

1791

Constitution of May 3 is proclaimed by the Great Sejm (Parliament) of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, the first modern constitution in Europe

1808

Day depicted by Spanish painter Francisco Goya in his "The Third of May," which he paints in 1814

1926

Britain's Trade Union Congress calls for the country's first-ever general strike, begins at 1 minute to midnight in support of striking coal miners and lasts 9 days



1937

Margaret Mitchell wins the Pulitzer Prize for her novel "Gone with the Wind"

Oil tanker hijacked off Yemen, diverted towards Somalia: Yemen coast guard

AFP | Dubai

Unidentified attackers hijacked an oil tanker yesterday off the coast of Yemen in the Gulf of Aden and directed it towards Somalia, the Yemeni coast guard said.

According to the agency, the tanker EUREKA was seized off Yemen's Shabwa province by a group who "boarded, took control of it, then steered it... in the direction of the Somali coast".

The coast guard, which is affiliated with Yemen's inter-

nationally recognised government, vowed to investigate the attack.

"The location of the tanker has been determined, and work is under way to monitor it and take the necessary measures in an attempt to recover it and ensure the safety of its crew," it said, without identifying the crew's numbers or nationality.

According to the website Marine Traffic, the EUREKA is a Togolese-flagged oil products tanker that was reported to

have been in the UAE port of Fujairah in late March.

Piracy was rampant off the coast of Somalia in the 2000s, peaking in 2011 with hundreds of attacks, but was significantly reduced by international naval deployments and new tactics by commercial shipping.

But in recent weeks attacks have increased again, according to a report by the European Union naval mission deployed off the shores of the troubled east African country.

Iran military official says renewed war with US 'likely'

US dissatisfaction with proposal fuels fears of war resumption

● Trump rejects latest proposal

● Talks stalled since April 8

● Iran inflation surges past 50 percent

AFP | Washington

A senior Iranian military officer said yesterday that renewed fighting with the US was "likely", hours after President Donald Trump said he was not satisfied with an Iranian negotiating proposal.

Iran delivered the new draft to mediator Pakistan on Thursday evening, state media reported, without detailing its contents.

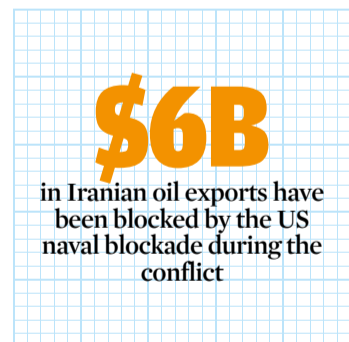
The war, launched by the United States and Israel in late February, has been on hold since April 8, with one failed round of peace talks having taken place in Pakistan since then.

"At this moment I'm not satisfied with what they're offering," Trump told reporters, blaming stalled talks on "tremendous discord" within Iran's leadership.

"Do we want to go and just blast the hell out of them and finish them forever -- or do we want to try and make a deal?" he



Employees of Basra Oil Company, work at the Nahr Bin Umar Oil and Gas Field on the outskirts of the southern Iraqi city of Basra



added, saying he would "prefer not" to take the first option "on a human basis".

Yesterday morning, Mohammad Jafar Asadi, a senior figure in the Iranian military's central command, said "a renewed con-

tinuation of a confrontational approach," deputy foreign minister Kazem Gharibabadi told diplomats in Tehran, according to state broadcaster IRIB.

"Iran, with the aim of securing its national interests and security, is prepared for both paths," he said.

flict between Iran and the United States is likely", in quotes published by Iran's Fars news agency.

He questioned US commitment to agreements.

Rising tensions

Iran's judiciary chief Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei said on Friday that the country remained open to negotiations, but said it would not accept imposed terms.

The White House has declined to provide details on the latest Iranian proposal, but news site Axios reported that US envoy Steve Witkoff had submitted amendments to a previous one putting Tehran's nuclear programme back on the negotiating table.

The changes reportedly include demands that Iran not move enriched uranium from bombed sites or resume activity there during talks.

News of the Iranian proposal briefly pushed oil prices down nearly five percent, though they remain about 50 percent above pre-war levels amid the ongoing restrictions on the Strait of Hormuz.

