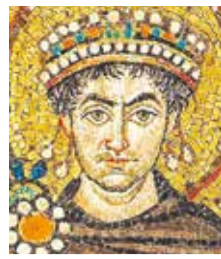


Scholars estimate for the crucifixion of Jesus by Roman troops in Jerusalem [or April 3]

First draft of Corpus Juris Civilis or the Justinian Code (a fundamental work in jurisprudence) is issued by Eastern Roman Emperor Justinian I



World Health Organization is formed by the United Nations

The Internet's symbolic birth date: publication of RFC 1

Suu Kyi's son urges Myanmar to provide 'proof of life'



AFP | Paris, France

The son of Myanmar's deposed leader Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday demanded France's help in seeking independently verified proof of his mother's life after she was transferred to house arrest, her lawyers said. The country's junta chief-turned-president Min Aung Hlaing on Thursday ordered the 80-year-old Nobel Peace Prize winner to be moved, five years after putting her into detention in a coup. But her son, Kim Aris, says he has still not heard from his mother, who remains massively popular inside Myanmar.

China fireworks factory explosion kills 26, injures 61



Firefighters spray water at the scene of a fireworks factory explosion in Liuyang, in China's central Hunan province

AFP | Beijing, China

The death toll from a giant explosion at a fireworks factory in central China rose to 26, with 61 more injured, officials said yesterday.

The explosion occurred at around 4:43 pm on Monday at the Liuyang Huasheng Fireworks Manufacturing and Display Company in Liuyang, Hunan province, state broadcaster CCTV reported.

Following the blast, all fireworks makers in Hunan's provincial capital Changsha,

which administers Liuyang, had been ordered to stop production ahead of safety inspections, CCTV said.

Videos on social media from Monday showed continuous explosions accompanied by a vast cloud of smoke rising high into the air in a rural area surrounded by mountains.

Drone footage from CCTV taken a day later showed a swathe of smouldering debris where buildings had stood, with rescue workers and excavators scouring the rubble.

Judge orders German car-ramming suspect to psychiatric hospital

AFP | Leipzig, Germany

A man suspected of ploughing a car into a crowd in the German city of Leipzig, killing two people, was ordered into a psychiatric hospital by a judge yesterday.

The judge found "compelling reasons" to believe that the 33-year-old suspect carried out the attack "in a state of at least significantly diminished responsibility", prosecutors in Leipzig said in a statement.

The German national allegedly drove the vehicle Monday at high speed down a main street in the historic centre of the eastern city, leaving two people dead and several others wounded.

WIDE ANGLE

Two British Kings. One Timeless Message

JOEL INDRUPATI



The King's Speech, an Oscar-winning historical drama from 2011, showed King George VI's struggles with his speech impediment. His severe stammer and his painful efforts to overcome it revealed his human side, making him relatable.

When his elder brother abdicated the throne of the United Kingdom, George VI was suddenly thrust into the forefront. Then came the outbreak of World War II. And at a moment when his nation—and much of the world—needed reassurance, he faced a daunting question: how could he speak?

The rapidly-evolving technology of radio only heightened his stress. For a man who had never sought the throne, the weight of a planet-spanning empire must have seemed overwhelming. The realization that his individual voice would have a global impact must have felt unnerving.

Yet he accepted his role. After long and tireless training, under his tough and unconventional speech therapist, he became prepared. And he delivered his first wartime broadcast on September 3, 1939.

That address has become historic. It is now remembered for its powerful opening: "In this grave hour, perhaps the most fateful in our history..."

It underscored Britain's efforts to seek peace, and its reluctant but firm decision to go to war in defense of freedom. Broadcast by the BBC, his voice reached audiences across the UK, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, India, and many other colonies and dominions of the then British empire.

Now, fast-forward to April 2026. His grandson, King Charles III delivered a speech which also became historic. It went around the globe.

Addressing the U.S. Congress at the United States Capitol, his words resonated not just in the chamber but across the world in real time—amplified by television and social media.

