and geopolitical disruptions have reduced schedule reliability and tightened available slots. Market participants said freight conditions from India are likely to remain firm in the near term unless vessel supply improves or demand softens. Exporters have been advised to secure bookings early and review logistics costs as rate pressure persists.

### Airfreight rates on Asia-Europe and India trade lanes soar

Airfreight rates on services operating on the Asia-Europe trade lane and on services out of India continue to reach new highs as a result of the Middle East conflict, with further price rises expected due to the rising cost of jet fuel. Rates from India to the US have increased by around 60% since the outbreak of the conflict, sources said, and from India to Europe, there has been an 80% increase. There were, however, some wide variations in rate patterns – with rates surging on some routes, particularly on Asia-Europe lanes and out of India, Sources said. And sources were bracing for significant further increases given an explosion in the width of the ‘crack spread’ between crude oil and jet fuel, with jet now close to double where it was last year, and likely fuel surcharges yet to be applied to many flights.” The biggest impact from events in the Middle East was seen on rates out of India, which showed 30% increase both to Europe and the US. Freight forwarders are already beginning to feel the impact of rising fuel prices. Oman Air Cargo has also announced that it will introduce a war surcharge in response to the development. The hardest hit lanes over that comparison period are Asia Pacific to the Middle East and the Middle East to Europe, which are both down by around 40%. However, carriers have been reacting and space from Asia Pacific to Europe is up by around 20%.

## Travel Diaries - Chichen Itza, Mexico



Chichen Itza is a large pre-Columbian city built by the Maya people of the Terminal Classic period. It's the second most-visited archeological site in Mexico, occupying an area of 4 square miles in south-central Yucatán state, Mexico.. The Kukulcan Pyramid, also known as “El Castillo” (the castle), is one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Chichen Itza is usually busy, as it's a major tourist attraction for people visiting Mexico

Off Beat News - KitKat launches stolen chocolate tracker after thieves plunder 12 tons



KitKat is asking for the public's help after thieves made off with 12 tons of the company's chocolate — prompting the launch of a new tracking tool to help locate the missing shipment. The brand, owned by Nestlé, announced the theft in a March 28 statement. The company said 413,793 bars vanished after leaving a factory in central Italy en route to Poland, where they were set for distribution across Europe.

"We've always encouraged people to have a break with KitKat, but it seems thieves have taken the message too literally and made a break with more than 12 tons of our chocolate," a KitKat spokesperson said at the time. "Someone really stole 12 tons of KitKats. And we really want to know where they've gone," the company said in an X post. "So, we've created a Stolen KitKat Tracker that lets you check if your KitKat you bought is from the missing batch."

**Treasures of Wisdom**

A very nice thought ....

**Don't plan too much. Some of the most beautiful moments in your life are actually Unplanned .....**

**- Team Sevenseas - India**