Despite the ceasefire in the Gulf, fighting has continued in Lebanon, where Israel has carried out deadly strikes despite a separate truce with the Iran-backed armed group Hezbollah.



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Mercosur is an economic trading bloc worth more than \$4 trillion. Today, I spoke with President @JMilei about recent progress toward the Canada-Mercosur trade deal, and how Canada and Argentina can deepen our partnership in mining, energy, and defence.

@MarkJCarney

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Great work by @OIGUSDA and @SecRollins to go after the rampant fraud in our SNAP programs that the Biden Admin let surge. SNAP benefits should be used by Americans who need help buying food, not by fraudsters with enough cash to buy Bentleys and Ferraris.

@JDVance

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Typhoon Sinlaku has hit Micronesia, damaging critical infrastructure and affecting over 34,000 people. I've allocated \$1M from the UN's Global Emergency Fund CERF for urgent life-saving aid - including water, shelter and essential support.

@UNReliefChief

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From the @UN to the lunar South Pole, Artemis is about more than just footprints. It's about the economic benefits of space and the partnerships rooted in American leadership like the Artemis Accords that make it possible.

@USAmbUN

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Building respect and dignity into the workplace



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Bahrain has long distinguished itself as a regional pioneer in labour reform, consistently prioritising the dignity and mobility of its diverse workforce. Its track record is defined by a series of 'firsts' that have fundamentally reshaped the employer-employee dynamic in the Gulf.

Central to this progress was Bahrain's landmark decision to dismantle the restrictive traditional sponsorship system. By granting foreign employees the right to change jobs without their employer's consent, the Kingdom became the first in the region to institutionalise the freedom of movement. This shift transitioned the labour market towards a contract-based system, empowering workers and reducing the risk of exploitation.

The government's commitment to human rights is further evidenced by its proactive collaboration with civil society. It enabled the establishment of the Migrant Workers Protection Society (MWPS), a key partner in advocating for expatriate welfare. Building on this, the government launched the Expatriates' Protection Center, a dedicated mechanism providing immediate intervention for victims of abuse or workplace injustice. Furthermore, Bahrain's inclusive approach extends to organised labour; expatriate workers are legally permitted to join, contest elections, and hold leadership positions within labour unions, ensuring their voices are heard at the highest levels of advocacy.

This framework aligns seamlessly with Bahrain's commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those championing decent work and reduced inequalities. By upholding diversity and inclusivity, the Kingdom transforms these time-honoured values into a modern economic strength, ensuring every individual, regardless of origin, contributes to a thriving, equitable society.

As we mark this Labour Day this May, Bahrain is looking towards the future of the 21st-century workplace. The entry of a tech-savvy younger workforce, coupled with the rapid integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI), presents both challenges and opportunities. The Kingdom is currently setting new goals to ensure labour laws remain agile—balancing technological efficiency with the protection of human workers. By focusing on upskilling and digital literacy, Bahrain aims to maintain its status as a progressive hub where innovation and workers' rights coexist seamlessly.

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Truth-tellers at risk, warns UN

TDT | Agencies

Journalists are increasingly under threat worldwide, with many facing violence, censorship and legal harassment as they report on those in power, a statement marking World Press Freedom Day said yesterday.

The message highlighted that media workers are often among the first victims in times of conflict and crisis, as well as in environments where scrutiny is resisted. In recent years, the number of journalists killed—frequently in targeted attacks—has risen sharply, it said.

It added that around 85 percent of crimes against journalists go uninvestigated and unpunished, underscoring what it described as an "unacceptable" level of impunity.

Beyond physical threats, the statement pointed to growing pressures from

economic challenges, technological disruption and the deliberate spread of misinformation, all of which are straining press freedom globally.

"When access to reliable information erodes, mistrust takes root, public debate is distorted, and social cohesion weakens," the statement said, warning that undermining journalism makes crises harder to prevent and resolve.

Reaffirming the role of a free press as a cornerstone of democracy, it stressed that press freedom is essential for protecting human rights, achieving sustainable development and maintaining peace.

The statement called for stronger protections for journalists and renewed global efforts to ensure that truth and those who report it are safeguarded.