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'HURRICANE' TO HIT UK

■ Home Secretary warns a "hurricane" of migrants could hit Britain
■ Mass migration "one of the most powerful forces reshaping our world"

Suella Braverman warned a "hurricane" of migrants could hit Britain as she said mass migration is "one of the most powerful forces reshaping our world".

The Home Secretary told the Conservative Party conference this week there would never be space to house all those who want to come to the UK even if the entire country was concreted over to build more houses, schools and hospitals.

Mrs Braverman said: "The wind of change that carried my own parents across the globe in the 20th century was a mere gust compared to the hurricane that is coming."

"Because today, the option of moving from a poorer country to a richer one is not just a dream for billions of people. It's an entirely realistic prospect."

She said: "Nobody can deny that there are far, far more people in poorer countries who would love to move to Britain than could ever be accommodated."

"Even if we concreted over the countryside, turned our cities into one vast building site and erected skyscrapers from Eastbourne to Elgin and from Hull to Holyhead it still wouldn't be enough."

"Demand will always

outstrip supply. I know it. You know it."

In a speech that led to a long standing ovation, the Home Secretary also branded the Human Rights Act the "Criminal Rights Act" as she claimed it is preventing the Government from ending illegal migration.

She said the laws, introduced by Tony Blair's Labour government, have "turbocharged" legal challenges. Politicians have been "too unwilling" to recognise that treaties such as the European Convention on Human Rights and the Refugee Convention need updating, Mrs Braverman said.

'smeared as racists'

She added: "The biggest reason why Conservative governments have struggled to get illegal migration under control is because Labour governments passed laws that inhibit effective action. We struggle to remove foreign criminals. We struggle to get accurate data on the ages of those who claim asylum."

"We struggle even to

confiscate smartphones from illegal migrants landing on our beaches. Our country has become enmeshed in a dense net of international rules that were designed for another era.

"And it is Labour that turbocharged their impact by passing the misnamed Human Rights Act. I am surprised they didn't call it the Criminal Rights Act."

She hinted again that the Government is willing to leave the European Convention on Human Rights to end the migrant crisis.

To a packed conference hall, Ms Braverman promised to do "whatever it takes" to stop small boat crossings, adding immigration was "already too high".

The home secretary's speech was big on room-rousing rhetoric but lighter on new policy.

For most of her speech though, she appeared to relish her self-proclaimed role as someone who tells it as she sees it.

She drew cheers for announcing the government would soon



THROWING RED MEAT TO THE BASE: Suella Braverman was addressing the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester this week

start closing asylum hotels.

And she told the conference that politicians had failed to properly manage migration, and had been "far too squeamish about being smeared as racists".

'existential threat'

Her description of potential migration is likely to draw particular criticism, including from Labour and those who disagreed with her recent speech to a US think tank, in which she questioned whether the application of the UN's 1951 Refugee Convention is "fit for our modern age".

Addressing the American Enterprise

Institute, she warned that countries faced an "existential" threat unless they were able to control their borders.

Former justice secretary Robert Buckland said politicians needed to be responsible about language, saying: "I think talking about hurricanes or weather extremes isn't helpful unless you explain the why."

"We know what's happening in the world, with climate change, with war in the sub-Saharan part of Africa - we are seeing mass movements of population, there is no doubt about that."

"But we need to talk about the why before we start using alarmist language. Let's do so

in a way that really understands the breadth of the problem."

Another Conservative MP, Alicia Kearns, said: "I recognise there are legitimate concerns but I think we have to be very careful we don't create a situation where we are either demonising minorities or those who are vulnerable."

Last year, over 81,130 applications were made for asylum in the UK, while 1.2 million people migrated into the UK.

Over 25,000 have crossed the Channel in 533 boats this year, heaping huge pressure on the broken asylum system.

Some £8million daily is being spent on migrant housing.

News from Britain

Rishi axes HS2 for the North...then promises region billions for infrastructure

RISHI SUNAK has caused uproar within his own party after confirming the decision to axe the Northern Leg of the UK's hugely ambitious HS2 project due to ballooning costs.

The Prime Minister announced the decision in his keynote speech on the final day of the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester, but was quick to dress up the controversial choice by also pledging to spend £36 billion on transport projects across the country. Sunak claimed the money saved from the 'bloated project' would be spent on alternative rail, road and bus schemes instead.

He said the decision to ditch the Birmingham-Manchester leg was due to huge costs and long delays.

But he vowed the government "will reinvest every single penny" saved from cancelling the remainder of HS2.

He said: "Every region outside of London will receive the same or more government investment than they would have done under HS2, with quicker results. Our plan will drive far more growth and opportunity here in the North than

a faster train to London ever would."

