



An Afghan man rides a motorcycle amid a dust storm in the Islam Qala district of Herat province on July 3, 2025. Mohsen Karimi/AFP via Getty Images

Day in Photos: Sandstorm in Afghanistan, Military Exercise in Indonesia, and Invasion of Lovebugs

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Firefighters battle a wildfire that broke out in Ierapetra on the southern Greek island of Crete, on July 3, 2025. A forest fire fanned by gale-force winds led to the evacuation of locals and tourists on the popular holiday island, officials said. Costas Metaxakis/AFP via Getty Images



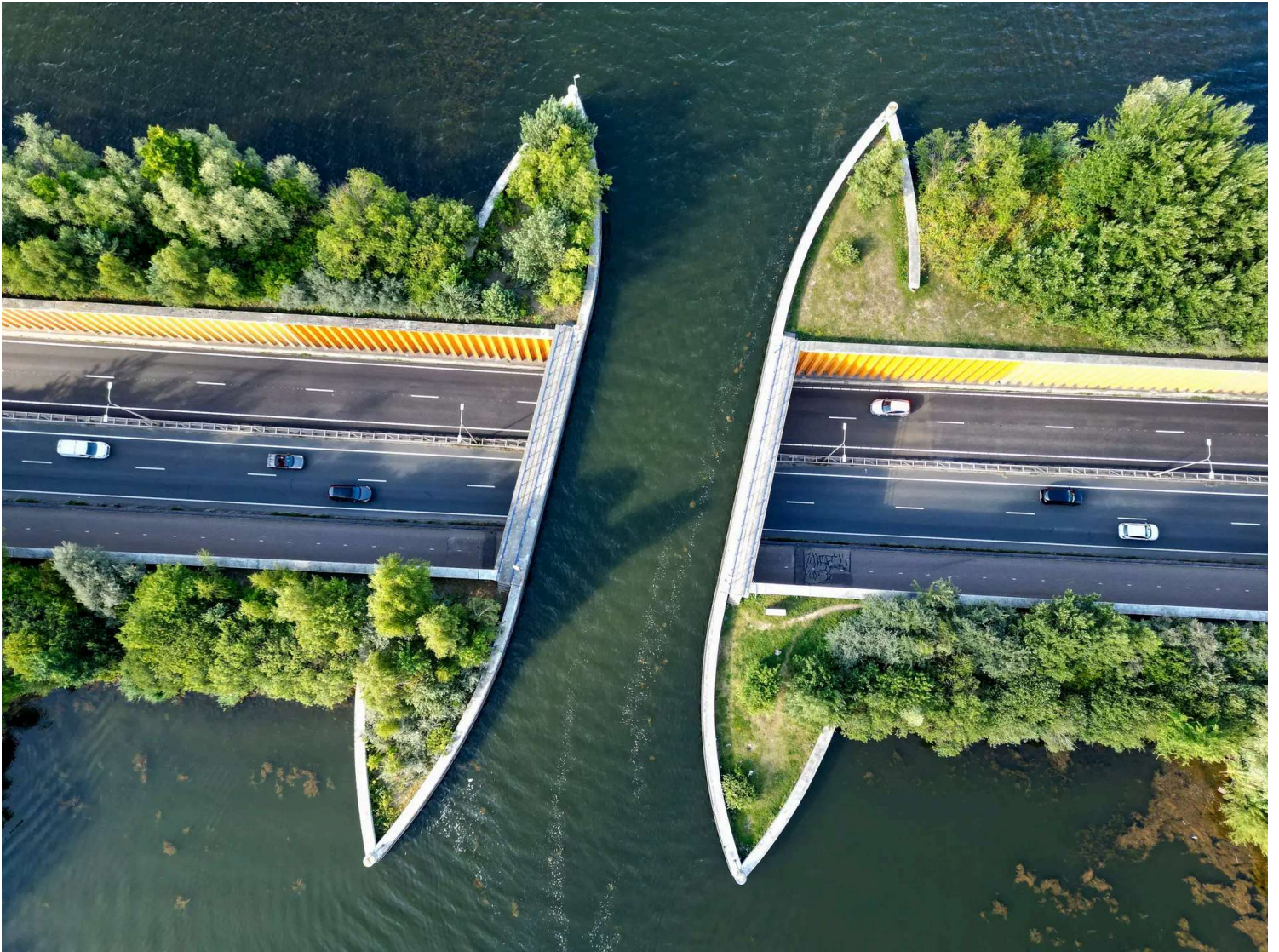
A child plays with an airplane kite during an air base open day following a military exercise held at the Sultan Iskandar Muda Air Force Base in Blang Bintang, Aceh Province, Indonesia, on July 3, 2025. Chaideer Mahyuddin/AFP via Getty Images



