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Galileo Galilei discovers the first three moons of Jupiter: Io, Europa and Ganymede

1714

Typewriter patented by Englishman Henry Mill (built years later)



1953

US President Harry Truman announces the United States' development of the hydrogen bomb

1954

Georgetown-IBM experiment, the first public demonstration of a machine translation system, is held at IBM headquarters in New York City



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I'm deeply concerned about the possible intensification of instability in Venezuela, the potential impact on the region & the precedent it may set for how relations between & among states are conducted.

The situation is critical, but it's still possible to prevent a wider & more destructive conflagration.

I call on all Venezuelan actors to engage in an inclusive, democratic dialogue in which all sectors of society can determine their future, with full respect of human rights, the rule of law & the sovereign will of the Venezuelan people.

My full remarks to the Security Council:

@antonioguterres

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Diplomacy and real assistance must go hand in hand. Russia does not stop its strikes against our country, and right now we need to bolster air defense to protect our people, our communities, and critical infrastructure. Every delivery of air defense missiles saves lives and boosts the chances for diplomacy.

@ZelenskyyUA

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The Coalition of the Willing is meeting in Paris today. Our goal is clear: Provide robust security guarantees for Ukraine. With strong Ukrainian armed forces that can deter future attacks, a multinational force for deterrence and binding commitments to support Ukraine in the case of a future attack by Russia.

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# US operation in Venezuela undermined international law: UN

“Undermined a fundamental principle of international law”

● US commandos forcibly seized Venezuelan president Nicolas Maduro

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

US air strikes on Venezuela and the seizing of the country's leader on the weekend clearly “undermined a fundamental principle of international law”, the United Nations said yesterday.

“States must not threaten or use force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state,” Ravina Shamdasani, spokeswoman for the UN rights office, told reporters in Geneva.

“And this is what we are seeing,” she said, calling on the international community to “come together with one voice... to make clear that this is an action that in contravention of the international law that was set up by member states”.

US commandos backed by warplanes, the navy and air strikes, forcibly seized Venezuelan president Nicolas Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores in the early hours of Saturday.

Shamdasani said the UN rights office had spent years reporting on the “continued deterioration” in Venezuela.

‘Unacceptable’

But she dismissed US justifications for its actions, saying accountability for rights violations “cannot be achieved by unilateral military intervention in violation of international law”.

“Using human rights argu-



Venezuela's interim President Delcy Rodriguez (C-R); Venezuela's defense minister, Vladimir Padrino Lopez (L); Venezuela's minister of interior, Diosdado Cabello (C-L); and Venezuela's National Assembly president, Jorge Rodriguez (R), walking after she took an oath in a ceremony at the National Assembly in Caracas



Ravina Shamdasani, spokeswoman for the UN rights office

ments as a justification for this kind of military intervention is unacceptable,” she said, adding that she feared the US intervention “will only make the situation worse”. Shamdasani pointed out that a state of emergency declared by Venezuelan authorities on Saturday allows property seizures, restricts free movement and suspends the right to protest among other measures. “Far from being a

victory for human rights, this military intervention... damages the architecture of international security, making every country less safe,” she said.

The rights office has been monitoring from Panama since its international staff were expelled from Venezuela in early 2024.

The UN humanitarian agency OCHA said nearly eight million people in Venezuela -- a quarter of the population -- needed humanitarian assistance even before the US operation.

The UN refugee agency UNHCR said they had yet to see signs of mass displacement since Saturday. UNHCR spokeswoman Eujin Byun said the agency was closely monitoring the situation, adding that UN agencies were ready to “support emergency relief efforts and to protect displaced people in need as required”.



Venezuela has been governed by the same political movement since 1999, when Hugo Ch vez came to power, making it one of the longest-running continuous leftist governments in the world; his successor, Nicol s Maduro, has remained president despite repeated international disputes over election legitimacy.

## Red Crescent says Israeli army gunfire wounds five in West Bank

AFP | Birzeit, Palestinian Territories

The Palestinian Red Crescent said the Israeli military shot and wounded five people yesterday at a university campus in the occupied West Bank.

The reason for the intervention at Bir Zeit University near Ramallah was unknown. Contacted by AFP, the military said it was “looking into the matter”.

Military vehicles entered the campus late in the morning, according to several witnesses who spoke to AFP and whose accounts were confirmed by university president Talal Shahwan.

Videos posted to social media showed the intervention, while AFP journalists saw several military vehicles leave the campus, escorted by Israeli soldiers on foot.



A view of east Jerusalem and the compound of the Al-Aqsa mosque and its Dome of the Rock in the Old City of Jerusalem

The university's communications department told AFP that students had thrown stones at the army, adding that all of the wounded were students.

The Red Crescent said 11 people were wounded in total, including five from live ammunition, four through gas inhalation and two as a result of falls.

An AFP journalist saw ambu-

lances take away several people.

“Unfortunately, the university has been a recurring target, but this time the brutality crossed all limits,” Shahwan told a news conference.

The Israeli army had previously entered the campus several times. Palestinians consider the university to be one of the best in the territories.

## Yemen separatists set for Riyadh talks after fighting: official



The moment a strike hits the Southern Transitional Council (STC) forces in Seiyun, in the Hadhramaut Governorate,

AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The leader of Yemen's separatists is heading to Riyadh on Tuesday for talks, a Yemeni official told AFP, after days of fighting with pro-Saudi rivals.

The Saudi-organised talks indicate the beginning of de-escalation efforts after the clashes in Yemen's government-run areas that exposed a

rift. “A large delegation headed by the president of the Southern Transitional Council, Aidaros Alzubidi, will travel to Riyadh at the official invitation of Saudi Defence Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman,” the STC official said, requesting anonymity to discuss sensitive matters.

Alzubidi will also “discuss the southern dialogue sponsored by Riyadh”, the official said.