

Treaty of The Hague is signed, whereby the Dutch Republic sells New Holland (Brazil) to Portugal for 63 tonnes of gold

Murderer William Kemmler becomes the first person to be executed by electric chair, at Auburn Prison in New York



Atomic bomb dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima by the US B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay"

US President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act, prohibiting voting discrimination against minorities



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Under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump and @VP JD Vance, the United States is not just recovering from years of stagnation and overregulation; we're entering a golden era of growth, prosperity, and American resilience.

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India is delighted to welcome Philippines President, Mr. Bongbong Marcos at a time when we mark 75 years of bilateral relations between our nations. It is equally gladdening that we have decided to elevate ties to a Strategic Partnership, which ensures our co-operation becomes more robust and diverse. An Action Plan has also been drawn up in this regard.

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For Landlocked Developing Countries, geography too often limits development & entrenches inequality. The ongoing #LLDC3 Conference aims to help fully unlock their development potential in order to build a more prosperous, just & sustainable future for all.

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A screengrab from a video posted online shows a massive surge of mud and rainwater rushing through a village in India's Uttarakhand state following a cloudburst

## Flash flood washes out India Himalayan town

AFP | Dehradun, India

A flash flood driving a torrent of mud smashed into a town in India's Himalayan region on Tuesday, tearing down a mountain valley before demolishing buildings and killing at least four people.

Videos broadcast on Indian media showed a terrifying surge of muddy water sweeping away multi-storey apartment blocks in the tourist region of Dharali in Uttarakhand state.

Several people could be seen running before being engulfed by the dark waves of debris that uprooted entire buildings.

Uttarakhand State Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said rescue teams had been deployed "on a war footing".

Senior local official Prashant Arya said four people had been killed, with other officials warning that the number could rise.

India's army said 150 troops had reached the town, helping rescue around 20 people who had survived the wall of freezing sludge.

"A massive mudslide struck Dharali... triggering a sudden flow of debris and water through the settlement," the army said. Images released by the army, taken from the site after the main torrent had passed, showed a river of slow-moving mud.

A wide swathe of the town was swamped by deep debris. In places, the mud lapped at the rooftops of houses.

"Search and rescue efforts are ongoing, with all available resources being deployed to locate and evacuate any remaining stranded persons," army spokesman Suneel Bartwal said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his condolences in a statement, and said that "no stone is being left unturned in providing assistance".



Muddy water running past residential buildings



Residential buildings partially submerged in sludge after a cloudburst caused a massive mudslide in India's Uttarakhand state



People wade through floodwaters on a boat outside Assi Ghat

## Israel to partially reopen Gaza private goods trade



Humanitarian aid pallets with parachutes attached are pictured in the cargo bay of a German Air Force (Luftwaffe) A400M Atlas military transport aircraft before their release during an airdrop relief mission over the Gaza Strip

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel will partially reopen private sector trade with Gaza to reduce its reliance on humanitarian aid, the defence ministry civil affairs agency for the Palestinian territories said on Tuesday.

"As part of formulating the mechanism, a limited number of local merchants were approved by the defence establishment, subject to several criteria and strict security screening," COGAT said.

Israel has been fighting Hamas in Gaza for 22 months and imposed a total blockade on March 2, partially lifted in May to allow a US-backed private agency to open food distribution centres.

Aid convoys and airdrops

by Arab and European militaries resumed last month, as UN-mandated expert reports warned famine was unfolding in the war-torn territory.

The COGAT statement said private sector deliveries would be paid for by monitored bank transfers and be subject to inspections by the Israeli military before entering Gaza, "to prevent the involvement of the Hamas terrorist organisation".

Permitted goods under the new mechanism will include food staples, fruit, vegetables, baby formula and hygiene products, COGAT said.

The agency said more than 300 aid trucks entered Gaza on Monday, a larger number than in previous days, and that hundreds more were "still queued up for UN pickup".

## Kremlin slams Trump's threat to hike tariffs on India over Russian oil purchases

AFP | Moscow, Russia

The Kremlin yesterday criticised US President Donald Trump's threat to raise tariffs on India over its purchases of Russian oil, a key source of revenue for Moscow's military offensive on Ukraine.

Trump has given Moscow until Friday to make progress on a peace deal with Kyiv or face NEW economic sanctions that could include punishments on countries that purchase Russia's vital oil and gas exports.

Trump on Monday specifically threatened India with higher tariffs, prompting New Delhi to brand any potential move "unjustified and unreasonable". Russia echoed that criticism Tuesday.

"Sovereign countries have the right to choose their own trading partners," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

Without naming Trump, he criticised calls to "force countries to sever trading relations" with Russia as "illegitimate".

Ukraine's Western allies have sought to hobble Russia's export earnings since Moscow launched its military offensive in February 2022.

But Russia has been able to redirect energy sales away from Europe to other countries including India and China, ensuring the multibillion-dollar flow of funds has continued.

Trump has not levied new sanctions on Moscow since he returned to the White House in January.

## Great Barrier Reef suffers most widespread bleaching on record

Sydney, Australia

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Australia's famed Great Barrier Reef has suffered its most widespread coral bleaching on record, according to a government report released Wednesday that warns the natural wonder is in dire health.

Scientists documented the "most spatially extensive" bleaching since records began almost 40 years ago, driven by sweltering ocean temperatures in 2024 that triggered "unprecedented levels of heat

The Australian Institute of Marine Science surveyed the health of 124 coral reefs between August 2024 and May 2025.

Northern and southern branches of the sprawling reef had seen the "largest annual decline in coral cover" ever recorded, the government agency found. Reefs had been battered by tropical cyclones and infestations of crown-of-thorns starfish that feast on coral.