The high-speed rail project was intended to link London, the Midlands and the north of England.

The first part, between west London and Birmingham, is already being constructed. Mr Sunak confirmed that it will be completed.

'far more important'

But the scheme as a whole has already faced delays, cost increases and cuts – including the planned eastern leg between Birmingham and Leeds which was axed in late 2021.

In March, the government said the line between Birmingham and Crewe and then onto Manchester would be delayed for at least two years.

Transport Secretary Mark Harper, said the £36 billion will now be spent on projects "people want to see".

In his first speech to party conference as prime minister, Mr Sunak said that changes to travel seen after the coronavirus pandemic meant that the economic case for HS2 "has been massively weakened".

The last official estimate on HS2 costs, excluding the cancelled eastern section, added up to about £71 billion.

But this was in 2019 prices so it does not account for the rise in costs for materials and wages since then.

The PM said east-west links were "far more important" than those linking up the north and south of England. He said his plans would see "hundreds" of alternative projects funded, such as building the Midlands rail hub, connecting 50 stations, upgrading the A1, the A2, the A5 and the M6 and building a Leeds tram system.

Mr Sunak said the money would help fund the Shipley bypass, the Blyth relief road and 70 other road schemes, electrifying train lines in North Wales and resurfacing roads across the country.

'decisive leadership'

He also said he would protect £12 billion dedicated to linking up trains between Manchester and Liverpool, although not with high-speed rail.

Staunch Sunak supporter Philip Davies,



HE GIVETH AND HE TAKETH AWAY: Rishi Sunak, pictured with his wife Akshata Narayana Murty, was attempting to relaunch his Premiership at the Tory Party Conference this week. He trails Labour by double digits in the polls

the Conservative MP for Shipley, said: "Everybody knew that HS2 had become an embarrassing white elephant and that the never-ending sums dedicated to it could be much better spent on transport infrastructure projects across the North, but no political leader would dare say it. Rishi Sunak is the Prime Minister who was prepared to say these things and then deal with them.

"That is the kind of decisive leadership that

the public craves."

Conservative MP Richard Holden said the investment will "really deliver quickly for communities rather than ploughing ever-increasing sums of money into a project which would just connect city centres up and isn't even going to be rolling until 2042".

And Antony Higginbotham, the MP for Burnley, said: "The decision he took on HS2 is bold, but the right one. My constituents are more interested in whether they

can get to Manchester Airport from Burnley without changing trains than whether someone can get from Manchester to London. It's these bread and butter things.

"Can I get from Burnley to Manchester to go to university? Can I get from Burnley to Manchester Airport to go on holiday? Can I get from Burnley to the next town along to see my parents and grandparents and friends? That's the thing that my constituents are interested in."

Long Covid: Two million still suffering

ALMOST two million people are still suffering from Long Covid in the UK, the pandemic inquiry has heard.

Official figures show around 1.9 million have continuing ailments related to catching the virus.

The hearing was also told that those over 70 had a 10,000-times greater risk of dying than under-15s. On average, each victim lost over 10 years of life, while mortality was 2.6 times higher in the most deprived areas, compared to the most well-off.

It was also found that Bangladeshi, Pakistani, and black communities had highest mortality rates.

The figures were read out by lead counsel Hugo Keith KC on the first day of the inquiry's latest phase – expected to last

nine weeks – that focuses on the Government's role.

Relatives of those who died gathered outside holding pictures of lost loved ones as they waited for the doors to open. In a video played at the London hearing, 14 people told how the pandemic devastated their lives.

Mr Keith said: "Never again can a virus be allowed to lead to so many deaths and so much suffering."

The KC said Dominic Cummings, former chief adviser to then PM Boris Johnson, would testify that the Government adopted a "deliberate strategy...a goal" of allowing "herd immunity" to play out.

Mr Cummings also claims the PM did not think Covid was "a big deal", mainly fearing economic damage.

Brenda Campbell KC, representing Northern Ireland victims, told how one woman died of it alone in hospital on May 20, 2020 – the day Downing Street threw a "bring your own booze" bash attended by Mr Johnson.

Peter Weatherby KC, for Covid 19 Bereaved Families for Justice, said there was a "leadership void" during the crisis and "cavalier" Mr Johnson was "dismissive of disaster".

His WhatsApp messages from January 31 to June 7, 2020, were "unrecoverable" – a "remarkable and unfortunate coincidence".

Earlier, it was reported that Rishi Sunak could not provide WhatsApp messages from during the pandemic because he failed to back them up.



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“Andy can stay”

■ Charles gives disgraced brother a place to lay his head

PRINCE Andrew is being allowed by the King to stay indefinitely at his Royal Lodge home in Windsor Great Park.

