NASA Filmmaker Claims **Evidence Of Alien Life Could Be Revealed Next Month**

Renowned NASA filmmaker Simon Holland has claimed that Earth-based telescopes have detected signs of intelligent extrater-restrial life, with a potential announcement coming next month. Mr Holland, who has collaborated with the BBC and NASA-funded initiatives, asserted that an Oxford University-backed program dedicated to searching for extraterrestri-al signals has made the groundbreaking discovery, the New York Post reported. The filmmaker claimed that insiders from Mark Zuckerberg's Breakthrough Listen project tipped him

Listen project tipped him off that concrete evidence may be revealed within a month, possibly coinciding with the US election. This evidence might be linked to alien signals intercepted by the Parkes telescope in Australia, courtesy of researchers from the Oxford-based Breakthrough "They Listen initiative. found the evidence of a non-human technological signature a few years ago, using the Parkes telescope in Australia," claimed Mr Holland.

Holland. The extraordinary claims have sparked a flurry of activity, with astronomers scrambling to gather evi-dence to substantiate the discovery. However, Simon Holland warps that a rival Holland warns that a rival effort may be underway, suggesting that Chinese researchers might attempt to preempt the announce-

"This is breaking news, as of yesterday, but the Chinese might be pipping them to the post, with their, FAST [Five-hundred-meter Aparture Spherical Aperture Spherical Telescope] program. It's the largest telescope in the world since Arecibo," Mr Holland told The Mirror. Mr Holland further claimed that Chinese researchers are racing to

researchers are racing to publish findings on BLC-1 (Breakthrough Listen candidate 1), a promising sig-nal detected by the Parkes Telescope in April 2019. BLC-1, emanating from Proxima Centauri, 4.2 light-years from Earth, is consid-ered significant due to its single-point source origin single-point source origin, narrow band electromagnet-ic frequency (982 MHz) and Doppler shift, indicat-

ing a rotating planet. Mr Holland believes this signal is unlikely to be human interference, as its characteristics are inconsistent with known natural phenomena. Breakthrough Listen has invested \$100 million in telescope time to investigate five potential candidates, including BLC-

Dr Andrew Siemion from Berk Break Listen Science Program confirmed that researchers are still analysing BLC-1. If sufficient data confirms the signal's technological ori-gins, they will publish their findings. The Chinese are allegedly aware of BLC-1's coordinates and may attempt to scoop the announcement. While this news is exciting, it's essential to note that there's currently no conclusive proof of extraterrestrial life. Astrobiologists have been studying the possibili-ty of life beyond Earth, exploring extreme environments and chemically harsh ecosystems that could sup-port life. The search for extraterrestrial life has been ongoing since the mid-20th century, with scientists using various methods to detect signs of life, including telescope data analysis and radio communications.



Trudeau Doubles Down On Charges After

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doubled down on accusa-tions of India "supporting criminal activity against Canadians" and "coercive behaviour targeting South Asian Canadians".

The two countries this week exchanged a second round of tit-for-tat expulsion of diplomats, amid a deepening row over claims linking "agents of the Indian gov-ernment" with the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Canadian cit-izen, in June last year. India - which has yet to

respond to these latest comments - has set up a highlevel committee to investigate the allegation. However New Delhi has repeatedly shot down "absurd" and "motivated" the claim it was linked to the murder, pointing out no evidence has been provided to back up the charges.

On Monday, Delhi also said that since the allegain supporting criminal activ-ity against Canadians, here tions were first made, the on Canadian soil. Whether it Trudeau administration "has be murders or extortion or not shared a shred of eviother violent acts, it is dence with the Government absolutely unacceptable,"

Mr Trudeau said. Mr Trudeau also said, "We shared our concerns with the Government of India and asked them to work with us...". However, he claimed that these requests had been "repeatedly refused". "That is why... this week-end... Canadian officials

took an extraordinary step. They met with Indian officials to share RCMP (Roval Canadian Mounted Police) evidence, which concluded six agents of the Government of India are 'persons of interest' in crimi-

nal activities. And despite repeated requests to the Government of India, they have decided not to co-operate ... "

"Canada fully respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India, and we expect India to do the same for us," he added.

