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Byzantine Emperor Justin I names his nephew Justinian I as co-ruler and successor to the throne

1748

The ruins of Pompeii are rediscovered by Spaniard Roque Joaquín de Alcubierre



1948

"Big Bang" theory proposed in scientific journal "Physical Review" by American cosmologists Ralph Alpher, Hans Bethe, and George Gamow

1976

Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs found Apple Computer in the garage of Jobs' parents' house in Cupertino, California



A ball of fire rises from the site of an Israeli strike that targeted a building adjacent to the highway that leads to Beirut's international airport

# Qatar says Gulf states 'unified' in calling for war de-escalation

AFP | Doha, Qatar

The Gulf states are unified in calling for a de-escalation of the Middle East war, Qatar said yesterday as Tehran launched new strikes against its

neighbors.

"Our understanding is that there is a very unified position in the Gulf on calling for the de-escalation and an end to the war," Qatar's foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari told a reg-

ular news briefing.

He warned that threats to Iran's desalination plants pose a danger to the entire region, urging all parties to return to the negotiation table as soon as possible.

The spokesperson also called for restraint and cautioned against targeting energy and nuclear infrastructure, stressing that the future of the Strait of Hormuz should be determined collectively by regional countries.

## Iran panel approves Hormuz toll plan

Iranian state media reported that a parliamentary commission had approved plans to impose tolls on vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz, the waterway vital to oil and gas shipments that has been effectively closed due to the Middle East war. Citing a member of the parliament's security commission, state TV said the plan involved, among other things, "financial arrangements and rial toll systems" and "implementing the sovereign role of Iran", as well as cooperation with Oman on the other side of the strait.



Firefighters inspect the site of an overnight Israeli airstrike on the Haret Hreik neighbourhood in Beirut's southern suburbs

## NATO intercepts Turkey-bound missile

NATO forces intercepted a new missile fired from Iran towards Turkey, the fourth since the start of the Middle East war. None of the four projectiles managed to hit Turkish soil, according to the authorities.

## Four Israeli soldiers killed in south Lebanon

The Israeli military said yesterday that four soldiers had been killed in combat in southern Lebanon, where its forces are clashing with Iran-backed Hezbollah. A military statement named three soldiers from the same battalion who "fell during

combat", and a separate statement said another soldier whose name had not yet been cleared for publication had died in the same incident.

Another soldier was severely wounded and a reservist moderately wounded, according to the second statement.

## Drone attack targets US embassy in Baghdad

One civilian was wounded in Iraq's capital Baghdad Monday after shrapnel from an intercepted drone attack targeting the US embassy fell onto their neighbourhood, a police source said.

## Two UN peacekeepers killed

The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) said two personnel were killed on Monday in a blast in the country's south, after another peacekeeper was killed a day earlier. Two other blue helmets were injured in the explosion, one severely, the force said, adding that it had opened an investigation.

## China, Pakistan's 5-point plan to end Iran war has a Hormuz mention

AFP | Beijing, China

China and Pakistan have jointly proposed a five-point plan to calm

the tensions in the wider Middle East, urging an immediate ceasefire and quick diplomatic talks as the US-Israel conflict with

Iran continues to escalate. The proposal was drawn up after high-level discussions in Beijing between Chinese Foreign Minister

Wang Yi and Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar. The joint proposal outlines five key steps: an

immediate cessation of hostilities, the early start of peace talks, protection of civilians and non-military infrastructure, se-

curing shipping lanes in the Strait of Hormuz, and building an overall peace framework under the United Nations Charter.



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I strongly condemn Monday's incident that led to the killing of two Indonesian @UNIFIL\_ peacekeepers in South Lebanon. A third peacekeeper was severely injured & a fourth was also hurt.

My deepest condolences to the peacekeepers' families, friends & colleagues & to Indonesia, and wishing a full & fast recovery to the injured peacekeepers.

This is the second fatal incident in 24 hours — following the killing of a peacekeeper in a separate incident on Sunday.

Attacks on peacekeepers are grave violations of international humanitarian law.

They must stop.

No one should ever have to die serving the cause of peace.

@antonio\_guterres

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Attacks during the past two nights have struck near @WHO's office in the Iranian capital, Tehran, shattering windows.

Fortunately all WHO #Iran office colleagues are accounted for and none were injured.

Strikes impacting the operations and damaging the premises of WHO and other @UN agencies, the locations of which have been clearly identified, cannot be tolerated and must be avoided at all costs.

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@DrTedros



It is indeed a proud moment for India's Semiconductor ecosystem that the Kaynes Semicon OSAT facility has been inaugurated in Sanand, Gujarat. This will boost India's efforts of emerging as a leader in futuristic technologies and innovation.

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