The disgraced Duke of York has been given time to assure his brother he can come up with funds to carry out vital repairs on the 30-room mansion.

The pair were at loggerheads this summer when the King suggested Andrew moved out and into the smaller four-bedroom cottage on the Berkshire estate, vacated by Prince Harry and Meghan.

Now Andrew has been granted a “stay of execution” after thrashing out a deal with the monarch.

That is despite his annual £250,000 handout

being cut by the King and his home requiring an estimated £2million in repairs.

It can also be revealed Andrew has forked out more than £200,000 for roof repairs over the summer, described as an “interim payment”.

But the Grade II-listed house is in need of much more urgent work, including damp-proofing.

Royal sources have confirmed the King and Andrew met privately at Balmoral at the end of August, during a Royal Family gathering when the issues were discussed. A friend of the Duke’s suggested there had been a “cooling of relations” between the two.

The Duke, 63, was forced to step down from royal duties after his BBC Newsnight interview in 2019, in which he failed to apologise for his relationship with the late paedophile financier Jeffrey Epstein.

Andrew’s finances have been left in disarray after he was forced to pay £12million to his sex abuse accuser Virginia Giuffre to stop a case of alleged assault going to court in the United States.

Andrew was offered Frogmore Cottage, which had been renovated by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. But the Prince rejected this and refused to leave Royal Lodge, which he shares with ex-wife Sarah Ferguson despite them divorcing



Relations thawing? Charles has extended his brother’s stay at Windsor’s Royal Lodge

27 years ago.

A source said: “Andrew’s stance has paid off. He refused all attempts by the King to leave his home, dug in

his heels and the King has relented and granted a stay of execution.”

“It seems the King just wants to move on for the time being which

might be a good idea for everyone.”

Andrew has lived in the former home of the late Queen Mother since 2004.

Families welcome Letby probe

FAMILIES of the victims of baby killing nurse Lucy Letby have welcomed a corporate manslaughter probe at her hospital.

Police have opened a new investigation at the Countess of Chester Hospital following her conviction for murdering seven babies and trying to kill six others.

Det Supt Simon Blackwell said they would be examining the 12-month period that was the subject of her recent trial at Manchester Crown Court – from June 2015 to June 2016.

The corporate manslaughter probe will be looking into the actions of all those at the hospital in senior leadership. Monday’s announcement was greeted with optimism by the families of the victims, who have been calling for answers



LUCY LETBY: was there a hospital cover-up?

over how Letby, 33, could have murdered so many babies in plain sight.

Announcing the probe, Det Supt Blackwell said: “At this stage we are not investigating any individuals in relation to gross negligence manslaughter.”

Tamlin Bolton, specialist medical negligence solicitor at Switalskis, representing the families of seven babies, said: “We are reassured steps are now being taken to

consider the actions of management from a criminal perspective.”

Letby got a whole-life jail sentence last month.

When consultants demanded she be removed from the neonatal unit they were silenced and senior doctors were made to write and sign a letter of apology to her.

After she was convicted, senior paediatrician Dr Stephen Brearey accused hospital management of a cover-up.

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News from Britain

A-levels axed in schools overhaul

Education for over-16s is to be totally overhauled – with a new single qualification being created for the next generation, Rishi Sunak has revealed.

In the biggest shake up in a generation, the Prime Minister is axing A-levels and T-levels, in order to replace them with a new Advanced British Standard.

Students will spend longer in classrooms being taught about five subjects, compared with the current average of three.

Pupils will have to study English and maths until they are 18 as well, with “extra help for those who struggle most”.

Due to a delay, children starting primary school this year will be the first to take on the “rigorous” ABS.

The PM told his party's conference: “This will finally deliver on the promise of parity of esteem between academic and technical education.

“A-level students... only do three subjects compared to the seven studied by our economic competitors [and] our 16 to 19-year-olds spend around a third less time in the classroom than [those competitors]...”

“Thanks to the extra teaching time we are introducing, the great breadth won't come at the expense of depth which is such a strength of our system.”

Academic and vocational elements can be combined in the new qualification—but teaching unions questioned how the plan will be delivered.

Mr Sunak has said teachers in “key subjects” will receive special bonuses of up to £30,000, tax-free, over the first five years of their careers to “attract and retain” staff.

The Government will also stop universities from enrolling students on courses that “do nothing for their life chances”.

Protect us or we quit, say gun cops

■ Officers threaten to hand in permits unless top brass shield them from criminal prosecutions

ARMED officers are threatening to hand in their gun permits en masse unless police chiefs safeguard them from criminal prosecutions within the next 28 days.