Mr Trudeau's allegations coincide with sliding sup-port and tanking popularity ratings; last week he sur-vived a second parliamentary confidence vote in as many weeks ahead of an election in 2025.

The comments came after a RCMP Commissioner Mike Duheme and Assistant Commissioner Brigitte Gauvin warned Canadians Gauvin warned Canadians of a public safety threat but offered few details. They would only say the RCMP has evidence pertaining to "connections" between a certain number of individuals arrested and charged for murder (eight people) and extortion (at least 22) and the Government of India.

Japan Election Campaigns Kick Off, PM Shigeru Ishiba Seeks To Retain Party's Majority

TOKYO: Campaigning kicked off Tuesday in Japan for an October 27 election which new Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba is seeking to retain his longuling party's majority. Loudspeaker trucks egan circulating and canlidates handed out fliers

ahead of the vote. Key ssues include price rises. regional security, and disquiet over scandals in Ishiba's Liberal Democratic Party. The LDP has governed

apan almost uninterrupted for decades, albeit with freuent leadership changes. Low voter turnout and divided opposition mean the party and its coalition partner are highly likely to win. A weekend Kyodo News poll showed that Ishiba's LDP remains the most popular party at 26.4 percent, versus 12.4 percent who intend to vote for the opposition main Constitutional Democration Party of Japan (CDP) Former defence minister and self-confessed security policy "geek" Ishiba, 67 won a ruling party leader-ship election in September and was approved as pre

nier soon afterwards. He has called a snap elecion to shore up his mandate for policies that include plans to "re-create' ageing Japan by revitalising lepopulated rural areas. On the diplomatic front, Ishiba has called for revising the Japan-US security treaty to make it better reflect his country's sovereignty.

Sharks In Colombian Pacific COLOMBIA: A lone catamaran named "Silky" patrols waters around the remote island of Malpelo, a refuge that is protected yet full of peril for endangered marine species in the

Colombian Pacific. Its crew of environmentalists is the terror of boats illegally fishing for sharks inside the reserve some 500 kilometers (310 miles) off mainland Colombia -- one of the richest countries in terms of marine fauna.

Without weapons or backup, the activists shoo away intruder vessels, threaten to report them to the authorities, even dive under water to cut loose sharks caught in nets or on lines. Active round-the-clock since 2018, the team of shark-lovers claims to be turning the tide in the Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary, a mecca for divers and the largest nofishing zone in the Eastern Tropical Pacific. "The success of the project can be seen in the fact that they (the illegal fishers) do not return," said Colombian diver Erika Lopez, who crefoundation ated the Biodiversity Conservation Colombia with the help of an Australian philanthropist.

The project was born from what the activists view as a lack of official shark protection, with the navy arresting illegal fishers only if they happen to come across them on routine patrols against drug traffickers and other territorial intruders.



Due to play host of the UN COP16 biodiversity conference starting next Monday, Colombia's vast Pacific coastline is on a key migratory route for hammerhead sharks, whale sharks and other species, many of them endangered.

"Silky" Patrols Waters To Save

But the bountiful waters of the sanctuary attract vessels from far and wide, many from neighboring Ecuador, others from Panama and Costa Rica in the Caribbean or even China, where shark fin is a delicacy. Lopez's foundation claims the crew of the Silky -- the name of a type of shark -- has rescued 508 animals alive since 2018, scared away 302 boats and confiscated more than 70,000 meters of fishing line. Since last December, the foundation reports it has not spotted any fishing boats near Malpelo island in the reserve of more than 850,000 hectares recognized as a UNESCO heritage site.

"We try as much as possi-

ble to take the equipment away from them, to free the species that are trapped, that's the main mission," 53year-old Dario Ortiz, an artisanal fisherman-turnedenvironmentalist, told AFP on board the "Silky."

But it is a full-time effort. "This boat has to be basically 24/7, 365 days a year containing this threat," said Lopez, 51, who dreams of upscaling the project to a flotilla of vessels dedicated to conservation and science in the Pacific.

