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For Soldiers' Families, Abu Dhabi Brings Hope of a Homecoming

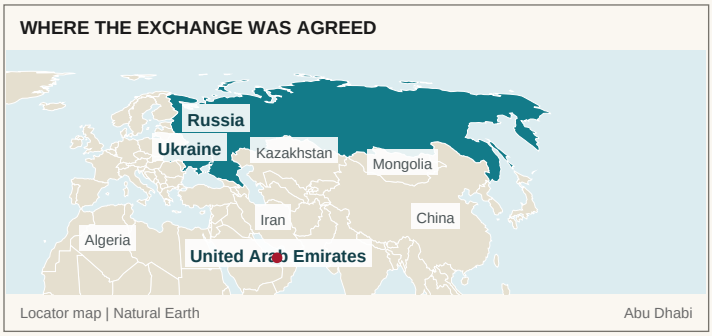
Russia and Ukraine agreed to a large prisoner exchange, though the war goes on.

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When soldiers are captured in a war, their families can wait a long time for news. On Wednesday there was hopeful news. After two days of talks in Abu Dhabi, Russia and Ukraine agreed to a large exchange of prisoners of war, which means each side sends captured soldiers home.

The number is not final yet. Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, said between 1,000 and 1,200 prisoners may be exchanged. Jared Kushner, an American who helped lead the talks, said the numbers would be set on Thursday.

The harder questions were left open. The sides did not agree to a ceasefire, a stop to the fighting, and they still disagree about land. Kushner said, "we are pushing a boulder uphill." He and Steve Witkoff now go to Moscow to meet Russia's president, then to Dublin to meet Zelenskyy.



The talks were held in Abu Dhabi, far from both countries.

WHY IT MATTERS

Talks can help people even before a war ends.

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WORLD • CLIMATE

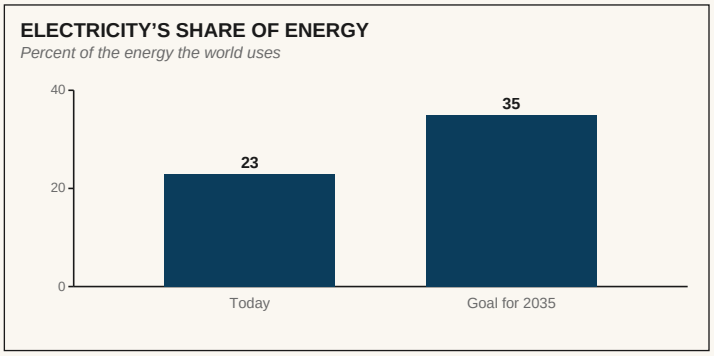
At the Climate Summit, a Push to Plug More of Life Into Electricity

About 40 leaders spoke in Antalya; many big countries' leaders stayed away.

Think of the things at home that burn fuel: a petrol car, a gas heater, a gas stove. Each could run on electricity instead. At COP31, the United Nations climate meeting in Antalya, Turkey, the host country is asking the world to make that switch faster.

Turkey's idea is a promise called "35 by 35". Today electricity supplies 23% of the energy the world uses. The promise is to reach 35% by 2035. Thirteen countries, including Australia, Germany and Pakistan, have backed it so far. Joining is a choice.

Not everyone is satisfied. The promise does not say how the electricity should be made, and the Marshall Islands, a Pacific island country, said it is not enough unless the power is clean. About 40 leaders spoke on Wednesday. The United Nations chief, António Guterres, said that fossil fuels "must go the way of the dinosaurs".



The 2035 figure is a goal countries can choose to sign, not a rule.

CONNECT THE DOTS

Science: an electric car is only as clean as its electricity. Australia's climate minister said one cuts emissions by 60% on coal power and 90% on solar.

UNITED STATES • PRICES

American Prices Rose More Than Expected in October

Food, electricity and housing all cost more than in September.

Every month the US government measures how much prices have changed for things families buy. Tuesday's report said prices rose 0.4% in October. Experts had expected 0.3%. Food rose 0.5%, and groceries and electricity were among the costs that went up.

Rising prices are called inflation. A bank called the Federal Reserve, or the Fed, tries to slow inflation by raising interest rates. Interest is the extra money people pay when they borrow.

After the report, traders saw an 84% chance that the Fed will raise rates in December. That would make loans for homes cost more.

WHY IT MATTERS

Small monthly rises add up in a family's shopping. A question for the table: what has become dearer at our shops lately?

Also in United States

• Congress: The House voted 211-204 to send a bid to remove the defense secretary to a committee, halting it.

• Veterans Day: President Trump joined a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

• Iran: Its security chief said the Strait of Hormuz, a sea route for oil, stays shut until the US meets seven conditions.

• Climate: Scientists expect carbon dioxide from burning fuels to fall 0.4% this year, though the world's total still rises.

TALK ABOUT IT

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Why might two sides agree to send prisoners home before they agree to stop fighting?

Which things in our home could run on electricity instead of fuel?

When prices rise, what should a family decide to buy first?

INDIA • FARMING

India Will Spend Much More to Keep Fertiliser Affordable for Farmers

The winter season's subsidy rises 64%, to Rs 62,370 crore.

Wheat, mustard and pulses are planted in India's winter season, called Rabi. To grow well, these crops need fertiliser, which feeds plants with nutrients such as phosphate and potash. India buys much of this fertiliser, and the materials to make it, from other countries.

That is a problem when world prices rise, as they have lately. So on Wednesday the Cabinet, the group of senior ministers led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved a subsidy for the season. A subsidy is money the government pays so that something costs less.

The amount is about Rs 62,370 crore, around 64% more than last winter's. The money goes to fertiliser companies so they can sell to farmers at lower prices. Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said farmers will not face any additional burden. It was one of five plans approved on Wednesday. Another will make the Noida Metro's Aqua Line 8.45 km longer, with five new stations.

WHY IT MATTERS

What farmers pay for fertiliser affects what it costs to grow food, and so what families pay for it.

SPORTS CORNER

CRICKET: A PARTNERSHIP OF 249

In the first Test in Rawalpindi, Sri Lanka's **Dhananjaya de Silva (167 not out)** and **Kusal Mendis (117)** added 249 runs together. Sri Lanka reached 404 for 4 on day three, just 30 runs behind Pakistan's 434 for 9 declared.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

• The final number of prisoners in the exchange, due on Thursday.

• What the American envoys hear in Moscow and then in Dublin.

"Good news can be small and still matter to someone waiting at home."

Keep exploring. See you tomorrow.