We must understand the moment. It was delicate. It was sensitive. Political tensions had strained U.S.-UK relations, particularly over Britain's decision not to engage in the Iran conflict.

Now described as a high-stakes diplomatic moment, this speech balanced candour with tact. With touches of humour, it carried the weight of the times—calling for unity, reaffirming democratic values, supporting Ukraine, and strengthening NATO in what the king had termed a "volatile world."

The audience response was striking: twelve standing ovations from the US Congress. His speech was diplomacy in action. It skillfully navigated disagreement while reaffirming the enduring bond between the two nations—even 250 years after American independence. It acknowledged differences, yet emphasized shared responsibility. Especially, in safeguarding democracy, global security, and the environment.

King George VI's 1939 address was a call for unity, calm, and resolve in the face of a brutal war—against what he described as the "primitive doctrine that might is right." Today, King Charles III echoes that spirit, urging renewed partnership and collective responsibility in an equally uncertain world.

The contexts differ, but the core message remains unchanged. Then, as now, the world stands at uneasy crossroads. Then, as now, the answer lies not in division, but in unity—tempered by calm, guided by wisdom, and anchored in a genuine desire for peace.

For history reminds us of a simple truth: when leaders rise above fear and ambition, and speak not just to power but to conscience, their words can steady nations.

And then perhaps, geopolitical structures will see less populism and ego, and more understanding and dialogue

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Daily Tribune)

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US combat ready

Israel ready to deploy 'entire air force' against Iran if needed: new chief

The warnings came after Iran's chief negotiator said Tehran "had not even started yet" in the crucial trade route, after a spate of attacks by both sides on Monday threatened to reignite the Middle East war.



US Central Command "and the rest of the joint force remain ready to resume major combat operations against Iran if ordered to do so. No adversary should mistake our current restraint with a lack of resolve"

GENERAL DAN CAINE



● Iran denied any of its combat ships had been hit in US attacks but accused Washington of killing five civilian passengers on boats.

● Denmark's freight giant Maersk said yesterday that one of its ships had successfully sailed through the Hormuz under US escort.



These attacks are unacceptable. Security in the (Gulf) region has direct consequences for Europe".

EU CHIEF URSULA VON DER LEYEN



Return to the negotiating table and stop holding the region and the world hostage

GERMAN CHANCELLOR FRIEDRICH MERZ



South Korea to review joining US Hormuz operation

AFP | Seoul, South Korea

South Korea said Tuesday it will "review its position" on joining US operations in the Strait of Hormuz after President Donald Trump urged Seoul to take part following an apparent Iranian attack on one of its ships.

South Korea's foreign ministry said Tuesday that all 24 crew members aboard the stricken HMM Namu -- including six South Korean nationals -- were unharmed.

Trump said the incident should prompt South Korea to join American efforts to guide stranded ships through the strait. On Tuesday, South Korea's defence ministry said it would "carefully review our position", but did not commit to any change. It added that it had been "actively participating in international discussions on cooperation to ensure safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz".

Britain calls for de-escalation

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer called for de-escalation in the Middle East after the United Arab Emirates reported attacks for the first time since a truce was declared nearly a month ago.

Iran-China talks

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi will travel to Beijing on Tuesday for talks, the foreign ministry said, amid stalled negotiations with the United States.

India condemns drone strike on UAE, urges Hormuz access

AFP | New Delhi, India

India condemned a drone strike on an energy facility in Fujairah in which three Indians were injured, urging uninterrupted access to the Strait of Hormuz, the foreign ministry said yesterday.

Iranian state TV said the Islamic republic had "no pre-planned programme" to attack oil facilities in the UAE.

"We call for immediate cessation of these hostilities and

the targeting of civilian infrastructure and innocent civilians," India's foreign ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a statement yesterday.

"We also call for free and unimpeded navigation and commerce through the Strait of Hormuz in keeping with international law," Jaiswal added.

"India stands ready to support all efforts for a peaceful resolution of issues."