Rich and desirable

On the high seas, far from Malpelo island, Colombian navy warship also patrols an area teeming with hammerhead sharks marlin and other endangered creatures.

On a recent mission with AFP on board, it arrested three Ecuadoran fishermen found with a highly valuable haul of silky, hammerhead and blacktip sharks, sailfish and four blue marlins -- all still alive

Brazil Woman Becomes A Cop To Avenge Taiwan Detects Record 153 Chinese Father's Murder, Arrests Killer After 25 Years **Military Aircraft After Drills** Gislayne Silva de Deus, a

TAIPEI: Taiwan detected a record 153 Chinese military aircraft around the self-ruled island, official data showed Tuesday, after China held a day of largescale drills.

The aircraft were spotted in the 25 hours to 6:00 am on Tuesday (2200 GMT Monday), the defence ministry said in a statement -the most for a single day. Beijing deployed fighter

jets, drones, warships and coast guard boats to encircle Taiwan on Monday, with Taiwan responding by dispatching "appropriate forces" and placing its outlying islands on height-

ened alert. condemned Taiwan China's actions as "irrational and provocative", and the US called them "unwarranted"

Japan said Tuesday it had expressed its "concerns" to China over the drills, and scrambled fighter jets near its southern island of Yonaguni.



told 111 crossed the median line of the sensitive China claims Taiwan as Taiwan Strait that separates mainland China and part of its territory and insisted Monday it will Taiwan, the figures never renounce the use of showed. 'Unwarranted' force to bring the island

The United States said Beijing has ramped up China's actions on Monday were "unwarranted" and military pressure on Taipei risked "escalation" as it in recent years to accept its claims of sovereignty over called on Beijing to act

to the separatist acts of 'Taiwan Independence'

forces" forces". Taiwan President Lai Ching-te, who took office in May, has been more out-spoken than his predeces-sor Tsai Ing-wen in defending Taiwan's sover-eignty, angering Beijing, which calls him a "sepa-ratist" ratist'

In his National Day speech on Thursday, Lai vowed to "resist annexation" and insisted that Beijing and Taipei were "not subordinate to each other".

Lai pledged Monday to "protect democratic Taiwan and safeguard national security".

In late May, three days after Lai's inauguration, China launched Joint Sword-2024A, an apparent precursor to the latest

35-year-old police officer from Boa Vista, Roraima, Brazil, has finally achieved justice for her father's brutal murder. Ms Deus, just 9 years old at the time, spent more than two decades seeking justice. Now, as a police officer, she tracked down and arrested her father's killer, bringing closure to her family's painful journey. According to Metro, the police officer's father Giraldo Jose Vicente de Deus was shot and killed in February 1999 over a 20-pound debt.

The tragic events unfolded at a local bar, where Mr Deus, a supermarket owner, was playing pool with a friend. At the bar, Raimundo Alves Gomes, one of Deus's suppliers and a convicted murderer, demanded payment for the debt. Despite Deus's offer to settle with a freezer, Gomes refused, leading to an argument between the two. Gomes 25



issued, but Gomes evaded that you are here. You are now capture and went into hiding.

going to pay," she told him. "When I saw the man who Determined to find Gomes, Ms Deus started studying law was responsible for my dad's at 18 and later joined the death was finally in handcuffs, I couldn't hold back the police force. She held various positions, fueled by her tears, It was an explosion of feelings that turned into tears resolve to bring her father's killer to justice. Assigned to of relief, as it seemed like this General Homicide day would never come. My the Division, she then tirelessly dad was an honest and hard tracked down Alves Gomes working man. He encouraged and found him hiding on a farm in the Nova Cidade region near Boa Vista. He was finally arrested on September

The cop admitted to fantasising about the day her after we lost him. What hapfather's killer would serve his sentence behind bars. "When I pened could easily have sent us in a different direction, but was a prison [police officer], I our mother always taught us always imagined [the killer] to follow the right path," she arriving there to serve his senremarked. On September 26, 2024, tence," she told local media. Twenty-five years after the Alves Gomes' conviction was brutal murder, she confronted upheld by a judge and the Alves Gomes, now 60, facekiller was sent to prison for 12 to-face. "It's because of me vears

