

Greek Ex-PM Mitsotakis, early austerity champion, dies at 98

ATHENS, MAY 29 /--/ Former Greek Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis, an early proponent of austerity cuts that Greece eventually had to adopt during the economic crisis, died today aged 98, his family said. A patriarch of one of Greece's most influential political families, Mitsotakis quit politics in 2004, aged 85, after serving as the country's longest-serving parliamentarian.

"He died at 0100 surrounded by the people whom he loved and who loved him," a family statement said. It did not indicate the cause of death.

The conservative politician was prime minister from 1990 to 1993 and served without interruption as an MP from 1946 on the ticket of several different parties, except for a ten-year break during and immediately after Greece's 1967-1974 military junta.

He was head of the conservative New Democracy party from 1984 to 1989 - which is today run by his son Kiriakos - and had epic battles with Andreas Papandreu, head of the socialist party Pasok. One of Greece's

few openly pro-US politicians at the time, Mitsotakis cultivated close ties with the family of former president George H.W. Bush and frequently hosted them at his home in Crete. This did not prevent him from also forging close relations with Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic and supporting him during the wars that tore apart Yugoslavia in the 1990s. On the domestic front, Mitsotakis championed a tight budget and privatisations that sparked major union strikes and protests. In later years, he insisted

that Greece would have avoided the economic crisis that erupted in 2010 if his policies had been adopted earlier. "You were always ahead of your time," New Democracy press chief Makarios Lazaridis said Monday.

His support for budget cuts earned him the nickname "Dracula" from his enemies. To his friends, he was often known as "the tall one" due to his imposing height.

His government eventually collapsed over a name dispute with Macedonia that continues to

poison relations with the neighbouring country. A lawyer by training, during World War II Mitsotakis was active in the resistance against the Nazi occupation on his native island of Crete. He used his knowledge of German to help free locals arrested by the occupation authorities.

This would later lead his opponents to accuse him of collaboration. In 1967 he was arrested by the junta but managed to escape to Paris, where he lived in exile until his return to Greece after the re-establishment of democracy in 1974. (AFP)

"Fake Media prevents Americans from hearing real story"

WASHINGTON, MAY 29 /--/ US President Donald Trump has alleged that the "fake media" does not want him to use the social media to prevent Americans from hearing the "real story". In a series of tweets, the president said he believed the leaks coming from his administration are actually "fabricated lies."

"The Fake News Media works hard at disparaging & demeaning my use of social media because they don't

want America to hear the real story!" Trump said in a tweet yesterday, a day after he returned from his maiden overseas trip, which he described as a big success. "Just returned from Europe. Trip was a great success but big results," he said as he slammed the US media for using leaks against him.

"It is my opinion that many of the leaks coming out of the White House are fabricated lies made up by

the Fake News media," he said in another tweet to his more than 30.8 followers. "Whenever you see the words 'sources say' in the fake news media, and they don't mention names... it is very possible that those sources don't exist but are made up by fake news writers. Fake News is the enemy!" Trump said in a series of tweets. "Does anyone notice how the Montana Congressional race was such a big deal to Dems &

Fake News until the Republican won? It was poorly covered," he wrote. "British Prime Minister (Theresa) May was very angry that the info the UK gave to US about Manchester was leaked. Gave me full details!" Trump tweeted. Trump said the massive tax cuts / reforms that he has submitted is moving along in the process very well. "Actually ahead of schedule. Big benefits to all!" he said.

"I suggest that we add more dollars to Healthcare and make it the best anywhere. ObamaCare is dead - the Republicans will do much better!" said the US President.

Trump's attacks on the media come as his campaign team faces increased scrutiny over its contacts with Russia. Members of Trump's White House have regularly requested anonymity when speaking to the press. (PTT)

STUDENTS' CORNER

FOOD PRESERVATION METHOD



In ancient times, salt was used to cure meats and fish to preserve them longer while sugar was added to fruits to prevent spoilage. Certain herbs, spices and vinegar can also be used as preservatives along with antioxidants mostly vitamin C and vitamin E (Antioxidant is a molecule that inhibits or stops the oxidation of another molecule. Oxidation is a chemical reaction that can produce free radicals leading to chain reactions that may damage cells. Vitamin C present in citrus fruits like orange, lemon, and blackberries are the examples of antioxidant.)

Certain FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approved chemicals also help in extending life of food for longer times.

