

1955

West Germany is granted full sovereignty by its three occupying powers

1965 1980

First large-scale US Army ground units arrive in South Vietnam

Siege at Iranian Embassy in London ends as the SAS and police storm the building



1982

After 66 days on hunger strike, 26 year old Provisional IRA member and British MP Bobby Sands dies in the Maze Prison. Nine more hunger strikers die in the next 3 months.

Rail overpass collapses, killing at least 23



Overpass collapsed with train cars on it at Olivos station in Mexico City, Mexico

Reuters

At least 23 people were killed and 65 were hospitalised when a railway overpass and train collapsed onto a busy road in Mexico City on Monday night, crushing cars under fallen carriages and rubble.

The authorities halted rescue efforts shortly after they began, saying there was a risk that more train parts and debris could slam down onto the road.

A video on local channel Milenio TV showed the structure plummeting onto a stream of cars near the Olivos station in the southeast of the city at around 10.30 p.m. local time, sending up clouds of dust.

At least two train carriages precariously hung from the

damaged overpass. Initial rescue efforts saw medical and fire crews trying to access the carriages. The army was also in attendance.

Speaking to reporters at the site, Mexico City Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum said it appeared a girder had given way on the overpass but the cause was being investigated.

She said the rescue had been suspended as the structure was very weak. A crane was working to stabilise the train carriages so rescuers could resume their search for survivors.

The authorities were working to identify the dead, which included children, Sheinbaum said. One person trapped in their car underneath the wreckage had been rescued alive and was

taken to hospital. Seven of the people transported to hospital were in a "grave condition" and undergoing surgery, she said.

The Metro 12 line that runs over the collapsed overpass was built almost a decade ago when Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard was mayor of Mexico City.

"What happened today with the Metro is a terrible tragedy. My solidarity is with the victims and their families," Ebrard said on Twitter. "Of course, the causes must be investigated and responsibilities defined."

Ebrard and Sheinbaum are seen by many political observers as the most likely successors to President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador once his six-year term is over in 2024.

Lebanon, Israel resume talks on disputed maritime border

Reuters

Lebanon and Israel resumed US-mediated talks yesterday over a dispute about their Mediterranean Sea border that has held up hydrocarbon exploration in the potentially gas-rich area, an official Lebanese source said.

The longtime foes held several rounds of talks in October - a culmination of three years of diplomacy by the United States - hosted by the United Nations at a peace-keeper base in southern Lebanon.

But negotiations stalled after each presented contrasting maps outlining proposed borders that actually increased the size of the disputed area.

On Tuesday, the talks resumed at the same base in Lebanon's Naqoura.

Since the talks stalled, Lebanon's caretaker prime minister and ministers of defence and public works approved a draft decree which would expand Lebanon's claim, adding around 1,400 square km (540 square miles) to its exclusive economic zone.

The draft decree has yet to be approved.

Israel already pumps gas from huge offshore fields.

Lebanon, which has yet to find commercial gas reserves in its own waters, is desperate for cash from foreign donors as it faces the worst economic crisis since its 1975-1990 civil war.

Israeli navy boats are seen in the Mediterranean Sea as seen from Rosh Hanikra, close to the Lebanese border, northern Israel



Kuwait bars unvaccinated citizens from travel abroad

Reuters

Kuwaiti citizens who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19 will not be able to travel abroad from May 22, the information ministry said on Monday, citing a decision by Kuwait's cabinet.

The ban does not include people in age groups ineligible to receive vaccinations. A previous directive banning

the entry of non-Kuwaitis into the Gulf state still stands, the statement said.

New daily COVID-19 cases in Kuwait have risen since the start of the year and are now hovering between 1,300 and 1,500 a day. Kuwait has registered more than 276,500 cases in total. The country suspended flights from India 10 days ago following a surge in infections there.

Senior Swiss diplomat in Iran found dead after fall from high-rise

Reuters

The first secretary at the Swiss embassy in Tehran was found dead on Tuesday after falling from a high-rise building where she lived in the north of the city, a spokesman for emergency services was quoted as saying by Iranian news agencies.

The Swiss foreign ministry (FDFA) said an employee at its embassy in Iran had died of an accident, without identifying the victim. "The FDFA and its head Federal Councillor Ignazio Cassis are shocked by the

tragic death and express their deepest condolences to the family," it said.



Huge Afghan offensive after deadline for US pullout

making popcorn," Mullah Jan, a resident of a suburb of provincial capital Lashkar Gah, told Reuters.

Although the United States did not meet the May 1 withdrawal deadline agreed in talks with the Taliban last year, its pull-out has begun, with President Joe Biden announcing all troops will out by Sept. 11. Critics of the decision to withdraw say the militants will try to sweep back into power.

"There was a thunderstorm of heavy weapons and blasts in the city and the sound of small arms was like someone was

making popcorn," Mullah Jan, a resident of a suburb of provincial capital Lashkar Gah, told Reuters.

"I took all my family members to the corner of the room, hearing the heavy blasts and bursts of gunfire as if it was happening behind our walls," he said. Families that could afford to leave had fled, but he had been unable to go, waiting with his family in fear before the Taliban were pushed back.

Attallah Afghan, the head of Helmand's provincial council, said the Taliban had launched their huge

offensive on Monday from multiple directions, attacking checkpoints around the outskirts of Lashkar Gah, taking over some of them.

Afghan security forces had launched air strikes and deployed elite commando forces to the area. The insurgents had been pushed back but fighting was continuing on Tuesday and hundreds of families had been displaced, he added.



Security Forces in Helmand province, Afghanistan



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Had a productive Virtual Summit with my friend UK PM @BorisJohnson. We adopted an ambitious Roadmap 2030 for elevating India-UK ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. We welcomed launch of an Enhanced Trade Partnership as a roadmap to a comprehensive FTA, with a target to more than double the bilateral trade by 2030. etc.

@narendramodi

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Dubai today welcomed delegates representing 173 countries and 24 international organizations at the final International Participants Meeting before Expo 2020 Dubai opens in October. The world is recovering.. and we are ready to welcome 190 countries to the World's Greatest Event

@HHShkMohd

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It's #World Asthma Day. Did you know that an estimated 262 million people worldwide suffered from #asthma & over 460K people lost their lives last year. Effective treatment & management of asthma saves lives. Let's ensure that all people have access to adequate care. #HealthForAll

@DrTedros

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Georgia, when you sent @Ossoff and @ReverendWarnock to the Senate, you made history. Thank you.

@JoeBiden

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