"Bishnoi Gang Linked To Indian

us to study and spent time helping us with homework and times tables. He was always very close to us and caring. My sisters and I went through really difficult times

British Influencer Falls To His Death While Trying To **Climb Spain's Highest Bridge**

A 26-year-old British man died on Sunday after falling from Spain's tallest bridge, which he had climbed to create social media content, authorities reported on Monday. Accompanied by a 24-year-old fellow Briton, the unidentified victim fell while climbing the cable-stayed bridge in Talavera de la Reina, approximately 70 miles southwest of Madrid, the Guardian reported. The man reportedly attempted his climb without any safety equipment. Local authorities also cited heavy rainfall in Talavera before the accident, which may have made the bridge's surface slippery, according to Spanish media reports. "As far as we have been able to learn, they had come to Talavera to climb the bridge and create content for social networks, which has resulted in this disastrous and sad outcome," Talavera city councillor for public security Macarena Munoz said.

'The government is closely monitoring the related activities with great interest, and has conveyed Japan's concerns to the Chinese side," deputy chief cabinet secretary

the island, and Monday represented the fourth round of large-scale drills in just over two years.

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Taiwan's defence ministry also recorded 14 Chinese navy ships in the latest 25-hour period, slightly fewer than the 17 announced Monday afternoon. Of the aircraft spotted,

with restraint.

China said the drills, dubbed Joint Sword 2024B, were held in areas to the north, south and east of Taiwan.

Beijing declared them over by around 6:00 pm on Monday, about 13 hours after they started.

China said the exercises served as a "stern warning

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drills. The dispute between China and Taiwan dates back to a civil war in which the nationalist forces of Chiang Kai-shek were defeated by Mao Zedong's communist fighters and fled to the island in 1949.

China and Taiwan have been ruled separately since then.

"Over \$1000 Trillion": Elon Musk Breaks Down

left the bar only to return with a gun and shot Mr Deus in the head, according to a recount by Brazilian news outlet Nova1.

Gomes was caught, put on trial and sentenced to 12 years in 2013. However, he avoided imprisonment while appealing the verdict. Following the rejection of his final appeal in 2016, an arrest warrant was

North Korea Blows Up Roads **Connecting It To The South**

Seoul: North Korea on negotiate with the South, Tuesday blew up sections

of the deeply symbolic roads connecting it to the South, Seoul's military said, adding it had conducted a "counter-fire" operation in response.

Pyongyang's military last week vowed to permanently seal its southern border after spending months laying mines and building antitank barriers in the wake of leader Kim Jong Un's declaring the South his "principal country's enemy".

Last week, North Korea accused Seoul of using drones to drop anti-regime propaganda leaflets on the capital Pyongyang, with Kim convening a security meeting to direct a plan of "immediate military action" in response, state media reported Tuesday. "North Korean has deto-

nated parts of the Gyeongui and Donghae roads north of the Military Demarcation Line," the Joint Chiefs of Staff said Tuesday, referring to inter-Korean infrastructure that once connected the two countries.

"There has been no damage to our military, and our forces conducted counterfire in areas south of the MDL," it added. The roads have long been

shuttered, but destroying them sends a clear message that Kim is not prepared to

experts said. This is a practical military measure related to the

hostile dual-state system that North Korea has frequently mentioned," Yang Moo-jin, president of the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul, told AFP.

The North may also be looking to erect more physical barriers along the border, Yang said, adding that the road detonations could be "preparatory work for its construction of those walls".

Drones?

Seoul's military initially denied sending drones north but has subsequently declined to comment, even as Pyongyang has blamed them directly, warning it would consider it "a declaration of war" if another drone was detected.

Activist groups have long sent propaganda northwards, typically by balloon, and enthusiasts are also known to have flown small, hard-to-detect drones into the North.

Unlike conventional drones made of metal, the devices they used were constructed from expanded polypropylene, similar to Styrofoam, allowing them to go undetected by both South and North Korean authorities, according to enthusiasts who spoke to local media.