First Lady Melania Trump visits with children at Children's National Hospital in Washington on July 3, 2025. The day before the July 4th holiday, the first lady visited the hospital to greet patients, participate in arts and crafts, oversee a hybrid tea rose bush from the White House being planted in the hospital's Bunny Mellon Healing Garden, and spend time with a 3-month-old transplant patient and his family. Joseph Eid/AFP via Getty Images



Local NGO workers working with the World Food Programme distribute high-energy biscuits to returnees at the Iranian border in Islam Qala, Afghanistan, on July 2, 2025. More than 256,000 Afghans left Iran for Afghanistan last month, according to the UN's International Organization for Migration, ahead of a July 6 deadline imposed by the Iranian government for all undocumented Afghans to leave the country. Elise Blanchard/Getty Images



An aerial view of the Veluwemeer aqueduct near Harderwijk, Netherlands, on July 3, 2025. Nicolas Tucatz/AFP via Getty Images



(L to R back) Ecuador's Vice President Maria Jose Pinto, Panama's President Jose Raul Mulino, and Chile's Foreign Minister Alberto van Klaveren; (L to R front) Paraguay's President Santiago Pena, Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Argentina's President Javier Milei, Bolivia's President Luis Arce Catacora, and Uruguay's President Yamandu Orsi wave as they pose for a group photo at the 66th Summit of Leaders of Mercosur and Associated States at the San Martin Palace in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on July 3, 2025. Luis Robayo/AFP via Getty Images



A police water cannon is used to fight a wildfire in a forest at Gohrischheide near Zeithain, Germany, on July 3, 2025. Record-breaking high temperatures accelerated the spread of the fire yesterday to almost 500 acres. Norbert Millauer/Getty Images



A multi-story residential building is shown after a Russian strike in Odesa, Ukraine, on July 3, 2025.
Oleksandr Gimarov/AFP via Getty Images



A child plays along Manila Bay, Philippines, on July 3, 2025. Jam Sta Rosa/AFP via Getty Images



Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-La.) hugs a colleague as the House of Representatives meets to vote on H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, in the House of Representatives at the U.S. Capitol on July 3, 2025. Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images



