

1187

Sultan Saladin captures Jerusalem from Crusaders

1492

King Henry VII of England invades France



1789

George Washington transmits the proposed Constitutional amendments (The United States Bill of Rights) to the States for ratification

1928

"Prelature of the Holy Cross and the Work of God", known as Opus Dei, founded by Saint Josemaria Escrivá

Ukraine abandons Ukrainian bastion

Ukraine abandons Lyman in eastern Ukraine to avoid being surrounded by Ukraine's army



Local residents cross the Donets river next to a destroyed bridge in Staryi Saltiv, east of Kharkiv

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Russia has used Lyman as a logistics and transport hub for its operations in the north of the Donetsk region. Its fall would be Ukraine's biggest battlefield gain since a lightning counteroffensive in the northeastern Kharkiv region last month



Ukrainian soldiers training in the Chernihiv region



Lyman is important because it is the next step towards the liberation of the Ukrainian Donbas. It is an opportunity to go further to Kreminna and Sievierodonetsk, and it is psychologically very important

SERHII CHEREVATYI, SPOKESPERSON FOR UKRAINE'S EASTERN FORCES

other strategic points.

Meanwhile, Russian bombardments have intensified in recent days as Moscow moved swiftly with the annexation and ordered a mass mobilization at home to bolster its forces.

In the northeast, Ukrainian officials accused Russian forces of attacking a civilian evacuation convoy, killing 20 people including children. In the south, Ukraine's nuclear power provider said yesterday that Russian forces blindfolded and detained the head of Europe's largest nuclear plant.

Despite Putin's land-grab Friday of four regions, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and his military have vowed to keep on fighting to liberate the annexed regions and other Russian-occupied areas.

Ukrainian authorities yesterday accused Russian forces of targeting two humanitarian convoys in recent days, killing dozens of civilians.

The governor of the Kharkiv region, Oleh Syniehubov, said 24 civilians were killed in an attack earlier this week on a convoy of people trying to flee the Kupi-

ansk district, calling it "cruelty that can't be justified." He said 13 children and a pregnant woman were among the dead.

"The Russians fired at civilians almost at point-blank range," Syniehubov wrote on the messaging app Telegram.

The Security Service of Ukraine, the secret police force known by the acronym SBU, posted photographs of the attacked convoy. At least one truck appeared to have been blown up, with burned corpses in what remained of its truck bed. Another vehicle at the front of the convoy also had been ablaze. Bodies lay on the side of the road or still inside their vehicles, which appeared pockmarked with bullet holes.

Russia's Defense Ministry said its rockets destroyed Ukrainian military targets in the area, but has not commented on accusations that it targeted fleeing civilians. Russian troops have retreated from much of the Kharkiv region amid the successful Ukrainian

counteroffensive but have continued to shell the area.

In an apparent attempt to secure Moscow's hold on the newly annexed territory, Russian forces seized the director-general of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, Ihor Murashov, around 4 p.m. Friday, according to the Ukrainian state nuclear company Energoatom. That was just hours after Putin signed treaties to absorb Moscow-controlled Ukrainian territory into Russia, including the area around the nuclear plant.

Energoatom said Russian troops stopped Murashov's car, blindfolded him and then took him to an undisclosed location.

Russia did not publicly comment on the report. The International Atomic Energy Agency said yesterday that Russia told it that "the director-general of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant was temporarily detained to answer questions." The Vienna-based agency did not immediately elaborate.

The power plant repeatedly has been caught in the crossfire of the war. Ukrainian technicians continued running it after Russian troops seized the power station,

and its last reactor was shut down in September as a precautionary measure amid ongoing shelling nearby.

In its heaviest barrage in weeks, Russia's military on Friday pounded Ukrainian cities with missiles, rockets and suicide drones, with one strike in the Zaporizhzhia region's capital killing 30 people and wounding 88.

In its daily briefing yesterday, the British Defense Ministry said the Russians "almost certainly" struck a humanitarian convoy there with S-300 anti-aircraft missiles. Russian-installed officials in Zaporizhzhia blamed Ukrainian forces, but gave no evidence.

In other fighting reported yesterday, four people were killed and six wounded by Russian shelling Friday in the Donetsk region, governor Pavlo Kyrylenko reported.

The Russian army struck the southern Ukrainian city of Mykolaiv twice overnight, once with drones and the second time with missiles, according to regional Gov. Vitaliy Kim. Five people were injured, including a 3-month-old baby, he said.

Injured after Indonesia's Sumatra



Medical workers treating a survivor injured by falling debris

More than 50 aftershocks were recorded by the Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency

"For those whose houses were damaged, it is advised to not stay inside as possible aftershocks could worsen the damage," Karnawati said in a virtual press conference.

Aftershocks could also trigger landslides, she added.

Indonesia experiences frequent earthquakes due to its position on the Pacific "Ring of Fire", an arc of intense seismic activity where tectonic plates collide.

North Korea fires fourth missile in a week as South flexes military muscle

Reuters | Seoul

North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles toward the sea off its east coast yesterday, hours before South Korea staged a large military show, displaying stealth fighters and its own missiles.

Pyeongyang's fourth launch in a week comes amid a flurry of military muscle-flexing by countries in the region, including joint anti-submarine exercises on Friday by the navies of South Korea, the United States and Japan.

US Vice President Kamala Harris visited the region this week, meeting with South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol in Seoul on Thursday.

The rival Koreas are in a regional arms race that has seen a major increase of weapons and military spending.

Marking South Korea's 74th Armed Forces Day, Yoon condemned what he called recent military provocations by the North and vowed to strength-



South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol salutes as he inspects honor guard during the 74th anniversary of Armed Forces Day

The North has completed preparations for a nuclear test, a window which could open between China's Communist Party Congress this month and US mid-term elections in November

en joint military drills with the United States.

"The government will further strengthen the Korea-US joint exercises, will respond strongly to North Korean provocations and threats by showing them the 'Alliance in Action'," Yoon said in a televised speech.

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multiple rocket launchers, ballistic missiles, main battle tanks, drones and F-35 fighter aircraft, among other systems.

The US military demonstrated fighter jets and attack aircraft. Images of the event showed Yoon saluting from the back of a convertible car while driving by rows of tanks and other weapons.

He has said his country's conventional weapons are key to deterring the North, and Seoul has also been seeking more major arms sales around the world.



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Half of all climate finance must go to adaptation & resilience, to protect people & economies. Unless funds are disbursed now, climate tragedies will multiply, with devastating consequences for years to come.

@antonioguterres

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We're beginning to see the scale of the devastation in Florida which is likely to rank among the worst in the nation's history. Our hearts break for the folks whose lives have been devastated by this storm. We are with you. And we'll stay at it for as long as it takes.

@POTUS

03



Happy International Day of Older Persons! On this day and every day, @WHO and @UNDecadeAgeing partners call on all countries to ensure older people receive the opportunities, respect and care they deserve. Let's commit to #HealthyAgeing for all!

@DrTedros

04



Europe has everything it needs to break free from Russian fossil fuels. The inauguration of the Bulgaria-Greece interconnector is a game changer. Together, let's shape a strong and resilient energy Union.

@vonderleyen

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