A 1000X improvement in more, not less, expensive over rocket and spacecraft technol-

cost of building a city on hurdle in making life on Mars Mars, Elon Musk has said on a reality. "To build a city on social media, responding to a Mars that can grow by itself likely requires at least a million tons of equipment, which would therefore require @WholeMarsBlog posted a graphic explaining the cost of >\$1000 trillion, an obviously launching to low earth orbit. It said, "Today, launching a impossible number, given that US GDP is only \$29T," he spacecraft is 10x cheaper than added.

Since your handle is "Whole Mars", perhaps this They captioned it "When Elon Musk enters an induslengthy reply is apropos:

Getting the cost per ton to In response, Elon Musk the surface of Mars low shared a long explainer with a enough that humanity has the cost breakdown and possible resources to make life multiresolution. He pointed out planetary requires a roughly that recent "US Mars mis-1000X improvement in rocket sions have had a cost per ton & spacecraft technology.

of useful load to the surface However, there is a soluof Mars of about \$1B. tion. If rocket technology can Moreover, it has become be improved by 1000 times,

the cost of becoming sustainably multiplanetary would drop to \$1 trillion. And if this could be spread over 40 years, the cost would translate to less than \$25 billion annually "At that cost, it becomes possible to make life multiplanetary, ensuring the longterm survival of life as we know it, without materially

living on Earth," he added. Musk mentioned SpaceX's Starship, designed to achieve over 1,000X improvement over existing systems. "Especially after yesterday's over booster catch and precise ocean landing of the ship, I am now convinced that it can work," he said.

On Sunday, SpaceX's Starship had its fifth test flight. Starship is referred to as the most powerful launch system ever developed, with the capacity to carry up to 100 people on long-duration, interplanetary flights.

The Starship's design demonstrates reusability, a crucial factor in reducing costs. "Building cities on Mars will require affordable delivery of significant quantities of cargo and crew.

The fully reusable Starship system uses on-orbit propellent transfer to enable the transport of up to 100 people to Mars or other distant destinations," explains SpaceX.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police claimed Monday that "agents of the Government of India" use criminals - referring specifically to the Bishnoi gang - to 'target (the) South Asian community... specifically pro-Khalistani elements" in that country.

The charge - by Commissioner Mike Duhene and his deputy, Brigitte Gauvin - adds to the row festering since Ottawa last year accused "agents" of Delhi of involvement in the killing of Canadian citizen and Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Nijjar. "It (the Indian government) is targeting the South Asian community... but they are specifically targeting pro-Khalistani elements in Canada. What we have seen, from an RCMP perspective, is that they use organised crime elements," Ms Gauvin told

eporters. "It has been publicly attrib-uted and claimed by one crime group in particular - the Bishnoi gang. We believe the group is connected to agents of the Government of India." "It (India) is targeting South Asian community but they are specifically targeting pro-Khalistani elements in Canada...What we have seen s, from an RCMP perspective, they use organised crime elements. It has been publically attributed and... Mr Duheme and Ms

Government Agents": Canada Cops' Claim Gauvin further claimed some Indian diplomatic staff work with organised crime ele-ments to "collect - through questionable and illegal means - information on Canadian citizens... (that is fed to criminal organisations) that would then take violent actions from extortion to murder".

> India has strongly rejected what it calls "preposterous imputations", including those by Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau accusing New Delhi of "supporting criminal activity against Canadians" and "coercive behaviour targeting South Canadians". Asian India also said that since

the allegations were first made, the Trudeau administration "has not shared a shred of evidence with the Government of India, despite many requests ... "

The External Affairs Ministry further rejected claims by Ottawa that Sanjay Kumar Verma, posted as the Indian High Commissioner and five of his staff, are 'persons of interest'. All six have been expelled by the Canadian side after it claimed Delhi's continuing non-cooperation in its investigation. Hours after the police offi-

cers' press conference Mi Trudeau spoke to reporters and doubled down on charges against the Indian government.

REUTERS time!' ogy can vastly bring down the The increased cost acts as a