Hundreds of cops downed weapons last month after a colleague, known only as NX121, was charged with the murder of London musician Chris Kaba, 24.

The officers within the Metropolitan Police have since returned to armed duties – but it has been revealed that the reprieve is only temporary.

One firearms officer from West Yorkshire Police, who was put on high alert to be sent to London last month, said: “They have given those in power 28 days to sort the situation out or they say they will be handing their permits back in – and it will be a lot more officers involved than last time.

“We have been told we are on standby to be seconded to the capital but there is an awful lot of concern and I'm not sure many would be willing to support the move. Officers refused last time and I think that'd be the case again.”

'career ultimatums'

The force's chief constable could request that police go to London but bosses do not have the powers to enforce it, the officer said.

They added: “The only way armed units from other forces could actually be ordered to the capital is if the Home Office make it the order. But even then I'm not sure how many would actually go.”

It emerged last week that armed officers who chose not to carry guns said that they had been “bullied, intimidated and given career ultimatums”.



FEELING THE HEAT: Hundreds of cops downed weapons last month

Mark Williams, chief of the Police Firearms Officers Association, said that some members had been threatened with sanctions by senior figures after expressing concerns about carrying guns following the murder charge brought against their colleague.

Another West Midlands officer said: “The officers

are very, very nervous. We, as firearms officers, don't feel we've had the necessary support to do our job.

“This is an extremely dangerous job, so why should we risk our lives if we don't have the legal protection?”

The Army had soldiers on standby and other forces were put on alert

after Metropolitan Police officers worried that they did not have legal protection took action.

It is understood that forces including West Midlands, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire remain on “red alert”, but that only one force fully complied with the request after other officers refused to step in.

Lumberjack suspected of chopping down iconic tree insists: “I'm not that stupid”

A LUMBERJACK quizzed by police over the chopping down of the iconic Sycamore Gap tree has denied any involvement and insisted: “I'm not that stupid.”

Walter Renwick, 69, said he has been wrongly identified online as the prime suspect behind the felling of the tree next to Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland.

The destruction of the 300-year-old landmark – made famous in the hit movie Robin Hood: Prince Of Thieves – sparked national outrage.

Mr Renwick was evicted on Thursday from a farm eight miles from the scene of the crime hours after the tree was cut down.

He had been in a long

battle with Jesuits in Britain, a religious group who own the land.

Police searched the property and are said to have seized a chainsaw from an outhouse. The power tool was bagged up and the blade wrapped with paper reading “police evidence” before being taken away.

Mr Renwick had apparently pointed to the saw as proof he was innocent. He said: “My chainsaw's down here by that barn door but you can see it hasn't been used for ages.” He added: “I didn't do it. I am a former lumberjack and I have just been kicked off my property, so I can see why people have pointed the finger. It's very sad.

“But it was the perfect night to do it. There was

a full moon so it would have been well lit and the wind would have meant there was barely any sound. Trees have their own DNA and you can use the dust to track down which tree was felled, so it will be easy to find who did it.”

Mr Renwick's daughter-in-law Lauren claimed he is not in good enough health to have done it. She said she was “livid” after he was taken into custody for “something he hasn't even done”.

Lauren added he has two leaking heart valves and the strength needed for the task would be impossible, explaining: “He's never fit enough to get up there. He's living like Bear Grylls.”

The search for the culprit continues after



RENWICK: “I didn't do it. I am a former lumberjack and I have just been kicked off my property, so I can see why people have pointed the finger. It's very sad.”

a 16-year-old who was arrested was released on bail. The 70ft tree was one of the world's most photographed.

DCI Rebecca Fenney-Menzies, of Northumbria Police, said: “The senseless destruction of... a world-renowned landmark and local treasure has quite rightly resulted in an outpouring [of] shock, horror and anger

throughout the North East and further afield.”

Kieran Chapman, 27, from Westerhope near Newcastle, planted a sycamore sapling yards from the tree “to try to restore people's faith in humanity”. But a National Trust spokesman said it was removed because of the wall's status as an ancient monument and a World Heritage Site.

Rock icon Sir Mick finds a new groove

■ Stones frontman is now hawking harmonicas

ROCK icon Sir Mick Jagger has found a new groove – selling hand-crafted harmonicas with his name on.

In a slightly stilted and brief promotional video on Instagram, the 80-year-old singer holds one up and declares: “Hey, cool to see these just in.

“Can’t wait to hear you guys play them. Check it out on mickjagger.com.”

The Rolling Stones frontman plays mouth organ and electric guitar on dozens of the band’s hit records.