In our daily life, we all face this problem that how to preserve food or extend its life but by knowing little science we can sort out this problem. For example, in rainy season biscuits becomes less crunchy even if they are stored in a closely packed container or once they are opened they are no longer so tasty. So, to prevent them from spoilage we can put the biscuits in a sugar container by which they will remain crunchy for longer.

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ARIES
You may get all nostalgic and wistful today, predicts Ganesh. You will go out of your way to improve your relationships. To you, your commitments are investments for the future. The result is loving life-long bonds.

TAURUS
You will be fondly thinking about your close friends, particularly about the

ones of the opposite sex. It may suddenly dawn upon you that you are in love, says Ganesh. If by chance there is a romantic encounter, go ahead and dive fearlessly in the pool of love. It is near certain that the wedding bells will be ringing sooner than you think. Today, nearly all Bulls are likely to come under the lovely spell of romance.

GEMINI
There is possibility of conflicts brewing in your home today. The demands made by your family members will increase and you may struggle to cope to meet them. This

could make you ill-tempered. You will encounter large expenses in meeting these demands. You need to cut down on your expenses and increase your savings, says Ganesh.

CANCER
You will tackle with ease, even the most confounding challenges today. You may be the scapegoat, though, fears Ganesh. Beware, or this may shake you and lower your self-confidence. Try to shake off your weaknesses, and you should see yourself obtaining energy and positivity.

LEO
Time is one thing that you have in short

change today, says Ganesh. There is every possibility that you shall remain unemployed. The task may be small - like writing a letter to revive old contacts - but it is important that you do them. Chances are that you may be ending up giving interviews over the phone. Just remember that your ability to make things work and do your best make you the prime candidate for getting and conducting urgent meetings. In short, buckle up as Ganesh predicts a busy day.

VIRGO
Family matters will matter today. They hold more weight in your thoughts than

everything else, says Ganesh. Business will be good today. Spend the evening relaxing and chilling out. On the cards is a visit to a place of worship.

LIBRA
Ganesh says today is a day where you will spend happy moments with your family members. You will feel happy and will get to spend some romantic time with your beloved. Your innermost feeling will be showcased in the internal thoughts of your life partner and both of you will be in tandem with each other today. Ganesh advises you to enjoy these pleasant moments of togetherness.

SCORPIO
Just another mundane day in store for you. At work, pressure may mount and lead to hectic and tedious day. You may even feel irritated at times. So, feeling the need to unwind, you may invite your sweetheart for the cup of coffee and spend quality time together.

SAGITTARIUS
Appreciation for all that excellent work you have put in is a no-go for you! Yet, you stand to gain nothing by losing heart. While the acknowledgment you look for has been delayed, Ganesh says it has not been denied and is in the offing already.

CAPRICORN
Often, sentiments take over your mind. Making you impractical, at times, this tendency proves to be harmful for you. Don't show your face as others may take advantage of your weakness, advises Ganesh. If you don't control your emotions, they become an obstacle in your path to success. Be strong and give a tough fight to those who want to go ahead of you.

AQUARIUS
You will go through some heavy mood swings today. And the people you know you will get shocked and find it difficult to deal with you. Keep your

guards on, and don't take uncalled-for decisions, advises Ganesh, rather get your current assignments across the finishing line.

PISCES
Today your intellectual streak comes to the fore. You will indulge your curiosity and take interest in natural phenomenon. Your faith will help you complete all your pending tasks with ease. You will leave things to destiny. You will be more inclined to intellectual pursuits rather than professional, however, do not neglect your responsibilities, says Ganesh.

KIDZ CORNER

PUZZLE SPOT
Compiled and illustrated by Al Bengel

Guess the underwater creature!

6 11 15 3 8 23
17 2 21 16 3 24 5
12 4 26 13 10 22

Each number = an alphabet letter (A=1, B=2, C=3 etc). By finding out what numbers and consequently letters are not present, you will find a jumbled word which will describe a mystery sea creature.

JOINT THE DOTS

KidSpot by Dick Rogers

Word Ferris wheel
Read the clues and fill in the blanks. Only one letter changes as you go around the wheel.

Fast-moving air: Bird's arm
Finger jewelry: Past tense of ring
Magician's stick: Snake's tooth
Music group: Past tense of sing
Grains on a beach: _____

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Insert the missing letters to complete ten words - five across the grid and five down.

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(Other combinations may be possible.)

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