

Latest Items in the News

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World



Zika virus likely to spread throughout the Americas, says WHO

The mosquito-borne Zika virus, which is suspected of causing brain damage to babies in Brazil, is likely to spread to all countries in the Americas except for Canada and Chile, the World Health Organisation has said. Zika has not yet been reported in the continental US, although a woman who fell ill with the virus in Brazil later gave birth to a brain-damaged baby in Hawaii.

In November, Brazil's health ministry confirmed the

virus was linked to a foetal deformation known as microcephaly, in which infants are born with smaller than usual brains.

Brazil has reported 3,893 suspected cases of microcephaly, the WHO said last Friday, over 30 times more than had been reported in any year since 2010. The disease's rapid spread, to 21 countries in the region since May 2015, is due to a lack of immunity among the population and the prevalence of the Aedes aegypti mosquito that carries the virus, the WHO said in a statement.

Denmark approves controversial immigration bill

To stem the usual flood of refugees into the country, Danish lawmakers have decided to pass the controversial bill which sees valuables being seized from refugees to help "pay" for their stay in the country. Under the new immigration bill, refugees in Denmark will have to hand over cash or assets worth more than 10,000 kroner (\$1,450). It excludes items of sentimental value such as wedding rings. Both Denmark and Sweden have recently been taking measures to tighten border control to decrease the inflow of immigrants.

Politics

Trump shuns Republican Fox debate

The issue emerged when Fox news decided to defend Megyn Kelly, one of Trump's rivals, who has had an ongoing fight with Trump over social media. Kelly demanded Trump to be removed from the debate stage. Fox responded to Trump's declaration with "Sooner or later, even if he's president, is going to have to learn that he doesn't get to pick the journalists".

Technology

Time spent online 'overtakes TV' among youngsters

Young people online

3 hours:

Amount of time 7-16-year-olds spend online each day

4.8 hours:

Amount of time 15-16-year-olds spend online each day

'Serena Williams is now the greatest female tennis player of all time'

Statistically, Serena Williams is still behind Steffi Graf when it comes to records, but she's already proven herself as the best, according to BT Sport columnist Mark Hodgkinson. The claim comes after Williams' 16th win against Siberian born Maria Sharapova, considered the world's second best, having not lost to her since 2004.