Speaking earlier this year, the star, whose fortune is estimated at £300million, said: “I started to learn the harmonica after hearing the greats of the blues, such as Little Walter and Sonny Boy Williamson.

“Since then, I’ve played harmonica on so many tracks and at countless gigs over the years.”

The red harmonica with the Mick Jagger logo in black is the second edition to go on sale.

Mick announced his limited edition line of harmonicas in collaboration with makers Lee Oskar and media creatives Whynow Music at the beginning of this year, with the collection selling out in weeks.

Their latest model retails at around \$74.99 and is said to “faithfully replicate” the exact specifications used by

Jagger throughout his long career.

At the first launch in January, he said: “Hopefully some of them will get into the hands of young harmonica players who turn out to be the legends of the future.”

More than 123,000 followers have already viewed the new promo. One writes: “I’m 70, been listening as long as



NOT FADE AWAY: 1960s Mick blowing up a storm



Mick Jagger’s website describes the harmonica (below) as ‘meticulously designed’ which ‘faithfully replicates the exact specifications used by Mick Jagger throughout his iconic career.’

I remember. Keep going on.”

While another just says: “Wow!”

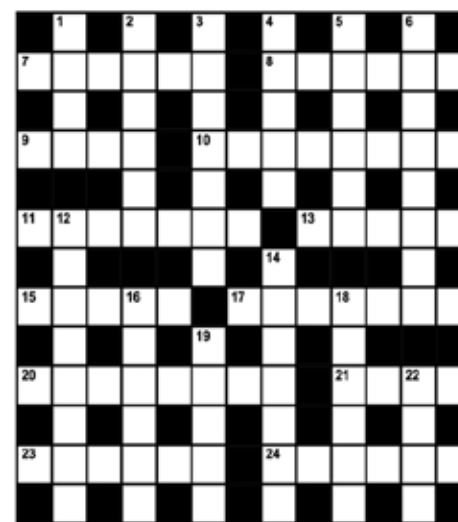
But one woman posts: “Ah, come on Mick...ya don’t need to advertise merchandise” – along with laughing emojis. The Stones release their first new album in 18 years, Hackney Diamonds, later this month.



The British Weekly Crossword By Myles Mellor #615

Across

- 7 Archbishop of Canterbury, murdered by Henry II (6)
- 8 Hurtles (6)
- 9 Skippy skirt (4)
- 10 Prevented from carrying out a course of action (8)
- 11 Wanting badly (7)
- 13 Computer operators (5)
- 15 As a rule (5)
- 17 Lake District mountain, goes with 22 down (7)
- 20 Poison remedy (8)
- 21 Cartographic drawings (4)
- 23 Teeth-related (6)
- 24 Type of marmalade (6)



Solution to Puzzle #614

Down

- 1 Pastrami purveyor (4)
- 2 Aspen activity (6)
- 3 Annoying skin feeling (7)
- 4 Jazz combo rhythm providers (5)
- 5 Judge (6)
- 6 Person recommended for a job (8)
- 12 Football squads (8)
- 14 Kind of fair (7)
- 16 Prevails (6)
- 18 Noted (6)
- 19 Might (5)
- 22 See 17 across (4)



The British Weekly Sudoku By Myles Mellor. #615

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Solution to Sudoku #614

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6	5	8	7	4	3	1	9	2
3	7	2	4	8	6	9	5	1
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Entertainment



Victoria and David arrive at the event (above left) and (above) Mia Regan, Romeo, Cruz, Harper, David, Victoria, Brooklyn and Nicola Peltz Beckham

Netflix star Beckham back in the premiere league

■ The entire family comes out as soccer legend launches Netflix documentary at glitzy London event

David Beckham is the launch of a back in the premiere documentary about league as he attended his life alongside wife

Victoria, their kids and his sons' partners this week.

The ex-England skipper, 48, was flanked by designer Victoria, 49, and daughter Harper, 12.

With them were sons Brooklyn, 24, Romeo, 21, and Cruz, 18, as well as Brooklyn's heiress wife, Nicola Peltz Beckham, 28, and Romeo's model girlfriend Mia Regan, 22.

David's proud parents Sandra and Ted, who speak candidly in the Netflix series, also joined in.

Other stars at the screening in Mayfair, central London included the striker's best friend and

former Manchester United teammate Gary Neville, 48, TV presenter James Corden, 45, and Vogue superno Dame Anna Wintour, 73.

The series promises to set the record straight on some of the key moments in the life and career of the Essex-born global icon.

Its director has admitted "it wasn't

pleasant" to ask David to discuss rumours about allegations he was once unfaithful – while mum Sandra talks about how her son became a hate figure after his 1998 World Cup red card.

Recalling how she was challenged to a fight by a West Ham fan, she says: "I was getting angry with the way they were shouting about him.

