

1305

Scottish resistance leader William Wallace is captured by the English near Glasgow and transported to London for trial and execution

1583

Humphrey Gilbert claims Newfoundland for the British crown, the first English colony in North America and the beginning of the British Empire



1716

Battle of Petrovaradin [Peterwardein]: Habsburgs under Eugene of Savoy defeat the Ottomans in a decisive victory

1864

Battle of Mobile Bay won by the Union Navy, led by Rear Admiral David Farragut with the cry "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"



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Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus @DrTedros-6h We echo @ICRC's call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages held in #Gaza. We reiterate that all those being held must receive access to food and medical care, and must be treated without any form of humiliation.

@DrTedros

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Shri Shibu Soren Ji was a grassroots leader who rose through the ranks of public life with unwavering dedication to the people. He was particularly passionate about empowering tribal communities, the poor and downtrodden. Pained by his passing away. My thoughts are with his family and admirers. Spoke to Jharkhand CM Shri Hemant Soren Ji and expressed condolences. Om Shanti.

@narendramodi

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In the future, people will find it wild that manual driving was a daily task, not a weekend thrill

@elonmusk

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Kharkiv region. I met with the warriors of the 92nd Separate Assault Brigade named after Ivan Sirko. The fighters are holding a difficult section of the front - Lyptsi

@ZelenskyyUa

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Philippines' Marcos in India as navies hold joint drills



Philippines' President Ferdinand Marcos (2L) walks alongside India's Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita (C) as he inspects the honour guards upon his arrival at the airport in New Delhi.

AFP | New Delhi, India

Philippines' President Ferdinand Marcos arrived in India on Monday on a visit aimed at strengthening defence and strategic ties between nations as they navigate tensions with China across the Asia-Pacific.

The five-day visit follows the Philippines' acquisition of India's BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system -- the first such export by New Delhi -- with deliveries beginning in April under a \$375 million deal signed in 2022.

The visit comes as Indian Navy warships take part in patrols of the disputed South China Sea with their Philippine counterparts for the first time.

The two-day sail includes three Indian vessels and started Sunday, a day before Marcos left on a trip that will include talks with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

India's naval vessels, including the guided missile destroyer INS Delhi, arrived in Manila for a port visit late last week.

The patrol "started yesterday afternoon, then it's ongoing up to this moment... the activity at the moment is replenishment at sea," Lieutenant Colonel John Paul Salgado told AFP.

Talks with Modi

Talks between Marcos and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi are expected Tuesday with a focus on expanding maritime security coordination and intelligence-sharing.



A crew member stands in front of the Indian Navy guided-missile destroyer INS Delhi armed with Brahmos anti-ship missiles (front R) after it docked at the international port of Manila

The Philippines has heightened defence cooperation with a range of allies over the past year after a series of clashes in the contested waterway.

"Our unwavering commitment to regional peace and cooperation serve as a credible foundation of our active and growing maritime cooperation," Marcos said before his departure from Manila.

India is a member of the Quad group, which includes fellow democracies the United States, Japan and Australia. Beijing has repeatedly alleged that the four-way partnership, first conceived by late Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe, was created as a way of containing China.

China in response accused Manila of "drawing

in external countries to stir up trouble" in the South China Sea.

The joint patrol "undermines regional peace and stability", said Senior Colonel Tian Junli, spokesperson of the Chinese military's Southern Theater Command.

He said Beijing had conducted "routine patrols" in the South China Sea on Sunday and Monday, and remained on "high alert".

BrahMos

While in India, Marcos is expected to sign pacts in such fields as law, culture and technology, according to foreign affairs assistant secretary Evangelina Ong Jimenez-Ducrocq, but all eyes will be on any potential defence agreements.

Before departing Monday, Marcos praised the two countries' "steadfastness in upholding international maritime law, including the UNCLOS", the UN treaty granting an exclusive economic zone within 200 nautical miles (370 kilometres) of a country's shores.

The Philippines has previously purchased BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles from India, a weapon which has a top speed of 3,450 kilometres (2,140 miles) per hour.



The Indian Navy survey vessel INS Sandhayak docks at the international port of Manila

Trump says to raise tariff on India over Russia oil purchases Washington, United States

President Donald Trump threatened yesterday to "substantially" hike US tariffs on goods from India over its purchases of Russian oil -- a key source of revenue for Moscow's war on Ukraine.

Trump's heightened pressure on India comes after he signaled fresh sanctions on Moscow if it did not make progress by Friday towards a peace deal with Kyiv, more than three years since Russia's invasion.

Moscow is anticipating talks with the US leader's special envoy Steve Witkoff, who is expected to meet President Vladimir Putin this week.

On Monday, Trump said in a post to his Truth Social platform that India was "buying massive amounts of Russian Oil" and selling it for "big profits."

"They don't care how many people in Ukraine are being killed by the Russian War Machine," Trump added.

"Because of this, I will be substantially raising the Tariff paid by India to the USA."

But he did not provide details on what tariff level he had in mind.

For now, an existing 10 percent US tariff on Indian products is expected to rise to 25 percent come Thursday.

Spain breaks up ring smuggling Yemenis to UK, Canada

AFP | Madrid, Spain

Spanish police said yesterday they have dismantled a criminal network suspected of smuggling mainly Yemeni migrants into Britain and Canada with fake passports.

After obtaining refugee documents in Greece, the migrants went to European airports where gang members would deliver them counterfeit passports to allow them to "irregularly" go to the two countries, police said in a statement.

The group allegedly facilitated more than 40 irregular migration attempts, charging up to 3,000 (\$3,250) per person.

Police said they started investigating in September after Canada's border agency alerted Spanish authorities to multiple cases of Yemeni nationals trying to enter from Spanish airports using forged travel documents. Officers arrested 11 suspected gang members, including its alleged leader, in raids in northern Spain and Madrid. Police said they traced flight bookings, money transfers, credit card payments, airport surveillance footage, and electronic travel authorisations as part of their probe.