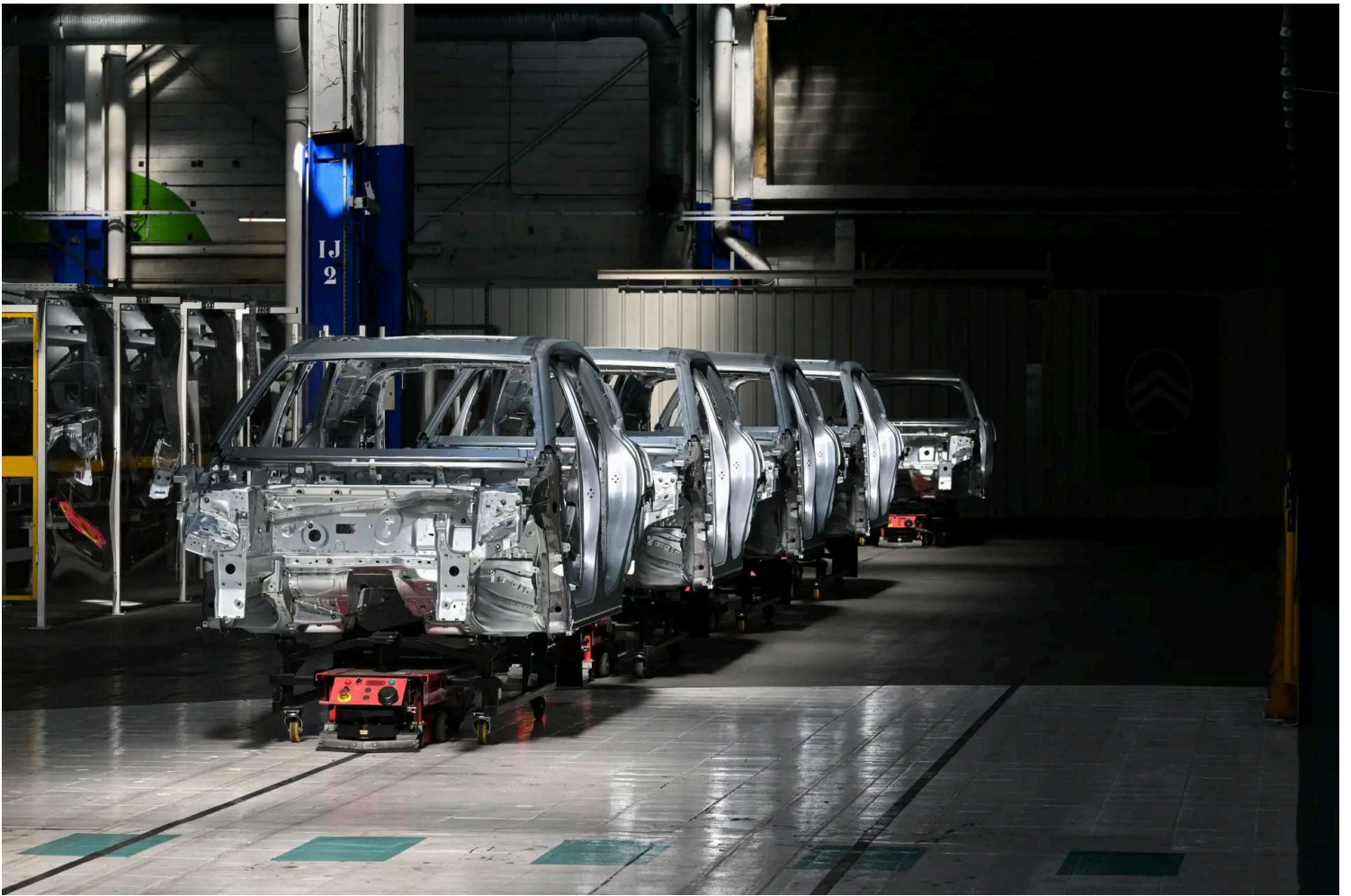
A view of the wind turbine assembly site shows a young man on his bicycle and a supply ship or offshore tug from the Port-la-Nouvelle in the Aude department in southern France, on July 3, 2025. The Occitanie region has ordered six floating 328-foot-high wind turbines to be located 10 miles off the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to generate renewable electricity. JC Milhet/Hans Lucas/AFP via Getty Images



A black cat rests among sticky traps used to catch lovebugs at Mount Gyeyang summit in Incheon, South Korea, on July 3, 2025. Anthony Wallace/AFP via Getty Images



Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen (first row, center R), European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen (first row, center L) and ministers pose for a group photo during the official opening of Denmark's EU presidency in Aarhus, on July 3, 2025, as Denmark takes over the European Union's rotating presidency. Mikkel Berg Pedersen/Ritzau Scanpix/AFP via Getty Images



The chassis of a new Citroen C5 Aircross is shown on a production line of the Stellantis car maker plant in Chartres-de-Bretagne, near Rennes, France, on July 3, 2025. Damien Meyer/AFP via Getty Images



UAE Team Emirate—XRG team's Slovenian rider Tadej Pogacar (R) and other riders cycle in a training session, days before the start of the 112th Tour de France cycling race, near Valenciennes, France, on July 3, 2025. Anne-Christine Poujoulat/AFP via Getty Images



An animal puppet group, 'The Herds', makes its way through Manchester City center, England, on July 3, 2025. 'The Herds' is a touring public art performance of life-size puppet animals designed to call attention to the climate emergency. Christopher Furlong/Getty Images



A view of the crash site where Liverpool FC player Diogo Jota and his brother André Silva lost their lives just after midnight on Thursday shows the wreckage of their Lamborghini Huracan at kilometre 65 of the A-52, near the town of Cernadilla, close to Zamora, Spain, on July 3, 2025. Spanish authorities said the vehicle left the road and caught fire upon impact, killing both occupants. Octavio Passos/Getty Images



People travel in cable cars on a rainy day in McLeod Ganj, India, on July 3, 2025. Niharika Kulkarni/AFP via Getty Images

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People dive from a bridge over the Canal Saint-Martin in Paris, on July 3, 2025. Sebastien Dupuy/AFP via Getty Images

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