"There was one fan who asked me to go outside."

Beckham made his debut for Manchester United in the League Cup when he was 17 and then in the Premier League two years later, before going on to win 115 caps for England.

The four-parter series Beckham is streaming on Netflix now.



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LIKELY LADS: brothers Romeo, Cruz and Brooklyn on the red carpet



Raise your glasses and join the fun when Sandro Monetti hosts another Brits in LA Pub Quiz at O'Briens in Santa Monica on Tuesday October 10.

Defending their title will be At Death's Dumbledore who pipped The Scabs (above) last time out when Guinness sponsored the popular trivia contest.

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TAURUS: You have a lot going for you, however patience is required. The times will change soon and life goes on. Mercury going backwards in your life will slow you down somewhat, so try to relax.

GEMINI: Lately you are able to move about your life and do everything as normal as possible in your world. However Mercury your boss is going backwards this week so be prepared for a slowdown for a while.

CANCER: Retrograde Mercury in your cousin sign this week will likely bring up an issue which has been on hold for some weeks. Just do what you can and do not allow others to push your buttons.

LEO: You are raking over the coals of past situations and some unfinished business is going to come up. Do not be on the defensive when the other party does not respond in the way you want.

VIRGO: It's best to not worry about things over which you have no control. There are things you have wanted to do, so to try to catch up and Mercury your boss going backwards will assist.

LIBRA: This will be a strange time for you, with some some plans held back and others coming to fruition. On the other hand, something worth getting your teeth into will come forward. Happy Birthday.

SCORPIO: The best way to handle an ongoing difficult situation is to not overreact. You will soon see the other side of this if you can let it take its own course without your help. A healthier lifestyle should be a priority now.

SAGITTARIUS: Make the most of the change of direction in life now. It's good to get rid of stuff - mentally or physically - for better days ahead. Now your boss Jupiter in Aquarius is looking to help your life be more interesting.

CAPRICORN: Like many others, just when you thought it was time to move life stops and start again for a while. Pluto just moved forward in your life and he will be ready for action next week.

AQUARIUS: You should be enjoying Jupiter living with you now. He can bring lots of new opportunities to enjoy life. However, in a current family situation it's best to take a step back and not take it personally.

PISCES: Your money area is currently lit up and ready to work for you. Neptune your moody boss is also visiting you and it's quite a party in your head. Keep busy with what you can and in your family life take a back seat...you will be glad you did.

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Monday's Results

Premier League
FULHAM (0).....0 CHELSEA (2).....2
Mudryk 18
Broja 19
Att: 24,445

Weekend Premier League

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 ARSENAL (2) 4
ASTON VILLA (3) 6 BRIGHTON (0) 1
EVERTON (1) 1 LUTON (2) 2
MAN UTD (0) 0 CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1
NEWCASTLE (1) 2 TOTENHAM (0) 2
WEST HAM (2) 2 WOLVES (1) 2
WOTM FOREST (0) 1 BRENTFORD (0) 1

Weekend Football League

CHAMPIONSHIP
SHEFF WED (0) 0 BRISTOL CITY (2) 2
BLACKBURN (0) 1 CARDIFF (0) 2
HULL (1) 1 MILWAUK (0) 0
NORWICH (0) 2 PRESTON (0) 0
QPR (0) 1 SOUTHAMPTON (3) 3
WARRIOR (1) 2 WYCOMBE (0) 2

LEAGUE ONE

BARNLEY (0) 0 BLACKBURN (0) 1
DERBY (0) 0 NORTHAMPTON (0) 2
FLEETWOOD TOWN (0) 1
LUTON (0) 0
LINCOLN CITY (2) 2
PETERBOROUGH (1) 2
PORT VALE (0) 0
READING (0) 0
SHEFF WED (0) 0
STEVENAGE (1) 1
WIGAN (1) 1
WYCOMBE (0) 2

LEAGUE TWO

AFC WIMBLEDON (2) 4
ACCRINGTON STANLEY (0) 1
BARROW (1) 3
BARNLEY (0) 0
BRADFORD (1) 1
COLCHESTER (3) 5
CRAWLEY TOWN (0) 3
FOREST GREEN (0) 1
GILLINGHAM (1) 1
MK DONS (0) 0
SALFORD CITY (2) 2
SWINDON (1) 2
WREKHAM (0) 3



We don't need LIV rebels, says buoyant McIlroy

RORY McILROY has told Europe's LIV Golf rebels that in terms of the Ryder Cup they are just history now - and the new team will grow better without them.

"It's a new era, and it's a pretty good one," said the Ulsterman, who inspired his team to an unforgettable victory over the mighty Team USA in Rome at the weekend.

