

# #7/2024 HIGHLIGHTS



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## The Red Light's Dark Shadow

In December 2023, DW broadcast a documentary on sex tourism in Pattaya, which unleashed a wave of outrage. National media in Thailand took up the story—at its center, the case of a suspected pedophile. The German national had been arrested in Pattaya on suspicion of child sexual abuse. He was alleged to have taken underage girls from a bar back to his apartment. But instead of being brought to justice, he was able to leave the country. Allegations followed that a significant bribe was involved. Once details of the case entered the public sphere, the Thai Prime Minister himself intervened to demand that the police and judiciary investigate any official errors.

Now, the documentary **The Red Light's Dark Shadow – Sex Tourism in Thailand** explores what has happened since. How has the situation in Thailand changed? What's become of the big promises? The team also checks on progress in the case against the suspected German pedophile.

Starting Fri 16 August on YouTube DW Documentary
Starting Fri 16 August | 01:15 on TV

ARTS UNVEILED

### **Diamonds Forever?**

For many, they're the epitome of romance, glamor and status – diamonds. The precious stones have been traded for more than two millennia. Originally it was from India that the "hardest stones in the world" found their way to Europe thousands of years ago. In 1477, in the late Middle Ages, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I gave his fiancée a diamond engagement ring, sparking a trend among European aristocrats. When the first diamond was found in South Africa in the mid-19th century, this triggered a "run" on these coveted objects of desire. Find out more about the cultural history of diamonds in **Arts Unveiled**.

Starting Sat 17 August on YouTube DW History and Culture
Starting Fri 16 August | 05:00 on TV

THE 77 PERCENT

# Afronation Recap 2024

Once a year, the western Algarve in Portugal becomes the fiery epicenter of the Afrobeats quake shaking the world – the Afronation Festival. And **The 77 Percent** are on the ground. The magazine takes a look at exciting live performances, captures the festival vibes in exclusive, on-scene, and behind-the-scenes footage and has stars like Diamond Platnumz and Omah Lay in front of the camera for interviews.

Starting Sat **24 August** on <u>dw.com</u> Starting Sat **24 August** | **05:30** on **TV** 



Artistic Rendition of an Aztec Temple

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# **Mexico City by Night**

Formerly feared, now a vacationers' hotspot: Mexico City. The city has retained its fighting spirit – some for the big show, elsewhere to survive. With some 22 million residents, the metropolis is the largest Spanish-speaking city in the world. When twilight falls, that's when the top chefs, artists and "lucha libre" fighters come out. The documentary **Creative and Combative – Mexico City by Night** observes them as they work their magic.

Starting Tue 6 August | 01:15 on TV





Beirut in Lebanon

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#### In Beirut's Shadow

No civil rights, no perspectives. In the Palestinian Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, people have been living at subsistence level for generations. The camps, set up in the Lebanese city of Beirut following the foundation of Israel, still appear temporary to this day. The documentary **In Beirut's Shadow – Hoping for a Miracle** profiles three families living in the camps. Over a period of four years, between 2018 and 2022, filmmakers accompany their protagonists as they go about their daily lives. And those lives are directly impacted by the massive port explosion in Beirut, Lebanon's historic economic crisis, the coronavirus pandemic and the rising number of refugees.

Starting Sat 3 August | 10:30 on TV

**BUSINESS BEYOND** 

# Can Europe's Defense Giants Come Together?

Business is booming for Europe's biggest defense firms as countries race to rearm. There's just one problem: The industry is incredibly inefficient, with too many players and too many weapons systems. That leads to higher costs and threatens basic interoperability on the battlefield. Can Europe come together on defense? Or will nations continue to put their own industries first? Business Beyond explores this questions.

Now on YouTube DW News

**GLOBAL US** 

## Coffee as a Luxury

Whether as an espresso or cappuccino, brewed or filtered: Coffee is one of the most popular beverages in the world. But coffee is slowly becoming more of a luxury, as sensitive crops are damaged by heat, drought and heavy rain. **Global Us** explores some of the ways we might be able to enjoy our coffee in the future. It casts an eye to Brazil, where police launch raids on coffee plantations in a bid to tackle exploitation. Officers almost always find people sleeping on plastic sheets and being paid a pittance for their hard work.

Starting Mon 29 July on dw.com Starting Mon 29 July | 00:30 on TV DOCFILM

## **Trophy Hunting**

They hunt elephants, antelopes and lions. Upon first glance, the trophy hunting business appears clear-cut: Wealthy people kill animals, some of them threatened species, to hang them on the wall as trophies. But is there more to it? Firstly, trophy hunting is big business, with German hunters among the most avid clients: No other European nation sees so many people traveling year after year to shoot animals abroad. Why is this allowed and who benefits? Is it just a bloody hobby or perhaps even a contribution to species protection? Questions at the heart of the documentary film Trophy Hunting - A Cruel Hobby? Or Species Conservation?.

Starting Wed 7 August | 01:15 on TV



A lion bred for shooting in South Africa

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# Your English TV Program

From 1 July 2024

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