Meanwhile, Luke Donald said he'd be tempted to stay on as Europe's captain at Bethpage Black in 2025.

He only took the job last year after Henrik Stenson went to LIV.

Ryder Cup legends and LIV rebels Lee Westwood, Ian Poulter and Sergio Garcia became ineligible for Rome after quitting the DP World Tour. And McIlroy said: "They've made their choices and done what they've done. They have had unbelievable Ryder Cup careers and no one can take away the impact they've had for the European team over the years."

Poor World Cup start for England

Ahmedabad: England's defence of their World Cup title began with a dismal nine-wicket hammering at the hands of New Zealand in Ahmedabad on Thursday.

England could only manage 282-9 in their 50 overs, a total the Kiwis overhauled with 14 overs and 8 wickets to spare.

The rematch of the final four years ago offered none of the tension of that Lord's epic with the Black Caps cantering home in pursuit of 283.

They reached their target with 13.4 overs to spare - Devon Conway and Rachin Ravindra both hitting stunning centuries.

Conway ended 152 not out and Ravindra unbeaten on 123 as the pair combined for a sensational 273-run partnership - the fourth-highest in men's World Cup history - which rendered England's attack toothless.

In contrast, England struggled to 282-9 in a lacklustre batting performance. Joe Root made 77 but a series of soft dismissals checked their progress.

They have to wait until Tuesday for their next match - a meeting with Bangladesh in Dharamshala.

RUGBY UNION WORLD CUP POOL B
SOUTH AFRICA..... 49 TONGA..... 18
SCOTLAND..... 84 ROMANIA..... 0
South Africa..... 49 Tonga..... 18
Scotland..... 84 Romania..... 0

The peace deal being negotiated between the PGA and DP World Tours and the Saudi Public Investment Fund could yet open the door for a return of the rebels to the Ryder Cup.

But McIlroy insisted that they are simply no longer needed. The 34-year-old said: "Not having

those big personalities in the team room let other guys have that chance to flourish and to shine, like Viktor Hovland, Jon Rahm, myself.

"There wasn't a ton of space taken up by some of the other big personalities, and I think that let the rest of the team flourish. It's a young team. We can grow

together. It's a new era. And a pretty good one."

Donald said he would "obviously consider" rolling on as captain, but added: "I could leave the win as my legacy. I haven't been home for six weeks. The next months are about spending time with my family and my Australian Labradoodle Archie."

Wednesday's Results

UEFA Champions Lge Group E
AT MADRID (2).....3 FEYENOORD (2).....2
CELTA (1).....1 LAZIO (1).....2

Group F
B DORTMUND (0).....0 AC MILAN (0).....0
NEWCASTLE (2).....4 PSG (0).....1

Group G
RB LEIPZIG (0).....1 MAN CITY (1).....3
RS BELGRADE (1).....2 YOUNG BOYS (0).....2

Group H
ANTWERP (2).....2 SHAKHTAR D (0).....3
PORTO (0).....0 BARCELONA (1).....1

Sky Bet Championship
COVENTRY (0).....1 BLACKBURN (0).....0
LEEDS (1).....1 QPR (0).....0

SUNDERLAND (1).....2 WATFORD (0).....0
ROTHERHAM (0).....1 BRISTOL C (0).....2

SWANSEA (1).....2 NORWICH (1).....1
LEICESTER (0).....3 PRESTON (0).....0

AUSTRALIA..... 34 PORTUGAL..... 14
FIJI..... 17 GEORGIA..... 12

ARGENTINA..... 59 CHILE..... 5
ENGLAND..... 330 2 132 22 14
JAPAN..... 3 2 0 1 1 88 42 9

Tuesday's Results

UEFA Champions Lge Group A
FC COPNHAGEN (0).....1 BYN MUNICH (0).....2
MAN UTD (1).....2 GALATASARAY (1).....3

Group B
LENS (1).....2 ARSENAL (1).....1
PSV (0).....2 SEVILLA (0).....2

Group C
NAPOLI (1).....2 REAL MADRID (2).....3
UNION BERLIN (2).....2 BRAGA (1).....3

Group D
INTER MILAN (0).....1 BENFICA (0).....0
RB SALZBURG (0).....0 R SOCIEDAD (2).....2

Premier League
LUTON (0).....1 BURNLEY (1).....2
SHEFF WED (0).....0

Sky Bet League Two
CREWE (1).....2 GILLINGHAM (0).....0
DONCASTER (1).....2 CRAWLEY TN (0).....0

Sky Bet Championship
BIRMINGHAM (2).....4 HUDDERSFIELD (0).....1
IPSWICH (2).....3 HULL (0).....0

STOKE (0).....0 SOUTHAMPTON (1).....1
WEST BROM (1).....1 SHEFF WED (0).....0

Sky Bet League One
BLACKPOOL (0).....1 DERBY (0).....3
BOLTON (1).....3 STEVENAGE (1).....2

BRISTOL R (2).....3 PORT VALE (0).....0
BURTON ALB (0).....2 WIGAN (1).....1

CAMBRIDGE (0).....0 BARNLEY (2).....4
CARLISLE (0).....1
CHARLTON (1).....4

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■ **Champions League football returns to St James's in fairy-tale style, as Newcastle hammer mighty PSG, 4-1**

Newcastle United welcomed Champions League football back to St James' Park in style as Paris St-Germain were overpowered in a highly charged atmosphere on Tyneside.

The French champions - including superstar Kylian Mbappe - found the atmosphere and intensity on and off the pitch just too much as Eddie Howe's side secured a richly deserved win Wednesday night in Newcastle's first home game in Europe's elite competition since a 2-0 defeat by Barcelona in March 2003.

The Toon Army had already transformed St James' Park into four walls of black and white even before Miguel Almiron sent them wild by giving them a 17th-minute lead after PSG keeper Gianluigi Donnarumma could only palm out Alexander Isak's shot, as Marquinhos was

punished for carelessly conceding possession.

It was to prove an eventful night for Italy keeper Donnarumma, who tried in vain to claw out Dan Burn's towering header six minutes before half-time. The ball had already crossed the line but Newcastle still had to wait for a video assistant referee check for offside before the celebrations could begin.

Donnarumma was a central figure again as Newcastle went three up five minutes after the break, the goalkeeper's poor attempt at a block allowing Sean Longstaff's powerful shot from an angle to creep in.

PSG's threats were rare but they did pull one back after 56 minutes through Lucas Hernandez's header - but this was Newcastle's night from start to finish.

Swiss centre-back Fabian Schar added the icing on the cake

in stoppage time as he curled a stunning shot past Donnarumma from the edge of the box into the top corner to make it 4-1.

The three points, added to an opening draw away to AC Milan, mean Newcastle go top of Group F.

"We are really pleased. It was a brilliant effort from the players," Newcastle boss Eddie Howe told CBS.

"It was a different game. It was a cat and mouse between the two, we were trying to press them and they were trying to play through us.

"We were successful a couple of times which led to big goals for us, so I am delighted with the players commitment."

Newcastle was alive with Champions League anticipation hours before kick-off as supporters flooded around St. James Park for the first game here in this competition



THREE N' EASY: Toon payers celebrate Sean Longstaff's super strike

for two decades.

When the draw was made, the meeting with Mbappe and PSG was ringed on the calendar as proof that Newcastle had returned to the big time.

And how the Toon

Army relished this as their side delivered the performance and occasion they had craved to put themselves in a good position with four points from their opening two group games.

Tough tests lie ahead but on the evidence of the wall of noise and colour - well black and white - that unnerved PSG here, Newcastle will have no fears about any opposition who come to Tyneside.

Hammers' European run continues

West Ham continued their successful start to life in the Europa League with a record-breaking 2-1 victory at Freiburg on Thursday.

Lucas Paqueta leapt highest to set the Irons on course with a goal from a well-timed cross by Jarrod Bowen.

Following their first-half dominance, West Ham were rocked when Roland Sallai struck a close-range equaliser shortly after the restart.

However, Nayef Aguerd nodded a James Ward-Prowse corner past Noah Atubolu to secure the win.

The London club clinched an impressive record by becoming the first English side to go 17 consecutive games in

European competition without defeat.

Pep Guardiola's Manchester City team, Don Revie's Leeds in the 1960s and Bill Nicholson's 1970s Tottenham side all managed 16 games unbeaten.

West Ham were particularly threatening on the break in the first half as Bowen and Mohammed Kudus troubled the Freiburg defence.

David Moyes' men limited Freiburg to just one shot on target before the break - a tame effort that was easily caught by Lukasz Fabianski.

Freiburg were unsettled and struggled to cope with the pressure from West Ham but managed to remain in

contention given the visitors' slim lead.

The game's momentum shifted when Sallai lashed the equaliser past Fabianski, and Lucas Holer should have put Freiburg in front when he somehow blasted over the bar from six yards.

West Ham were therefore relieved when careless positioning from Atubolu allowed Aguerd to meet Ward-Prowse's corner and restore the lead, the decisive goal coming against the run of play.

West Ham, who beat Backa Topola in their opening Europa League game, top Group A with six points. Freiburg are second and sit three points behind.



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